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CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)



Primary 6

2009 Preliminary Examination

24 August, 2009

English Language

Paper 2 Booklet A

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

Instructions to Candidates:

Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
Follow all instructions carefully.
Answer all questions.

Booklet A	30
Booklet B	65
Total	95

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Study the advertisement below carefully and then answer questions 1 to 5.

Special Drinks For the Hot and Sunny Days!!!!

• free of minerals and trace elements

• no sodium or preservatives


• suitable for people who are on a no-sodium diet

• 100% distilled water

U.P. \$2.50

NOW

\$1.50



Alphonsus
Pure
Drinking
Water


Imported from Spain

A month-long promotion for these irresistible special drinks at Gokey Beach Snack Bar! We are located at the far end of the beach, 24/7! Quench your thirst with 'Aaaahhhh.....'!!!

The most natural spring water from Spain.

Contains calcium, potassium and magnesium

1 Bottle
\$2.00



Coda Coda
(500 ml)

2 Bottles
\$3.00

4 Bottles
\$5.00

2008 Drink of the Year Healthier Choice Award (less sugar)

\$1.25 for 2 bottles!!! (While stocks last!)

Pure Ocean Fruity Drink
(500 ml)

2008 Drink of the Year Healthier Choice Award

Pure Ocean Fruity Drink

blackcurrant-lime flavour strawberry-lime flavour

Most Popular Flavour!!!

2008 Drink of the Year Healthier Choice Award

Pure Ocean Fruity Drink

orange-lime flavour peach-lime flavour

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. A possible reason for Coda Coda being the most expensive of all the drinks is because it _____.
 - (1) is popular
 - (2) is imported
 - (3) contains no sugar
 - (4) contains various minerals
2. The special drinks promotion will last for one _____.
 - (1) day
 - (2) week
 - (3) month
 - (4) year
3. For people on a low salt diet, a good drink to have is _____.
 - (1) Coda Coda
 - (2) Alphonsus Pure Drinking Water
 - (3) Pure Ocean Fruitty Drink – Peach-lime flavour
 - (4) Pure Ocean Fruitty Drink – Strawberry-lime flavour
4. The common fruit used in all the four flavours of Pure Ocean Fruitty Drink is _____.
 - (1) lime
 - (2) peach
 - (3) orange
 - (4) strawberry
5. Which one of the following statements is not true?
 - (1) All the drinks are on special offer.
 - (2) Gokey Beach Snack Bar is open all day long.
 - (3) The lime-flavoured drinks are the most popular.
 - (4) The original price of the Alphonsus is \$2.50 per bottle.

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. There was not _____ syrup left for the waffles so Grandmother went to the supermarket to buy a bottle.
- (1) few
 - (2) little
 - (3) many
 - (4) much
7. In times of recession, you should not _____ any job offer that comes along.
- (1) pass by
 - (2) pass up
 - (3) pass out
 - (4) pass down
8. Neither the oxen nor the deer _____ enough food to feed their families during this drought.
- (1) has
 - (2) had
 - (3) have
 - (4) having
9. The judge will pass a 'Guilty' verdict _____ the latest evidence says otherwise.
- (1) as
 - (2) but
 - (3) since
 - (4) unless
10. "_____ Mrs Tan _____ the sick child to the hospital yet?" inquired the nanny.
- (1) Did ... take
 - (2) Does ... takes
 - (3) Has ... taken
 - (4) Was ... taking

11. To _____ it may concern, I would like to lodge a complaint against your company for refusing to give us a refund on damaged gadgets.

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

12. Willow does not study _____ her siblings, but is the smartest of all.

- (1) hard
- (2) harder
- (3) hardest
- (4) as hard as

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 the hunter had not yet fully recovered, he and Konyek rested beneath the wide branches of a cedar tree for a while.

Konyek said, "You have saved my life and I shall never forget it. But this is my quarrel and they are my enemies. I shall retrieve the calf alone (13)

The hunter looked at him with little eyes that were bright with cunning and kindness, and replied, "Had the grandson of Ol-Poruo of the Unconquered Shield come to harm (14) I should have been grieved. I desire no repayment, but one day, I will go to the manyatta in order to find out whether you have returned safely with the calf."

"I shall not return to the manyatta without the calf of the November Cloud (15) Konyek cried. "I must find her because of my love for her. And I must find her that I might prove my courage to my people."

The hunter nodded and gazed through the branches of the tree at the stars. Soon, they slept, lying close to the fire for warmth.

- Adapted from *The Calf of the November Cloud* by Hilary Ruben

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) [?] question mark
 (4) [!] exclamation mark

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. Mr Cheong is surprisingly adept at cooking but he _____ cooks for his family.
- (1) rarely
 - (2) simply
 - (3) notably
 - (4) frequently
17. "After the hardship that you had been through during childhood, how can you still be _____ to the sufferings of the children?" cried Jonas.
- (1) biased
 - (2) equitable
 - (3) indifferent
 - (4) prejudiced
18. The director has _____ the meeting until next week to make provision for video conferencing.
- (1) deferred
 - (2) adjourned
 - (3) suspended
 - (4) procrastinated
19. A thorough investigation _____ that the police had caught the wrong culprit.
- (1) unveiled
 - (2) divulged
 - (3) unearthed
 - (4) discovered
20. Once you make a serious _____ detrimental to the company, it is hard for your boss not to fire you immediately.
- (1) chaos
 - (2) melee
 - (3) blunder
 - (4) disorientation

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)

When Ruit was sixteen, his sister died of tuberculosis. It was then that he was (21) determined to become a doctor. His special gift for surgery soon became (22) evident after assisting at a cataract eye camp. He was so impressed by the impact the fast surgery had on the poor patients that he decided to become an ophthalmologist.

One of his patients had been (23) afflicted by cataracts for several years until eight months ago when he went completely blind and could no longer work. All Ruit took was five minutes to operate on each eye. The next morning, his patient regained his vision!

All his patients were important to Ruit, be it the poorest or the richest. Their peripheral vision was (24) rudimentary, especially to the farmers. He soon decided that more improvement needed to be made to the blindness prevention programme. To cut costs, he first developed easier and faster surgical techniques.

In 1992, Ruit established the Nepal Eye Programme. This facility would serve as a base for launching rural eye camps and a training and research facility for ophthalmologists. With his enormous success, other eye organizations started (25) emulating Ruit. The number of Nepalis blinded by cataract is falling significantly.

Adapted from Miracles by The Thousands by A. Mahadevan

21. (1) resorted
(2) resolved
(3) resonated
(4) responded
22. (1) substantial
(2) paramount
(3) conspicuous
(4) imperceptible
23. (1) plagued
(2) alleviated
(3) oppressed
(4) manipulated
24. (1) trivial
(2) crucial
(3) essential
(4) fundamental
25. (1) tussling
(2) following
(3) grappling
(4) contending

Read the passage and answer questions 26 to 30.

Have you ever played with bubbles before? What happens when you get near one of the bubbles? It is likely to burst. Unknown to human eyes, there is a portable 'air bubble' that everyone carries around with him and can be easily burst when one is too near it. This is called the 'personal space'.

Personal space can be broken into four distinct zone distances. The first one is the intimate zone, between 15 centimetres and 45 centimetres. This is by far the most important zone as it is this one that a person guards as if it were his own property. Only those who are emotionally close to that person are permitted to enter it. The second zone is the personal zone which spans from 46 centimetres to 1.2 metres. This is the distance that one stands from others at social functions and friendly gatherings. 5 10

The third and fourth zones deal more with people whom one does not know very well or at all. The social zone is between 1.2 metres and 3.6 metres. This zone usually refers to the distance from strangers - the plumber, the carpenter, the new employee at work and people whom one simply does not know. As for the public zone which is over 3.6 metres, it deals with the comfortable distance at which we choose to stand when we address a large group of people. 15

When one's finger is too near a bubble, the bubble will burst. Similarly, the intrusion of a stranger into one's intimate zone causes one to be ready for a fight or flight situation. This means that putting your arm in a friendly way on or around someone whom you have just met may result in that person's feeling negative towards you, even though he or she may smile and appear to enjoy it so as not to offend you. 20

However, there are situations which may result in unavoidable intrusion into other people's intimate zones, such as in concerts, elevators, trains or buses. There is a list of unwritten rules that people in the Western cultures abide by in such situations. Three most common ones being observed are to maintain a 'poker face' - no emotion is permitted to be displayed, to avoid eye contact with others at all times and to appear to be deeply engrossed in a book or newspaper. That is why we often hear words like 'miserable' and 'unhappy' being used to describe people travelling to work in the rush hour on public transport. In fact, these people are simply adhering to the rules that apply to the unavoidable intrusion of their intimate zones in a crowded public place. 25 30

Thus, if you want someone to be comfortable in your company, the golden rule is 'keep your distance'. The more intimate our relationship is with other people, the closer we are permitted to move within their zones. So, have you invaded into someone's zones yet? 35

Adapted from *Body Language* by A. Pease

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26. Personal space is being described _____.

- (1) as fragile as bubbles
- (2) as round as bubbles
- (3) as soapy as bubbles
- (4) as invisible as bubbles

27. Your boss is also your best friend. When both of you are out fishing, each may move within the other's _____.

- (1) intimate zone only
- (2) personal zone only
- (3) personal zone or social zone
- (4) intimate zone or personal zone

28. In line 20, the word 'flight' tells us that when one's intimate space is invaded, one will fight or _____.

- (1) flee
- (2) soar
- (3) travel
- (4) depart

29. A person puts on a 'poker face' as he does not want anyone to _____.

- (1) know how he is feeling
- (2) get into the elevator he is in
- (3) maintain eye contact with him
- (4) interrupt his reading of a book or newspaper

30. Which one of the following statements is true?

- (1) Everywhere we go, we are surrounded by bubbles.
- (2) In the elevator, it is okay to maintain eye contact with everyone.
- (3) The closer you are to your friend, the shorter the zone distances.
- (4) Working professionals are generally despondent because of their 'poker faces'.

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Paper 2 Booklet B

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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 O) 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) along	D) by	G) it	K) mine	N) when
B) and	E) however	H) just	L) next	P) while
C) but	F) in	J) least	M) or	Q) with

It began suddenly, just before lunch, as our Land Rover bounced over a dirt track on a dusty plain in Tanzania. Fatigue, I thought, _____ maybe the heat. Maybe I _____ needed to stop, stretch and eat. But lunch provided no relief. My stomach was _____ knots and I was in discomfort.

(31)

(32)

(33)

I had no choice _____ to climb back into the vehicle. Soon my churning stomach became the _____ of my concerns. My head hurt so badly I thought _____ would explode. My vision blurred _____ my body ached as if I had been trampled _____ a rhino. I could barely focus on what was going on around me.

(34)

(35)

(36)

(37)

(38)

In late afternoon, I rolled out of the Land Rover and lay on the ground, helplessly inert. One instant my body was on fire, the _____ I was freezing. Shivering uncontrollably, I curled up in the dirt _____ drifted off into a fog. "Looks like he's got malaria," I heard my guide say, somewhere in the distance.

(39)

(40)

- Adapted from *National Geographic* July 2007, Editor's Note -

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

If the pace of life threatens to spill out of control, slow down and take a few good long, deep breaths. Most people tend to take quick shallow breaths, (41) ispareshelly when they are feeling tense. What should be done is actually the (42) (43) reverse. Taking a little ~~deep~~ breaths forces one to stretch one's shoulders, loosen up tight muscles.

(44) Slow breathing has other unexpected **benafeats**. In studies done, (45) researchers have found that when people practice yoga, a traditional form of (46) exercise, or even recite a prayer, her breathing slows down to a five-seconds-in, five- (47) seconds-out rethem which, it turns out, matches a ten-second cycle that naturally takes place in blood pressure.

(48) (49) Thus, people will feels calmer when they are able to sincrownice their breathing to what already occurs naturally in the body. This, however, has to be (50) done konshefslee. Breathing this way also improves the health of the heart.

- Adapted from Stress Free in 10 Minutes, Readers Digest, February 2004 -

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Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

City workers lunch in relative comfort on the banks of the river at the hygienic Boat Quay Food Centre opposite Empress Place. In the _____ hours of (51) the morning before offices are opened, and for the two hours at _____ (52) the Boat Quay Food Centre bustles. The noise and crush of people at these times, _____ (53) never fail to detract from the serene and calming _____ (54) of the river as clusters of people wait protectively over _____ (55) tables to assure themselves a seat.

It has always been a _____ (56) venue for diners despite the peak hour crush, _____ (57) in its former, not so pleasant, makeshift conditions.

Back then hawkers were vending from little _____ (58) with wooden stools placed around it, the appetizing _____ (59) of cooked food mingling with the _____ (60) savoury odours of the Singapore River before it was eventually _____ (61) up.

Back in those days, there was no water supply. The _____ (62) had to make do with only one bucket of water in which to wash all their bowls. This was

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then, emptied into the _____ which, understandably raised concerns
(63)

about public health and water.

(64)

In 1974, the Environment Ministry created an orderly site with 58 stalls and
the much needed _____ like open water, electricity, and a sewerage stall
(65)

at which to prepare food. It cost a total of one million dollars.

- Adapted from *Singapore Then and Now* -

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). (10 marks)

66. Rahimah prefers skipping to jogging when she exercises.

_____ would rather _____

67. "Where did you take your brother last night, David?" Mother inquired.

Mother asked _____

68. Mrs Lin cored, cut and gave the apples to the children after washing them.

The apples _____

69. You will succeed in losing weight. You must cut down on your sugar intake.

Unless _____

70. The drug trafficker was sentenced to jail for life. It was the narcotics officers who had arrested him.

_____ whom _____

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Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

I woke up early, flushed my contacts and fake business cards down the toilet, sat on my bed and waited for them. The Myanmar military intelligence (MI) had been after me for almost a week. I had become, briefly, the most wanted man in Myanmar.

Myanmar's leaders refused to let foreign aid workers enter the country. My photo had apparently been circulated to every military checkpoint. My name was being scoured for among all records of foreigners travelling around the country. My crime, as they saw it, was to report on the cyclone that devastated the Irrawaddy Delta, claiming thousands of lives. There were a handful of other journalists who had also sneaked into Myanmar as tourists but were all working anonymously.

I had done something foreign correspondents do not normally do in Myanmar. I had put my name and face on the TV while I was still in the country. The government was obviously furious. And so I had seemed to become state enemy No. 1. They suspected I was hiding in the hotel because a few hours earlier they had deported the other two members of my team – producer Annie Phrommayon and cameraman Arito Go.

The first question they asked my colleagues when they began their interrogation was "Where is Paul Allan Danabar?" They had traced us because we had all checked into the same hotel together on our first night, before I broke cover. Since then I had been sneaking into places, staying in different people's rooms without registering.

The phone rang in my room. I knew it was one of the MI officials in the hotel telling me to come down. I grabbed my bag and headed for the back stairwell. Another MI official blocked the rear entrance. I skipped back up five flights of stairs and looked out over the hotel balcony. I was in luck – the MI man covering the front had gone to get a cigarette from a taxi driver and was standing to the left next to the long driveway that led to the exit.

I ran down the main stairs into the lobby. It was empty. Catching my breath, I calmly strolled out the front door, turned right and waited for the intelligence officer to finish his cigarette and go back inside. After fifteen minutes, I walked back across the carpark and headed for the exit.

My aim was the airport. I did not want to get caught and be taken to a downtown police station. I had been warned by a diplomat that I could expect a "hard time" from the authorities before they deported me. I got all the way to my seat on the plane before I saw a large man with a walkie-talkie stuck to his ear coming down the aisle.

I was led off the plane as six breathless military types came stomping down the walkway. One man snatched my passport, the other began taking my picture. But no one tried to drag me away. The man who took my passport simply stamped it with the legend "deportee", shoved it back in my hand and growled, "Go."

- Adapted from Myanmar: Misplaced Priorities, The Straits Times, May 17, 2008 -

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. Which word in the first paragraph is opposite in meaning to 'authentic'?

72. Why did Paul Allan Danabar get rid of his list of contacts?

73. Why was Danabar's photograph at military checkpoints?

74. What were the effects of the cyclone that had struck Myanmar?

75. How could Danabar have avoided becoming an enemy of the government?

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76. What mistake did Annie Phommayon and Ante Go make when they arrived in Myanmar?

77. In the sixth paragraph, how would being calm help the writer?

78. Explain what you think one can expect from a 'hardline' mentioned in line 64?

79. How do you think the writer felt when his passport was returned to him?

80. List two things that Danabar had in common with Phommayon and Go.

- 1)

- 2)

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J	G	P	D	L	B

41)especially 42)few 43)loosening 44)benefits

45)practise 46)their 47)rhythm 48)feel

49)synchronize 50)consciously 51)early/few 52)midday/noon

53)however 54)presence/sight/view 55)occupied

56)popular 57)even 58)stalls 59)smell 60)less

61)cleaned 62)hawkers 63)river 64)pollution

65)facilities

66)Rahimah would rather skin than jog when she exercises.

67)Mother asked David where he had taken his brother the previous night.

68)The apples were cored, cut and given to the children after Mrs Lim washed them.

69)Unless you cut down your sugar intake, you will not succeed in losing weight.

70)The drug trafficker whom the narcotics officers had arrested was sentenced to jail for life.

71)The word is "fake".

72)He did not want military to get hold of/find his contacts and interrogate them.

73)He was a wanted man and he would be taken away for questioning when he arrived at checkpoint to leave the country.

74)It had devastated the Irrawady Delta and killed thousand of people.

75)He could have avoided becoming an enemy of the government by not putting his name and face on the television while he was still in Myanmar.

76)They had checked into the same hotel as the writer.

77)It would have made him look less suspicious when he left the hotel.

78)One can expect to be tortured as Danabar had angered the government so he would not be let off easily.

79)I think the writer felt relieved.

80)1)They were deported from Myanmar.

2)They had sneaked into Myanmar.