



**NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL
FIRST CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT 2015**

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PRIMARY 6

PAPER 2: BOOKLET A

TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 h 50 min

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

DO NOT TURN OVER THIS PAGE UNTIL YOU ARE TOLD TO DO SO.

READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.

ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS.

For each question from 1 to 10, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (10 marks)

1. His parents _____ are not sure where his sister is.
 - (1) herself
 - (2) himself
 - (3) ourselves
 - (4) themselves

2. Half of the equipment _____ damaged in the fire last month.
 - (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were

3. Nikki, as well as her family, _____ in marathons every year.
 - (1) run
 - (2) runs
 - (3) is running
 - (4) are running

4. You work in a bank, _____ you?
(do)
 - (1) don't
 - (2) won't
 - (3) haven't
 - (4) shouldn't

5. _____ the invention of electronic mail, communication has become faster and more convenient.
 - (1) With
 - (2) Until
 - (3) Despite
 - (4) Besides

6. I heard her _____ about how difficult it was to prepare the dinner on her own.

- (1) complained
- (2) complaining
- (3) had complained
- (4) was complaining

7. This was a difficult role but the actress managed to carry it _____ admirably.

- (1) on
- (2) off
- (3) out
- (4) away

8. This is Mrs Bala's house. She _____ here since she was young.

- (1) lives
- (2) lived
- (3) has lived
- (4) had lived

9. You can claim your gift at the information counter _____ 11 am and 9 pm every day.

- (1) at
- (2) on
- (3) from
- (4) between

10. The cat, _____ leg was caught in the drain, has been freed.

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

For each question from 11 to 17, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (7 marks)

11. The injured man _____ towards us before collapsing.

- (1) strolled
- (2) staggered
- (3) sauntered
- (4) swaggered

12. We have to be back in our seats soon as the play will _____ after the ten-minute intermission.

- (1) revert
- (2) resume
- (3) adjourn
- (4) convene

13. Her reluctance to talk about her family to anyone makes us wonder if she has _____.

- (1) two peas in a pod
- (2) a bee in her bonnet
- (3) a needle in the haystack
- (4) skeletons in her cupboard

14. On our recent holiday, we visited a gorilla _____ which took in gorillas rescued from illegal captivity.

- (1) safari
- (2) resort
- (3) retreat
- (4) sanctuary

15. After two defeats, the coach tried to _____ the morale of the team by encouraging them.

- (1) rise
- (2) boost
- (3) enrich
- (4) promote

16. I do not know who sent me the _____ letter which was not signed.

- (1) infamous
- (2) unanimous
- (3) anonymous
- (4) synonymous

17. Elsa was exhausted after two _____ days of ice-skating lessons on Friday and Saturday.

- (1) repeated
- (2) continuous
- (3) subsequent
- (4) consecutive

For each question from 18 to 22, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

On a recent morning, as she has for 60 years, Kim Eun-sil carries her diving gear to a rocky beach on the eastern side of Jeju island. She will spend the day free-diving in water more than 20 feet deep to harvest seafood by hand.

(18)

Ms. Kim, 80, like her mother before her, is a haenyeo, or "sea woman." She foresees that she can work a few more years at a job women in Jeju have done for

(19)

centuries but which now is fast disappearing

For ages, the sea women of Jeju have braved the treacherous waters of the Korea Strait even during frigid weather in winter. With no equipment and using only

(20)

flippers, they scour the seabed for abalone and octopus. The work is hard and

(22)

dangerous. Younger women on Jeju, now South Korea's biggest tourist destination, would rather work in resort hotels and car rental offices than plunge into the cold sea.

Adapted from Hardy Divers in Korea Strait by Choe Sang-Hun

18. (1) cull
(2) yield
(3) gather
(4) produce

19. (1) fears
(2) doubts
(3) predicts
(4) considers

20. (1) gushing
(2) perilous
(3) unstable
(4) unreliable

21. (1) stiff
(2) bleak
(3) balmy
(4) reserved

22. (1) delve
(2) comb
(3) probe
(4) purge

Study this flyer carefully and then answer questions 23 to 30

Adopt, don't shop!

All leashed pets are
welcome!

1 March 2015, Saturday

12pm to 6pm

Adopt a Dog Society
428 Rahway Ave, Singapore 123123

Come to our pet adoption drive and meet our adorable residents. Help us find these animals a home! *If you would like to find out more about adopting our animals, or if you would like to volunteer at or donate to our organisation, please visit our website@ www.adoptadog.org.sg.

Activities

Talk by SPCA (12pm to 1pm)

Find out if you have what it takes to adopt a pet and why adopting is better than buying a pet.

Dog Show by K9 Club (1pm to 2pm)

Be amazed at the tricks performed by dogs from the K9 club.

Lucky Draw

Buy pet food and accessories from Paws 'r' Us and stand a chance to win attractive prizes. All proceeds will go to Adopt a Dog Society.

Live music by Family Traditions



* There will be an administrative fee of \$50 and vaccination fees may apply.

The story of Kit Kat the dog



The first time the rescuers met Kit Kat, we recoiled in shock and our hearts instantly went out to him. At his tender age, life had already dealt him so many harsh blows. Not only was he left to fend for himself in the wild, but he was also afflicted with a horrendous rash.

Kit Kat was first brought to our attention by Anna, one of our volunteers. A feeder, she had noticed Kit Kat for some time but had not managed to take Kit Kat to the vet. One of the residents in the Lim Chu Kang neighbourhood told her that Kit Kat was wary of people because of a close shave with a motorist.

We eventually managed to put a leash on Kit Kat and take him to the veterinarian after a few days' effort of luring him with treats. He was well padded and his coat, though matted was in good condition. Kit Kat also had good oral health. Kit Kat was most certainly an abandoned dog.

Now on the mend, Kit Kat boasts a coat of soft, glossy fur and shows no signs of the affliction he had suffered from. While we have managed to heal his body, we have not been able to do the same for his broken spirit. This juvenile canine is still skittish around strangers and does not engage well in play. However, we believe that with the right family and in the right environment, Kit Kat will be able to flourish and shake off his sad past.

Help give animals like Kit Kat a loving home to call their own!



Adopt a Dog Society is an organisation that rescues, fosters and re-homes stray or abandoned animals.

For each question from 23 to 30, shade your answer (1,2,3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (8 marks)

23. Which organization created this flyer?

- (1) SPCA
- (2) K9 Club
- (3) Paws 'r' Us
- (4) Adopt a Dog Society

24. Which of the following is true in the flyer?

- (1) Visitors are allowed to take their pets to the drive.
- (2) All visitors stand a chance to win attractive prizes.
- (3) One can adopt an animal for free at the adoption drive.
- (4) There will be a performance by animals from the Adopt a Dog Society.

25. Why were the rescuers shocked the first time they met Kit Kat?

- (1) He was a very old dog.
- (2) He had a terrible skin condition.
- (3) He refused to be put on a leash.
- (4) He was a wild and aggressive dog.

26. What does "our hearts went out to him" mean?

- (1) The rescuers felt sorry for Kit Kat.
- (2) The rescuers went to rescue Kit Kat.
- (3) The rescuers did not like Kit Kat's appearance.
- (4) The rescuers checked on Kit Kat's heart condition.

27. The rescuers first knew about Kit Kat from _____.

- (1) one of their volunteers.
- (2) a resident in Lim Chu Kang.
- (3) a motorist who knocked into him.
- (4) a veterinarian in the neighbourhood.

28. The rescuers knew that Kit Kat used to belong to someone because _____.

- (1) his coat was dirty
- (2) he was wearing a leash
- (3) he was padded with thick cloth
- (4) his teeth were in good condition

29. The phrase "on the mend" tells us that Kit Kat _____.

- (1) is now a cheerful dog
- (2) has been cleared of his rash
- (3) is no longer scared of people
- (4) has matured into an adult dog

30. The main purpose of the flyer is to _____.

- (1) ask for volunteers and donations
- (2) help stray animals find new owners
- (3) teach dog owners how to be responsible pet owners
- (4) encourage the public to give up their pets for adoption



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There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40, in the passage below. From the list of word 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 x 1m)

Use each WORD once ONLY

A) although	D) by	G) for	K) is	N) over
B) because	E) despite	H) has	L) in	P) to
C) before	F) during	J) have	M) of	Q) will

The search for overseas healthcare is, surprisingly, nearly as old as history. The ancient Greeks did it. The Britons followed suit _____ the Roman times in their trips to Bath. (31)

Medical tourism is a global trend, and Asia _____ a keen follower. (32)

Why go overseas? Being sick is bad enough without the extra trauma of packing your bags and heading off _____ a plane. (33)

People are attracted to overseas medical institutions _____ of the expertise of certain foreign hospitals and their medical staff. Fifty-three per cent _____ respondents to the Asia Health Survey cited the reputation of the doctor as the top reason _____ choosing a particular hospital, closely followed _____ the hospital's reputation. Hence, people _____ usually travel if they cannot access quality healthcare locally in a reasonable amount of time. (34) (35) (36) (37) (38)

If you decide to go abroad for treatment, you now _____ to decide on where. It is often a very personal journey. Despite the reputation of these destinations, have a checklist of issues _____ consider. Most importantly, look at whether the hospital has been assessed and accredited. (39) (40)

Marks

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes. (13 x 1m)

Harry Houdini's grand illusions and daring, spectacular escape acts made him one (41) of the most famous magicians of all time. Many of Houdini's tricks relied on deceptions (42) and illusions familiar to most magicians, but he also had two acceptional abilities which (43) made his act unique. The first spring from a fascination with locks. There was not a lock in (44) the world he should not pick. He worked this skill into his act by escaping from handkufs (45) and padlocked manacles. He invited audiarnces to bring their own locks to prove that the (47) ones he opened up is not fake.

(48) Houdini's other great asset was his body. He was very muskuler, fit and agile. His fingers were strong enough to untie knots or buckles in a canvas bag or straightjacket. His (49) feet were almost as neamble as his hands, and he could also unfasten knots and buckles (50) with its teeth. The art of Houdini's success lay in know when to move on. Any escape (51) stunt that was suggested from people always attracted far more intrest than one Houdini (52) (53)

invented himself. He began to accept challenges to escape from boxes or cases anyone could provide.

Marks

In the following passage, there are 15 blanks numbered 54 to 68. Fill in each blank with suitable word. (15 x 1m)

The word "pizza," meaning "pie," was coined sometime around A.D. 1000 near Rome and Naples, Italy. In the 18th century, flatbread pizza became a popular and affordable _____ for the peasant population in Naples. People were just _____ (54) to realize that tomatoes, which had been _____ over (55) from the New World in the 16th century, were _____ (56) not poisonous.

By the end of the 18th century, the residents of Naples began to top the bread with tomatoes, essentially creating pizza as we know it _____ (57). Street vendors sold pizzas in the poor areas of Naples before the _____ (58) of the world's first pizza restaurant, Antica Pizzeria Port'Alba, in 1830. Pizza is sold today from the very same _____ (59).

Sometime around 1889, Italy's royal _____ (60), Queen Margherita and King Umberto I, toured the kingdom. The Queen _____ (61) the flat bread and loved it. Yearning to have more, she decided to invite Chef Raffaele Esposito to her palace _____ (62) he created a variety of pizzas for her. He designed a pizza with _____ (63) in the colours of the Italian flag with red tomatoes, white mozzarella and green basil. This pizza was named Margherita in _____ (64) of the Queen. (65)

Pizza soon became _____ (66) in cafes and grocery stores, but it remained exclusive _____ (67) Italian neighbourhoods until after World War II. At this time, soldiers returning from Italy increased demand for the dish. Pizza's popularity spread like _____ (68). Pizzerias began popping up all over the United States, followed quickly by chain restaurants like Shakey's Pizza and Pizza Hut.

Marks

For each of the questions 69 to 74, 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). (6 x 2m = 12m)

69. Watch what you eat or you will put on weight.

If _____

70. The pupils were horrified. Their classroom was infested with cockroaches.

Much to _____

71. "Did you take your vitamins this morning?" Mother asked John.

Mother asked _____

72. Peter was irresponsible. He did not do his class duty.

It was irresponsible _____

73. I will meet you at the cafeteria. I used to work there.

_____ where

74. She attended her graduation ceremony. She was very late.

_____ despite _____

Marks

Read this passage and answer questions 75 to 84. (20 m)

For nine uneventful hours in April 1998, the Petro Ranger had steamed north from Singapore through the South China Sea, bound for Ho Chi Minh City. Now, shortly after midnight chief engineer Farooq heard screams and people running past his cabin door. Then, his telephone rang. "Pirates aboard!" stuttered an engineer. Before the officer could marshal his thoughts, a voice outside called, "Chief! Chief!"

Opening the cabin door, Farooq saw Ken, the Petro Ranger's Australian captain, with hands bound and surrounded by three masked men. On seeing the men, Farooq was immobilised with fear. One pirate held a glinting knife with its blade across Captain Ken's throat. "Anyone gives me any trouble, I will kill him immediately," he threatened. He knew he could not help Ken without endangering Ken's life so he obeyed the pirate.

With the other twenty crewmen, Farooq was bound in the mess room. He guessed that the dozen pirates had boarded by hooking a ladder onto the stern deck. They painted *Wilby* over the ship's name and blacked out the "P" logo on the funnel of the ship. Farooq's suspicion was confirmed. They wanted not just its cargo of diesel oil. This was a hijack! He wondered if the crew would be killed. Somehow, these Asian pirates were different.

The Petro Ranger's crew were victims of a deepening problem in Asian waters. Asia's pirates were ruthless and sophisticated. Attacks in the region had nearly doubled during the past decade. In the past three years, pirates had taken some 1000 sailors hostage worldwide, killing a hundred and thirty-two.

By dawn, the pirates aboard the Petro Ranger, confident they faced no resistance, relaxed. Their leader did not disclose his plans for the ship or her crew. However, he told his captives that he came from Indonesia and complained that his men and he took the risks while his boss took the profits.

By the sixth day, Farooq noticed the weather was colder and wondered if they were headed to China. That night two small tankers pulled alongside and pumped out some diesel from the cargo.

The pirate leader appeared cheerful. "Because you have cooperated with us, we may let you live," he said. For Farooq and his shipmates, it was a glimmer of hope.

Ten days after the Petro Ranger was hijacked, armed Chinese police, thinking it was smuggling goods, seized the ship. Captain Ken managed to escape from the room where he had been tied up and told the police what had happened. Farooq noticed that the pirate leader seemed unperturbed as he and his fellow pirates were escorted to jail.

Shaken by their experiences on the Petro Ranger, Captain Ken and Farooq quit the sea. "If you're attacked on land, you can scream for help," Farooq told reporters. "At sea, you scream but nobody hears." The Petro Ranger was later fitted with "ShipLoc", a tiny concealed transmitter that enabled inexpensive satellite tracking of vessels.

(Adapted from *Sea of Danger*, Reader's Digest)

75. How did Farooq know that there were pirates aboard? [2m]

76. Explain clearly why Farooq decided not to help Captain Ken? [2m]

77. Which phrase in paragraph 2 shows that Farooq was too frightened to move? [2m]

78. How did the pirates get on board the Petro Ranger? [2m]

79. Give two reasons why the pirates boarded the Petro Ranger. [2m]

(1)

(2)

80. "Attacks in the region had nearly doubled during the past decade." (lines 17-18). What does the underlined phrase refer to? [1m]

81. Why was the pirate leader unhappy with his boss? [2m]

82. Based on the story, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

	True/False	Reason
Captain Ken overpowered the three pirates.		
The pirate leader let his captives live because he was a cheerful man.		
The Chinese police were not aware that Petro Ranger was hijacked when they seized the ship.		

83. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the passage. (1m)

_____ Farooq and Captain Ken decided to leave the job.

_____ The pirates were arrested.

_____ Two small tankers pumped out some of the cargo of diesel from Petro Ranger.

84. Find words from paragraphs 8 and 9 which have the same meaning as the word(s) in the boxes. Use one word for each box. [3m]

unconcerned	
hidden	
took over	

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EXAM PAPER 2015

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SUBJECT : P6 ENGLISH

TERM : CA1

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
4	3	2	1	1	2	2	3	4	4
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
2	2	4	4	2	3	4	3	3	2
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
2	2	4	1	2	1	1	4	2	2
Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
F	K	L	B	M	G	D	Q	J	P

41)deceptions

42)exceptional

43)sprang

44)could

45)handcuffs

46)audiences

47)were

48)muscular

49)nimble

50)his

51)knowing

52)by

53)interest

54)meal

55)beginning

56)brought

57)actually

58)today

59)opening

60)spot/restaurant

61)couple

62)tried/tasted/sampled

63)where

64)toppings

65)honour

66)available

67)to

68)wildfire

- 69) If you do not watch what you eat, you will put on weight.
- 70) Much to the pupils' horror, their classroom was infested with cockroaches.
- 71) Mother asked John if he had taken his vitamins that morning.
- 72) It was irresponsible of Peter not to do his class duty.
- 73) I will meet you at the cafeteria where I used to work.
- 74) She attended her graduation ceremony despite being very late.
- 75) An engineer telephoned to inform him that there were pirates aboard.
- 76) A pirate held a knife across Captain Ken's throat and Farooq did not want to endanger Captain Ken's life.
- 77) immobilized with fear.
- 78) They hooked a ladder onto the stem deck and climbed aboard.
- 79) 1) They wanted the ship's cargo of diesel oil.
2) They wanted to hijack the ship.
- 80) Asian waters
- 81) He and his men took risks while his boss took the profits.
- 82) False/ His hands were and he was surrounded by the three pirates. He was help at knifepoint by a pirate.
False / His captives had cooperated with the pirates, so he let them live.
True/ They thought the ship was smuggling goods.
- 83) 3, 2, 1,
- 84) unperturbed , concealed , seized