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PRIMARY 6

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2

(BOOKLET A)

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INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

1. Write your Index Number in the boxes at the top right-hand corner.
2. Do not turn over the page until you are told to do so.
3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Answer all questions.
5. Shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

Section A - Graphic-Stimulus Comprehension (5 x 1 mark)
 Study the advertisement carefully and answer questions 1 to 5.

Win over \$400,000

Dine MORE

Worth of prizes in this Dine More Win More promotion at all participating Kopitiam outlets island-wide including Kopitiam City and Lau Pa Sat Festival Market

1 June to 31 December 2009

SAVE MORE with 10% discount privilege when you dine at Kopitiam and get more chances to win each time you use** your Premium Kopitiam Card to make purchase.
 ** Minimum spending of \$1 and above for each Premium Kopitiam Card transaction.

| What's NEW at Kopitiam! | Monthly Prizes: | Monthly 10x MONEYBACK Prizes: | Year-end 10x MONEYBACK Prize: |
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| <p>Catch five bands at Lau Pa Sat Festival Market! Feast on famous midnight supper - Satay Street, Boon Tat Seafood and much more!</p> <p>Open 24 hours daily!</p> <p>Feast on a Crab Banquet with Master Crab! Try the new crab dish with salted egg! Simply divine! Savour Singaporeans' all-time favourite mince meat noodle today by Tang Ren Jie.</p> <p>For outlet listing, please log on to: www.kopitiam.biz</p> | <p>First prize: \$10000 Dine More and Win More Kopitiam Gift Cards</p> <p>Second Prize: \$5000 Dine More and Win More Kopitiam Gift Cards</p> <p>Third Prize: \$3000 Dine More and Win More Kopitiam Gift Cards</p> <p>50 Consolation Prizes: \$100 Dine More and Win More Kopitiam Gift Cards</p> | <p>10 Lucky Premium Kopitiam Cardholders Will win back their entire month's spending x 10! Win back ten times your monthly accumulated spending in our Dine More Win More Kopitiam Gift Cards</p> | <p>One extremely lucky Premium Kopitiam Cardholder can win back 10 times your total spending in our Dine more Win More Kopitiam Gift Cards</p> <p>WIN GRAND DRAW PRIZE OF \$50000 On 31 DECEMBER 2009, 8PM</p> <p>From 1 June to 25 December 2009 (Qualifying period)</p> |

Check out FEAST at -Jurong Point 2 -24-hour Kopitiam Plaza By The Park -Kopitiam on Thomson at Thomson Plaza -24-hour Kopitiam City (above Buangkok MRT Station)

Catch "live" draws monthly at Lau Pa Sat Festival Market, Centre Court, at 8pm, the first of each month: 1 July 2009 / 1 August 2009 / 1 September 2009 / 1 October 2009 / 1 November 2009 / ~~1 December 2009~~

Results will be published in Shin Min Daily on 7th day of the month, together with posting on Kopitiam website: www.kopitiam.biz and poster announcements in all Kopitiam outlets.

Grand draw on 31 December 2009, 8pm. Be there to receive your monthly prizes on the spot!

For each question, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice and shade the corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

1. The main purpose of the advertisement is to encourage customers to _____
 - 1) dine at Kopitiam
 - 2) sign up as Kopitiam Card members
 - 3) dine using their Premium Kopitiam Card
 - 4) participate in the live draw organised by Kopitiam

2. If Sam enjoys listening to music while having his meal, he should dine at _____
 - 1) Jurong Point 2
 - 2) Kopitiam on Thomson
 - 3) Lau Pa Sat Festival Market
 - 4) Kopitiam Plaza By The Park

3. The last monthly draw for the promotion will be held on _____
 - 1) 1 December 2009
 - 2) 7 December 2009
 - 3) 25 December 2009
 - 4) 31 December 2009

4. The winner of the grand draw will stand a chance to win _____
 - 1) \$50000 cash prize
 - 2) \$10000 plus Dine More Win More Cards
 - 3) back ten times the entire year's spending at Kopitiam
 - 4) back ten times the entire month's spending at Kopitiam

5. Which one of the following statements is **TRUE**?
 - 1) Kopitiam is conducting live draws during the promotion.
 - 2) The Crab Banquet is only available at the Lau Pa Sat Festival Market.
 - 3) The promotion in the advertisement is limited to selected Kopitiam outlets.
 - 4) Winners of the monthly draw must turn up personally at the draw for the results.

Section B - Grammar (7 x 1 mark)

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 corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

6. If I _____ Mary was coming to Singapore, I would go to the airport to welcome her.
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| 1) know | 2) knew |
| 3) had known | 4) have known |
7. Sally took the risk and went ahead with her plan _____ the stern warnings she had received.
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| 1) despite | 2) in spite |
| 3) because of | 4) even though |
8. My neighbour _____ stickers since she was six years old. Now she has about two thousand of them.
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| 1) collects | 2) collected |
| 3) had collected | 4) has been collecting |
9. The boy came _____ and realised that he had been bound and gagged.
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| 1) to | 2) upon |
| 3) about | 4) through |
10. Having _____ reading that interesting novel, I was determined to finish it.
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| 1) begin | 2) begins |
| 3) began | 4) begun |
11. _____ of the pupils was given a souvenir when they visited the school in Hong Kong.
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| 1) All | 2) Each |
| 3) Some | 4) A few |
12. "Let _____ and _____ be the first to hear the good news, please?" June reminded Joan.
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| 1) she ... I | 2) her ... I |
| 3) she ... me | 4) her ... me. |

Section C – Punctuation Discrete (3 x 1 mark)

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 (OAS).

I was always a laughing stock when it came to things like baking. People called me "the pretty girl with no skills (13) At first, my friends would just tuck into whatever food that I brought but after a while, they started to notice that I never brought food that I had made myself. That was when they started to say, "This girl only knows how to make herself pretty but she really doesn't know how to bake or cook!"

I wanted to prove them wrong, so I asked my elder sister to teach me how to bake simple cookies which I managed to make just in time for my next get (14) together with my friends. I thought my first attempt was passable and brought the cookies to the function, proudly announcing to everyone, "I've finally baked these cookies myself (15)

- 13) 1) [.] full stop
 2) [,] comma and inverted commas
 3) ["] inverted commas and full stop
 4) [-] full stop and inverted commas
- 14) 1) [:] colon
 2) [,] comma
 3) [-] hyphen
 4) [;] semi-colon
- 15) 1) [.] full stop
 2) [!] exclamation mark
 3) [,] full stop and inverted commas
 4) [!] exclamation mark and inverted commas

Section D - Vocabulary (5 x 1 mark)

For each question from 16 to 20, one of the four options is the correct answer. Make your choice and shade the corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

16. The managing director gave the documents only a _____ glance before he signed them.
- 1) casual
 - 2) cursory
 - 3) curious
 - 4) cautious
17. The _____ armchair caught my attention the moment I entered the shop as it looked old-fashioned and strange.
- 1) quaint-looking
 - 2) ancient-looking
 - 3) unusual-looking
 - 4) obsolete-looking
18. Although a part of the plan is not perfect, David and his team decided not to _____ as some of the ideas are still good.
- 1) wash dirty linen in public
 - 2) put all the eggs in one basket
 - 3) throw out the baby with the bath water
 - 4) count their chickens before they are hatched
19. Kevin _____ through the attic to see if he could find anything for the jumble sale.
- 1) scraped
 - 2) salvaged
 - 3) ransacked
 - 4) rummaged
20. Illegal foreign workers in Singapore will be _____ to their own countries if they are found to be without the appropriate documents issued by the Ministry of Manpower.
- 1) remitted
 - 2) expelled
 - 3) exported
 - 4) repatriated

Section E – Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

For each question, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

If you strike up a conversation about forests with any (21)urban middle-class citizen, he or she will (22)probably say saving the forests is important, and the conversation will end there. This is because other than (23)acknowledging that forests are important, most people from more developed countries (24)are inclined to think that finding a solution is someone else's business, not theirs.

People in wealthy nations do not realise that if we lose the (25)diversity of the world's tropical forests or if we allow the millions of people who depend on forests to become even poorer, sooner or later, this will affect their daily lives.

21. 1) city
2) wealthy
3) modern
4) educated
22. 1) likely
2) mostly
3) casually
4) occasionally
23. 1) testifying
2) believing
3) supporting
4) recognising
24. 1) are made
2) are persuaded
3) have a tendency
4) have the capacity
25. 1) value
2) variety
3) vastness
4) versatility

Section F - Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1 mark)

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

A strong and healthy lion usually prefers to hunt for wild animals rather than to prey on homes of men. In Africa, however, the domestic cattle are often attacked by lions. When the lions are famished, or when the wild animals are difficult to come by, the natives in Africa will lose their capability to protect their cattle. Besides, domestic cattle are easier to kill too.

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The Africans shut their cattle up in enclosures at night. Nevertheless, hungry lions will climb over the high fences of thorn branches and attack the cattle. Sometimes, they use a different strategy. They will prowl round and roar loudly near the enclosures. As a result, the terrified cattle will break down the fence themselves in their fear and gallop into the open savannah. Once they are out in the open, there is no escape from their predators. Sometimes a very hungry lion will capture an animal in broad daylight right in front of its owner.

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A lion may lose its initial fear of human beings if it often hunts domestic cattle. It has grown used to coming near villages. This may lead to attacking and killing of villagers when the lion is desperately hungry. If *this* happens, the lion may develop a taste for human flesh. It will lie in wait for natives almost every night, especially after it has discovered that a child or an unarmed man is an easy dinner. Such a lion is called a 'man-eater'.

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The 'man-eater' may become a real terror and a threat to the entire village. When a lioness has learned to enjoy the flesh of men, it is most likely to teach all her cubs to feast on human flesh. Such lions can be bold. They will rip the huts of natives to get the sleeping people inside! All the villagers will join forces, combine all strength and organise a lion-hunt when a 'man-eater' is discovered in the village. This is because the villagers understand that until the lion is killed, nobody is safe.

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Many stories have been told regarding lions. Both white people and Africans have their own versions of heroes who have shown great courage when facing the ferocious beasts. There was this story of a young African. A lion appeared and sprang on one of the sheep while he was looking after his master's sheep. The brave boy counter-attacked the lion with his spear instead of running away. Finally, he managed to kill it but was badly wounded. Later, he was asked why he had fought the lion single-handedly.

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"Weren't you afraid?" they asked.

"Sure I was frightened," he answered. "But I thought it was best to take the risk rather than to be ashamed all my life for losing the sheep!"

For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Choose the correct answer and shade the corresponding ovals on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

26. According to the information in ~~paragraph 4~~ the text, lions may prey on domestic cattle when _____.
- 1) they are driven by hunger
 - 2) cattle are easily available in the open savannah
 - 3) the high fences around the enclosures are broken down
 - 4) the natives of Africa lose their capability to protect the cattle
27. The writer believes that a lion may no longer _____ if it often hunts domestic cattle.
- 1) hunt at night
 - 2) be a 'man-eater'
 - 3) be afraid of people
 - 4) have the ability to hunt
28. The word 'this' in line 15 refers to the lion _____.
- 1) prowling near villages
 - 2) being desperately hungry
 - 3) attacking and killing people
 - 4) having developed a liking for human flesh
29. The young African fought the lion because he did not want to _____.
- 1) admit defeat
 - 2) lose self-respect
 - 3) be eaten by the lion
 - 4) be scolded by his master
30. Based on the information in the text, which one of the following statements is TRUE?
- 1) The young African boy was unarmed when he fought the lion.
 - 2) Hungry lions tear down fences around the enclosures to get at the cattle.
 - 3) Stories told regarding lions are likely to be about people who have fought the lions.
 - 4) Lions prefer to chase domestic cattle into the open savannah before preying on them.

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Section G - Grammar Cloze (10 x 1 mark)

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40 in the passage below. From the list of words in the box, choose the most suitable answer for each blank and write its letter (A to Q) in it. "I" and "O" have been omitted to avoid confusion in marking.

Use each word only ONCE.

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| A) a | D) in | G) it's | K) some | N) this |
| B) before | E) instead | H) off | L) the | P) when |
| C) but | F) its | J) one | M) there | Q) where |

A 14-year-old bullfighter nearly died after being attacked by a 400kg bull this weekend. Jairo Miguel was thrilling crowds at the Aguascalientes Monumental Bull Ring on Sunday 31) _____ the bull caught him 32) _____ guard and charged at him.

The creature gored him with 33) _____ horns and lifted him in the air, carrying him for several metres 34) _____ finally letting him fall to the ground. 35) _____ he lay in his sequinned matador's costume, soaked 36) _____ blood. He said to his father, bullfighter Antonio Sanchez Careres, "I'm dying. Dad, I'm dying."

But Jairo has escaped death, at least 37) _____ me. He was rushed to the operating theatre, where doctors managed to stop the bleeding and treat 38) _____ wound.

Dr Luis Romerao, 39) _____ of the surgeons, said that the horn had missed the boy's heart by a few centimetres. "He was indeed very lucky," he said.

Jairo is still in hospital connected to a respirator - a machine that helps him breathe - 40) _____ he is expected to make a full recovery, his doctors say.

Section H – 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.

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Huffing and puffing along a 1.2km ~~foot~~ may not be the most relaxing way to start a

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Sunday morning, but that was what nearly 400 children aged 3 to 12 doing at the FeatherRun

organised by the Jurong Bird Park on April 19.

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There was a **kompetitif** run and a fun run, which also sees parents taking part. Most

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of the children were panting and in need for a drink from the Milo truck when they burst

through the finishing point marked with balloons.

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"It was tiring. At one point, the slope was very **slip**, so I started walking," said Ráhu

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Jayaprabha, a Primary 6 pupil from Temasek Primary School. He had coming in first and

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won himself a **troffee** and \$200 vouchers from NTUC. Parents who **akompanyed** thei

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children on the run also found them tiring but totally enjoyable.

Section I - Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)*Fill in each blank with a suitable word.*

One day, a young and successful executive named Josh was driving on a Chicago neighbourhood street. He was driving rather fast in his sleek, black, sixteen-cylinder Jaguar, which was only two months old.

He 51) _____ out for kids darting out from between parked cars and 52) _____ down when he thought he saw something. As his car passed, no child darted out, but a brick sailed through the air and smashed 53) _____ the shiny side door of his car.

SCREECH! He slammed the 54) _____. Gears pounded into reverse and tyres spun the car back to the spot from where the brick was 55) _____. Josh jumped out of the car, grabbed the kid and pushed him up 56) _____ a parked car. He shouted at the kid, "Just what was that about? Who do you think you are?" Building up a head of steam he continued, "That's my new car, that brick is going to make you pay! Why 57) _____ you done that?"

"Please...please, mister, I'm sorry. I didn't know what else to do," pleaded the youngster. "I threw the brick because no one 58) _____ would stop."

Tears were rolling down the boy's face as he pointed around the parked car. "It's my brother, mister," he said. "He fell 59) _____ of his wheelchair and I can't lift him up." Sobbing, the boy asked Josh, "Would you please help him back into his wheelchair? He's too 60) _____ for me to lift."

Moved beyond 61) _____, Josh tried desperately to 62) _____ the lump in his throat. He helped the youngster upright the wheelchair, and the two of 63) _____ lifted his brother back into the chair.

It was a long, long walk 64) _____ to the sleek, black, sixteen-cylinder Jaguar - a long and slow walk. Josh never did repair the side door of his car. The dent would always be a 65) _____ to him not to go through life so fast that someone has to throw a brick at him to get his attention.

Section J - Synthesis / Transformation (5 x 2 marks)

For questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the words provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of the sentence must be the same as the given one(s).

66. "When will you be going to the library?" my sister asked me.

My sister asked me _____

67. She was dismayed not to receive an e-mail from her friend.

Much to _____

68. Tom became very depressed after his mother died last year.

The cause of _____

69. Mary did not give up even though she had failed in succession.

_____ **despite** _____

70. The suspect finally named his accomplice. The police were questioning him relentlessly.

_____ **under** _____

Section K - Comprehension (10 x 2 marks)*Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80*

A few years ago, I stopped at a neighbourhood market for some late-night ice cream. As I got out of my car, a young man hailed me from across the street. He was in his mid twenties and dressed to the nines. I thought he wanted directions and had that urgent late-for-a-party look. When he reached me, he pulled up his sweater and smoothly drew a pistol from inside his waistband. "Get in the car!" he ordered.

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My brain went into hyperspeed. I remembered watching a personal-security expert on a talk show advise victims not to look at an assailant's face. His reasoning was that if a robber thinks you cannot identify him, he is less likely to kill you. Thus, I focused instead on his weapon - a .38 Smith and Wesson revolver. Then, nervously, I directed my gaze lower. His shoes were highly polished. Strange as it sounds, I admired his style.

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The click of the revolver being cocked snapped my head up eye to eye with his. So much for not looking at his face. Instinct told me that a car trip with this guy would turn out to be a one-way journey for me. I held out my keys. "Take my car," I said in a tone that I hoped would not agitate the assailant. "I'm not getting in."

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He hesitated, then ignoring the keys I offered, he thrust out a hand and yanked off my bag. Then he took a step back, his gun still aimed at me. Neither of us spoke.

Laughter broke the silence, making us both turn. Several couples were leaving a Chinese restaurant on the opposite corner. The gunman gave them a quick scan, then lowered his revolver. Holding it against his thigh, he began to stride quickly across the almost traffic-less street, my bag clutched under his arm.

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Incredibly, I took off after him. "Hey!" I shouted to the people in front of the restaurant. "This guy just robbed me!" I was halfway across the street when I realised that they were not mounting up. The gunman, now aware of my proximity, pivoted in my direction. A tongue of flame flashed from the snub-nosed barrel, followed by a loud crack.

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I lost my balance. I felt no pain, but when I looked down, I saw my left leg flopped out sideways at my shin. When I looked, my assailant was sprinting down a dark side street.

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After that incident, my popularity among my friends soared. People considered me "brave" for running after the gunman. I found it difficult to forgive myself for what I considered an act of great folly. Clearly, I was given credit for something I did not deserve, yet I was reluctant to give up my newly-acquired status.

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Things went well until the day I was approached by a beggar. On a whim, I told him I had no money because I had been unable to work since being shot in a robbery. His eyes grew large, and it was obvious that the information impressed him. "Wow," he said, then leaped closer, conspiratorially. "Did you get caught?"

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Your answers must be based on the above passage. Answer in COMPLETE SENTENCES.

- 71 Give two reasons why the writer did not think that the young man was a robber.

72. According to the advice on the talk show, why should victims of a robbery not look at the robber's face?

- 73.. Why did the writer refuse to get into the car with the robber?

74. Why did the robber hold his revolver against his thigh when he walked away from the writer?

75. Who do you think the word "they" in line 26 refers to?

76. Which sentence in the passage tells you that the robber had fired a shot?

77. Why did the writer suddenly become popular among his friends?

78. Why did the writer say that he was being given credit for something he did not deserve in paragraph 8?

79. What does the phrase "On a whim" in line 37 tell you about the way the writer answered the beggar?

80. Why did the beggar ask the writer whether he was caught?

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 69)Mary did not give up despite failing in succession.

70)The suspect finally named his accomplice under the relentless questioning by the police.

71)He was well-dressed and looked like he was asking for directions.

72)A robber is more likely to kill the victim he think he can identify him.

73)He might be killed if he got into the car with the robber.

74)He did not want the people leaving the restaurant to see that he had a gun.

75)It refers to the people who had come out from the restaurant.

76)The sentence is "A tongue of flame flashed from the snub-nosed barrel, followed by a loud crock."

77)He was foolish for running after the gunman.

78)He did not feel that running after the armed robber was a brave act but it was in fact something foolish.

79)He answered the beggar without thinking.

80)He thought that the writer was a robber.