



Maha Bodhi School
2014 Preliminary Examination
English Language (Paper 2)

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Class : Pr 6 _____


Duration : 1 h 50 min (Booklets A & B)

BOOKLET A

SECTION A: GRAPHIC STIMULUS COMPREHENSION (5 x 1 mark)

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

What's on?



MUSEUMS (I Love Museums)

FREE admission to 11 museums/institutions for Singapore citizens every day!

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| <p>Children's Season - Island Adventures National Museum of Singapore 18 May – 21 July</p> <p>Learn about Singapore's multi-cultural and multi-racial society through engaging programmes about food, film, fashion and photography.</p> | <p>Fascinating Arab Singapore Art Museum 28 June – 8 September</p> <p>Uncover the history and culture of the Arab world through fascinating modern-day work of art. <i>Note: Entrance fee applies**</i></p> |
| <p>Spice Is Nice Singapore Philatelic Museum 13 January – 31 May</p> <p>Track the different spices featured in stamps all over the world and learn about their origin from the exhibits on display. That's not all. Touch, feel and smell spices at this fun and interactive exhibition.</p> | <p>Be a Collector Peranakan Museum 21 June – 15 September</p> <p>Ever wonder how a museum gets started? Come on down and learn more about how to start your own collection of precious items.</p> |
| <p>Kindred Spirits Sun Yat Sen Hall 17 May – 17 November</p> <p>Discover more about Dr Sun Yat Sen and his activities when he was in Singapore.</p> | <p>Treasure Treasures Asian Civilisations Museum 30 May – 8 December</p> <p>Do not miss the exquisite multi-cultural art treasures on display to the public for the very first time. <i>Note: This exhibition is for adults only.</i></p> |

Participating museums/institutions:

- Asian Civilisations Museum
- Singapore Art Museum
- Sun Yat Sen Hall
- Malay Heritage Centre
- Reflections at Bukit Chandu
- Peranakan Museum
- National Museum of Singapore
- Singapore Philatelic Museum
- Memories at Old Ford Factory (Managed by the National Library Board)
- Army Museum
- Singapore Discovery Centre

Free admission for citizens who are students, teachers or senior citizens as well as children below 6 years old.

Managed by National Heritage Board
For more information on exhibits, visit: www.nhb.gov.sg

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 OMS.

1. The overall organiser of the 'I Love Museums' exhibitions is the _____.
 - (1) National Library Board
 - (2) Singapore Art Museum
 - (3) National Heritage Board
 - (4) National Museum of Singapore

2. Mrs Tan took Ryan, a Primary Six student, to the museums in the month of June. Which of the following exhibitions could he have visited?
 - 1) Spice is Nice and Be a Collector
 - 2) Kindred Spirits and Treasure Treasures
 - 3) Children's Season - Island Adventures and Spice is Nice
 - 4) Kindred Spirits and Children's Season - Island Adventures

3. Mrs Nathan, a Singapore citizen, intends to visit the exhibition 'Fascinating Arab' with her husband who is a primary school teacher and two school-going children, aged 5 and 12. She will _____.
 - (1) not have to pay any entrance fee
 - (2) have to pay the entrance fee for all of them
 - (3) only have to pay the entrance fee for herself
 - (4) only have to pay the entrance fee for herself and her husband

4. Wan Ling, who collects stamps as her hobby, is interested to find out more about the origin of stamps. Which museum can she go to?
 - (1) Army Museum
 - (2) Asian Civilisations Museum
 - (3) Singapore Philatelic Museum
 - (4) Singapore Peranakan Museum

5. Based on the information in the poster, which one of the following statements is true?
 - (1) All the exhibitions cater to both adults and children.
 - (2) In the month of August, there are two exhibitions which are open to visitors.
 - (3) The exhibitions have been put up to allow visitors to know more about the museums.
 - (4) Not all of the museums/institutions listed in the poster are managed by the National Heritage Board.

Part B: GRAMMAR, PUNCTUATION AND VOCABULARY

(20 x 1 mark)

Each question from 6 to 12, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Mark your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OMS.

6. Our grandmother always buys my sister and _____ our favourite candy bar whenever she takes us out.
- (1) I
 - (2) me
 - (3) myself
 - (4) ourselves
7. The crowd of rioters at last month's soccer match _____ dispersed by the police before it could grow and disrupt the match.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
8. After looking at the room which was badly destroyed by the fire, Mr Ramesh realised there was _____ furniture that could be salvaged.
- (1) few
 - (2) little
 - (3) many
 - (4) much
9. Despite her mother's advice, Aishah insisted _____ staying up late to complete her revision.
- (1) in
 - (2) on
 - (3) by
 - (4) with
10. "I'm sorry. _____ of my parents is at home today. Can you please call another day?" Mei Li said politely.
- (1) One
 - (2) Each
 - (3) Either
 - (4) Neither

11. "Let's give him a hand to clean up his room, _____ we?" Brandon asked Rizal.

- (1) may
- (2) must
- (3) shall
- (4) ought

12. Although many students turned up for the audition for the Teachers' Day Concert yesterday, only five _____ shortlisted. They will be informed soon.

- (1) had been
- (2) are being
- (3) have been
- (4) were being

For each question from 13 to 15, choose the correct punctuation mark and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OMS.

Cadmium went round the roundabout dangerously. She managed to take the road on the right, but only after frightening Michael, Rose and a truck driver in the process.

"Did you just do that?" (13) gasped Michael, unable to believe his eyes.

"That was very brave," agreed Rose, unclamping her fingers from the edge of her seat (14) Zipping in front of that enormous truck like that. I'm sorry I screamed."

"Perfectly natural reaction," said Michael. "Have you seen the cyclists ahead (15) Cadmium?"

Adapted from *Saffy's Angel* by Hilary McKay

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

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

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

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 OMR.

16. Bala's enthusiasm in playing for his school hockey team _____ as the training became more and more demanding with each passing year.
- (1) waned
 - (2) receded
 - (3) subsided
 - (4) eliminated
17. Being the shortest among my siblings, I had to _____ over their shoulders to locate the object of their curiosity.
- (1) peer
 - (2) pore
 - (3) gawk
 - (4) glance
18. The criminal _____ the police officers by disguising himself as a chauffeur and made off with the diamond necklace.
- (1) eluded
 - (2) shirked
 - (3) dodged
 - (4) avoided
19. Although Ben knew that he should not be involved in illegal loan shark activities, he allowed his gang leader to _____ and harassed his victims.
- (1) take him to task
 - (2) take him for a ride
 - (3) lead him by the nose
 - (4) catch him red-handed
20. We should never _____ someone else to defend our country. We have to do it ourselves.
- (1) fall on
 - (2) take on
 - (3) bring on
 - (4) count on

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 OMS.

Colonel Moore's first task was to speak to all the Allied officers. He (21) gathered from them that in the two years since the camp was (22) started, they had been ordered to build bamboo huts for the Japanese officers. The huts had to be completed before they were allowed to start building a hospital for their own men and huts for themselves.

Many prisoners died in the two years not from illnesses but from the atrocities (23) perpetrated on a daily basis. Major Sakata, known as "Chopsticks" because of his skinny arms, was, however, not considered to be the villain. His seconds-in-command, Lieutenant Takasaki and Sergeant Ayut, were the ones (24) loathed by the troops. Colonel Moore was warned that the two had to be avoided. It took the colonel only a few days to discover why.

He decided he had to (25) raise the battered morale of his troops. He began each day by saying a short prayer.

Adapted from *Colonel Bullfrog* by Jeffery Archer

21. (1) realised
(2) collected
(3) identified
(4) understood

22. (1) built
(2) enlisted
(3) launched
(4) established

23. (1) allowed
(2) endorsed
(3) performed
(4) committed

24. (1) feared
(2) isolated
(3) despised
(4) terrorised

25. (1) bring cheer to
(2) lift the spirits of
(3) seek justice for
(4) increase the strength of

SECTION C: COMPREHENSION (MCQ)**(5 x 1 mark)**

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

The line of harvesters broke when night fell. Most rested under the shade of thatched huts. Others drank water from rusty buckets. Jinda tucked her sickle into her sarong, approached Dao, her sister, and invited her to the river. As she watched her sister stoop to enter the huts where other harvesters were still working, their father walked up to her.

"Could we have dinner a little late tonight, Father?" Jinda asked. "Dao and I are going to the river." 5

Inthorn frowned. "Why don't you two forget about the river today?" he said.

"Forget about the river? Why? Are you very hungry?" Jinda asked, puzzled.

"I'd rather you come straight home. That's all," the farmer said.

"But why?" Jinda questioned again: 10

Inthorn hesitated. "It's getting dark," he said.

Jinda laughed and retorted that it wasn't any darker than the other nights they went.

"You never know what strangers you meet there," Inthorn persisted.

"Strangers? Father! Really, I've never met a stranger at the river my whole life and you know it," insisted Jinda. 15

In reply, Inthorn pointed west towards the Outbound Path where the setting sun glowed. The Outbound Path linked their small valley through the mountain range to the big highway leading to the bustling town of Chiangmai nearly fifty miles away. Curious, Jinda scanned the winding path.

"There's nobody..." Jinda began, then broke off. She saw a group of three or four people carrying what looked like haversacks climbing down the hillside. 20

"How strange," Jinda muttered. The few peddlars who came always rode motorcycles, and the rent collector always roared in his truck. Even the poorest farmer would have used a bullock cart or bicycle to travel that long path into their valley. Who could they be, Jinda wondered. She thought of the recent radio reports about communist rebels in the area. She understood the tension in her father's voice. 25

"So how about going home straight and starting dinner?" he asked.

Before Jinda could agree, Dao stepped out of the hut, ~~holding~~ holding her baby in her arms.

"Little Oi's ready for a cool bath," she laughed. "Let's go! I'm ~~really~~ really looking forward to it."

Jinda and her father exchanged a quick look. It was not often that Dao looked forward to anything these days. "All right, go ahead," Inthorn said reluctantly. "But be quick." 30

Adapted from *Rice without Rain* by Ho Minfong

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 OMS.

26. Which one of the following can we infer from Jinda's reaction in line 8?

- (1) Inthorn disliked going to the river.
- (2) Inthorn was particular about having his dinner on time.
- (3) Inthorn hardly turned down their request to go to the river.
- (4) Inthorn never stopped Jinda and Dao from doing whatever they liked.

27. Jinda's father told her not to go to the river that night as he _____.

- (1) felt it was getting very dark.
- (2) was famished after a hard day's work
- (3) feared the strangers would harm Jinda and Dao
- (4) wanted Jinda and Dao to be by his side after hearing about the communists

28. Why did Jinda refer to the group of three or four people as 'strange' (line 22)?

- (1) They were carrying haversacks down the hill.
- (2) They were walking down the long winding path.
- (3) She had not noticed them on the Outbound Path earlier.
- (4) She did not recognise them as peddlars or rent collectors.

29. Why do you think Dao entered the hut in line 4?

- (1) She wanted to fetch Little Oi.
- (2) She wanted to rest in its shade.
- (3) She wanted to help the other harvesters who were working.
- (4) She wanted to ask her father for permission to go to the river.

30. From the passage, we can infer that _____.

- (1) Inthorn was a secretive man
- (2) Jinda was a sensible daughter
- (3) Inthorn valued Jinda's happiness
- (4) Dao always got her way with her father

~ End of Booklet A ~



Please remember to check your work thoroughly.





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| Booklet A (30 marks) | |
| Booklet B (65 marks) | |
| Total (95 marks) | |

BOOKLET B

SECTION D: GRAMMAR CLOZE (10 x 1 mark)

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.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

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| (A) by | (D) to | (G) his | (K) onto | (N) whose |
| (B) so | (E) for | (H) who | (L) upon | (P) outside |
| (C) of | (F) the | (J) with | (M) when | (Q) because |

In 1991, an earthquake hit Uttakashi in India. It destroyed homes and robbed villagers of the little possessions they had. Government relief personnel threw bundles of clothes on the roadside (31) _____ the villagers but Mr Anshu Gupta noticed that the villagers would rather make do (32) _____ potato sacks for clothes than touch the handouts. Witnessing that, Mr Gupta thought something ought to be done. Years later, Mr Gupta came to know (33) _____ poor young men in many parts of India (34) _____ bypassed opportunities to earn money (35) _____ they avoided job interviews. The reason ~~was because~~ ^{for that was} they had no presentable clothes to wear. Again, he felt the need to do something. Then one day in 1998, Mr Gupta was waiting (36) _____ a government hospital. There he chanced (37) _____ an old Muslim man named Mr Habib (38) _____ grim job was to collect the bodies of destitute found dead on the streets. Mr Habib told him (39) _____ body count would go up in winter (40) _____ many could not afford proper clothing and simply froze to death. Making up his mind, Mr Gupta left his job and started Goonj, a social service organisation that focuses on clothing the needy.

Adapted from India's Karung Guni Man, *The Straits Times* 23 August 2008

SECTION E: EDITING FOR SPELLING AND GRAMMAR

(10 x 1 mark)

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

Brian was flying the plane but he did not know where he was going. He looked at the

dashboard and studied the dials but they were so confusing. He was wiping the

(41)

(42)

pursperayshen from his forehead and bracing himself with the worst when he suddenly

remembered the radio. He could get the headset from the unconscious pilot and seek

(43)

(44)

erseiztence! With trembling hands, he gingerly slide the headset from the pilot's head and

(45)

placed it on his head, positions the ~~s~~small, microphone tube in front of his mouth.

(46)

"Hello, is there anybody listening?" he asked, desperate in his voice. There was

(47)

(48)

psylearns. He cried for help and slammed his hands against the dashboard repeated but all

he heard were his own screams. Suddenly, awareness struck him. He had to turn the

(49)

switch off to hear others. Reaching for the switch, he pressed and then **rileezed** it.

(50)

"Roger. I have you now," a faint voice said. "Please state your **deefecurtis** and

location and say over to signal end of transmission. Over."

Adapted from *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen

SECTION F: COMPREHENSION CLOZE**(15 x 1 mark)**

Read the passage carefully and then fill in each blank numbered 51 to 65 with a suitable word of your own.

Respect for rules and officials is an important part of sportsmanship. However, that is not all. Being a good sport is also showing respect for other players and that (51) _____ one's opponents.

In 2005, the cricket (52) _____ from England and Australia played against each other in a hard-fought match. In the end, England (53) _____ by a tiny margin and their player, Andrew Flintoff took some (54) _____ to console Australia's Brent Lee before celebrating with his own teammates. Images of him squatting by his beaten opponents, (55) _____ their hands and praising them for their (56) _____ in making the game a great one, illustrate the idea of sportsmanship.

Being a good sport is also about doing the right thing and not trying to win at all (57) _____. What British yachtsman, Peter Goss, did in 1996 during a yachting race exemplifies this. During the race around the world, his competitor, Frenchman Raphael Dinelli, was (58) _____ in a ferocious storm in the Southern Ocean. He sent out a distress signal. Learning that Dinelli's (59) _____ was sinking, Goss abandoned his (60) _____ of winning the race and went to Dinelli's (61) _____, risking his own life in the process. He battled for two days through rough seas to reach the Frenchman, who had (62) _____ to survive in a life raft. After ensuring Dinelli was safe, Goss (63) _____ with the race. He did not come in first but he received a hero's welcome when he completed the race.

In life, we may have (64) _____ experiences as those we encounter in sports. Having a sense of sportsmanship helps us to be modest about our (65) _____ which is rarely achieved without help from others. Having a sense of fair play also guides us in making the correct decisions and that, in itself, is enough to bring honour and win respect.

Adapted from Ethics of Sports - Sportsmanship by Nick Hunter

SECTION G: SYNTHESIS / TRANSFORMATION (5 x 2 marks)

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).

66. It saddens me to hear news that the nature reserve will be closed.

News of _____

67. To amuse herself, Ramona punched the buttons of the vending machine to the beat of the song.

_____ by

68. "Who is the boy standing beside the lady wearing the white cap?" Salim asked.

Salim asked _____

69. The marble went through the pipe. It then went into the hole.

_____ the marble.

70. The shopping mall is huge. I met you there last Sunday.

_____ where

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SECTION H: COMPREHENSION**(10 x 2 marks)**

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

Daniel struck Paddy squarely in the jaw, rattling his teeth. It hurt more than he expected - more than it needed to hurt. He was not even acting when he staggered backward into a man in an expensive-looking jacket. A slim white hand then found its way into the pocket of the jacket. It emerged a split second later, the small fingers deftly grabbing a leather wallet fat with banknotes. That soon disappeared, flicked under a threadbare jacket.

The man shoved him away, growling, "Keep your brawling from decent people boy!"

Paddy suppressed a grin. By the time the rich fool realised he had been robbed, he would be far away, counting the windfall. All that remained to be done was to finish the street theatre that had provided cover for the theft. He lunged at Daniel, burying his fist in his partner's stomach - revenge for that punch to the jaw.

"I'll get you for that!" Daniel wheezed.

Then, like so many times before, Paddy fled the scene with Daniel in hot pursuit, bellowing threats. The crowd parted to let them go, as if the passers-by were their accomplices, and the horse-drawn carriages and electric trams had been placed there as obstacles to slow down any pursuers and help in their escape.

The pair kept running, dashing down side streets and through the back lanes they knew so well. At last, they collapsed against each other, laughing and celebrating their success. Paddy took out the wallet and the two examined their prize.

Daniel's eyes bulged. "I didn't know the Prince of Wales was walking down the street!"

Paddy nodded. "This is a fortune!"

Quietly, they counted the haul over and over again. They were accustomed to worn purses containing a few meagre coins. But in it were twelve crisp banknotes worth one pound sterling each. This was enough money to replace their rags with warm clothing. It would also keep their always-empty stomachs full for a long time.

They were stashing the notes behind a loose brick in the wall when Paddy reminded his friend, "There are pickpockets out there. Look what happened to the gentleman who used to own all these." Then they put the brick back in the wall and headed back to the most crowded part of the city - Queens Island. It was a pickpocket's dream.

The boys watched from across the road as dozens of passengers alighted from a tram. Paddy's eyes settled on a short, stout man. His pocket was bulging.

Daniel read his friend's mind. "No, not him. Look how worn out his boots are. He needs the money."

The two had an informal agreement never to make a victim of a poor man even though they themselves were always much, much poorer. Their unfortunate situation forced them to live by their wits. But there was a line they would not cross. They knew that they were not the only hungry people. Besides, there were plenty of peacocks, plump in the pocket, just waiting to be plucked.

Adapted from *Titanic Book One - Unsinkable* by Norman Korman

For each question from 71 to 80, write your answer in the space provided.
ALL ANSWERS MUST BE BASED ON THE PASSAGE AND IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. Whose hand found its way into the pocket of the jacket in paragraph 1?

72. Did Paddy expect the punch by Daniel to hurt much? Why was that so?

73. Explain fully why Paddy suppressed a grin when the man shoved him away (line 9).

74. What does the word "that" in "I'll get you for that!" (line 13) refer to?

75. What made Daniel say "I didn't know the Prince of Wales was walking down the street!" (lines 21 - 22)?

76. Which two-word phrase tells you that it was common for Paddy and Daniel not to have a windfall?

77. In what way did Paddy and Daniel show that they felt unsafe in the city they were in?

78. From lines 34 to 36, how were Paddy and Daniel different from each other?

79. What was the boys' intention when they "watched from across the road as dozens of passengers alighted from a tram" (lines 33 - 34)?

80. From the last paragraph, what can you conclude about Paddy and Daniel's character? Why do you say so?

~ End of Paper ~



Please remember to check your work thoroughly.



Exam Paper 2014 Answer Sheet

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| 1) 3 | 6) 2 | 11) 3 | 16) 1 | 21) 4 | 26) 3 |
| 2) 4 | 7) 3 | 12) 3 | 17) 1 | 22) 4 | 27) 3 |
| 3) 3 | 8) 2 | 13) 3 | 18) 1 | 23) 4 | 28) 2 |
| 4) 3 | 9) 2 | 14) 4 | 19) 3 | 24) 3 | 29) 1 |
| 5) 4 | 10) 4 | 15) 1 | 20) 4 | 25) 2 | 30) 2 |

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| 31) E | 33) C | 35) M | 37) L | 39) F |
| 32) J | 34) H | 36) P | 38) N | 40) Q |

41. perspiration

42. for

43. assistance

44. slid

45. positioning

46. desperation

47. silence

48. repeatedly

49. released

50. difficulties

51. includes

52. teams

53. won

54. time

55. shaking

56. efforts

57. costs

58. caught

59. yacht
60. chance
61. aid
62. managed
63. continued
64. similar
65. success
66. News of the closure of the nature reserve saddens me.
67. Ramona amused herself by punching the buttons of the vending machine.
68. Salim asked who the boy standing beside the lady wearing the white cap was.
69. Through the pipe and into the hole went the marble.
70. The shopping mall where I met you last Sunday is huge.
71. It was Paddy's hand.
72. No, he did not. Paddy and Daniel were just pretending to fight.
73. The man did not know he had been robbed and was pushing Paddy away and that helped him to escape.
74. It refers to Paddy punching Daniel in his stomach.
75. It was the huge amount of money in his wallet.
76. It is "accustomed to".
77. They stashed their money behind a loose brick in the wall.
78. Paddy was less observant while Daniel had a keen eye for details.
79. The boy's intention was to look for the next victim.
80. They were compassionate. They would not rob poor people.