

Name : _____ ()

Class : Primary 6 _____

Primary 6
Preliminary Examination
21 August 2017
English Language
Paper 2 Booklet A

Duration of Paper (Booklets A & B): 1 h 50 min

28 questions

28 marks

Instructions to Candidates:

Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

This booklet consists of 10 printed pages and 1 blank page.

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

(10 marks)

- 1 The children came _____ an interesting article in the magazine.
- (1) into
 - (2) over
 - (3) across
 - (4) through
- 2 "Don't hesitate to approach me _____ you need any clarification," the tour guide said with a smile.
- (1) will
 - (2) shall
 - (3) would
 - (4) should
- 3 Emma said that she _____ cycling to school for many years before she started taking public transport.
- (1) is
 - (2) has been
 - (3) had been
 - (4) have been
- 4 "Karen is a dear friend of _____," Mr and Mrs Chen announced to their guests.
- (1) us
 - (2) our
 - (3) ours
 - (4) ourselves
- 5 Beth has recovered faster than her brother from the illness, _____ she?
- (1) didn't
 - (2) hasn't
 - (3) hadn't
 - (4) haven't

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- 6 Julia and her cousins went to the cinema yesterday. They _____ ten minutes before the start of the movie.
- (1) arrive
 - (2) arrived
 - (3) had arrived
 - (4) were arriving
- 7 When Joan accepted an overseas assignment, _____ did she know that she would be away for many years.
- (1) little
 - (2) rarely
 - (3) hardly
 - (4) scarcely
- 8 The school organised a talk _____ response to a rise in the number of bullying cases.
- (1) in
 - (2) to
 - (3) of
 - (4) for
- 9 The rivalry _____ the three siblings was intense as each was vying for a place in the national team.
- (1) with
 - (2) from
 - (3) among
 - (4) between
- 10 A number of my friends _____ at the concert last month.
- (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 The job of the police is to arrest people who _____ crimes.

- (1) solve
- (2) expose
- (3) commit
- (4) witness

12 Mr Chin _____ his children's broken toys by putting them in the recycling bin.

- (1) rejected
- (2) expelled
- (3) discarded
- (4) eliminated

13 The football kicked by Ahmad was _____ by Ronaldo.

- (1) Interfered
- (2) interjected
- (3) interrupted
- (4) intercepted

14 The explorers pitched their tents and _____ for the night.

- (1) turned in
- (2) turned off
- (3) turned out
- (4) turned back

15 The camper became more _____ as a result of having to handle many challenges by herself.

- (1) self-reliant
- (2) self-centred
- (3) self-contained
- (4) self-sacrificing

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.

(5 marks)

"Whoever gives me the finest gift will inherit my kingdom," an old king announced. Two young princes, Richard and John, stepped forward. They had heard about a splendid golden shield in a neighbouring city and were anxious to get it. On the way to that city, Richard was attacked by robbers who made off with all his money. John sped past on his horse and bought the golden shield.

On the way back, John was waved down by a poor sick old man who begged for a ride home. "Not now!" shouted John as he spurred his horse, and left without a backward glance.

"I'll help you," said Richard who had witnessed the exchange, "just lean on me." After a slow climb up the hill, the old man thanked Richard and handed him an apple which he called a 'fineapple'.

At the palace, the king said, "The golden shield is indeed magnificent. But this is the finest gift!" he declared, holding up the 'fineapple', "for the giver stopped to help me when I was disguised as a poor sick old man."

Adapted from 'The Fine Fresh Fineapple' by Maggie Murphy

- 16 (1) shiny
(2) bright
(3) expensive
(4) magnificent

- 17 (1) took
(2) stole
(3) grabbed
(4) escaped

- 18 (1) noticed
(2) greeted
(3) stopped
(4) acknowledged

- 19 (1) fled
(2) departed
(3) withdrew
(4) retreated

- 20 (1) felt
(2) seen
(3) sensed
(4) disapproved

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

Are you ready for a Kate Town Holiday?

HIGHLIGHTS!

ABOUT KATE TOWN

Visitor Centre
Get all the maps
and information
you need here!

Kate Museum
Learn about
Kate Town's
enthraling
history!

LOL Cafe
Treat yourself
to hot snacks
and drinks
while watching
comedies!

Kate Town is a favourite destination for all types of travellers and well-liked by locals. With the family-friendly culture, safe environment and wide range of activities organised by the Kate Town Visitor Centre, it has come to be known as a superb destination for a family getaway during school holidays.

The streets of Kate Town are lined with quaint little shops selling unusual gifts and toys that visitors of all ages will be intrigued by. Unique cafes not only serve delicious food, but also charm visitors with their themed decor. Whether you love animals, cartoon characters, toys or comics, you will find a cafe that suits your taste. Exploring the narrow streets on foot is definitely an interesting and enjoyable option to consider if the children are up for it.

Conveniently located and served by an extensive public transport network, Kate Town would also make an ideal base for short trips to other towns.

Souvenir Shop
Get some mementoes
for yourself and your
loved ones!

Kate Park
Take a break
and enjoy the
scenery!



Waffles Place
Savour the
best waffles
and ice cream
Kate Town has
to offer!

Puzzle Shop
Challenge
yourself to
the most
intriguing
puzzles!

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By purchasing a Kate Town Souvenir Card, visitors can take advantage of **free** bus travel and **free** admission to Kate Museum! Many shops and cafes also offer discounts to card holders!

Kate Town
Souvenir Card

Annual Children's Festival at Kate Town

- ☛ Starts on the first Friday of December and lasts for 10 days
- ☛ Free performances at the town centre from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. daily
- ☛ Details of other performances and tickets available at www.ktcf.com
- ☛ Pop-up stores serving drinks and delicious local fare open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. during festival
- ☛ Lucky draws will be conducted every hour with lots of attractive prizes to be won

For each of the questions from 21 to 28, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make a choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet

(8 marks)

- 21 What is the main aim of the flyer?
- (1) to attract visitors to Kate Town
 - (2) to advertise some shops and cafes
 - (3) to encourage visitors to buy the Kate Town Souvenir Card
 - (4) to provide information about the Children's Festival at Kate Town
- 22 The cafes in Kate Town are unique because they _____.
- (1) screen movies
 - (2) have themed decor
 - (3) allow visitors to bring pets
 - (4) sell unusual gifts and toys
- 23 Melvin wants to buy gifts, then have an ice cream. Which two places should he visit?
- (1) Visitor Centre and LOL Cafe
 - (2) LOL Cafe and Souvenir Shop
 - (3) Waffles Place and Visitor Centre
 - (4) Souvenir Shop and Waffles Place
- 24 Look at the section "About Kate Town" (page 8). What does "it" in the last line of the second paragraph refer to?
- (1) finding a suitable cafe
 - (2) enjoying different activities
 - (3) exploring the streets by walking
 - (4) taking short trips to other towns
- 25 Is Kate Town easily accessible, and why?
- (1) Yes, because it is rich in history.
 - (2) No, because the streets are narrow.
 - (3) No, because travelling on foot is a better option.
 - (4) Yes, because many public transport options are available.

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- 26 Look at what the lady is saying (page 9). Why is the first letter of each word of "Kate Town Souvenir Card" in capital letters?
- (1) It is to draw attention to the card.
 - (2) It is to enhance the design of the card.
 - (3) It is to highlight the importance of the words.
 - (4) It is to show that the words are used as a name.
- 27 Ivy wants to experience the Children's Festival at Kate Town. Which of the following should Ivy be advised not to do?
- (1) Visit www.ktcf.com to get some information.
 - (2) Schedule her visit to Kate Town on 30 November.
 - (3) Try the food at the pop-up stores during the festival.
 - (4) Go to the town centre between 3 p.m. and 9 p.m. during the festival.
- 28 Which of the following statements is not true?
- (1) Maps are available at the Visitor Centre.
 - (2) Admission to Kate Museum is free for all visitors.
 - (3) Visitors who attend the Children's Festival at Kate Town may win prizes.
 - (4) Visitors with the Kate Town Souvenir Card pay less at some shops and cafes.

END OF BOOKLET A

Name : _____ ()

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English Language
Paper 2 Booklet B

Duration of Paper (Booklets A & B): 1 h 50 min

52 questions
67 marks

Instructions to Candidates:

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Booklet A	28
Booklet B	67
Total	95

This booklet consists of 10 printed pages and 1 blank 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

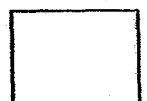
(A) among	(D) could	(G) of	(K) their	(N) was
(B) but	(E) his	(H) own	(L) those	(P) with
(C) by	(F) in	(J) that	(M) to	(Q) would

Vincent van Gogh hardly sold any paintings in his lifetime. Today, _____ (29)
 paintings fetch record prices and are well-known all over the world. He was born in Holland in
 1853 _____ a Dutch pastor. During the 1870s, he worked for art dealers in London and
 Paris, visiting art museums and exhibitions whenever he. _____ (31)

In 1876, he decided to follow _____ his father's footsteps and train as a pastor. In
 the winter of 1878, van Gogh _____ sent as a trainee missionary to work in the mining
 district in Belgium. There he lived in extreme poverty and became closely involved with the lives
 _____ the miners and their families. It was during _____ period that he began
 sketching the sad figures of the miners. He painted simple, ordinary working people in
 _____ natural working environment. _____

In 1888, van Gogh moved to France and began painting _____ another artist,
 Paul Gauguin. However, they had many conflicts. Their frequent quarrels resulted in van Gogh
 slashing his _____ left ear in a fit of anger. By 1889, van Gogh had become mentally ill
 and was finally admitted to a mental asylum. In spite of his lack of success when he was alive, van
 Gogh's legacy lives on in the world of art.

Adapted from 'Famous Artists' by Jillian Powell



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

There are only ten female pilots flying Air Asia's fleet in Thailand. Chananpom Rosja must
(39)

be the most famous to them all as she also holds the Miss Thailand/Universe 2005 crown. While

(40)
there has been a siknifikant rise of women in other fields such as law, medicine and engineering,

(41)
female pilots in the aviation industry were still under-represented.

(42)
"Everyone has an equal opotunetee to succeed. Women working in a male-dominated
(43) (44)
industry should never used their gender as an excuse not to succeed. Espiering female pilots must

have the passion to fly and be aware of the responsibilities and challenges in store for them," says

Chananpom.

(45)
Sitting in the pilot's seat does come with her fair share of challenges. There are issues such
(46) (47)
as steer the aircraft through turbulence and bad weather, hectic work skeduels and handling

(48)
difficult passengers. There are also the long-haul flights when can take a pilot away from home for

several days. There have been times when Chananpom had to miss important birthdays and

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anerversirees as well as bonding time with her family and close friends.

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"These are part and parcel of the job. I feel blessed being able to pursue a karear that I

love," says the lanky pilot. Chananpom admits she has her share of suitors but has remained
single.

Adapted from 'Queen of the skies' by Sheela Chandran

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Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

The video game Angry Birds has become something of a global obsession. Angry Birds now appear on T-shirts, bags and stickers. All this makes you wonder _____ real birds can get angry. (51)

Ornithologists, _____ are experts in the study of birds, think so. When birds get angry, anyone near them are in _____ of being attacked. Birds may get angry when they feel that their nests or chicks are being threatened. For example, the kingfisher is known for its aggressive _____ if it sees intruders in its breeding territory. It has been observed chasing away other birds that come too _____. (52) (53) (54) (55)

Bird attacks do often come with warnings. These creatures first show their irritation in a number of _____. They may flash their brightly-coloured feathers to warn intruders to keep _____. Sometimes, they may crouch into an attack position or fluff their feathers and _____ their wings to appear larger and scarier. It is _____ all these displays are ignored that they lunge and start attacking their intruders. (56) (57) (58) (59)

Sometimes, birds see themselves reflected in glass windows and mirrors. They mistakenly think that their reflections are other _____ threatening their territory and begin to attack them. Obviously, the 'intruders' refuse to back _____. These are battles that have to end in a draw. (60) (61)

Recent research has also shown that birds like crows can _____ grudges for a
(62)
long time. They seem to remember the faces of people who have harmed them. _____
(63)
Even months later, coming face _____ face with those same people can agitate the
(64)
crows.

So, the next time you go out for a walk, _____ a lookout for birds and watch
(65)
them closely. If you see a bird that is showing signs of being upset, it is best to keep calm and move
away slowly.

Adapted from "Yes, birds can get angry" by Shameen Idiculla



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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 "You have to remove the screws carefully," the technician told me.

The technician told me that _____

67 Kelly did not run away. She stood her ground against the bully.

Instead of _____

68 As soon as my mother saw the snake, she screamed.

_____ the moment

69 Lisa can play the piano. No other pupil can do so.

The only pupil _____

70 The chef was responsible for preparing delicious food.

Preparing _____



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Ah Seng limped painfully past the shopfronts. Glancing down, he noticed that the right leg of his pants had been stained red. It was pure luck that he had managed to escape from the armed security guard at the jewellery store. He had been driven to desperation to commit the armed robbery with his gang as his parents needed money for their medical expenses. "At least now I don't have to share the spoils with them," Ah Seng thought, tightening his grip on the loot he had managed to slip away with in the commotion. 5

A dizzy spell hit Ah Seng. Tripping over the bars of a stationary rickshaw, he landed face down on the road. His right leg exploded with pain. Suppressing a scream, Ah Seng tried to get back on his feet. He hugged the black bag tightly to his chest. Darkness overcame him. 10

Ah Seng opened his eyes and saw a wrinkled old face in front of him. He looked around. He was lying on a bed in a clinic. Remembering his bag, Ah Seng searched frantically around him.

"Are you looking for this?" The old man picked up the bag from behind his stool. Ah Seng snatched it back. 15

"Thanks. It contains everything my father left me before he died" Ah Seng said.

"So it must have been your father who robbed the jewellery store last night," the old man mocked. "I am not interested in selling you out to the police. In fact, I can treat you if you wish. I am worried that you will bleed to death from the bullet in your leg."

Ah Seng raised an eyebrow. "And how much would your treatment cost?" 20

"It is up to you how much you want to pay. One thing though, you cannot stay here for too long. By the way, you can call me Wu," the old man said as he rummaged through his medicine cabinet.

Wu sorted out the herb packets in his basket. He chewed and spat the paste onto the wound. He started kneading the flesh around the wound. Wu gave a squeeze with one hand and pulled a small metallic object out of Ah Seng's leg. The pain was excruciating. Ah Seng fainted and was unconscious for several days. 25

When Ah Seng awakened, he unwound the cloth and looked at his calf. No pain at all! He got up to look for Wu. He was pleased that he could walk normally.

"Hey, Wu! I am all well now! How much do I owe you?" 30

"Not much. The herbs cost a dollar and fifty cents. If you can cover that, I would be grateful."

Ah Seng opened the bag and grabbed five gold necklaces. He pushed them over to Wu. The old man cracked a smile. Suddenly a loud crashing sound interrupted them. Seven burly men stood at the door. Ah Seng recognized them immediately. 35

"Ah Seng, my friend! I think you have taken something from us," the leader said with a menacing smirk. He kicked a nearby chair with force, causing it to overturn. The group of gangsters closed the distance between the two helpless men – one who had just recovered from injury and the other one who was quite advanced in age – and them. With only the two of them in the clinic, Ah Seng and Wu were outnumbered. 40

Weighing the odds, Ah Seng knew it was useless putting up a fight. He glanced around the clinic for an escape route for him and Wu.

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

71 Why were Ah Seng's pants stained red in paragraph 1? [1m]

72 What caused Ah Seng to fall face down onto the road? [2m]

73 Which three-word phrase from lines 14 to 20 tells you that Ah Seng was surprised by what the old man had said? [1m]

74 Which three of the following words correctly describe how Wu felt in lines 17 to 23? [3m]

concerned

interested

greedy

puzzled

helpful

sarcastic

75 Write 1, 2, and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred, based on information from lines 21 to 40. [1m]

_____ Gangsters entered the clinic and created a ruckus.

_____ Ah Seng discovered that he was not limping anymore.

_____ Wu was looking for herbs in his medicine cabinet.

- 76 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]

	True/False	Reason
Wu thought that Ah Seng's father had robbed the jewellery store.		
Wu chewed the herbs because he was not feeling well.		
Ah Seng betrayed his gang.		

- 77 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. The first one has been done for you. [3m]

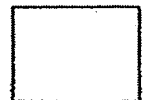
Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer(s) to
them (line 39)	gangsters
wrinkled old face (line 11)	
metallic object (line 26)	
something (line 36)	

- 78 Why was Wu not keen to have Ah Seng stay for too long at his place (lines 21-22)? [2m]

79 Explain clearly why the old man "cracked a smile" (line 34). [2m]

80 Give two reasons why Ah Seng thought it was "useless" fighting against the gangsters (line 41). [2m]

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ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2017 (P6)

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Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
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Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
1	2	4	3	4	4	2	2	E	M
Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38		
D	F	N	G	J	K	P	H		

- 39)among 40)significant 41)are 42)opportunity
- 43)use 44)Aspiring 45)its 46)steering 47)schedules
- 48)which 49)anniversaries 50)career 51)if 52)who
- 53)danger 54)behavior 55)close 56)ways 57)away
- 58)spread 59)when 60)birds 61)off 62)hold
- 63)before 64)to 65)keep
- 66)The technician told me that I had to remove the screws carefully.
- 67)Instead of running away, Kelly stood her ground against the bully.

68)My mother screamed the moment she saw the snake.

69)The only pupil that can play the piano is Lisa.

70)Preparing delicious food was the chef's responsibility.

71)A bullet had been shot into Ah Seng's leg and the wound was bleeding, staining his pants red.

72)Ah Seng suddenly felt dizzy and tripped over the bars of a stationary rickshaw, resulting in him landing face down on the road.

73)raised an eyebrow

74)concerned , helpful , sarcastic

75)3 , 2 , 1

76)False / Wu knew that Ah Seng was lying and knew that it was Ah Seng and his going that had robbed the jewellery store.

False / Wu chewed the herbs so that he could spit them on Ah Seng's wound.

True / Ah Seng kept the stolen jewellery for himself.

77)Wu's face

bullet

the jewellery that the gang had stolen together

78)He knew that Ah Seng had committed the robbery and he would bring trouble.

79)Ah Seng gave Wu five gold necklaces and it was more than a dollar and fifty-cents which he asked for.

80)There was only Wu and him in the clinic and they could not fight back. Also Wu was old and he had just recovered from an injury, therefore they were outnumbered.