

2017 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION
ENGLISH LANGUAGE – PAPER 2
LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION
PRIMARY 6

Name : _____ ()

Class : Primary 6 / _____

Date : 22 August 2017

BOOKLET A

28 Questions

28 Marks

Duration of Paper: 1 h 50 min

Note:

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Read carefully the instructions given at the beginning of each part of the booklet.
3. Do not waste time. If a question is difficult for you, go on to the next one.
4. Check your answers thoroughly and make sure you attempt every question.
5. In this booklet, you should have the following:
 - a. Page 1 to Page 8
 - b. Questions 1 to 28

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

1 _____ the death of her grandmother a few weeks ago, Lucy has been feeling down.

- (1) For
- (2) Until
- (3) Since
- (4) Although

2 You seldom watch television at home, _____?

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

3 Patrick together with his neighbours, _____ playing soccer on Saturday evenings.

- (1) enjoy
- (2) enjoys
- (3) enjoyed
- (4) have enjoyed

4 When Ali was younger he _____ to school every day, even in adverse weather.

- (1) jog
- (2) jogs
- (3) jogged
- (4) had jogged

5 "If the salesperson calls again, I _____ him a piece of my mind!" Mrs Tang exclaimed.

- (1) will give
- (2) would give
- (3) will have given
- (4) would have given

6 It was tough at first, but Sumei soon grew accustomed _____ her roommate's strange habits.

- (1) to
- (2) by
- (3) for
- (4) with

7 Either Devi or her parents _____ to be present at the ceremony this weekend.

- (1) has
- (2) had
- (3) have
- (4) has had

8 When the boys dropped the expensive vase, Nathan saw it _____ onto the ground.

- (1) crash
- (2) crashes
- (3) crashed
- (4) was crashing

9 "Students will be allowed to wear red tops on Wednesday in conjunction _____ the National Day celebration," the principal announced during assembly.

- (1) to
- (2) of
- (3) with
- (4) towards

10 The recent renovation of the shophouses _____ a real nuisance to the people living in the neighbouring area.

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

For each question from 11 to 15, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.
(5 marks)

11 Judy stared longingly at the beautiful blouse on the _____ at the glass window of the newly-opened boutique.

- (1) statue
- (2) figurine
- (3) sculpture
- (4) mannequin

12 The child was frustrated by her mother's _____ nagging, which had not stopped since noon.

- (1) adamant
- (2) relentless
- (3) incessant
- (4) unyielding

13 The accident which happened a few years back had _____ his career advancement, and he was unable to get the promotion he deserved.

- (1) stunted
- (2) inhibited
- (3) hindered
- (4) prevented

14 Ken sighed at the sight of the small, _____ furnished room, reminiscing the times he had lived in luxury.

- (1) scantily
- (2) scarcely
- (3) sparsely
- (4) sparingly

15 Patricia was very disappointed when she discovered that her plans for the sales department had _____.

- (1) fallen in
- (2) fallen out
- (3) fallen apart
- (4) fallen through

For each question from 16 to 20, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

Do you support the idea of children spending time outside in the fresh air? Do you want them to be liberated from the trappings of an urban setting?
(16) (17)

At the United Kingdom's first outdoor nursery school, children spend all day in a woodland observing animals and climbing trees. When temperatures dip to sub-zero, they will all withdraw into a cosy tent. Founder Cathy Bache says that being among nature builds strength to recover quickly from a difficult situation, creativity and a sense of space. "We have no toys, but plenty of space and opportunity to go where our imagination may take us."
(18) (19) (20)

Adapted from Reader's Digest, 'A Classroom in the Wilderness'

- 16 (1) freed
(2) escaped
(3) exempted
(4) prevented

- 17 (1) scenery
(2) backdrop
(3) atmosphere
(4) environment

- 18 (1) drop
(2) decline
(3) descend
(4) deteriorate

- 19 (1) hide
(2) retreat
(3) escape
(4) conceal

- 20 (1) tenacity
(2) willpower
(3) resilience
(4) determination

Study the following flyer carefully and then answer questions 21 to 28.

Singapore My Home

Public Art Competition



CALLING ALL ART FANATICS!

Express your love for Singapore as we celebrate yet another brilliant year on our little red dot! Show us why Singapore is your home. Tell us what it is about Singapore that makes it special in your heart. Be it a pencil sketch, a water-colour picture, an oil painting, comic strips depicting the founding of Singapore or even a sculpture, all entries that are to do with our theme are welcome!

Attractive prizes await the top 50 entries, including the latest electronic gadgets, quality sports equipment, luxury holidays and a cash prize of \$20,000!

Judges for the Public Art Competition:



Famous local artist
Lina Fong



Renowned Singaporean
art critic Mohd Ismail



Eminent pioneers of the Singapore Arts scene
Adrian Lee and Kavitha Thomas



All entries must be submitted in person to:
Home Singapore Association
Customer Service Desk
145 Town Centre Road
Singapore 123456
Submission fee: \$15 per entry
Closing date: 15 November 2017

**No restriction on
age of artist or
number of pieces
submitted per artist!**

Proudly sponsored by:

- Ace Sports
- Freeze Productions
- Artist Animal Shelter

Supported by:

- Circle Media
- Lovely Stationery Pte Ltd

- For more information, visit www.homeSporeAssociation.com.sg.
- Late entries will not be accepted.
- Results will be announced on the website on 31 January 2018.
- All winners will be notified by post.
- Copyrights of all submitted work belong to the organiser.
- No painting is to be reproduced or printed without written approval from the organiser.

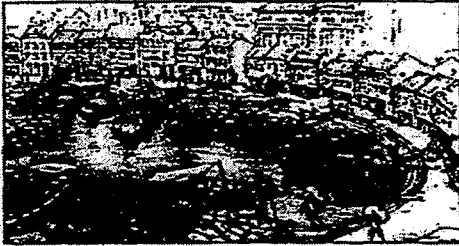
The judges'
decision is final.

Brought to you by
Home Singapore Association

LAST YEAR'S WINNING ENTRIES THEME: SINGAPORE IN THE PAST

Tribute to Samsui Women by Lionel Chia

A clay sculpture created to pay tribute to the silent heroine who built Singapore – the Samsui women. These immigrant construction workers from China, with their synonymous red headgear, were resilient and hardworking.



Old Singapore River by Stephanie Lau

A water-colour painting of The Singapore River in the early 1900s with coolies moving goods to the godowns.

THIS YEAR'S THEME:

SIR STAMFORD RAFFLES AND THE FOUNDING OF SINGAPORE

While serving as the Governor-General of Bencoolen, Sir Stamford Raffles landed in Singapore in 1819. Its strategic location in the main trading route between British India and China as well as its natural deep harbours for big ships to anchor, made Singapore an ideal choice for a new trading post.

Having granted permission to develop a settlement on Singapore for the East India Company, Sir Stamford Raffles began to develop the island. He envisioned it as a free port with tolerance towards other cultures and a focus on education.



Old Map of Singapore

A stamp depicting an old map of Singapore.



Statue of Stamford Raffles

Raffles' 1st landing site on Singapore mainland is marked with his statue, located by the Singapore River, behind Parliament House.

Although the motivations of Sir Stamford Raffles were principally to do with the monetary advantages Singapore would bring to its employer, the East India Company, his actions laid the foundation for the initial development of Singapore as a country. Under his leadership, schools and churches in the local languages were constructed. Missionaries and businesses were allowed to flourish. At the same time, slavery, gaming and drug use were outlawed. In a few short years, Singapore went from a small settlement of about 1000 fishermen along the Singapore River to a thriving British colonial settlement.

Today, Singapore is a global commercial, financial and transportation hub. Often referred to as the Lion City, the Garden City and the Little Red Dot, it is also a popular destination for travel.

For each question from 21 to 28, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.
(8 marks)

21 The purpose of the flyer is to _____.

- (1) introduce Singapore to all Singaporeans
- (2) make readers feel proud to be a Singaporean
- (3) attract people to participate in the art competition
- (4) introduce the judges to those who are interested in art

22 Based on the flyer, which entry will not be accepted?

- (1) an oil painting of the Merlion
- (2) a sculpture of Sir Stamford Raffles
- (3) a pencil sketch of Marina Bay Sands
- (4) a colourful photograph of a block of HDB flats

23 Who is the organiser of the art competition?

- (1) Ace Sports
- (2) Circle Media
- (3) Lovely Stationery Pte Ltd
- (4) Home Singapore Association

24 According to the flyer, which of the following is **true**?

- (1) There is no limit to the number of art pieces an artist can submit for the competition.
- (2) One does not have to pay a fee for submitting his/her artwork for the competition.
- (3) One can reproduce his/her submitted artwork for another competition.
- (4) All winners will be notified by email.

25 In the phrase 'The judges' decision is final', why is the apostrophe placed after the letter 's'?

- (1) There is more than one judge in the judging panel.
- (2) Only one judge gets to make the final decision.
- (3) The judging process belongs to many judges.
- (4) There is more than one judging process.

26 According to the text printed on page 6, Singapore was an 'ideal' new trading post as it _____.

- (1) was strategically located with deep harbours
- (2) was a free port with tolerance towards other cultures
- (3) would bring to the East India Company monetary advantages
- (4) changed from a small settlement of fishermen to a thriving British colonial settlement

27 Lionel Chia chose *Samsui Women* as the subject of his art work because they _____.

- (1) wore red headgear
- (2) contributed to the building of Singapore
- (3) were quiet workers who never complained about hard work
- (4) left their hometown in China and immigrated to Singapore

28 Based on the flyer, which of the following is not true?

- (1) Sir Stamford Raffles was motivated to develop Singapore mainly due to the monetary advantage it would bring to the East India Company
- (2) Sir Stamford Raffles envisioned Singapore as a free port with tolerance towards other cultures and a focus on education.
- (3) The statue of Sir Stamford Raffles located by the Singapore River marked Raffles' first landing site on Singapore.
- (4) Slavery, gaming and drug use were allowed to flourish at the same time.

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BOOKLET B

52 Questions

67 Marks

In this booklet, you should have the following:

- a. Page 9 to Page 16
- b. Questions 29 to 80

BOOKLET	OBTAINED	POSSIBLE
BOOKLET A		28
BOOKLET B		67
TOTAL		95

Parent's Signature : _____

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)

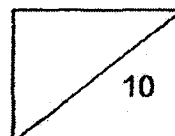
EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) a	(D) by	(G) from	(K) the	(N) which
(B) are	(E) during	(H) is	(L) to	(P) why
(C) as	(F) for	(J) of	(M) where	(Q) with

Jutting out of San Francisco Bay, Alcatraz Island is a must-see landmark in one of the world's favourite tourist destinations. _____ would nearly a million visitors a year take the short ferry ride _____ Fisherman's Wharf to this barren rock island known _____ its chilly winds and fog? (31)

They are drawn _____ the infamous history, the mystery and suspense created by the many movies and books about Alcatraz, and the morbid curiosity to see the damp and cramped cells _____ the most notorious criminals in the United States were incarcerated. The island played an important role _____ the formative years in the city _____ San Francisco. Alcatraz was the site of the first lighthouse built on the west coast and was also an important military fort protecting San Francisco Bay. (35)

Alcatraz continues to be recognised _____ America's ultra-maximum security prison, but visitors should also become acquainted _____ the interesting early years of the island's heritage. The early buildings and history of Alcatraz _____ not as visible as the main cell block, or as dramatic as the tales of the famous prisoners and the escape attempts. However, they are just as exciting. (38)



Adapted from Alcatraz by Richard Dunbar

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

(39)

At that time I did not know why I did not have any parents. I only knew that hungry

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was painful and human beings were terrifying. I had only two thoughts – those of filled

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my stomach so I would not be femished all the time, and of hiding so that others would

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not be able to find me. I was complete at the mercy of others for my meals. There was a

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chipped bowl that they put under the sink into whom they put their leftover rice and soup.

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After everyone had finished eating, I would scrutanise the kitchen for any traces of food,

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then peer into the bowl. There I would be crauching under the sink, eating whatever was

in the bowl.

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It was not only the adults who toemented me. If I were foolish enough to let

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myself be found by the children, I would be kompeled to do something painful. The

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children would spit something on the ground and make me get down in all fours, bark

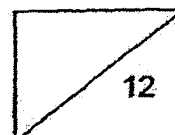
(49)

'yap yap' and run around in circles. Supcequently, I would have to pick up the thing with

(50)

my mouth. I hated it. I wanted to get away and find happy and freedom, but I was afraid.

I knew I must have been a good toy for those children.



Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

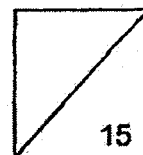
Lim Bo Seng was born in China, in the Fujian Province, on 27 April 1909. He was a loyal Chinese patriot who took _____ in charity fund-raising to help China in the war against Japan in 1937. As head of the Labour Services Corps, Lim Bo Seng provided the British government _____ labourers for war efforts. When the Japanese troops began advancing towards Singapore from Malaya, he and his men _____ up the Causeway to destroy the bridge.

Lim Bo Seng left his seven children under the _____ of his wife. He went to India _____ he was trained to fight in the jungle and later recruited resistance fighters for Force 136.

_____ organised everything in China and India, Lim Bo Seng sent the first batch of Force 136 agents to Japanese-occupied Malaya in 1943 to set up an intelligence network there. According to historical sources, to _____ being discovered by the Japanese, secret messages were smuggled in empty tubes of toothpaste and salted fish. Lim Bo Seng even pretended to be a businessman at checkpoints. _____, a member of Force 136 betrayed the force and Lim Bo Seng. He leaked out a _____ piece of information that allowed the Japanese Police to pick up coded _____ from Force 136.

Lim Bo Seng was eventually _____ by the Japanese in March 1944. Lim Bo Seng refused to _____ the names of the people who worked with him and was tortured. _____ to the lack of food and unhealthy living _____ in the prison, Lim Bo Seng fell _____. On 29 June 1944, he died at the age of 35.

Adapted from <http://singaporeheroes.weebly.com/lim-bo-seng.html>



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 Kumar felt that it was not necessary to wear a cap during the hike despite the scorching heat.

Kumar felt that there _____
_____.

- 67 Wild boars are hunted frequently in the rural areas of Indonesia.

The hunting _____
_____.

- 68 "What did the bully do to you?" Mrs Raju asked her daughter.

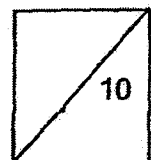
Mrs Raju asked _____
_____.

- 69 The car sped furiously across the highway, causing the puppy to die.

As a result _____
_____.

- 70 Siti had shouted at her parents in front of the guests. Benjamin was shocked

Benjamin found it _____
_____.



Trevor Wallace knew that any ordinary Mother's Day gift would not impress his mother. Instead, he woke up early that day and hand-scrubbed a fountain in the wee hours of the morning.

Fifteen minutes away from Trevor's school was DeAnza Community College, where his grandmother had worked for decades. She was a learning disability instructor right up till the day she passed away due to cancer. 5

In her honour, her co-workers at the school dedicated a cement fountain with a plaque that stated 'Heart's Garden: In Memory of Marilyn Rosenthal'. This was special to Trevor's mother, Sarene. However, she lived six hours away and did not have any opportunity to visit it. 10

Over time, the fountain fell into disrepair. A cousin who worked at the college told Trevor and Sarene that vandals had broken the statue's bowl at its base and damaged adjacent cement benches. The water pump was clogged with leaves and the surrounding area was littered with debris.

Finally, one of the school keepers agreed to repair the fountain. He had remembered Marilyn Rosenthal for touching many lives. Once repaired, Sarene and Trevor made a trip to visit it. There, they posed together for a photograph. Sarene recalled, "We sat watching the fountain for a while, the water tinkling as it went into the bowls. It was so peaceful." 15

Though Trevor and his mother had not spoken about their visit to the fountain since then, he knew it was still precious to her. Trevor called Sarene that Sunday to wish her a 'Happy Mother's Day' and told her to expect a surprise. Then he drove to DeAnza Community College with his camera, tripod and two sponges. 20

When Trevor arrived at the fountain, he set up his camera on the tripod and took a shot of it. He started to scrub the fountain. As he cleaned, Trevor thought about how his mother would react when she received the surprise. Being in the moment of doing an act of service for someone he loved was therapeutic. It took him about two hours to clean up the best he could, removing the layers of dust and being careful around the fragile pieces. When he was done cleaning, he took another shot of the fountain. Trevor then sent his mother an e-mail with the photographs taken before and after the fountain was cleaned. 25 30

"When I opened the attachments, I burst into tears," Sarene said. Trevor said listening was a crucial component of his gift. Over the years he had paid attention to his mother's everyday mentions of the fountain, and of his grandmother. Sarene felt that in cleaning the fountain, Trevor had not only honoured her, but also her mother. 35

Adapted from <http://www.rd.com/true-stories/inspiring/creative-mothers-day-gifts-mother-son/>

71 How was Trevor related to Marilyn? (1m)

72 What was the Mother's Day gift Trevor gave his mother? (1m)

73 List two things which had happened to the fountain over time. (2m)

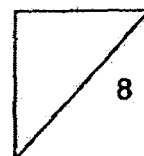
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74 Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the story. (1m)

- _____ Trevor set up his camera on the tripod.
_____ Trevor sent his mother the photographs of the fountain.
_____ Trevor drove to the college where his grandmother used to work.

75 Choose words from paragraphs 6 to 7 (lines 20 – 31) which have similar meanings to the words below. [3m]

anticipate	
coats	
relaxing	



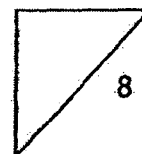
- 76 Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right. (3m)

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer(s) to
There (line 17)	
that Sunday (line 21)	
the surprise (line 26)	

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

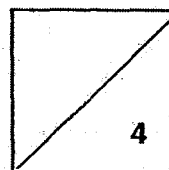
Statement	True/False	Reason
Marilyn stopped working as a learning disabilities instructor when she had cancer.		
One of the school keepers agreed to repair the fountain because it was his job to do so.		
Trevor knew that Sarene still cherished the fountain although it had been some time since they visited it.		

- 78 Why do you think Trevor e-mailed two photographs to his mother instead of one? (2m)



79 What did Trevor think was key to getting his mother a gift that she would love? (2m)

80 Explain clearly why Sarene was touched by Trevor's gift. (2m)



END OF PAPER

ANSWER KEY

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Booklet A

Q1	3	Q5	1	Q9	3	Q13	3	Q17	4	Q21	3	Q25	1
Q2	1	Q6	1	Q10	3	Q14	1	Q18	1	Q22	4	Q26	1
Q3	2	Q7	3	Q11	4	Q15	4	Q19	2	Q23	4	Q27	2
Q4	3	Q8	1	Q12	3	Q16	1	Q20	3	Q24	1	Q28	4

Booklet B

Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
P	G	F	L	M	E	J	C	Q	B

Q39	hunger	Q48	on	Q57	avoid
Q40	filling	Q49	subsequently	Q58	However
Q41	famished	Q50	happiness	Q59	secret
Q42	completely	Q51	part	Q60	messages
Q43	which	Q52	with	Q61	captured
Q44	scrutinise	Q53	blew	Q62	reveal
Q45	crouching	Q54	care	Q63	Due
Q46	tormented	Q55	where	Q64	conditions
Q47	compelled	Q56	Having	Q65	ill

- Q66 Kumar felt that there was no necessity to wear a cap during the hike despite the scorching heat.
- Q67 The hunting of wild boars is frequent in the rural areas of Indonesia.
- Q68 Mrs Raju asked her daughter what the bully had done to her.
- Q69 As a result of the car speeding furiously across the highway, he puppy died.
- Q70 Benjamin found it shocking that Siti had shouted at her parents in front of the guests.

Q71 Trevor was Marilyn's grandson.

Q72 The gift was the scrubbing of the mother.

Q73

1	Vandals had broken the statue's bowl at its base.
2	The water pump was clogged with leaves.

- Q74 2 Trevor set up his camera on the tripod.
3 Trevor sent his mother the photographs of the fountain.
1 Trevor drove to the college where his grandmother used to work.

Q75

anticipate	expect
coats	layers
relaxing	therapeutic

Q76

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer(s) to
There (line 17)	fountain
that Sunday (line 21)	Mother's Day
the surprise (line 26)	pictures of the clean fountain

Q77

Statement	True / False	Reason
Marilyn stopped working as a learning disabilities instructor when she had cancer.	False	Marilyn was a learning disabilities instructor right up till the day she passed away due to cancer.
One of the school keepers agreed to repair the fountain because it was his job to do so.	False	One of the school keepers agreed to repair the fountain as he had remembered Marilyn for touching many lives.
Trevor knew that Sarene still cherished the fountain although it had been some time since they visited it.	True	Trevor paid attention to his mother's everyday mentions of the fountain.

- Q78** Trevor wanted his mother to be able to compare the appearance of the fountain before and after he had cleaned it.
- Q79** Trevor thought that listening to his mother's everyday mentions so that he knew what was important to her was key to getting his mother a gift that she would love.
- Q80** Sarene was touched by Trevor's gift because he had taken the effort to clean the fountain. By cleaning the fountain, he had not only honoured her but also her mother.

End

