

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION
PRIMARY 6
ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
(BOOKLET A)

21 AUGUST 2017

Name : _____

Form Class / Register No. : 6R _____ / _____

Banded Class / Register No. : 6E _____ / _____

Total time for Booklets A and B: 1h 50min

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Write your Name, Class and Register No. in the spaces provided above.
2. DO NOT turn over this page until you are told to do so.
3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Answer all questions.
5. Shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

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). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (10 marks)

1. The boy's mother was injured and needed his care, so the teacher excused _____ from class.
(1) us (2) her
(3) him (4) them
2. My cousin would like to join Jane and _____ for the hiking trip.
(1) I (2) me
(3) us (4) them
3. There are _____ participants in the camp this year as compared to last year.
(1) less (2) fewer
(3) none (4) least
4. Singapore's public transport system, which comprises buses and trains, _____ millions of Singaporeans around the island with ease.
(1) transport (2) transports
(3) transported (4) transporting
5. The manager assured the customer that he _____ look into the matter.
(1) could (2) might
(3) should (4) would
6. John was excited when he saw his dog _____ after recovering from a serious injury.
(1) move (2) moves
(3) moved (4) had moved
7. The project was delayed because only _____ of the project members had brought their notes.
(1) little (2) many
(3) none (4) some

8. She _____ her homework the whole afternoon and still has not completed it.

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| (1) does | (2) did |
| (3) has been doing | (4) had been doing |

9. She was caught _____ the middle of an argument between her two classmates.

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| (1) at | (2) in |
| (3) into | (4) by |

10. You told on me, _____ you?

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| (1) did | (2) didn't |
| (3) were | (4) weren't |

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). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

11. Janet did not feel well and she looked _____. Hence, she decided to see a doctor.

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| (1) rosy | (2) pale |
| (3) plain | (4) untidy |

12. The heavy thunderstorm caused the tree to fall and _____ the traffic.

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| (1) crowd | (2) divert |
| (3) neglect | (4) obstruct |

13. Ben was _____ a big blow when he learnt that his puppy had died.

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| (1) dealt | (2) given |
| (3) struck | (4) punched |

14. The star _____ proudly into the conference room, prepared to give his speech.

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| (1) strolled | (2) trotted |
| (3) trudged | (4) strutted |

15. Rioting _____ in the country after the government raised taxes again.

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| (1) broke up | (2) broke out |
| (3) broke away | (4) broke down |

For each question from 16 to 20, 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)

All of us have dreams at some time or another. Do you know what happens when we dream? Where do our dreams come from? These (16) intriguing questions have captivated people for centuries.

In ancient times, people believed that dreams were messages from the gods and they tried to (17) interpret their dreams as best as they could. Today, some scientists who have been (18) studying this subject believe that it could be the dreamer himself who creates dreams.

Some dreams are nightmares and can be very frightening. The dreamer may find himself in a (19) terrifying situation. The fear may be so great that the dreamer shouts out for help in his sleep and then suddenly wakes up trembling.

There are also many (20) instances of dreams that have provided people with useful information about the past, present and future. Some dreams have provided valuable clues to the police and helped them to solve complex crimes.

16. (1) typical
(2) difficult
(3) common
(4) interesting
17. (1) explain
(2) amplify
(3) announce
(4) exaggerate
18. (1) taking
(2) planning
(3) investigating
(4) manipulating
19. (1) calming
(2) pacifying
(3) petrifying
(4) surprising
20. (1) myths
(2) events
(3) advantages
(4) examples

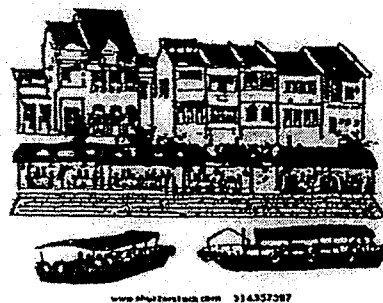
Study this flyer carefully and then answer questions 21 to 28.

LOGO DESIGN COMPETITION SINGAPORE RIVER

Calling all artists!

How does the Singapore River inspire you?

The Singapore River area – including Boat Quay, Clarke Quay and Robertson Quay – is the historic heart of Singapore and one of the city's most vibrant destinations for shopping, dining and entertainment. This important place needs a modern logo representation that can be used to market it locally and internationally. We are looking for a new logo to bring Singapore River to life!



About the Competition

We invite you to design a new logo for the Singapore River. The logo design should include inspiration from all three quays and the important factors that make Singapore River a unique destination, such as its history and the wide range of businesses. The winning logo will be used to promote Singapore River locally and internationally.

Competition Entry

The deadline for submission is 22 November 2017. Entries may be submitted via email, post, or by hand in a sealed envelope to URA.



UNLEASH YOUR
creativity



PRIZES

1st Prize

The winning logo will be shown to the public and used for the promotion of Singapore River for a minimum of two years. In addition, the artist will be made known to the public through the media and win a lifestyle package at Singapore River worth over \$2000 which includes:

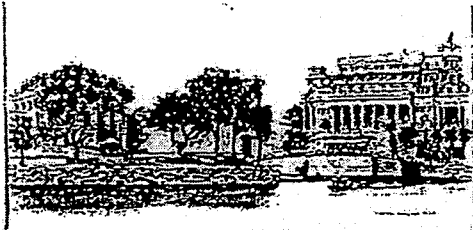
- Stay@Singapore River: 3D2N stay at *Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel*
- Play@Singapore River: *G-MAX Reverse Bungy, GX-5 Extreme Swing*

2nd Prize

The first runner-up will win a prize package worth over \$1000, including a 2D1N stay at Swiss Hotel Merchant Court, and various restaurant, shopping and entertainment cash vouchers.

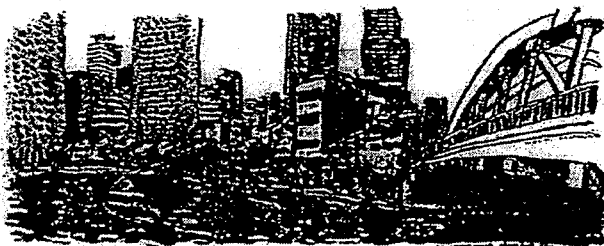
Visit our website for more details on the prizes!

Singapore River Then and Now



In the early days, the Singapore River was a major trading centre in Singapore. This led to the rapid growth of the island. Unfortunately, the river also suffered problems with congestion and heavy pollution over the years.

In 1977, the Ministry of Environment began the task of cleaning up Singapore River. Works were undertaken to redevelop Singapore River and this included the construction of a 6km long promenade along both banks of the waterfront.



Today, Singapore River has changed a lot. Transformed from a working waterway to an attractive waterfront environment for housing, recreation, entertainment and commercial new developments, the Singapore River is now more vibrant than ever. Conserved

buildings bring back memories of the river's past too. The river continues to be developed with a mix of residential and commercial use, ready for another chapter in its long and colourful history.

21. What does the phrase 'bring Singapore River to life' under the heading '*Calling all artists!*' mean? It means that the logo should _____.
- (1) show Singapore River to be a shopping haven
 - (2) show Singapore River to be a clean and hygienic river
 - (3) make Singapore River appear to be an interesting place
 - (4) make Singapore River a recognised place locally and internationally
22. The new logo design for the Singapore River should include inspiration from _____.
- (1) all three quays, its history and the variety of shops along the river
 - (2) all three quays, its history and the discounts offered by the shops there
 - (3) two of the three quays, its history and the various activities held there
 - (4) at least one of the three quays, its history and the shops along the river
23. Which of the following statements is true?
- (1) The Singapore River inspires all artists
 - (2) The logo entries can also be submitted to URA by hand.
 - (3) The winning logo will be used to represent the Singapore River locally only.
 - (4) The logo entries getting the 1st and 2nd prize will both be shown to the public.
24. Which word in the flyer has the same meaning as 'release'?
- (1) inspire
 - (2) vibrant
 - (3) market
 - (4) unleash
25. The 1st prize of the Logo Design Competition includes _____.
- (1) a 2D1N stay at Swiss Hotel Merchant Court
 - (2) a commitment to use the logo representation for less than two years
 - (3) an announcement of the artist of the winning logo by the media
 - (4) \$100 worth of passes that allow the winner to play at Singapore River

26. According to the information in the flyer, the Singapore River _____.

- (1) is a major trading centre in Singapore now
- (2) contributed to the rapid growth of Singapore
- (3) was cleaned up during Singapore's independence in 1965
- (4) is now developed with a mixture of residential and industrial use

27. Singapore River is more vibrant now because of the _____.

- (1) flourishing trade along the river
- (2) congestion and pollution of the river
- (3) construction of the promenade along both banks of the river
- (4) building of residences and entertainment spots along the river

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

- (1) inspire artists to draw the Singapore River
- (2) announce the winners of the logo design competition
- (3) raise awareness about the history of Singapore River
- (4) attract artists to design a new logo for the Singapore River

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

PRIMARY 6 ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2 (BOOKLET B)

21 AUGUST 2017

Name: _____

Parent's signature

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Total time for Booklets A and B: 1h 50min

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Marks (Booklet A) :	28
Marks (Booklet B) :	67
Total Marks (Booklets A and B) :	95

This booklet consists of 8 printed pages, excluding the cover page.

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. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) against	(D) few	(G) is	(K) not	(N) unless
(B) along	(E) if	(H) most	(L) than	(P) was
(C) because	(F) into	(J) much	(M) then	(Q) with

Take a look at your mobile device. Do you see oily fingerprints and lint? Dust and crumbs? (29)_____ that a hair stuck at the screen's edge?

We take our mobile devices (30)_____ public restrooms, pass them around to share photos and press them (31)_____ sweaty skin in gyms. Studies have shown that what accumulates is germy nastiness worse (32)_____ what is on the bottom of our shoes. "Your mobile device is something that you want to clean regularly and (33)_____ something you want to pass around the dinner table," says Dr Lee, an infectious disease specialist.

Cleaning your device can be tricky (34)_____ you do not want to damage it, and manufacturers do not give you (35)_____ guidance. However, cleaning can be done (36)_____ you are conscientious. Health experts advise wiping it down (37)_____ a moist microfibre cloth at least daily, which is sufficient to eliminate fingerprints and dust.

You can also make your own cleaning solution by mixing in a one-to-one ratio . isopropyl alcohol and distilled water, which can be found easily in (38)_____ pharmacies across the island. But you must remember not to spray the cleaning solution directly onto the device.

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes. (12marks)

It is now time to look for those old colour pencils because colouring is now back in trend! Millions of adults around the world are now purchasing colouring

(39) (40)

books not for their own child but for their own pleasure. Many found that this

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hobby holds jeniuin therapeutic value. The colouring books are filled with bare

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illustrations for the colourist to beautify for they see fit. The artworks are

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elaborately designed to engage adults and contain intricacy details that require

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preseetion to fill in the colours neatly. The real secret to this feenormenon lies in

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the varied themes presented in the books. Some people are drew towards the

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natural world, fessceenated by the boundless wonder of nature and its

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environment. There are also those who would deafenitely spend time with pages

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of ancient architecture, brightening famous cities by their colour pencils. Fans of

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this rediscovered passion say that colouring has a suthing effect on them. So,

what are you waiting for? Let's pick up a box of colour pencils now!

Fill in each blank with a suitable word

(15 marks)

With their hairy bodies, razor-sharp teeth and appearance in horror films, bats are feared by many. (51) _____, these creatures of the night actually help to pollinate plants, disperse seeds and keep insect populations in check. Hence, they are able to maintain a (52) _____ in the ecosystem.

Their numbers worldwide (53) _____ under threat, with their (54) _____ destroyed by deforestation or colonies (55) _____ out by humans because of fears fuelled by myths about blood-sucking vampires. In Singapore, the lack (56) _____ forested areas makes it (57) _____ for bats to thrive. That is why they have earned themselves a spot in the National Parks Board's (NParks) Species Recovery Programme, which is (58) _____ at protecting Singapore's endangered plants and animals.

About 30 bat boxes and two bat houses, which are man-made structures for bats to rest or sleep in, have been (59) _____ up across Pulau Ubin. They are meant to (60) _____ the growth of more colonies and to attract new bat species to the island.

NParks' focus is on species that are critically endangered in Singapore, (61) _____ the *Lesser False vampire* bat and the *Ashy Roundleaf* bat. The exact (62) _____ of their dwellings is a well-kept secret so as to protect the bats (63) _____ being disturbed by human activities. Both species are forest-dwelling bats which use echolocation. This means the bats produce sounds (64) _____ bounce around their surroundings and return to their ears to detect insects to feed on.

(65) _____ part of the NPark's Species Recovery Programme, the bat boxes and houses were placed last December in various habitats across Pulau Ubin, such as mangroves and coastal forests to provide more resting options for the bats.

For each of the questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s). (10 marks)

66. Sarah asked Mark, "When can you come over for dinner?"

Sarah asked _____

67. The teachers have never met such a boy. He is full of mischief.

_____ such
_____ boy.

68. The one to reach the finish line first will win the race.

Whoever _____

69. Miss Lim did not bring enough money yesterday. She could not lend John five dollars to buy the art materials.

If Miss Lim _____

70. Peter was grateful to his grandmother for taking good care of him. Peter presented his grandmother with a cake.

It was with _____

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Read this passage and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

One day, a man saw an old lady stranded on the side of the road. He could see that she needed help, so he pulled up in front of her new silver Mercedes and got out. His old beat-up Toyota was still sputtering when he approached her.

Even with the smile on his face, she was worried. No one had stopped to help for the last hour or so. Was he going to hurt her? He didn't look safe. He looked poor and hungry. He could see that she was frightened, standing out there in the cold. He knew how she felt. It was those chills which only fear could put in you. He said, "I'm here to help you, Madam. Why don't you wait in the car where it's warm? By the way, my name is Bryan Anderson."

Well, all she had was a flat tyre, but for an old lady, that was bad enough. Bryan crawled under the car looking for a place to put the jack, bruising his knuckles a time or two. Soon he was able to change the heavy tyre. But he had to get dirty and his hands hurt. As he was tightening the screws with all his might, the old lady rolled down the window and thanked him for coming to her aid.

The old lady asked how much she owed him when the job was completed. Any amount would have been alright with her. She already imagined all the awful things that could have happened had he not stopped to help. Bryan never thought twice about being paid. That was not a job to him. That was helping someone in need, and God knew there were plenty who had given him a hand in the past. He had lived his whole life that way, and it never occurred to him to act any other way.

He told her that if she really wanted to pay him back, the next time she saw someone who needed help, she could give that person the assistance he or she needed. Bryan added, "And think of me." He waited until she started her car and drove off. It had been a cold and depressing day, but he felt good as he headed for home, disappearing into the twilight.

A few miles down, the old lady entered an old looking restaurant. It was packed with the usual late night crowd and the only two waitresses were clearly overworked. One of them came over and asked the old lady if she needed a towel to dry her damp hair. The waitress had a sweet smile, one that even being on her feet for the whole day could not erase. The old lady noticed that the waitress was heavily pregnant, but she never let the strain and aches change her attitude. The old lady wondered how someone who had so little could be so giving to a stranger. Then she remembered Bryan.

After the old lady had finished her meal, she paid with a hundred dollar bill. The waitress quickly went to get change for the hundred dollar bill, but the old lady had slipped right out the door. She was gone by the time the waitress came back. The waitress wondered where the old lady could be. Then she noticed something written on the napkin.

There were tears in her eyes when she read what the old lady had written: "You don't owe me anything. I have been there too. Somebody once helped me out, the way I'm helping you. If you really want to pay me back, here is what you do, do not let this chain of love end with you." Under the napkin were four more \$100 bills.

That night when the waitress got home from work, she thought about the old lady. How could the old lady have known how much she and her husband needed the money? With the prices of things going up and the baby due next month, she knew her husband had been very worried. As she lay in bed next to him, she whispered gently in his ears, "Everything's going to be all right. I love you, Bryan Anderson."

There is an old saying "What goes around comes around".

71. In each question (a), (b) and (c), choose **a word** from the *stated paragraph* that means the same as the phrase/word given: [3m]

	Phrase/Word	Write a word found in the <i>stated paragraph</i> that has a similar meaning to each phrase/word given.
(a)	in a bad condition	_____ (paragraph 1)
(b)	unhappy and without hope	_____ (paragraph 5)
(c)	pains	_____ (paragraph 6)

score

72. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the boxes below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the story. [1m]

	The waitress received a generous tip from the old lady.
	The old lady's car broke down.
	Bryan Anderson had always received help from others.

score

73. Which sentence in the passage tells you that the waitress was **thoughtful**? [1m]

score

74. Why was the old lady not able to change the tyre on her own? [2m]

score

75. How did the old lady's impression of Bryan change from the time she first met him to the time she drove off? [2m]

76. What does the phrase 'given him a hand' in paragraph 4 mean? [2m]

score

77. What did the old lady mean when she wrote 'do not let this chain of love end with you' on the napkin? [2m]

score

78. Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table below is True or False, then give a reason why you think so. [3m]

	Statement	True/False	Reason
a)	Bryan Anderson expected a reward for helping the old lady.		
b)	The waitress did her work with pride.		
c)	The old lady was influenced by Bryan Anderson's kindness.		

score

79. What do you think the waitress' husband was worried about in lines 41 and 42? [2m]

score

80. Do you agree that 'What goes around comes around'? Support your answer with evidence from the passage. [2m]

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Booklet A:

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Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
2	4	1	4	2	4	1	3	3	4
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28		
3	1	2	4	3	2	4	4		

Booklet B:

Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
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Q39) Children, Q40) find, Q41) genuine, Q42) as, Q43) intricate, Q44) precision
Q45) phenomenon, Q46) drawn, Q47) fascinated, Q48) definitely, Q49) with
Q50) soothing, Q51) However Q52) balance Q53) decreased Q54) habitats
Q55) wiped Q56) of Q57) difficult Q58) aimed Q59) set Q60) promote Q61) like
Q62) location Q63) from Q64) which Q65) As
Q66) Sarah asked Mark when he could go over for dinner.
Q67) The teachers have never met such a mischievous boy.
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Q69) If Miss Lim had brought enough money yesterday she would have lent John five dollars to buy the art materials.

Q70) It was with gratitude that Peter presented his grandmother with a cake for taking good care of him.

71a) beat-up 71b) depressing 71c) aches

72) Answer: 3, 2, 1

73) One of them came over and asked the old lady if she needed a towel to dry her dampen hair.

74) The old lady was frail, she could not change the tyre as it was heavy.

75) At first, the old lady thought that Bryan was dangerous. In the end, she found him to be a helpful man.

76) The phrase means that Bryan had received help from others in the past before.

77) She meant that she wanted the waitress to continue with the acts of kindness and not let the chain break.

78a) False. He never thought twice about being paid.

78b) True. Although the waitress was heavily pregnant, she never let the strain and aches affect her attitude.

78c) True. The old lady gave generous tip to the waitress..

79) The prices of things had been going up and the baby was going to be due the next month, they did not have enough amount of money to settle everything.

80) Yes, I agree. When Bran helped people who needed help now when he had received help in the past.