#### ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOL (JUNIOR)



#### SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1 - 2011 ENGLISH LANGUAGE PRIMARY 6

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Class: P 6. (	)		Date: 6	May 2011

#### **BOOKLET A**

30 Questions

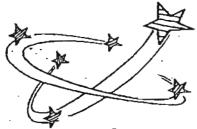
30 Marks

Total Time For Booklet A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

#### **INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- 1 Do not open the booklet until you are told to do so.
- 2 Follow all instructions carefully.
- 3 Answer all questions.

This paper consists of 11 printed pages (inclusive of cover page)

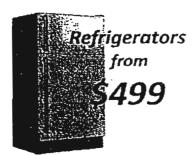


### STAR CITY MEGA DEALS

MOONTEC LEVEL 2 METEO BALLROOM · 10-13 MARCH 2011 ·

### 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

# ALL BRANDS! LOW PRICES! WHILST STOCKS LAST!



Limited to 5 sets per store



FREE \$50 Robin Mood voucher for \$999 purchase and above



Limited to 3 sets per store



FREE upgrade to 4GB RAM + Bag



Digital cameras from \$1099

FREE

8GB SD Card + SD 16GB Card + Dry Box + Cleaning Kit + Card Reader + Bag (except POSE5500)

#### WHAT'S MORE ...

#### Enjoy a \$100 rebate

when you sign up for the YObank StarCity Platinum Visa Card

Get the YObank StarCity Platinum Visa Card and enjoy a \$100 rebate off your purchases. Promotion is valid from 10-13 March 2011.

#### FREE Star City Shopping Voucher

Get a FREE \$30 shopping voucher with every \$888 purchase

#### **DAILY WHITE GOLD DRAW!**

Every \$50 = 1 Chance

Exclusively for YObank Cardmembers, Every \$30 = 1 Chance

One Daily Winner = 20g of 999.9

White Gold Pendant worth \$2000

Grand Draw Winner = 1KG of 999.9

White Gold Bar worth \$60,000

STAR CITY Operating Hours: 11am-10pm 1 Woodlands Circle Industrial Park 7e162228818. All advertised models, free gifts and lucky draw are available only from 10-13 Mai 2011 at Moontec Level 2 Meteo Ballroom, while stocks last All prices stated are inclusive of GST Pricing and details are correct at press time. Other Jerius and conditions apply. Limited those obstoners for advertised models and free gifts. Receipts must be produced for exchange of gifts. Draw is applicable to purchases for every \$50 in a single receipt with combined items or combined up to 3 receipts within the same day. Draw dates and times: 10-13 Mair 2011 8pm daily.

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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.

6	Mr On	ng made Donny on the tight rope for ten minutes.
	(1)	balance
	(2) (3)	balances balanced
	(4)	balancing
7	It was	Rajah and Angelina who organised the party all by
	(1)	himself
	(2) (3)	herself ourselves
	(4)	themselves
8	Neith	er Muthu nor his friends attentive in class just now.
	(1)	ís
	(2) (3)	are was
	(4)	were
9	Sam	hardly ever gives in,?
	(1)	is it
	(2) (3)	isn't it does he
	(4)	doesn't he
10	The	children had on the grass and were bitten by ants.
	(1)	lîe
	(2)	lay
	(3) (4)	laid lain
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11	The	oolice worked ti	relessly in search a serial killer.
	(1) (2) (3) (4)	of for with about	
12 -			of an oversight by the coach, the team could not enter the competition.
	(1) (2) (3) (4)	Despite Except Because Regardless	

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)

Jack walked into his house breathless and exhausted.

"What happened (13) his wife asked.

"It's a great idea I had (14) he gasped, smiling proudly. "I ran all the way home behind the bus and saved myself fifty cents."

His wife frowned. "That's just like you (15) Jack, always thinking small," she said, shaking her head disapprovingly. "Why couldn't you have run behind a taxi and saved yourself six dollars?"

Adapted from "Run.Home"

13	(1) (2) (3) (4)	[ "? ] [ ?" ] [ !" ]	inverted commas and question mark question mark and inverted commas inverted commas and exclamation mark exclamation mark and inverted commas
14	(1) (2) (3) (4)		comma exclamation mark comma and inverted commas full stop and inverted commas
15	(1) (2) (3)	[:]	colon comma full stop inverted commas

For ea	ach que hoice (1	stion from 16 to 20, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make 1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.  (5 marks)
16	His cu	tting words my heart. I broke down and cried.
	(1) (2) (3) (4)	rippled melted pierced warmed
17	The te	earn will be halved from eight to four members, as
	(1) (2) (3) (4)	unity is strength great minds think alike too many cooks spoil the broth the pen is mightier than the sword
18	Let's	wait for the current situation to before we take the next step.
	(1) (2) (3) (4)	get over blow over hand over carry over
19		se this book and hand it to the Principal now," instructed my
	teach	er.
	(1) (2) (3) (4)	take bring fetch send
		•,
20		of visitors from different countries came specially to witness the ural Youth Olympics held in Singapore.
	(1) (2) (3) (4)	herd flood team school

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)

Night fishing is nothing new to us, but there is a new twist to this practice that many people may think is absolutely <u>insane</u>. It is called skishing and its concept is very simple.

(21)

All you need to do is to <u>put on</u> a wetsuit and flippers, jump into the water with a fishing pole, (22)

and swim out into the water to fish. It does not always happen at night. Judging from interviews

with skishermen, they appear to be the sort who appreciate the <u>thrill</u> of the experience, but are
(23)

mainly looking for a more solitary excursion, away from the <u>throngs</u> of daytime fishermen. Even
(24)

bad weather does not stop them. It is a very dangerous sport, with the thrill <u>intensified</u> by the

Adapted from 'Skishing' by Charles W. Bryant, HowStuffWorks.com

- 21 (1) confusing
  - (2) senseless
  - (3) inappropriate

threat of sharks, riptides and boat propellers.

- (4) unacceptable
- 22 (1) get
  - (2) buy
  - (3) don
  - (4) bring
- 23 (1) danger
  - (2) challenge
  - (3) excitement
  - (4) enthusiasm
- 24 (1) heaps
  - (2) crowds
  - (3) pressures
  - (4) collections
- 25 (1) alleviated
  - (2) worsened
  - (3) heightened
  - (4) aggravated

## **BLANK PAGE**

The novelist Colm Toibin once recounted a story about observing a Cantonese man sitting on a Kowloon footpath reading a book. The man's face was stern with concentration, his finger tracing the line being read. At times the man's expression would screw up in frustration at his progress. Finally, the reader looked up at the sky, his face beaming. Whether from a sudden joyous facility with the act of reading, or revelation from what was written, or delight at how the story resolved, it does not matter. What mattered is he was in possession of something deliciously private — a connection between him and the writer, between the real world and that world inscribed upon the pages.

What would the world be like without books? There is always talk that the latest technology signals the demise of the book. Decades ago, radio was what would do it. Then came TV. And now 10 the Internet. The machines change, but the act has stayed the same. The simplest form of technology prevails – pages printed into a sheaf and bound between covers. There is something reassuring about such simplicity.

Literature is the story of ourselves, the record of who we are, where we came from, and where we are going. Non-fiction illuminates the world for us and fiction explains what non-fiction cannot. Through books we first travel. In **those wanderings** we become best acquainted with humanity through the characters we come to know more intimately than anyone else — whether we love, loathe, fear, or fawn over them.

The narrator in Kahlil Gibran's *The Prophet* helps me comprehend my faults and aspirations. Holden Caulfield and Harry Potter make me feel less alone. King Lear, Hannibal Lecter and 20 Boromir are cautionary tales for who we could become if we are not careful. Reading is our deepest connection to what makes us human, and part of a larger society.

Reading a book is also the last truly private act in a world that has become too public. As nourishment for the mind, it is slow food in a world given over to fast food. Blogs, text messages, e-books, and the like bring topicality, portability, instant gratification, much as newspapers and 25 magazines do. However important such forms are, they endure only as long as the stuff they are printed on. The comforts of books: they defy time, break borders, and repudiate mortality.

It is important that we work to give every person the opportunity to enjoy books as shelters, sustenance, and roads forward. To imagine a world without books is to imagine a world without thought. A world without feeling, compassion, history, or voice.

Adapted from "A World Without Books" by Miguel Syjucot

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26	The C	The Cantonese man experienced a happy moment when he was reading a book and					
	(1) (2) (3) (4)	looking up at the sky beaming at Colm Toibin enjoying what was written in it his fingers tracing the line being read					
27	Thes	implest form of technology that prevails is the					
	(1) (2) (3) (4)	book radio Internet television					
28	in the	e passage, the phrase 'those wanderings' in line 16 refers to					
	(1) (2) (3) (4)	reading about travelling travelling through books knowing where we are going becoming acquainted with humanity					
29	Acco	ording to the passage, literature allows the writer to gain					
	(1) (2) (3) (4)	humanity and power compassion, history or voice love, hate and fear for the future comprehension of his faults and aspirations					
30	The	writer prefers reading books to blogs and emails because it					
	(1) (2) (3) (4)	nourishes the mind is better than fast food gives us more comfort brings portability and instant gratification					

#### ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOL (JUNIOR)



#### SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1 - 2011 ENGLISH LANGUAGE PRIMARY 6

Name :		(	.)	
Class: P6.(	)	Date	: 6 May	2011

#### **BOOKLET B**

**50 Questions** 

65 Marks

Total Time For Booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- 1 Do not open the booklet until you are told to do so.
- 2 Follow all instructions carefully.
- 3 Answer all questions.

Booklet	Component	Possible Marks	Marks Obtained
A		30	
	Grammar Cloze	10	
	Editing for Spelling & Grammar	10	
	Comprehension Cloze	15	
В	Synthesis and Transformation	10	
	Comprehension OE	20	
	Total	65	

This paper consists of 8 printed pages (inclusive of cover page)

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. (10 marks)

<b>FACH WORD</b>	CAN	RE	HISED	ONLY	ONCE
PACH WURD	PAIA		USED	UNLI	ONCE.

EACH WORD CAN BE	E USED ONLY ON	CE.		
(A) after (B) before (C) but	(D) each (E) from (F) his	(G) more (H) much (J) some	(K) their (L) there. (M) these	(N) what (P) when (Q) with
ln 1911	, two men set out	from different parts	s of the Antarctic t	o journey to the South
Pole. Nobody had eve	r reached the Sout	h Pole before and	(31)	man wanted to be the
first to arrive (32)	One of	f the men was a	Norwegian explor	rer, Roald Amundsen.
Amundsen had at first	planned to go to th	e North Pole, (33)		eone else had reached
it just before he set o	ff. The other man	journeying to the	South Pole was a	British explorer called
Captain Robert Scott.				
(34)	Captain	Scott and his men	at last reached the	e South Pole, they saw
a tent (35)	a Norwegian fi	lag on it. Amundse	en had beaten the	m to the Pole! He had
written a letter to Cap	tain Scott and had	left the letter in th	e tent. (36)	the letter, Scott
learnt that Amundse	n had reached th	ne Pole one mo	nth (37)	them. Sad and
disappointed, Scott an	nd his men began th	neir return journey	but they never rea	ched (38)
ship. The weather gre	ew stæadily worse, i	making it difficult for	or them to move q	uickly. Exhausted and
short of food, (39)	brave me	en could go no furt	her.	
A year	later, their bodie	s were found in	their tent. We kr	now (40)
happened to them bed	ause Captain Scot	t had kept a diary v	vhich was found in	the tent. This year, we
commemorate the cer	ntenary of this race.			
			Adapted	from Create and Communicate
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Dear Lucy,			-	
		(41	)	
Thank you for your email. It v	was great to hear	from you and o	f all your a	dvanchures during
(42)				
the December holidays. I was most	interesting to rea	d about your tre	k in the jur	ngles of Sarawak to
(43)				
look for the rather unik flower Raffle	esia.			
(44)		(45)		<u></u>
I azume that you are aware	that the Rafflesia	is known as <u>a</u> la	argest flow	er on earth and
(46)	(47)			
has a strong oder of decaying flesh	n. I recent read th	at the flower, in	full bloom	, can measure
		(4)	8)	
up to one metre in diameter, and we	eigh about eleven	kilogrammes. I	magine tha	at! It is heavy
(49)		(50)		<del>- '</del>
than a new-born babyl I do hope yo	u <u>take</u> some phot	⊔ ographs. I am v	ery kean t	o see the pictures o
this rare flower, so in your next ema	il, please attach a	a photograph or	two.	
School work beckons so I wi	ill stop here for no	w and email yo	u over the	weekend.
Yours truly,				
James				
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For each word in **bold**, write the correct spelling of the word in the box. For each <u>underlined</u> word, write the correct grammatical form of the word in the box. (10 marks)

The people of Switzerland were not always free and happy	y as they are today. Many years a
proud (51), whose name wa	as Hermann Gessler, ruled
(52) them, and made their lot a bitter one inde	eed.
One day this tyrant set up a tall pole in the public square	of Altdorf, and put his own cap on
the (53) of it; and then he gave orders	that every man who came into the
town should bow down before it. However, there was one man, n	named William Tell, who would not
do this. He stood up straight, and laughed at the	swinging cap. He would not
(54) down to Gessler himself.	
When Gessler (55) of this, he w	vas very angry. He was afraid that
other men would disobey, and that soon the whole country would	rebel (56)
him. Hence, he made up his mind to punish the bold man.	
William Tell was known as a famous hunter. No one in all t	the land could
(57) with a bow and arrow so well as	he. Gessler knew this, and so he
thought of a cruel plan to make the hunter's own skill bring him to	grief. He ordered that William Tell's
little (58) , Walter, should be made to sta	and up in the
(59) square in Altdorf with an apple on	his head; and then he gave the
command to William Tell that he shoot the apple with one of his (60	0)
William Tell (61) with the tyrant no	ot to have him make this test of his
skill. What if the boy should move? What if my hand should trem	nble? What if the arrow should not
carry true? " Will you make me kill my boy?" he said. " Say no me	ore," said Hermann Gessler. " You
must hit the (62) with your one arrow.	If you fail, my soldiers shall kill the
boy before your eyes."	
Without another word, William Tell fitted the arrow to his cr	rossbow. He took aim, and let it fly.
The boy stood firm and still. He was not afraid, for he had all fa	aith in his father's skill. The arrow
whistled (63) the air. It struck the apple	e fairly in the centre, and carried it
away. The people who saw it (64) with ju	oy.

	As William Tell was turning av			
(65)	under	r his coat dropped to the	ground. "Fellow!" cried Gessler, "	what
đó yo	ou mean with this second arrow	?" " Tyrant!" was Tell's p	roud answer, " this arrow was for	your
heart	tif I had hurt my child."			
		A	dapted from http://www.tell.ch/schweiz/william-l	ell.htm
Synth	hesis/Transformation			
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66	Helen tells lies. She prefers the	hat to getting into a lot of t	rouble.	
	-	would rather _		
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<b>67</b>	Adam sprained his right thum	b. He participated in the A	Asian Tennis Tournament.	
	In spite of			-
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68	"Johnny started the fight," sai	id Marcus to the Principal.		
	Marcus told the Principal			
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69	All of us were present at the	school dinner.		
	None of us			_
70	Ahmad emerged top of his one scholarships.	cohort in the recent exam	ninations. He can now have his pi	ck of
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Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Pascal had not been able to fall asleep that night. Around the plantation the air seemed full of whispered secrets. As he lay in the cabin doorway, he worried about how people treated him now that Mama was dead. After work that afternoon, he had walked past some men and when he greeted them, they had all stopped talking. Didn't they know that even though he worked in the Big House, he wouldn't tell the master? In fact he had secretly saved one of those men from a beating one day. Master had seen the slave with apples he had picked to feed his children. As soon as Master had run after the man, Pascal had used his big walking stick to break a window. When Master turned back to run to his Big House, the other slave and Pascal had both escaped. 10 The night air by his slave cabin door was sweet but also full of mystery and secrets. He listened to the breathing of six other slaves who lay alongside him on the crowded cabin's dirt floor. From his pad, he glanced out the open doorway. When a shadow hesitated by his doorway, Pascal sat up. "Who's that?" he asked in a whisper. "Pascal? It's me, Gideon." 15 "Gideon? You are back? Is that really you, Gideon?" Pascal could hardly believe it. His heart seemed squeezed-to-bursting with happiness. As he stood to hug his tall brother, tears flowed from his eyes. How wonderful to have his brother back! Gideon had run away from the plantation two years ago. He hadn't been caught or killed in the war, as everyone had thought. "Yes, it's me. I have come back for you and Mama." "But Gideon, Mama's dead. She kept asking 20 for more food for the slaves. Folks saw the overseer shoot her down by the creek," Since her death, Pascal hadn't any family left among the slaves. But now Gideon was back. Gideon pulled Pascal to his side and hugged him and rested his chin on his little brother's head. Pascal felt warm, close to his brother. No one hugged him since Mama died. Gideon heaved a sigh and said, "All this time, I wanted to tell Mama the news. I wanted to tell her that we are free now." "Free?" Pascal held his breath and wiped his eyes. Was this the news that the other slaves had been whispering about? "Are you sure, Gideon?" "President Lincoln freed us slaves two years ago. And better still we are going to have our own land." "Land?" Men from other cabins scrambled to crowd around Gideon. They called out to one 30 another about what Gideon had just announced. Pascal dressed quickly. He stuffed all he owned - shirt, tin cup, hairbrush, and three marbles into a potato sack. He tied the sack on his walking stick and limped to the door. They could own land to farm? Now there was something to look forward to! Pascal was so excited that he almost tripped over his lame foot. Where had Gideon been all this 35 time? How far had he travelled? Questions exploded in his mind, but he would have to wait to ask them. People were whispering in a circle around Gideon. Heart drumming, Pascal ran stumbling along the path as Gideon continued to speak with the other men. "Nelly," he whispered as he arrived at the cabin he wanted. "What's going on, Pascal?" Nelly asked as she stepped out. "My brother Gideon's here. He says we are free and 40 can own land now. I am going with him. Do you want to come? I will look after you since there is no one here to take care of you."

Adapted from 'Forty Acres and Maybe a Mule' by Harriette Gillem Robinet

#### WRITE YOUR ANSWERS IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

•	Who was Pascal?
	Why did Pascal find it difficult to sleep that night?
	What were people afraid Pascal would do since he worked in the Big House?
	How had Pascal helped one of "those men" (line 7)?
	What does the word 'it' in line 16 refer to?
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Nhat	was the good news that Gideon had come to share?
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Expl	ain clearly how Pascal's mother was heroic?
√hy	did "questions explode" (line 36) in Pascal's mind?
In yo	our own words, give two ways which show that Pascal was a kind-hearted boy.

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## ANSWER SHEET

#### **EXAM PAPER 2011**

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Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
Q	E	В	K	M	N

41)adventures	42)interested	43)unique	44)assume	45)the
46)odour	47)recently	48)heavily	49)took	50)keen
51)man	52)over	53)top	54)bow	55)heard
56)against	57)shoot	58)son	59)public	60)arrows
61)argued	62)apple	63)through	64)jumped	65)hidden

- 66)Helen would rather tell lies than get into a lot of trouble.
- 67)In spite spraining his right thumb, Adam participated in the Asian Tennis Tournament.
- 68) Marcus told the Principal that Johnny had started the fight.
- 69) None of us was absent from the school dinner.
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- 71)Pascal was a slave who had worked in the Big House.
- 72)He was worried about how people would treat him now that Mama was dead.

- 73)People were afraid that Pascal would tell master about what they were talking in them getting a beating.
- 74)Pascal had secretly saved one of those men from a beating by using his big walking stick to break a window for both of them to escape.
- 75)It refers to the fact that Pascal's brother Gideon had finally returned after two years.
- 76) The phrase is "heart seemed squeezed-to-bursting with happiness".
- 77)The good news was that President Lincoln freed the slaves including Pascal and Gideon two years ago and they were going to have their own land.
- 78) She kept asking for more food for the slaves and as a result was shot by the creek.
- 79)He was excited about the good news and wanted to ask Gideon where he had been and how reliable the news was.
- 80)He had saves another slave from being beaten be Master and he had never complained to master about anyone. He volunteered to look after Nelly.