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2014 CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT 1
ENGLISH LANGUAGE – PAPER 2
LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION
PRIMARY 6

Name : _____ ()

Class : Primary 6 / _____

Date : 27 February 2014

BOOKLET A

35 Questions

35 Marks

Duration of Paper: 1 h 50 min

Note:

- 1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.**
- 2. Read carefully the instructions given at the beginning of each part of the booklet.**
- 3. Do not waste time. If a question is difficult for you, go on to the next one.**
- 4. Check your answers thoroughly and make sure you attempt every question.**
- 5. In this booklet, you should have the following:**
 - a. Page 1 to Page 10**
 - b. Questions 1 to 35**

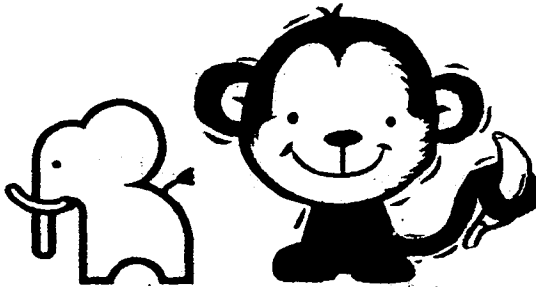
Study the following poster and then answer the questions that follow it.

40 WILD YEARS
Singapore Zoo

Calling All Party Animals

ZOO HOO
WILD WOW
BIRTHDAY

30 November – 22 December
Weekends only



Event Highlights

This holiday, come and join us for the grand finale of our year-long 40th birthday celebration. With fun activities and plenty of surprises, it is your perfect reason to go wild and turn into a party animal!

Wild Wow Games

Have great fun with outdoor games and win limited edition Zoo Hoo bookmarks!

Wild Wow Magic Show

Be amazed by our magician showing off his nifty tricks and clever illusions!

- 10.30am • 11.30am • 12.30pm
- 1.30pm • 2.30pm • 3.30pm

(30 minutes per session)

The Animal In You

Unleash your imagination with animal face painting and be the animal you have always wanted to be!

10am – 3.45pm (First come, first served)

Above activities happening at Garden With A View

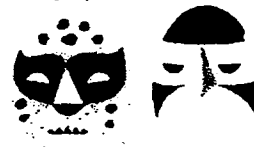
A Furry Welcome

Strike a pose and have your photo taken with our cheeky animal mascot!

- 10am • 11am • 12nn
- 1pm • 2pm • 3pm • 4pm

(20 minutes per session)

Venue: Singapore Zoo Entrance



Wild Wow Photo Wall

Get creative with our 'fun-ky' 40th anniversary props at the Zoo Hoo's Wild Wow Birthday photo wall and bring home this keepsake in 4R for just \$5.

10am – 3.50pm

Venue: Rainforest Courtyard
(outside retail shop)

Feed-A-Treat

Witness the animals' foraging skills as they search for food treats in specially-made Zoo Hoo packages!

Exhibit	Time
Primate Kingdom <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Colobus monkey• Celebes macaque• Lion-tailed macaque	11am
Pygmy Hippo	2.30pm
Chimpanzee	4.35pm

FREE

Wild at 40

Activity book & Party hat for kids
(while stocks last)

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 The 'Calling All Party Animals' event is available _____ from 30 November to 22 December.

- (1) every day
- (2) every weekend
- (3) every weekday
- (4) every Wednesday

2 According to the poster, you can _____ at the entrance of the zoo.

- (1) unleash your imagination with animal face painting
- (2) be creative with the anniversary props at the photo wall
- (3) have your photo taken with the zoo's cheeky animal mascot
- (4) be amazed by the zoo's magician showing off his tricks and illusions

3 What can Mr Chen and his family do to win limited edition Zoo Hoo bookmarks?

- (1) They can search for food treats in specially-made packages.
- (2) They can purchase them in 4R for just \$5 at the photo wall.
- (3) They can do some animal face paintings as a family.
- (4) They can play some Wild Wow outdoor games.

4 According to the poster, what activity can a visitor take part in at 4pm?

- (1) A Furry Welcome
- (2) The Animal In You
- (3) Wild Wow Photo Wall
- (4) Wild Wow Magic Show

5 Which phrase does not show a constraint in terms of quantity?

- (1) first come, first served
- (2) while stocks last
- (3) limited edition
- (4) grand finale

For each question from 6 to 15, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (10 marks)

6 Benjamin whispered, "Did you _____ someone scream just now?"

- (1) hear
- (2) hears
- (3) heard
- (4) hearing

7 Beng was _____ in handing his passport to the custom officer for inspection.

- (1) hesitate
- (2) hesitant
- (3) hesitation
- (4) hesitantly

8 Miss Tina hardly goes to barbeque parties, _____?

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

9 Do not apply too _____ glue on your paper otherwise it will be too sticky.

- (1) few
- (2) little
- (3) many
- (4) much

10 The lady _____ I met outside the restaurant is my aunt.

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

11 "I don't get what you're saying. _____ you please elaborate?" I asked.

- (1) Must
- (2) Ought
- (3) Could
- (4) Should

12 Neither the lead actor nor his cast members _____ yet.

- (1) arrive
- (2) arrives
- (3) has arrived
- (4) have arrived

13 There is no more animosity _____ the two girls. They are now the best of friends.

- (1) with
- (2) among
- (3) against
- (4) between

14 _____ from a short break, we have been working continuously for five hours.

- (1) Apart
- (2) Except
- (3) Without
- (4) Besides

15 All of our baggage _____ to the car.

- (1) has carried
- (2) have carried
- (3) has been carried
- (4) have been carried

For each question from 16 to 18, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage.
Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (3 marks)

Bushfires can destroy homes and kill people. The fires usually take place during hot
(16) dry summer months. A fire may start in a dry area when lightning strikes a tree or the
ground (17) However, there are times when people are the cause of such fires. A person
throws a burning cigarette to the ground (18) the dry grass catches fire easily and the
flames spread quickly.

Adapted from Bushfires by Terry Bell, Learners Publishing

- 16 (1) [-] dash
(2) [:] colon
(3) [,] comma
(4) ['] apostrophe

- 17 (1) [;] semicolon
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [-] hyphen
(4) [,] comma

- 18 (1) [.] full stop
(2) [-] hyphen
(3) [;] semicolon
(4) [!] exclamation mark

For each question from 19 to 20, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (2 marks)

The visit to the orphanage was a real eye (19) opener for those who were so used to a comfortable lifestyle provided by their loving parents. When a volunteer went forward to strike up a conversation with orphan Jane, she was tongue-tied.

"Hello Jane. I am Sam (20) the volunteer introduced himself softly. Soon the children warmed up to the volunteers and they spent an enjoyable afternoon together.

- 19 (1) ['] apostrophe
(2) [-] hyphen
(3) [,] comma
(4) [:] colon

- 20 (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 21 to 25, 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)

21 I have not used the product before but _____ it is a top selling product.

- (1) specifically
- (2) apparently
- (3) basically
- (4) unlikely

22 The _____ report is submitted twice a year – once in January and once in June.

- (1) bicentennial
- (2) binomial
- (3) biannual
- (4) biennial

23 She was _____ with joy after clinching the first prize in the competition.

- (1) curious
- (2) envious
- (3) devious
- (4) delirious

24 A patient has been discharged and is presently _____ at home.

- (1) residing
- (2) relocating
- (3) recuperating
- (4) regenerating

25 The only _____ from the car accident was an elderly woman who had minor injuries.

- (1) fatality
- (2) casualty
- (3) calamity
- (4) adversity

For each question from 26 to 30, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

There were not many people living here which was exactly what I wanted. I wanted to live a secluded life in a desolate part of the country away from the city. On my first day, I met the (26) Taylor family. While driving home, I heard the insolent Taylor children shouting at the top of (27) their voices to be let in while knocking incessantly on the door. Mrs Taylor's forehead creased (28) when she arrived and saw that her children had made a mess at the porch while waiting. She (29) shouted at them as her temper flared. The children quivered in fear and ran into the house as (30) soon as the door was opened. What a start to my new life!

- 26 (1) private
(2) miserable
(3) prosperous
(4) comfortable

- 27 (1) rude
(2) gracious
(3) impatient
(4) courteous

- 28 (1) eternally
(2) relentlessly
(3) occasionally
(4) mechanically

- 29 (1) bent
(2) twisted
(3) pleated
(4) wrinkled

- 30 (1) wailed
(2) bellowed
(3) squealed
(4) whimpered

Read the passage below and answer questions 31 to 35.

Immediately after someone sneezes, sometimes we hear the utterance 'God bless' - a common occurrence irrespective of which part of the world you are from. While the exact origin of this practice is unknown, the reasons behind such superstitions are about the same. The superstitious nature of an individual is not just restricted to luck, but goes well beyond it.

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According to one such theory - one of the most interesting theory to be precise - the practice began in 16th century Europe where it was believed that the person's soul was thrown out of his body when he sneezed. A body without soul, they believed, was vulnerable to evil spirits and saying 'God bless' or 'bless you' helped keep these evil spirits away.

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Most of the superstitious beliefs are typically characterised by the lack of logic and are spread by gullible people. Superstitions are defined as irrational beliefs which stem from our lack of knowledge or the fear of the unknown. Right from Friday the 13th and eye twitching, to animals and the weather, everything seems to have a superstitious belief associated with it.

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Let us start with a few common superstitious beliefs from around the world. The black cat is definitely the most popular animal when it comes to luck. If a black cat crosses your path, it is said to be a sign of bad luck. Surprisingly though, there are some people who believe that a black cat brings good fortune when it walks towards you and similarly, takes it away when it walks away from you.

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There are many more superstitions involving luck. If you break a mirror, you will have seven years of bad luck. If someone asks you to pass the salt, be careful not to spill it. If you see a ladder in the street, do not walk under the ladder; walk around it. Walking beneath a ladder is widely believed to bring bad luck to a person, so is gifting a wallet without money in it. If things go wrong throughout the day, it is probably because it is the thirteenth day of the month and most likely a Friday!

25

Many superstitions started a very long time ago but many people still continue to believe in them today. Some of them are easy to understand. For example, if you walk under a ladder, the person working at the top of the ladder could drop something on you. However most are not so easy to understand. If it is raining, take an umbrella but do not open it inside the house! So continue to keep your fingers crossed and hope that nothing bad happens!

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Adapted from <http://www.buzzle.com/articles/superstitious-beliefs.html>

For each question from 31 to 35, 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)

31 Which title best suits the passage?

- (1) Ways To Avoid Bad Luck
- (2) The Origins Of Superstitions
- (3) The Most Interesting Theory of Superstitions
- (4) Common Superstitious Beliefs Around The World

32 According to the passage, which action will lead to seven years of bad luck?

- (1) spilling salt
- (2) breaking a mirror
- (3) seeing a black cat
- (4) walking under a ladder

33 According to the passage, which of the following statements is **not** true?

- (1) Many superstitions started a very long time ago.
- (2) Most superstitions are logical and easy to understand.
- (3) Friday the 13th is considered the unluckiest day of the month.
- (4) Saying 'God bless' after a sneeze helps keep the evil spirits away.

34 Which word in paragraphs 2 and 3 describes a person who believes what other people say and gets tricked easily?

- (1) gullible
- (2) irrational
- (3) vulnerable
- (4) superstitious

35 If a person wants to have good luck, he would _____.

- (1) walk under the ladder
- (2) open an umbrella in the house when it rains
- (3) put money in a wallet before giving it to someone
- (4) cross the path of a black cat when walking in the street



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BOOKLET B

50 Questions

65 Marks

In this booklet, you should have the following:

- a. Page 11 to Page 17
- b. Questions 36 to 85

BOOKLET	OBTAINED	POSSIBLE
BOOKLET A		35
BOOKLET B		65
TOTAL		100

Parent's Signature

There are 10 blanks, numbered 36 to 45, 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) a | (D) and | (G) from | (K) not | (N) these |
| (B) although | (E) are | (H) however | (L) of | (P) this |
| (C) an | (F) for | (J) is | (M) or | (Q) to |

What is cancer? Many living things can contract cancer - _____ only humans,
(36)

but animals as well. It is not a disease like chicken pox _____ influenza that is
(37)

caused by a virus. It is _____ uncontrollable growth of cells. _____ growth
(38) (39)

of such cells is called a tumour. There are two kinds of tumours: benign _____
(40)

malignant.

There _____ various kinds of cancer - the lung and colon cancer being the most
(41)

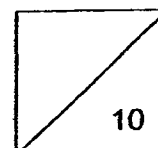
common. Presently, the treatments include surgical removal _____ the tumour and
(42)

chemotherapy to kill the cells and stop the tumour from growing. _____, such
(43)

treatments do not always guarantee full recovery _____ cancer. Doctors continue
(44)

_____ research and look for better treatments. Meanwhile, maintaining a healthy
(45)

lifestyle by eating wisely and exercising regularly is the way to go.



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

Seeing that the coast was clear, they sprang into action. The two

(46)

(47)

mescheevous boys were trying to get each other to tøuching the wet paint on

(48)

the wall. However, the suddenly sound of approaching footsteps made them

stop. It was Mr Chan, their old neighbour, who was suffering from osteoporosis.

(49)

(50)

They accident knocked into Mr Chan while fleeing. Worry, beads of perspiration

(51)

(52)

*started forming on her foreheads. They were in a dilemma as to **wheather***

(53)

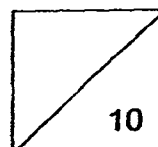
*they should help him or take the **oppertunety** to escape. Then, a little girl*

(54)

*rushed forward to help Mr Chan up. The boys blushed with **embarasment**.*

(55)

*They wished they could have just **desappiered** into thin air. What a day!*



Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Moving and feeding in large tight-knit groups is an important survival tactic for some prey animals. However, most animals _____ solitary lives and have to _____
(56)

_____ for themselves.
(57)

Perhaps the most extreme tactic for _____ out of sticky situations is to _____
(58)

sacrifice parts of your body. _____ grabbed by the tail, many lizards are able to _____
(59)

shed their tails and scamper off. To do this, the lizard simply contracts _____ tail muscles and the tail snaps at a specially weakened point. The _____
(60)

shocked predator is left with nothing _____ a piece of tail to snack on, while its
(61)

main course, the lizard, lives to see _____ day. The lizard's tail grows back but _____
(62)

usually not as well-formed as the original version – a _____ price to pay for
(63)

survival. Shedding body _____ to escape danger is not unique
(64)

_____ lizards. A starfish can break _____ an arm that is grasped
(65) (66)

by an attacker, and then _____ it back again. Now for the interesting bit!
(67)

_____ the severed arm does not get eaten by the _____, it can
(68) (69)

develop into a brand _____ starfish. It is a bit like cloning yourself from a
(70)

fingernail clipping!

Adapted from 'Animals with the Skill to Kill' by Steve Setford

For each of the questions 71 to 75, 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)

71 None of the clothes in this bag is dirty.

All of _____

72 Leonard failed the physical fitness test although he ran as fast as he could.

_____ despite

73 Maylin removed the price tags. Next she wrapped the presents.

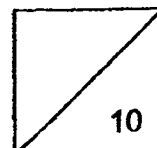
_____ after

74 "Buy some eggs and mail the letter," ordered my mother.

My mother ordered me _____

75 The backstage manager tried to calm me with comforting words when he sensed that I was nervous.

Sensing my _____



I sat next to the pilot, near the open right-hand door of the jump plane, a Cessna 182. The altimeter attached to the chest strap of my parachute showed 2300 feet and climbing. Below, off to the right, I could see the drop zone a few miles away. The thought came to me that maybe I was a bit crazy. What was I doing, at the age of 70, preparing to jump out of a plane for the first time?

5

Was I frightened? No. Apprehensive was the word. Would I remember the five hours of intensive instructions: how to exit the aircraft, how to manoeuvre the parachute canopy to turn right and left, and how to 'flare out' to make a 'soft' landing?

Altimeter was reading 2600 feet. **Not long now.** The roar of the engine made talking difficult but none of us novices felt like talking anyway. The prospect of flinging yourself into space takes your mind off unimportant matters.

10

What irony, I thought. During World War Two, as a navigation instructor, I had never even taken a batch of students up in the training plane, a B-17, so I hoped I would not have to bail this out. No one had any faith in our chest-pack parachutes nor had we ever been briefed on how to use the contraptions. So we would toss the chutes into a corner of the cabin and hope the props would continue to revolve.

15

Now, 40 years later, I was voluntarily going to quit the security of this plane and trust the nylon and webbing to get down in one piece.

Altitude: 2900 feet. Stay calm, I told myself. Remember, you have total faith in the jumpmaster, who had also been your instructor. A comforting thought. The jumpmaster was my son, Burke.

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At 3200 feet, Burke snapped one end of the static line to a ring on the floor and the other end to the parachute. The static line automatically pulls open the chute when the jumper leaves the plane. That would have been handy, in case a novice freezes or faints from fright.

25

The jumpmaster yelled, "Go!" Closing my eyes, I stepped off the plane. Somehow I remembered to arch my back as I fell, legs spread and head back.

I heard a 'pop' as the canopy opened and ballooned against the sky. Lovely sight. I looked down. Where was the drop zone?

There was no sensation of falling but my altimeter already read 2200 feet. Arriving over a barn a little too low, I pulled the right-hand toggle quickly and headed towards the field. The ground was coming up surprisingly fast. Some ten feet (I hoped) above the grass, I hauled hard on both toggles. The canopy flared and seemed to hang motionless for a moment. Feet and knees locked together, I landed softly. That was a breeze.

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A few minutes later, Burke came in for a graceful touchdown 50 yards in front of me. **What a role reversal**, I thought. I had taught the kid to ride his first bicycle and to swim, introduced him to skiing and taught him to sail.

Burke was laughing. He blurted out, "Nice going, Dad!"

"It was a piece of cake," I said, feeling a great rush of affection for the 40 jumpmaster.

Adapted from 'My First Jump' by Donovan Fitzpatrick, Reader's Digest, July 1987

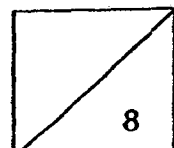
ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

- 76 What is the instrument used for measuring the height of a person from above the ground?

- 77 According to the passage, how did the author feel when he was about to jump out of a plane for the first time?

- 78 From the sentence 'Not long now' (line 9), what do you think the author was about to do?

- 79 What was the author's occupation 40 years ago?



80 Which sentence in paragraph 4 shows that the author did not receive proper training to handle the parachutes?

81 What does 'That' (line 24) refer to?

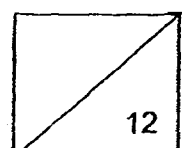
82 Where did the author land?

83 How is the jumpmaster related to the author?

84 Explain clearly what the author meant when he mentioned 'What a role reversal' (line 37).

85 The author described the landing as 'a breeze' (line 35). Quote the four-word phrase from the passage that has a similar meaning to that of the author's experience.

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Exam Paper 2014 Answer Sheet

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2) 3	7) 2	12) 4	17) 2	22) 3	27) 1
3) 4	8) 3	13) 4	18) 3	23) 4	28) 2
4) 1	9) 4	14) 1	19) 2	24) 3	29) 4
5) 4	10) 3	15) 3	20) 1	25) 2	30) 2

31) 4	34) 1	37) M	40) D	43) H
32) 2	35) 3	38) C	41) E	44) G
33) 2	36) K	39) P	42) L	45) Q

46. mischievous

47. touch

48. sudden

49. accidentally

50. Worried

51. their

52. whether

53. opportunity

54. embarrassment

55. disappeared

56. lead

57. fend

58. getting

59. When

60. its

61. but

62. another

- 63. small
- 64. parts
- 65. to
- 66. off
- 67. grow
- 68. If
- 69. predator
- 70. new
- 71. All of the clothes in this bag are clean.
- 72. Leonard failed the physical fitness test despite running as fast as he could.
- 73. Maylin wrapped the presents after removing the price tags.
- 74. My mother ordered me to buy some eggs and mail the letter.
- 75. Sensing my nervousness, the backstage manager tried to calm me with comforting words.
- 76. It is an altimeter.
- 77. The author felt apprehensive.
- 78. The author was about to jump out of the plane.
- 79. He was a navigation instructor.
- 80. The sentence is "No one had any faith in our chest-pack parachutes nor had we ever been briefed on how to use the contraptions."
- 81. It refers to the static line automatically pulling open the chute when the jumper leaves the plane.
- 82. He landed on a field.
- 83. The jumpmaster is the author's son.
- 84. In the past, the author used to be the instructor and his son the student but now his son was the instructor and the author the student.
- 85. The phrase is "a piece of cake".