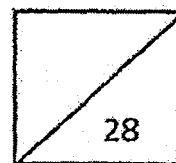


PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2017  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2  
PRIMARY 6

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**BOOKLET A**

Instructions to Pupils:

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Read the questions and follow all the instructions carefully.
3. This booklet consists of 28 questions (Questions 1 to 28).
4. Answer **ALL** the questions and shade them in the correct ovals on the OAS provided.

\* This paper consists of **11** pages altogether (including the cover page)

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

1. The teacher, as well as her students, \_\_\_\_\_ overjoyed when the good news was announced earlier today.  
(1) is  
(2) are  
(3) was  
(4) were
2. Chris \_\_\_\_\_ his grandmother in hospital tomorrow evening.  
(1) had visited  
(2) was visiting  
(3) will be visiting  
(4) has been visiting
3. Jim rushed out of the classroom the moment he heard the bell \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1) ring  
(2) rang  
(3) rung  
(4) rings
4. The scientist proudly announced, "I did not receive any help and this discovery was \_\_\_\_\_ alone."  
(1) my  
(2) me  
(3) mine  
(4) myself
5. There is no possibility of Ronald losing the race \_\_\_\_\_ he is disqualified.  
(1) if  
(2) as  
(3) since  
(4) unless

6. \_\_\_\_\_ Dion faced many setbacks along the way, he was not daunted.
- (1) However
  - (2) Although
  - (3) Therefore
  - (4) Nevertheless
7. Rajah checked the schedule to find out \_\_\_\_\_ the next train would depart from Woodlands Railway Station.
- (1) why
  - (2) how
  - (3) when
  - (4) where
8. The doctor has advised Mrs Lee to abstain from sugary beverages so she now adds \_\_\_\_\_ sugar to her drinks.
- (1) few
  - (2) less
  - (3) more
  - (4) much
9. Elle asked, "You attended last night's concert, \_\_\_\_\_ you?"
- (1) didn't
  - (2) hadn't
  - (3) mustn't
  - (4) couldn't
10. None of Mdm Sofia's neighbours know anything about her because she \_\_\_\_\_ talks to them.
- (1) hardly
  - (2) always
  - (3) usually
  - (4) frequently

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

11. The car \_\_\_\_\_ to a halt when the driver suddenly pressed hard on the brakes.
- (1) shrieked
  - (2) squealed
  - (3) squeaked
  - (4) screeched
12. The fans of the movie star were thrilled when he \_\_\_\_\_ with them before the opening of his new movie.
- (1) jostled
  - (2) related
  - (3) tussled
  - (4) mingled
13. The authorities imposed new \_\_\_\_\_ to control littering in the neighbourhood.
- (1) directions
  - (2) regulations
  - (3) instructions
  - (4) programmes
14. The onlookers were relieved when the firemen \_\_\_\_\_ the rescue.
- (1) blew out
  - (2) pulled off
  - (3) broke down
  - (4) poured over
15. Simon was \_\_\_\_\_ with guilt after he copied his classmate's answers during the examination.
- (1) dominated
  - (2) engrossed
  - (3) astonished
  - (4) overwhelmed

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)

I was alone at home and about to go to bed when I saw a shadowy figure at my window. "Who's there?" I shouted.

I was shocked to see a lion's face at the window. It looked like the lion that had  
(16)  
escaped from the nearby zoo a few days before. I became very scared and ran to my  
(17)  
bed, pulling my blanket over my head. It was too dark to see anything. Then I heard  
footsteps. They were getting louder and louder.

Soon, the sounds of the footsteps faded. I tried to sleep but could not. My mind  
(18)  
was still filled with scary thoughts. After some time, I finally fell asleep.  
(19)

The next morning, I switched on the radio to listen to the news. I was relieved  
to learn that the lion had been caught and the situation was under control. The  
(20)  
newsreader provided details of how the zookeepers had managed to trap the lion in  
the early hours of the morning.

Adapted from <http://www.english-for-students.com/Forms-Alone.html>

16. (1) startled  
(2) worried  
(3) puzzled  
(4) outraged
17. (1) lost my head  
(2) turned a blind eye  
(3) picked up my ears  
(4) jumped out of my skin

18. (1) ended  
(2) shrank  
(3) receded  
(4) declined

19. (1) flooded  
(2) drowned  
(3) overflowed  
(4) submerged

20. (1) contained  
(2) dismissed  
(3) terminated  
(4) supervised

Visual Text Comprehension (8 marks)

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

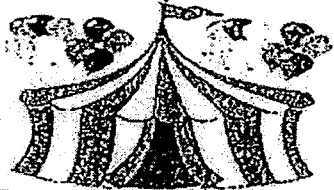
# 52<sup>nd</sup> National Heritage Carnival

**Opening Ceremony**  
1st September 2017 at 10.00 a.m.

**Guest-of-Honour**  
Mr See Keng Seng, Minister of Culture

Venue: Republic National Park  
Time: 10.00 a.m. – 9.00 p.m. (weekdays)  
10.00 a.m. – 10.00 p.m. (Saturdays and Sundays)

1st to 10th  
September 2017




## HIGHLIGHTS

- Daily Lucky Draws with two 32-inch televisions to be won each day.
- More than 100 carnival stalls.
- Concert by local and foreign artistes every night.


## TICKETS

\$2.00 per adult  
\$1.00 per child below the age of 13  
Free entry for children below 2 years old.  
Tickets can be purchased at all community clubs by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017.

A mobile phone to be given away every hour to a visitor chosen at random by our carnival mascot!



Show your EeZee Link Card at the entrance to receive a free umbrella (while stocks last).




**For more information**

- Visit our official website at:  
[www.heritagecarnival17.org](http://www.heritagecarnival17.org)
- Call 65252525 or 65252526


**Lucky Draw Coupon** (cut out and place in the box at the Lucky Draw booth)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
NRIC Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_


**Organised by:**



National Community Association




People Organisation of Singapore




Singapore Grassroots Council

**Prizes sponsored by:**



Sumsan Electronics



Superb Store

## CARNIVAL EVENTS

### Food and Refreshment Stalls

- 20 stalls brought to you by award-winning local hawker stalls selling your favourite local dishes.
- Dessert and drinks stalls set up by Singapore's most popular fast food outlets as voted by Singaporeans.

Half of the money collected will be donated to the following charities:

- Republic Community Chest
- Children's Welfare Home
- National Health Fund



### Game Stalls and Rides

- 25 carnival game stalls.
- Tram rides and water slides (for children below 13 years only).
- Mini trampoline & paintball (for ages 13 years and above only).

Purchase coupons for the games and rides at the carnival entrance.

Vote for your favourite game stall and stand a chance to win free coupons.



### Telematch (8 p.m. daily)

- Registration is required. Cut out the registration form below and bring it along on the day of the carnival.
- Form a team of 5 with your family members and friends (at least 2 members must be from the same family). Each participant must be at least 15 years old.
- Limited to the first 25 teams who register each evening.
- The winning team each evening will walk away with \$100 cash.



### Night Market (opens at 7 p.m. daily)

A wide variety of items on sale:

- Handmade art and crafts made by volunteers from over 20 charities.
- Used clothes, bags and footwear (in good condition) donated by the public.
- Second-hand books and magazines from as low as \$0.50 each.

If you are interested in setting up a stall, send an email with your name to: [submit@market.com](mailto:submit@market.com).

The organisers will reply you within 3 days to confirm your participation.



### Telematch Registration Form

Name	Age	Contact Details (Email or Phone Number)
1)		
2)		
3)		
4)		
5)		

For each question from 21 to 28, choose the most appropriate option (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (8 marks)

21. According to the poster, tickets can be purchased \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) at any community club
- (2) on the opening day of the carnival
- (3) by calling the telephone numbers listed
- (4) by producing an EeZee Link Card at the entrance

22. Which one of the following statements is true?

- (1) The carnival is open for longer hours during the weekends.
- (2) Anyone who has an EeZee Link Card will receive a free umbrella.
- (3) Prizes for the lucky draw include television sets and mobile phones.
- (4) The Guest-of-Honour will be opening the concert on 1st September 2017.

23. Someone who visits the official website will be able to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) set up a stall at the Night Market
- (2) download the lucky draw coupon
- (3) obtain free tickets for the carnival
- (4) gather more information about the carnival

24. Which one of the following is a sponsor of the prizes for the event?

- (1) Superb Store
- (2) Singapore Grassroots Council
- (3) National Community Association
- (4) People Organisation of Singapore

25. The food and refreshment stalls \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) offer a variety of food and drinks
- (2) allow voting of the favourite food
- (3) are run by world-famous hawkers
- (4) will donate the money collected to three charities

26. All visitors who want to play the games and take the rides \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) can hop onto the trams
- (2) must be at least 13 years of age
- (3) will receive free coupons after voting
- (4) need to buy coupons before taking part

27. To participate in the telematch, a team needs to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) consist of a group made up of five friends
- (2) email the registration form to the organisers
- (3) register the members' names, ages and contact details
- (4) submit a completed registration form latest by 1st September

28. Which of the following items are not sold at the night market?

- (1) New magazines
- (2) Second-hand shoes
- (3) Handmade handicrafts
- (4) Dresses donated by the public

End of Booklet A



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## BOOKLET B

Instructions to Pupils:

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Read the questions and follow all the instructions carefully.
3. This booklet consists of 52 questions (Questions 29 to 80).
4. Answer ALL the questions and write all the answers in this booklet.

	Maximum	Marks Obtained
Booklet A	28	
Booklet B	67	
Total	95	

Component	Question Numbers	Marks Obtained
Grammar & Vocabulary	29 - 50 66 - 70	
Comprehension Cloze	51 - 65	
Comprehension Open-ended	71 - 80	

\* This booklet consists of 10 pages altogether (including cover page).  
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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.**

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(A) a	(D) who	(G) from	(K) more	(N) out
(B) most	(E) off	(H) at	(L) whom	(P) of
(C) before	(F) the	(J) by	(M) after	(Q) in

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The Great Wall of China is a symbol of national pride. It is so eye-catching that it inspired a myth that the Great Wall of China is visible (29)\_\_\_\_\_ the moon.

Now, one part of the Great Wall is even (30)\_\_\_\_\_ visible but for very wrong reasons. Recently, Chinese officials repaired this part of the Great Wall (31)\_\_\_\_\_ simply applying a white substance on top of the crumbling stones. Photographs showed the 700-year-old stretch of wall looking just like (32)\_\_\_\_\_ concrete skateboarding lane dumped in the wilderness.

Repairs to the two-kilometre section of the wall which were undertaken two years ago came to attention only (33)\_\_\_\_\_ a local newspaper described what had been done in the name of preservation.

Mr Liu, (34)\_\_\_\_\_ drew public attention to the shoddy work, said officials commissioned the repairs because they were worried for the safety of tourists walking on top of it. However, in their haste, they had wiped (35)\_\_\_\_\_ the rugged features that people had come to treasure.

According to the report, construction of that section of the wall started (36)\_\_\_\_\_ 1381. It was part of the Ming dynasty emperors' efforts to ward (37)\_\_\_\_\_ nomads from the north who were attacking China.

City dwellers who come to marvel (38)\_\_\_\_\_ the isolated section of the wall in Suizhong Province leave disappointed, wondering why they had bothered to travel so far to see a strip of concrete.

*Adapted from NEW YORK TIMES, 2016*

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. (12 marks)

*When I was very young, due to my father's work, my family moved to Muar.*

(39)

*It was a happy time. My father was doing well in his job. We lived comfortable*

(40)

(41)

*with the occassional luxury. Sometimes, we enjoyed British biskits and other*

(42)

(43)

*goodies. Some of my toys was ordered from Robinsons, the fame department*

(44)

*store, which ocuppied a big building in Raffles Place. I had a rocking horse once*

(45)

*but I cut down his tail, thinking it would grow again but it was a big mistake.*

*When I was about six years old, I went to a nearby primary school run by a*

(46)

*Tamil schoolmaster. All I could remember about my lessons was the excitment of*

(47)

*learning my ABC. The whole school enviroment brought joy to my learning.*

(48) [redacted]

*At home, we spoke only Tamil. In my father's office, he and his colleagues*

*spoke English and I began to pick up some English at school.*

(49) [redacted]

*One of the earliest events I could recall are going off to school in*

*Singapore. My father took me there by taxi, together with my sisters. My only*

(50) [redacted]

*recollect of the journey was my first sight of Newton Circus. In those days, it was*

*just a roundabout.*

*Adapted from 50 Stories From My Life by Mr S.R. Nathan*

For each of the questions 51 to 65, fill in each blank with a suitable word. (15 marks)

Lurking in the shallow waters of the beach and inhabiting the depths of the coldest oceans are creeping, crawling sea spiders. Ranging in (51) \_\_\_\_\_ from one millimetre to more than 90 centimetres, these creatures look (52) \_\_\_\_\_ to characters from a science fiction horror movie.

It is easy to have nightmares (53) \_\_\_\_\_ sea spiders crawling all around you but it gets creepier. Sea spiders (54) \_\_\_\_\_ a proboscis, which is a long and flexible tube-like mouth part, on their head for feeding on their prey. These creepy crawlies insert their proboscis (55) \_\_\_\_\_ the soft bodies of invertebrates such as sea sponges. They then suck out the juicy goodness from them. Instead of (56) \_\_\_\_\_, the prey surprisingly survives this gruesome attack. (57) \_\_\_\_\_ such a way of feeding sounds gross, prey like the sea sponges and sea anemones, which are generally larger (58) \_\_\_\_\_ the spider, will not be harmed most of the time.

There are more than 1300 known (59) \_\_\_\_\_ of sea spiders. They can have four, five or six (60) \_\_\_\_\_ of legs. Their bodies are so thin that they do not need a respiratory system. However, their body surface is large enough to allow them to (61) \_\_\_\_\_ by absorbing oxygen through their skin.

Sea spiders are such unusual creatures that scientists are still a little puzzled about how to classify (62) \_\_\_\_\_. They are not considered true spiders or arachnids as they have a segmented exoskeleton (63) \_\_\_\_\_ makes them arthropods just like insects, crabs and spiders. However, other strange body (64) \_\_\_\_\_ such as their proboscis make it difficult for scientists to classify them.

The next time you go to the beach, head down to the rock pools to investigate. You may just (65) \_\_\_\_\_ a little sea spider hidden among the rocks and pebbles in the shallow water, but do not worry. The really big ones only live in the depths of the Antarctic Ocean.

adapted from <http://www.realmonstrosities.com/2011/04/sea-spiders.html>

For each of the questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentences, 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. Mr Lim's nephew won an award in the recent art competition. Mr Lim gave a speech.

\_\_\_\_\_ whose \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

67. Mr Tan told Ali, "You left these storybooks in class yesterday."

Mr Tan \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

68. All the students like the idea for the project. Only Adam does not like the idea.

Every student except \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

69. The monsoon rains arrived early. The villagers were not prepared.

\_\_\_\_\_ for the early  
\_\_\_\_\_

70. Amber took the wallet from the table. The discipline master walked into the room.

No sooner \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

<p>Twelve-year-old Cara Jumper loved spending her summer vacation at her grandparents' house in Swansea, South Carolina. Her sisters, Claire, six, and Emma, five, loved to dangle their legs by the dock which was built around the pond on the property. Her grandfather, Coy Jumper, had bought the land 15 years earlier and had stocked the saltwater pond with bass, bream and catfish.</p>	5
<p>Even in winter, Coy would visit the pond to feed the fish and check his beaver traps. One January afternoon, he piled Cara and her sisters into his car and took them down to the pond. He and the girls tramped happily through the trees, checking traps. No luck—they were empty.</p>	
<p>As the sun melted toward the horizon, the air took on a chill, and the group turned back to head home. However, as Coy walked along the bank, he suddenly slowed down and was unable to put one foot in front of the other. Behind him, Cara noticed that something was wrong. Then she saw Coy stagger and fall backward into the pond's deep water.</p>	10
<p>When her grandfather did not surface immediately, Cara jumped in. It was too deep to touch the bottom. With one hand, Cara grabbed the bank. With the other, she reached for her grandfather, making contact in the dark water.</p>	15
<p>Coy was limp. He had suffered a stroke the year before. Cara wondered if he was having one again. She wrapped her arm under his chin and pulled his face out of the water. That roused him, but he was still a dead weight, hopelessly heavy as Cara tugged him towards the bank. "I can't get him out," Cara cried to her sisters, who watched from the bank. After several minutes, she managed to manoeuvre Coy towards the bank and pulled him up onto solid ground.</p>	20
<p>The winter sun had almost disappeared and they were all shivering. The little girls were scared and crying. Cara knew she would have to get Coy to the car which was 400 metres away. She helped him to his feet. The left side of his body sagged, but by propping his weight on Cara and pushing with his right side, Coy slowly moved forward. "It took a long time," Cara said, to make their way back. 20 metres from the car, Coy fell. From there, he crawled, dragging himself under a gate, to the car. His granddaughters helped him into the passenger's side and Cara got into the driver's seat.</p>	25 30
<p>"I used to sit on my dad's lap and drive," she said. Coy had also let her drive through the fields around the house. Still, she felt nervous, but she turned on the engine calmly and steered them the five kilometres home. "I was trying to get there fast, but I didn't want us to get hurt," Cara said. When she pulled the car into the driveway, her grandmother, Esca, was there to meet them. She had arrived home from work just a few minutes before.</p>	35
<p>"Poppa's had a stroke," Cara told her as she walked Coy into the house. It was only then that Esca realised what had happened.</p>	
<p>A week after the incident, at the hospital, Esca, choking back her tears said, "I don't dare think of what would have happened to Coy if Cara hadn't been with him that day."</p>	40
Adapted from <i>The Girl Whose Strength Was Beyond Her Years</i> BY MELODY WARNICK	

71. List the two things that Coy would do whenever he went to the saltwater pond. (2m)

(i) \_\_\_\_\_

(ii) \_\_\_\_\_

72. Which six-word phrase in paragraph 3 shows that the temperature had dropped as the sun set? (1m)

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73. What made Cara realise that something was wrong with her grandfather as they were making their way to the car? (2m)


74. Look at the table below. What do the words on 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
they (line 9)	
one (line 19)	
there (line 33)	

75. Why did Cara jump into the pond? (1m)


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

\_\_\_\_\_ Cara dived into the water and pulled Coy up to a bank

\_\_\_\_\_ Coy took his grandkids to the saltwater pond

\_\_\_\_\_ Coy was walking unsteadily as they started making their way to the car.

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. (4m)

Statement	True / False	Reason
(a) Coy only went to the saltwater pond in summer.		
(b) Cara found the saltwater pond deep.		
(c) Coy was able to slowly make his way to the car all by himself.		
(d) Esca immediately knew that Coy had suffered a stroke when she reached home.		

78. Explain what it means when Coy is referred to as a "dead weight" in line 20? (2m)

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79. From the passage, which two words correctly describe Cara in paragraph 7? (2m)


anxious

cautious

confident


hasty

helpless

alarmed

80. Do you think Coy survived the second stroke? Support your answer with evidence from the passage. (2m)

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# ANSWER SHEET

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

29) G                      30) K                      31) J                      32) A                      33) M

34) D                      35) N                      36) Q                      37) E                      38) H

39) comfortably                      40) occasional

41) biscuits                      42) were

43) famous                      44) occupied

45) off                      46) excitement

47) environment                      48) colleagues

49) was                      50) recollection

51) length                      52) similar

- 53) of  
55) into  
57) although  
59) species  
61) survive  
63) which  
65) find
- 54) have  
56) dying  
58) than  
60) pairs  
62) them  
64) parts

66) Mr Lim, whose nephew won an award in the recent art competition , gave a speech.

67) Mr Tan told Ali that he had left those storybooks in class the previous day.

68) Every student except Adam likes the idea for the project.

69) The villagers were not prepared for the early arrival of the monsoon rains.

70) No sooner had Amber taken the wallet from the table than the discipline master walked into the room.

71) i) feed the fish in the pond                      ii) check his beaver traps

72) the air took on a chill

73) As Coy was walking along the bank, he suddenly slowed down and was unable to put one foot in front of the other. This made Cara realise that something was wrong.

74) – Coy's beaver traps                      - A stroke                      - Coy's home

75) Coy staggered and fell into the pond's deep water and did not surface immediately. Therefore, Cara jumped into the pond to pull her grandfather out of the water.

76) 3 , 1 , 2

77) a) False – Even in winter, Coy would go to the saltwater pond to feed the fish and check his beaver traps.

**b) True – The pond was too deep for Cara to touch the bottom.**

**c) False - Coy had to prop his weight on Cara and push with his right side to reach the car.**

**d) False – Esca only realised that Coy had suffered a stroke after Cara told her about it.**

**78) Coy was heavy and was unable to move.**

