

**2016 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION
PRIMARY 6**

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

BOOKLET A

Name: _____ ()

Class: Pr. 6 _____

Date: 23 August 2016

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| Booklet A | / 28 |
| Booklet B | / 67 |
| TOTAL | / 95 |

Parent's Signature & Date

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
2. Follow all instructions carefully.
3. Answer all questions carefully.
4. Shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

Section A – Grammar (10 marks)

For each question from 1 to 10, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. As the queue was very long, Mr Lee _____ that he would be able to get the latest smartphone when it was his turn.

(1) hope
(2) hopes
(3) hoped
(4) hoping

2. They arrived on time for the flight to Japan, _____ they?

(1) do
(2) did
(3) don't
(4) didn't

3. Tom was cycling in the park when he saw a man _____ from a tree.

(1) fall
(2) fell
(3) has fallen
(4) was falling

4. My parents plan to take my sister and _____ to the National Gallery next Sunday.

(1) I
(2) me
(3) mine
(4) myself

5. Mrs Lim was the victim _____ her own foolishness because she fell into the recent scam.

(1) in
(2) of
(3) on
(4) with

6. My father, together with my grandparents, _____ the family business since 1991.

- (1) manage
- (2) manages
- (3) has been managing
- (4) have been managing

7. Regular exercise for children _____ encouraged to prevent childhood obesity.

- (1) is
- (2) are
- (3) was
- (4) were

8. Gordon refused to give up attempting the question _____ it was tough as he wanted to excel in the test.

- (1) unless
- (2) instead
- (3) however
- (4) although

9. William Shakespeare was a famous playwright _____ plays have been studied widely.

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

10. Neither of the girls _____ attending the graduation ceremony tomorrow.

- (1) is
- (2) are
- (3) was
- (4) were

Section B – Vocabulary (5 marks)

For each question from 11 to 15, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet.

11. A souvenir newsletter will be published in _____ with the school 10th anniversary celebrations.
- (1) provision
 - (2) conjunction
 - (3) presentation
 - (4) combination
12. As it was getting dark, the police decided to _____ the search of the missing black box of the crashed plane.
- (1) disembark
 - (2) discontinue
 - (3) disintegrate
 - (4) discriminate
13. Mica took the _____ in the Sakura Marathon towards the finishing line and won.
- (1) way
 - (2) lead
 - (3) time
 - (4) mark
14. The Guest-of-Honour was _____ to his seat by the school principal.
- (1) served
 - (2) fetched
 - (3) escorted
 - (4) conveyed
15. The medical officer _____ some pills for the young recruit to take for his bout of vomiting and diarrhoea.
- (1) prescribed
 - (2) diagnosed
 - (3) subscribed
 - (4) discharged

Section C – Vocabulary Cloze (5 marks)

For each question from 16 to 20, choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

I stayed at the orphanage for several years. Then one day, Sister Jane came and told me that I was to accompany Mrs Kelly to America so that I could join my only brother, William. Mrs Kelly was a wealthy lady so we would be travelling First Class on the (16) maiden voyage of RMS Titanic. This passenger liner finally set sail after three years of construction.

Soon, we were on board. Everyone seemed to be in high spirits and was engaged in (17) animated conversations. In the dining hall, I tried a raw oyster for an appetiser. The next course cream of barley soup, was more to my (18) appetite. Something strange happened. My hand seemed (19) to be held firmly in position, yet I spilled some soup. It was as though there was a (20) sudden shock and the soup just slopped right over the edge of my spoon. I wondered if the sea was beginning to get rough.

Adapted from *Titanic: An Edwardian Girl's Diary 1912* by Ellen Emerson White

16. (1) last
(2) first
(3) best
(4) latest

17. (1) lively
(2) noisy
(3) heated
(4) intimate

18. (1) vibe
(2) liking
(3) sensing
(4) flavouring

19. (1) steady
(2) tensed
(3) wavering
(4) balanced

20. (1) tap
(2) jolt
(3) ram
(4) wreck

Section D – Visual Text Comprehension (8 marks)

Study the following advertisement and answer questions 21 to 28.

Children Arts Festival

7 - 10 October 2016



Grab the opportunities to appreciate various art forms!

Workshop 1: Manga Drawing with Akiyo Kino

Tap into your creativity and learn how to draw Japanese manga on paper in different ways.

Date: Saturday, 8 October 2016

Time: 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Venue: Tottori Studio

Fee: \$20 for members of Esplanade
\$25 for non-members

(Participants should be 5 - 12 years old)

Bring your own pencils, pens or colour pencils for this workshop. Other materials will be provided.



Workshop 2: Monster Creation

Are you fascinated by the monsters you see in the movies? Learn and create your own monster at the hands-on workshop conducted by MonsterCollab. Be amazed by the art and science behind these creatures! Go away with fun facts about the monsters from the movies!

Date: Sunday, 9 October 2016

Time: 10 a.m. – 12 noon

Venue: Eureka Incubator

Fee: \$20 for members of Esplanade
\$25 for non-members

(Participants should be 6 - 12 years old)



Parents who register for either Workshop 1 or Workshop 2 will get to attend a free workshop on "Nurturing the Artistic Child" at Drama Box. Please register at www.nationalartscouncil.com latest by 5 September 2016.

Little Wayang Kid Storytelling Session by Bi Juan

Come and join Bi Juan, the founder of a reading club for children. She will share the story of Little Wayang Kid. The story is about an Indian boy who was fascinated about Chinese Wayang (street opera) and it inspired him to take lessons with a Chinese opera master. Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about Chinese cultural traditions and the value of pursuing your dreams.

Date: Friday, 7 October 2016

Time: 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Venue: Grassroots Book Room

Recommended for ages 3 and above

Parents are required to accompany their children for the session



Irrespective of age, all are welcome to the one day of activities on Monday, 10 October 2016:

Circus Performance

Be entertained by a 30-minute circus performance and stand a chance to win attractive prizes.

Time: 4 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.

Venue: Esplanade Theatre



Sand Art

Have a feast for the eyes at the 1-hour sand drawing performance complemented with a band of musicians.

Time: 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Venue: Esplanade Performance Hall

Admission will be on a first come, first served basis.



The Talented Children Contest



Come and watch the finalists from North, South, East and West Zonal schools perform. The winners will represent Singapore at Asian Arena. The judges are veteran artistes who have been in the arts scene for at least 10 years.

Time: 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Venue: Esplanade Open Space

Jointly-organised by

National Arts Council

National Library Board

Sponsored

Bookworm Club

Integration of Arts

Esplanade

Adapted from <http://www.esplanade.com/whats-on/category>

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.

21. The Children Arts Festival is organised by _____.
- (1) Esplanade and Bookworm Club
 - (2) Bookworm Club and National Arts Council
 - (3) Integration of Arts and National Library Board
 - (4) National Arts Council and National Library Board
22. The main purpose of this festival is to _____.
- (1) advertise the National Arts Council
 - (2) encourage children to be exam smart yet creative
 - (3) introduce different children products and services to the public
 - (4) provide opportunities for children to appreciate different arts forms
23. Based on the advertisement, which one of the following is true of the Manga Drawing Workshop?
- (1) Participants learn how to draw Japanese Manga using a computer.
 - (2) Materials such as pencils, pens and colour pencils will be provided.
 - (3) The price for this workshop is the same for members and non-members of Esplanade.
 - (4) Parents will get to attend a complimentary workshop on "Nurturing the Artistic Child" at Drama Box upon online registration.
24. According to the story of Little Wayang Kid, the Indian boy _____.
- (1) wrote the inspiring stories about his Chinese opera master
 - (2) took lessons on Chinese Wayang from a Chinese opera master
 - (3) learnt Chinese cultural traditions and values from the different masters
 - (4) told his story on how he mastered Chinese Wayang from a Chinese opera master.
25. Why are the exclamation marks used in the advertisement on Monsters Creation?
- (1) To warn readers against the dangers of monsters.
 - (2) To motivate the children to find the monster in the movies.
 - (3) To draw the children's attention to the workshop of making monsters.
 - (4) To provide an opportunity for children to learn and create their monsters.

26. The phrase 'a feast for the eyes' under the subheading Sand Art means that the Sand Art performance will be a/an _____.

- (1) interesting sandy trail for the audience
- (2) pleasing and remarkable visual experience
- (3) captivating music performance by musicians
- (4) special musical with art form for the audience

27. Mrs Tan has a 7-year-old son and a 2-year-old toddler. Based on the advertisement, they can participate in _____ as a family.

- (1) Sand Art and Circus Performance
- (2) Manga Drawing and Storytelling Session
- (3) Monster Creation and The Talented Children Contest
- (4) The Talented Children Contest and Storytelling Session

28. Based on the advertisement, which one of the following is not true of The Talented Children Contest?

- (1) There is no age limit to attend the event.
- (2) The finalists are from various community clubs.
- (3) The judges invited are veterans of the arts scene.
- (4) The winners will represent Singapore at Asian Arena.

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Booklet B

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Section E – Grammar Cloze (10 marks)

There are 10 blanks, numbered 29 to 38, 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) a | (D) can | (G) in | (K) their | (N) whose |
| (B) against | (E) for | (H) its | (L) to | (P) whom |
| (C) by | (F) from | (J) the | (M) when | (Q) would |

The Animal Concerns Research and Education Society had earlier called on the public to help locate an injured otter pup. The otter pup was spotted on Saturday with a fishhook in one of (29) _____ eyes. Fortunately, it is free of the barb now.

Facebook user, Nick Soo, told My Paper that the pup had been spotted hook-free (30) _____ about ten otter watchers. However, Mr Soo added that the pup had a small wound that was slightly swollen. He said they (31) _____ monitor it and thanked members of the public (32) _____ tracking it. The pup was part of a second litter born (33) _____ two otters often spotted at Bishan-Ang Mo Kio Park.

News of the injured pup broke (34) _____ Yane Kang, an otter watcher, posted photos of the otter pup injured by a fishing hook on Facebook on Saturday evening. The incident cast (35) _____ spotlight on irresponsible anglers, some of (36) _____ fish illegally.

Last year, a man turned himself (37) _____ to the police after a video Mr Soo had taken of him appearing to hook an otter with his fishing hook went viral. The Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority did not take any enforcement action (38) _____ him as the otter managed to escape. However, he was issued a fine for fishing in a prohibited area.

Adapted from My Paper 8 April 2016

Section F – Editing for Grammar and Spelling (12 marks)

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes.

The fennec fox is the smallest of the world's foxes. However, its large ears,

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measuring 15 centimetres, appearing to be on loan from a bigger relative.

Fennec foxes are common throughout the Sahara Desert although many of

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them can also be find in the deserts of Northern Africa and Northern Sinai. Their

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nokternal habits and physical adaptations help them deal with the searing heat of the

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desert envairement.

(43)

Their distinktiv, bat-like ears radiate body heat and help keep the foxes cool.

(44)

They also have long, thick hair that insulates it during cold nights and protects them

(45)

from hot sun during the day. Even the foxes' feet are hairy. The hair just only keeps

their feet warm but also protects them from extremely hot sand. As fennec foxes

(46)

live in underground dens, their feet are also effective shovels about frequent digging.

(47)

These foxes duwell in small communities. Each of them is inhabited by perhaps

(48)

ten individuals. Like other canids, male fennecs mark their tereteries with urine and

(49)

become aggresif competitors when mating season arrives each year.

Fennec foxes are omnivores. They forage for plants but also eat rodents, eggs,

(50)

reptiles, and insects. Like most deserts animals, fennec foxes have developed the able

to go for long periods without water. Fennec foxes which are cream-coloured with

black-tipped tails are also hunted for their fur.

Adapted from <http://animals.nationalgeographic.com/animals/mammals/fennec-fox/>

Section G – Comprehension Cloze (15 marks)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Block-shaped toys have been around for hundreds of years. However, it took a 20th-century Danish genius named Ole Kirk Christiansen to invent the interlocking pieces we know today as LEGO bricks. It all started in 1932 in the village of Billund, long (51) _____ LEGO had achieved world domination as a brand.

A master joiner and carpenter, Christiansen, opened a woodworking shop with his son, Godtfred, (52) _____ was 12 years old then. They manufactured stepladders, ironing boards and later started to make wooden toys. In 1934, (53) _____ named their business LEGO from the Danish word "leg godt", which means "play well".

Business was good. The company (54) _____ from only six employees in 1934 to forty in 1942. LEGO was also fairly progressive and became an early adopter (55) _____ new technologies and materials. In fact, the group became the first Danish company to own a plastic injection-moulding machine. When the Christiansens came across prototypes of a British toy called "Kiddicraft Self-Locking Building Bricks" in 1947, they adopted the idea and started manufacturing their own version two years (56) _____. The bricks had pegs on top and the (57) _____ were hollow, allowing children to lock the bricks (58) _____ and create elaborate structures never possible with the simple wooden blocks of yesteryear.

Being named the "Automatic Binding Bricks", they were (59) _____ forerunner to today's LEGO brick. (60) _____, the Christiansens did not quite get the formula right yet. The bricks lacked the tubes found inside modern LEGO bricks (61) _____ greatly improve stability. Furthermore, it seemed the world was not ready for plastic toys yet as sales of plastic LEGO toys in the early 50s (62) _____ mediocre.

In 1958, the LEGO brick finally became (63) _____. While the founder did not live to see his company's achievement, his son developed the current LEGO stud-and-tube design. He also introduced roof bricks to the "LEGO System of Play," which (64) _____ of twenty-eight sets and eight vehicles.

After a devastating warehouse fire in 1960, the company decided to stop production of wooden toys completely and focus instead (65) _____ plastics. LEGO has not changed the design of their brick since then.

Adapted from: <http://mentalfloss.com/article/19400/early-history-lego>

Section H – Synthesis & Transformation (10 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. Mary enjoys rollerblading. Tom also enjoys rollerblading.

Both _____
_____.

67. The computer broke down suddenly. Ken was upset.

What upset Ken _____
_____.

68. He had not worked hard so he did badly for the test.

If he had _____
_____.

69. "Have you decided which book to get for Ali?" Mrs Lim asked James.

Mrs Lim asked James _____
_____.

70. Jason cheered for his teammates excitedly.

_____ with
_____.

Section I – Comprehension (Open-ended) (20 marks)

Read the passage and answer questions 71 to 80.

In the morning on that fateful day, Barry had asked for my help in tracking down a puma that had killed his dog. While waiting for Barry, I decided to scout out the best route for us to take to avoid the treacherous ice conditions in the valley.

It was bitterly cold at minus four degrees Celsius with four centimetres of snow but the weather was good for tracking. Barry had not arrived, so I left my rifle in the car. That was the worst mistake of my life. Then, I went into the bushes past the backyard from where the dog was taken.

As I surveyed the conditions, I saw it. About fifteen metres from me was an adult puma, all curled up with its head down, swishing its tail. I ducked quietly as any sudden movement might cause a hungry puma to attack.

I sneaked back to my car, unaware that the puma was going to pounce on me. For the first time in sixty years of hunting, I was attacked. It felt like a baseball bat hitting my neck below my left ear. Within a split second, I was pulled backwards onto my back. Blood was running down my neck and shoulder, and I was down in the snow with four big canine teeth embedded in the muscles of my neck. In the blink of an eye, the puma let go and grabbed me again, shaking its head like it was killing a deer. It all happened in dead silence with no growling nor hissing. I thought, *Clarence, this puma is going to kill you.*

At that moment, with the puma's jaw round my neck, I stayed sharp and alert. Instantly, I remembered what someone had told me to do if I was ever attacked by a puma. I placed my right hand behind the bottom canine teeth and pulled those ugly teeth out of my neck. Blood was everywhere in the snow and those canines were cutting my right hand. Then, I wrestled the puma's head and neck over my chest and wrapped my left arm around its neck, choking it.

I was very surprised how I managed to control both its teeth and front claws although my right hand was being chewed to pieces. To save my hand, I released pressure on the puma's lower jaw and it immediately began attacking the top of my head. It struck and bit my head a couple of times. It seemed like the puma was speaking to me, "This is a life and death struggle and only one of us will survive!" I told myself that I would fight back and survive.

Just then, Barry came towards me with a rifle. He aimed his rifle at the puma and fired four shots. The fourth shot struck the puma in the spine and it collapsed.

I think the puma had every reason to attack me as it was starving. Due to the numerous wolves that had moved into the valley, the deer population decreased. Deer are the puma's main diet and the wolves had taken their toll on the deer.

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Adapted from <https://issuu.com/blackpress/docs/120130625070641233/54>

71. What help did Barry ask from Clarence? (1m)

72. Why did Clarence decide to scout out the route before Barry arrived? (2m)

73. What does the word 'That' in line 5 refer to? (1m)

74. Choose words from paragraphs one to four which have similar meanings to the words below. (4m)

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|---------------------|--|
| dangerous | |
| extremely | |
| inspected | |
| fixed firmly | |

75. Which two-word phrase from paragraph three tells us how Clarence tried to move away without getting the puma's attention? (1m)

76. Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. (3m)

| | True/False | Reason |
|---|------------|--------|
| (a) Clarence was never attacked by any animals in his sixty years of hunting. | | |
| (b) The puma attacked Clarence because it was provoked by him. | | |
| (c) Clarence pulled out the puma's canines from its jaws. | | |

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

_____ Clarence tried choking the puma.

_____ The puma grabbed Clarence's neck with its teeth.

_____ The puma attacked the top of Clarence's head.

78. Explain clearly how the puma was killed. (2m)

79. Explain in your own words how the availability of the puma's food was affected by the wolves' population? (2m)

80. Based on the passage, fill in the blanks in the following table. (3m)

| The body part where Clarence was attacked by the puma | What the puma did | Traits of Clarence at this moment to save himself from the attack by the puma |
|---|--|---|
| a) _____ _____ _____ | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pulled Clarence backwards • let Clarence go and grabbed him again b) _____ _____ _____ _____ | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sharp • alert |
| top of head | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • struck and bit Clarence's head | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • brave c) _____ _____ |

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ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2016

SCHOOL : NAN HUA

SUBJECT : ENGLISH

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

- 39)appear 40)found 41)nocturnal 42)environment
 43)distinctive 44)them 45)not 46)for 47)dwell
 48)territories 49)aggressive 50)ability 51)before
 52)who 53)they 54)expanded 55)of 56)later
 57)bottoms 58)easily 59)the 60)However
 61)which 62)were 63)popular 64)consisted 65)on
 66)Both Mary and Tom enjoy rollerblading.
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71)Barry asked Clarence for Clarence's help in tracking down a puma which killed his dog.

72)He wanted to find the best route for them to take to avoid the treacherous ice conditions in the valley.

73)It refers to Clarence leaving his rifle on the car.

74)treacherous

bitterly

surveyed

embedded

75)ducked quietly

76)a)True / The puma was the first animal to attack Clarence in sixty years of hunting.

b)False / The puma was hungry and wanted to eat Clarence.

c)False / Clarence pulled out the puma's canines from his neck.

77)2 , 1, 3

78)Barry fired at the puma with a rifle and his from shot hit the puma in its spine before it collapsed.

79)When the population of wolves increased deer would decrease as the wolves would compete with the puma for deer.

80)a)the neck below the left ear

b)grabbed Clarence's neck and shook its head like killing a deer.

c)determined