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PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION, 2017

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 1**

Additional materials: Writing Paper

Time: 1 h 10 min

Name : _____ ()

Class : Primary 6 _____

Date : 1 August 2017

Parent's Signature: _____

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. WRITE YOUR INDEX NO. IN THE BOXES AT THE TOP RIGHT HAND CORNER.
2. DO NOT TURN OVER THIS PAGE UNTIL YOU ARE TOLD TO DO SO.
3. THERE ARE TWO PARTS IN THIS PAPER: PART 1 AND PART 2
ANSWER THE QUESTION IN PART 1 AND ONE QUESTION FROM PART 2.
4. FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.
5. WRITE YOUR ANSWERS ON THE WRITING PAPER.

Part 1: Situational Writing (15 marks)

1 Study the pictures below carefully.



Your Task

Imagine you are the girl with the ponytail in the pictures.

Write a letter to your friend, Sally, to tell her about the concert.

You are to refer to the pictures and information on page 1 for your letter.

In your email, include the following information:

- the date and venue of the concert
- how your family got the tickets
- what you thought of the concert
- why the audience gave the performers a standing ovation
- how you felt at the end of the concert

You may re-order the points. You should write in complete sentences.

Part 2: Continuous Writing (40 marks)

- 2 Write a story of at least 150 words about an act of mischief.

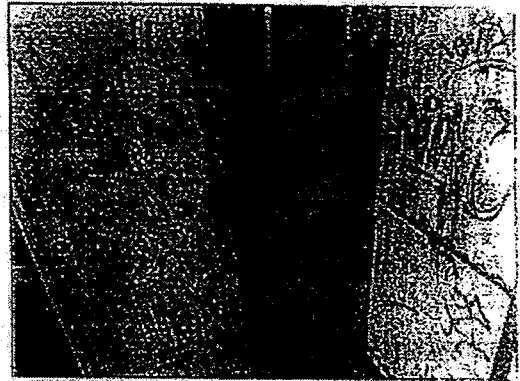
The pictures are provided to help you think about this topic.

Your composition should be based on one or more of these pictures.

Consider the following points when you plan your composition:

- What was the act of mischief?
- What happened as a result of the act of mischief?

You may use the points in any order and include other relevant points as well.



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PAPER 2

(BOOKLET A)

Additional materials: Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) Total Time For Booklets A & B : 1 h 50 min

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Class : Primary 6 ____

Date : 1 August 2017

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4. ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS.
5. SHADE YOUR ANSWERS IN THE OPTICAL ANSWER SHEET (OAS) PROVIDED.

Section A: Grammar MCQ (10 × 1 mark)

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

1. The house _____ door is painted yellow belongs to Mr Lim.
- (1) that
 - (2) which
 - (3) whom
 - (4) whose
2. When you face a problem, you can always confide _____ a trusted adult who can give you good advice.
- (1) in
 - (2) to
 - (3) on
 - (4) with
3. "There's little we can do about the problem, _____?" the supervisor asked.
- (1) can we
 - (2) can't we
 - (3) is there
 - (4) isn't there
4. Whether the girls win the contest or not _____ on the number of votes they each receive.
- (1) depend
 - (2) depends
 - (3) depended
 - (4) depending
5. _____ he was breathless, Jacob continued running the race.
- (1) Even if
 - (2) Despite
 - (3) Although
 - (4) No matter how

6. The renovation of the shopping mall can take _____ from six months to two years.

- (1) nothing
- (2) anything
- (3) something
- (4) everything

7. "I have never see him _____ so strangely before!" Bryan told the teacher.

- (1) acts
- (2) acted
- (3) acting
- (4) had acted

8. Having never _____ in a hot-air balloon before, Aishah hopes to accomplish that by the end of the year.

- (1) fly
- (2) flew
- (3) flies
- (4) flown

9. The biggest of the bullies _____ taken to the Principal's office this morning after he had admitted to being the mastermind.

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

10. _____ Ali _____ Bala have passed their examinations with flying colours.

- (1) Not ... or
- (2) Both ... and
- (3) Either ... or
- (4) Neither ... nor

Section B: Vocabulary MCQ (5 × 1 mark)

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

11. The poor couple worked hard and lived _____ as they wanted to save up for their children's education.
- (1) frugally
 - (2) gingerly
 - (3) delicately
 - (4) cautiously
12. Siew Mei did not like going to school as her classmates often _____ her for her poor results.
- (1) defied
 - (2) faulted
 - (3) taunted
 - (4) commended
13. I am _____ about his explanation as he has lied to me on several occasions.
- (1) hesitant
 - (2) quizzical
 - (3) sceptical
 - (4) mistaken
14. After the massive earthquake, many rescue teams were _____ to assist in rescue operations.
- (1) declared
 - (2) deployed
 - (3) descended
 - (4) deactivated
15. The passers-by _____ helplessly as the paramedics attended to the victims who were trapped in the vehicle.
- (1) looked up
 - (2) looked on
 - (3) looked over
 - (4) looked through

Section C: Vocabulary Cloze (5 × 1 mark)

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

Did you know that jellyfish are made up of (16) ninety percent water? They are indeed fascinating creatures. Jellyfish can be found in abundance in our vast (17) oceans. They have an umbrella-shaped bell that helps them swim and trailing tentacles, which they use to capture prey or protect themselves. They do so by emitting (18) toxins when they sting. Jellyfish remain in close groups and their alarming rate of reproduction and growth has been a concern that is mounting. (19) There have been reported cases where the jellyfish population could not be controlled. (20) Experts say the reasons for this were overfishing and the fact that they have few natural predators.

16. (1) form
(2) hold
(3) absorb
(4) comprise
17. (1) deep
(2) endless
(3) immense
(4) substantial
18. (1) injecting
(2) releasing
(3) launching
(4) transferring
19. (1) towering
(2) advancing
(3) escalating
(4) continuing
20. (1) contained
(2) prohibited
(3) demolished
(4) extinguished

Section D: Visual Text Comprehension (8 × 1 mark)

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



SWEET HONEY HOUSE

Natural Goodness in a bottle!

101A Farmville Road, Singapore 654321

Open daily from 9am to 5pm

**Bringing you wholesome goodness from nature's honey bees,
produced locally in our bee farm!**

Our product:

- ❖ is 100% natural
- ❖ contains no preservatives
- ❖ is ideal for people with diabetes
- ❖ has anti-bacterial properties
- ❖ has natural healing properties

For orders, please call

6777 0202

For orders above 30 bottles,
delivery fee will be waived.

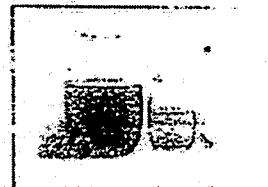
**** Our tasty honey treats come in bottles of 500ml or 750ml. Requests for other sizes are available at an additional fee.**

DON'T MISS OUR IN-STORE SPECIAL DISCOUNTS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER!

Size	Usual Price	Special Price	Savings
500ml	\$28.00	\$25.00	\$3.00
750ml	\$40.00	\$35.00	\$5.00

- The above discounts are only applicable for purchases above 10 bottles.
- For purchases above \$200 in October, a free cookbook with over 30 honey-based recipes will be given.

- ✓ Sweetly Honey House products are NOT available in supermarkets
- ✓ Fresh supplies are available at our store
- ✓ Gift Wrapping is available upon request
- ✓ Home delivery is available with an additional fee of \$10.00
- ✓ Payment by cash or NETS only. Credit card purchases are not accepted.



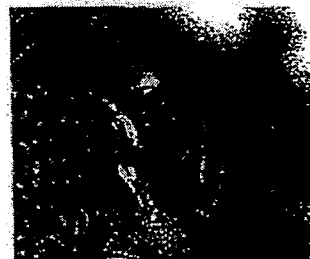
Did you know?

Honey can last up to two years if properly sealed in a container!

How is honey made?

Honey bees swallow and digest nectar to produce honey. In order to produce half a kilogramme of honey, about 60,000 of them have to travel to possibly 2 million flowers to extract enough nectar!

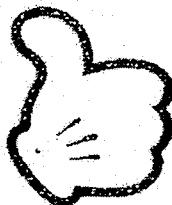
The digested nectar is stored in honeycombs and bees use their wings to dry and thicken the liquid nectar. The bees then secrete a liquid to seal the nectar in, which hardens it into honey later.



ACCORDING TO OUR HEALTH EXPERTS...

Honey has been regarded as a health 'power food' for a long time. Not only can it boost immunity and prevent cancer and heart disease, it can also reduce gastrointestinal disorders. Honey contains several antioxidants which help reduce the risk of such illnesses.

Honey is a natural sweetener. It contains simple sugars, but they are not the same as artificial sweeteners or refined white sugar. Its combination of fructose and glucose helps to regulate blood sugar levels.



Honey has helped improve my elderly parents' digestion. A spoonful daily works wonders! Besides, storing honey is easy as it has a long shelf life. It is totally fuss-free.

My family and I have been consuming Sweetly Honey House products for 6 months now, and we have not fallen sick since. It has boosted our immune system tremendously. I recommend this to all. I have shared samples with many of my friends.

- Mrs Lin, housewife

Join us at our Road Shows!

Dates: 12 to 14 November 2017
16 to 18 November 2017

Venue: The Hive Mall atrium
Time: 9am to 6pm

Highlights:

- Cooking demonstrations by renowned chefs
- Hourly product discounts
- Free samples (for the first 200 customers only)

For more information, you may visit our website at www.sweetlyhouse.com.sg or email us at sweetlyhouse@ymail.com

21. What is the main purpose of this flyer?
- (1) to inform readers about how honey is made
 - (2) to promote Sweet Honey House and its products
 - (3) to advertise the special discounts for the month of October
 - (4) to inform potential customers about the upcoming road shows
22. According to the flyer, Sweet Honey House products _____.
- (1) contain preservatives
 - (2) are not suitable for diabetics
 - (3) have anti-bacterial properties
 - (4) are available in supermarkets and their store
23. John wants to buy ten 500ml bottles of honey in October. He will _____.
- (1) be entitled to free home delivery service
 - (2) have to pay for his purchase by cash or credit card
 - (3) receive a free cookbook with honey-based recipes
 - (4) be able to buy the honey at a special discount of \$25.00 per bottle
24. In this flyer, which of the following is not a benefit of consuming honey?
- (1) It boosts one's immunity.
 - (2) It helps one to reduce weight.
 - (3) It regulates one's blood sugar levels.
 - (4) It reduces the occurrence of cancer and heart diseases.
25. Under the heading "How is honey made?", what does the word "it" refer to?
- (1) the nectar
 - (2) the honey bees
 - (3) the honey combs
 - (4) the liquid honey bees secrete
26. Based on the flyer, which of the following is true?
- (1) Free samples will be given to all who visit the road shows.
 - (2) One can visit the road shows any time from 12 to 18 November 2017.
 - (3) Customers can only purchase honey in bottles of 500ml or 750ml only.
 - (4) Customers can place orders via telephone or make purchases at the store

27. Based on Mrs Lin's testimony, which of the following is not a possible reason why Mrs Lin recommended honey to her friends?

- (1) Her elderly parents love the taste of honey.
- (2) Her elderly parents' digestion has improved.
- (3) Honey has a long shelf life so it is easy to keep.
- (4) Consuming honey has improved her family's overall health.

28. If one visits the road shows in November, one will _____.

- (1) receive a free cookbook and samples
- (2) get a discount for purchases of 10 bottles of honey
- (3) be able to watch culinary demonstrations by famous chefs
- (4) be able to request for gift wrapping services and special-sized bottles

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PAPER 2

(BOOKLET B)

Total Time For Booklets A & B : 1 h 50 min

Name : _____ ()

Class : Primary 6 ____

Date : 1 August 2017

Parent's Signature: _____

Paper 1 (Situational Writing)	15
Paper 1 (Continuous Writing)	40
Paper 2 (Booklet A)	28
Paper 2 (Booklet B)	67
Paper 3	20
Paper 4	30
TOTAL	200

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Section E : Grammar Cloze (10 x 1 mark)

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.

(A) across	(D) as	(G) Is	(K) them	(N) where
(B) along	(E) however	(H) its	(L) they	(P) which
(C) are	(F) into	(J) their	(M) up	(Q) with

When it comes to greenery in the world's cities, Singapore beats her competition hands down. Over thirty percent of our land _____ covered by lush greenery. Indeed, our government has stepped _____ efforts to enhance our green city. In a recent study conducted by researchers, our City in a Garden, _____ it is often termed, outdid other countries around the world.

According to the National Parks Board (NParks), about two million trees _____ our streets and in our parks are managed by _____. Trees in Singapore are selected based on _____ aesthetic value and hardiness, such as drought tolerance. The greenery makes Singapore distinct and, together _____ her parks, gardens and nature reserves, offers diverse opportunities to appreciate nature up close.

_____, there are factors that pose a new threat for trees in Singapore. _____ have to face stressors such as sharing space with electrical and drainage systems. The Director of NParks has expressed concern about the survival of our trees. There have been instances _____ trees have died due to sudden droughts. NParks is now working with the Nanyang Technological University on a plan to help plants tide over dry periods.

Adapted from The Straits Times, February 23, 2017/Not a concrete jungle: Singapore beats 16 cities in green urban areas

Section F: Editing for Spelling and Grammar (12 × 1 mark)

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes numbered 39 to 50.

In a video sent to Stomp, a citizen journalism site, police officers were seen

smashing the window of a car parked at a housing estate carpark in Hougang. It was

(39)

(40)

understand that a police report had been made as a loud continewous honking was heard

(41)

coming from the carpark at the middle of the night.

(42)

The police told the press that they receeved a call from an HDB resident at

(43)

Hougang Avenue 9, seeking aseestence a few minutes after midnight. A Stomp

(44)

contributor who gives his name as Subash, said the car had blocked the road, stopping

(45)

cars from passing by.

(46)

When the police arrived at the sceen, the driver of the car was found lying

(47)

(48)

unconcious with his head pressing against the stearind wheel. Police officers had to

smash the window of the driver seat to open the door and pull the driver out.

(49)

A spokesman told the press that a 52-year-old male car driver was subsequent

(50)

arrested at his home in Circuit Road on suspicious of drink-driving. Police investigations

are still ongoing.

Score:

Section G: Comprehension Cloze (15 × 1 mark)

Fill in each blank, numbered 51 to 65, with a suitable word.

A soldier holding a rifle appeared in front of me. It was too late to back off and walk away. I had already _____ his curiosity. He took one step towards me and I
(51)
thought to myself, "Uh-oh, trouble. I should have stayed in my room."

Then, _____ as suddenly as he had appeared, his facial
(52)
_____ changed. His eyes softened and he retreated several steps after seeing
(53)
something or someone behind me. I turned around and there was Scarlett, my tour guide. She was still _____ in the well-tailored uniform she had on when I
(54)
_____ her goodnight at least half an hour ago. I did not expect her to show up
(55)
but I was glad she _____.
(56)

Scarlett uttered one short sentence to the soldier and he immediately _____
(57)
the door for us to enter the station. I had been right all _____. Scarlett was
(58)
no ordinary tour guide. She was much more than that.

"He stopped you as the _____ is already closed. The last train has
(59)
already _____," Scarlett said. "The people you see around us are the last
(60)
few _____ making their way to the bus terminus next door. It is his
(61)
_____ to ensure no one loiters near the tracks at night as it isn't safe."
(62)

Then, she beckoned me to _____ her out of the station. We walked
(63)
back out onto the street and _____ for the bus terminus. Scarlett offered to
(64)
take me out for supper. "_____ me show you some late night eating places,"
(65)
she said. "Would you like to try a noodle dish?" Scarlett asked me.

Section H: Synthesis/Transformation (5 × 2 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. My sister asked me whether dinosaurs had really existed.

_____?
_____?" my sister asked me.

67. My other friends are excited about the new movie. John is the only exception.

Unlike _____

68. You have to prove that he is the culprit. Otherwise, you cannot make false accusations.

Unless you have some _____

69. The inspector questioned if the detectives were able to solve the cases.

The ability of _____

70. The board recommended that all activities be cancelled until further notice.

The board recommended the _____

Section I: Comprehension Open-ended (20 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

With the exception of a full moon, the sky was clear. The forest was a maze of darkness. The light from heaven was his only ally. He had walked to the far end of the forest after a quick dip and he felt a sense of dread standing so close to where he had just heard the howling of a lonesome wolf. He steeled himself to move on. At that moment, he just wanted to reach his goal – go home and be safe.

He was soaked to the skin as he hurried along. He recalled that he had sneaked out of his house hours ago to get to the lake. Now, he was hit by pangs of guilt for not obeying his mother's instructions not to leave the house without her permission.

Suddenly, Peter stumbled. The sharp stones and rough grass stubble scraped his feet. He had to crawl slowly over the rough ground. Even when he crawled, he could not avoid bumping his foot. His ankle had swollen so it bulged over the sides of his flat shoe. He knew he needed help as quickly as possible and that home was still a distance away. He had also hit his head when he fell over the sharp stones in the forest. Nothing would make him go through that forest again where he knew wolves lurked. He made a decision. He had to keep moving although he did not know where he was going and the nearest house might be miles away.

"Suppose I cannot reach a house?" Peter wondered aloud. He shuddered.

"What if I cannot find help and had to spend the night here in the cold, dark forest?" he thought.

Finally, Peter felt it was pointless to mull over such questions and persevered in getting home safely.

All of a sudden, there was a very strange buzzing noise in his ears and he shook his head to clear it. The noise only got worse and became louder. He soon realised it was not inside his head at all. He could really hear it. Somewhere close by was a tractor and it was coming nearer. There was hope after all.

The terrain was not level and he could not see over the rising ground in front of him, but he yelled until his lungs hurt. He wanted to get the driver's attention but he had to be louder than the din coming from the tractor. He desperately tried to climb up the slope to a higher point where he could be seen, but it was tough to do so. He could not move fast enough and before he reached the top, the sound of the engine had stopped.

"Help! Help!" His agonising cries pierced the silence, but there was no reply.

He buried his head in his arms and cried softly. Then, he heard a howl again. This time, it was nearer. His hair stood on end. He sobbed.

"What are you doing here in the middle of the night? You shouldn't be here!" said a voice. It was like a bolt from the blue. Then, the woman's voice softened and she added, "Hey, steady on. Tell me what's wrong."

Still sobbing, Peter opened his eyes. Through a blur of tears, he could see, level with his nose and a short distance away, a pair of black, large and very dirty wellington boots. He thought it was the most beautiful sight he had ever seen.

"Oh, thank goodness you found me!" he said.

Peter found that he was crying harder, though now it was with relief. He would be all right now. Here at last was someone who would look after him and take him back to his mother.

Adapted from Night of Terror, 1989

71. Which word in paragraph 1 suggests that the moon was of help to Peter? [1m]

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72. State two injuries Peter sustained while trying to escape from the wolf [2m]

i) _____

ii) _____

73. Based on Peter's thoughts in lines 17 to 19, what was he hoping for? [2m]

74. Based on information from lines 1 to 25, fill in the blanks in the following table. [3m]

How Peter felt	What made Peter feel that way
guilty	
	He was in the forest where a wolf was lurking.
	He heard a tractor approaching.

75. Why did Peter try to climb up to a higher point on the slope? [1m]

Do not write
in this space

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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
Peter swam in the lake.		
The strange buzzing noise came from inside Peter's ears.		
Peter had to yell to get the attention of the driver of the tractor.		

☐

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

_____ Peter heard a woman's voice.

_____ Peter heard the howl of a wolf for the second time.

_____ Peter heard the sound of a tractor.

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78. 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]

Do not write
in this space

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer(s) to
At that moment (lines 4-5)	
decision (line 15)	
it (line 39)	

79. Which two words from lines 26 to 31 reflect Peter's heightened anxiety? The words are found in two separate sentences. [2m]

80. What caused Peter to cry even harder later? Support your answer with information from the passage. [2m]

Score:

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ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2017 (P6)

SCHOOL : PEI CHUN

SUBJECT : ENGLISH

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

- 39)understood 40)continuous 41)in 42)received
 43)assistance 44)gave 45)through 46)scene
 47)unconscious 48)steering 49)subsequently 50)suspicion
 51)piqued 52)just / almost 53)expression 54)dressed / clad
 55)bade / wared 56)did 57)opened 58)along
 59)station 60)left/ departed 61)commuters/ passengers
 62)job/ duty / responsibility 63)follow 64)headed 65)Let
 66) “Did dinosaurs really exist?” my sister asked me.

67)Unlike my other friends, John is not excited about the new movie.

68)Unless you have some proof that he is the culprit, you cannot make false accusations.

69)The ability of the detectives to solve the cases was questioned by the inspector.

70)The board recommended the cancellation of all activities until further notice.

71)ally

72)i)Peter's scraped feet.

ii)His ankle was swollen.

73)Peter was hoping to find help to reach a house and not spend the night in the cold dark forest.

74)

	He did not obey his mother's instructions not to leave the house without her permission.
scared	
hopeful	

75)Peter wanted to get the driver's attention.

76) True / He took a quick dip in the lake, and his body was cooked.

False / The strange buzzing noise came from a tractor which was going nearer to Peter.

True / Peter wanted to be heard as the noise from the tractor was too loud.

77) 3, 2, 1

78)

	When Peter heard the howling of a lonesome wolf
	to keep moving
	a / the pair of black, large and very dirty wellington boots

79) desperately , agonising

80) Peter was relieved that someone would look after him and take him back to his mother.

