



**HENRY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL  
2017 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT ONE  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
PRIMARY 6  
PAPER 2 BOOKLET A**

NAME : \_\_\_\_\_

CLASS : P6 \_\_\_\_\_

INDEX NO : \_\_\_\_\_

**28 QUESTIONS**

**28 MARKS**

**TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 HOUR 50 MINUTES**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

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

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

Shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

Parent's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Booklet A : \_\_\_\_\_ / 28

Booklet B : \_\_\_\_\_ / 67

**TOTAL : \_\_\_\_\_ / 95**

Section	Marks	
Grammar		10
Vocabulary		5
Vocabulary Cloze		5
Visual Text Comprehension		8
Total		28

For each question from 1 to 10, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (10 marks)

1. John, as well as his sisters, \_\_\_\_\_ in the pool for two hours. They do not want to leave the pool yet.

- (1) is swimming
- (2) are swimming
- (3) has been swimming
- (4) have been swimming

( )

2. The girl \_\_\_\_\_ and discovered that she had been unconscious for the last two days.

- (1) came to
- (2) came upon
- (3) came about
- (4) came through

( )

3. The sale was a success as \_\_\_\_\_ people could resist a good bargain.

- (1) all
- (2) few
- (3) many
- (4) some

( )

4. \_\_\_\_\_ being 92, my great-grandfather leads an active life.

- (1) Yet
- (2) Despite
- (3) Although
- (4) Even though

( )

5. "I \_\_\_\_\_ badminton all morning and my arm hurts!" exclaimed Henry.

- (1) could play
- (2) am playing
- (3) will be playing
- (4) have been playing

( )

6. If Timothy \_\_\_\_\_ the door, his pet dog would not have gone missing.

- (1) did not open
- (2) does not open
- (3) has not opened
- (4) had not opened

( )

7. "Gary has never had to work all his life, \_\_\_\_\_?" asked Leon.

- (1) has he
- (2) does he
- (3) hasn't he
- (4) doesn't he

( )

8. A cloud of dust \_\_\_\_\_ in the air when the cleaner tried to dust the table in the abandoned house.

- (1) rise
- (2) rises
- (3) rose
- (4) has risen

( )

9. That is the man \_\_\_\_\_ house was broken into last week.

- (1) that
- (2) which
- (3) whom
- (4) whose

( )

10. Bryan turned \_\_\_\_\_ the overseas scholarship because he wanted to stay in Singapore to look after his ailing mother.

- (1) up
- (2) off
- (3) away
- (4) down

( )

For each question from 11 to 15, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

11. Mr Lim was taken into \_\_\_\_\_ as he was accused of shoplifting.

- (1) custody
- (2) reprimand
- (3) supervision
- (4) confinement

( )

12. "I clinched the first prize again!" Josh exclaimed \_\_\_\_\_ as he waved the medal in the air.

- (1) softly
- (2) smugly
- (3) sullenly
- (4) sincerely

( )

13. After being separated for seventeen years, Sally was finally \_\_\_\_\_ with her biological parents.

- (1) unified
- (2) merged
- (3) reunited
- (4) attached

( )

14. Gwen was so shocked by the news that she spoke in an \_\_\_\_\_ manner. Nobody could understand what she was saying.

- (1) insolent
- (2) indulgent
- (3) incoherent
- (4) inadequate

( )

15. Judging by the way the children \_\_\_\_\_ their dinner, they must have been very hungry.

- (1) tucked at
- (2) tucked into
- (3) tucked onto
- (4) tucked over

( )

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

(5 marks)

Amy had worked hard to complete a major project. She was in need of a good break. She decided to head to the beach for the long weekend. Amy sifted through the yellow pages and booked a resort of her choice. She quickly (16) gathered up some beach essentials, threw them into her boot and drove off.

Upon checking in at the resort, Amy wasted no time in identifying a secluded spot along the stretch of white sandy beach where she could (17) unwind. She ordered a refreshing lemonade and was soon (18) engrossed in her book.

On the third morning, it was time for Amy to head home. She had (19) more than enough time to pack her luggage before checking out. Amy approached the various staff to thank them for a wonderful stay. She was (20) grateful for the opportunity to rejuvenate herself for her next project. Amy made a mental note to return to the resort soon.

16. (1) saved  
(2) outlined  
(3) collected  
(4) accumulated

( )

17. (1) untwist  
(2) meditate  
(3) work out  
(4) rest and relax

( )

18. (1) stunned by  
(2) affected by  
(3) absorbed in  
(4) impressed with

( )

19. (1) ample  
(2) abundant  
(3) excessive  
(4) satisfactory

( )

20. (1) indebted to  
(2) obligated to  
(3) fulfilled with  
(4) appreciative of

( )

Study this flyer carefully and answer questions 21 to 28.



# YOUNG WARRIORS OBSTACLE RACE 2017



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**Date of race:** 15 April 2017 (Saturday)

**Location of starting point:** Holland Club

**Age:** Racers from 7 to 12 years old as of 15 April 2017

**One-time Administrative fee payable for all races:** \$5

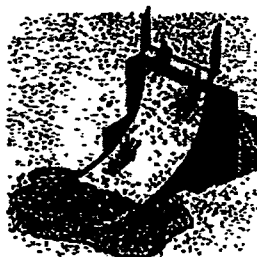
**Competitive race fee:** \$30 per race, excluding administrative fee

**Non-competitive race fee:** \$20 per race, excluding administrative fee

**Register online now at [www.warriors.sg](http://www.warriors.sg)**

**Only those who finish the race will receive a Young Warriors 2017 T-shirt and medal.**

## Race Day Details



Time	Event	Details	Distance
8 a.m.	Race A	11 to 12-year-old boys, Competitive Race	1 km
8.30 a.m.	Race B	11 to 12-year-old girls, Competitive Race	1 km
9 a.m.	Race C	7 to 8-year-old, Non-competitive race	0.5 km
9.30 a.m.	Race D	9 to 10-year-old, Non-competitive race	0.5 km
10 a.m.	Race E	10 to 12-year-old, Non-competitive race	1 km
11.30 a.m.	Mud Bath Parade	Parents are allowed to accompany their child for this event.	-
12 p.m.	Prize Presentation	Prize Winners are to gather at the back of the stage by 11.55 am	-



## Prizes

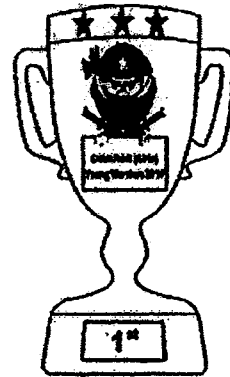


The first 3 male and first 3 female racers who cross the finishing line will be awarded a trophy and Young Armour vouchers.

Register before 12 March to get early bird benefits:

- 1) Administrative fees will be waived.
- 2) Free Young Armour bag and headband for the first 100 registrants.

The most challenging obstacle was 'The Slippery Slope'. It was steep and covered with mud. I failed a few times but the crowd kept cheering me on. I recalled I almost gave up as I was exhausted and did not have much energy left. I reminded myself that a warrior is a brave and strong person and decided to press on and pushed myself to sprint towards the finishing line. I was covered in mud, dirt, sweat, tears and of course, some bruises from the fall! I remembered hearing a loud horn being blown to signal that there was a champion. To my surprise, I was the champion! Being able to push myself beyond my limits was a rewarding experience. What surprised me the most was that the warriors displayed great sportsmanship. They helped one another by encouraging those who had fallen to keep on trying instead of putting them down. It was truly an amazing experience!



Devi, Champion of 2016 Junior Warrior Race.

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For each question from 21 to 28, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (8 marks)

21. The main purpose of the flyer is to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) encourage parents to join the parade
- (2) promote the Young Warriors Obstacle Race 2017
- (3) encourage children to press on when faced with challenges
- (4) publish an interview with the champion of the Young Warriors 2017 ( )

22. Ahmad's 11<sup>th</sup> birthday falls on 16 April. Which race(s) can he take part in?

- (1) Race A only
- (2) Race A and E only
- (3) Race D only
- (4) Race D and E only ( )

23. Based on the 2016 champion's recount, the horn was blown to signal \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) the end of the race
- (2) the start of the race
- (3) that someone had fallen
- (4) that a winner had emerged ( )

24. How much does Jane have to pay if she wants to sign up for Race D before

12 March?

- (1) \$20
- (2) \$25
- (3) \$30
- (4) \$35 ( )

**25. Which one of the following statements is true?**

- (1) The race is open to parents.
- (2) The registration is done online
- (3) All participants will receive a T-shirt.
- (4) Prize winners are to gather on the stage at 11.55 a.m. ( )

**26. Based on the flyer, which one of the following items would each race finisher receive?**

- (1) A bag
- (2) A trophy
- (3) A medal
- (4) Vouchers ( )

**27. Which one of the following is not a sponsor for the event?**

- (1) Health First
- (2) Spring Water
- (3) Holland Club
- (4) Young Armour ( )

**28. According to Devi's sharing, what did she find most surprising from the race experience?**

- (1) the lively atmosphere
- (2) the challenging Slippery Slope
- (3) the interesting prizes to be won
- (4) the participants' attitude towards one another ( )



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**2017 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT ONE  
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PAPER 2 BOOKLET B**

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Section	Marks	
Grammar Cloze		10
Editing for Spelling and Grammar		12
Comprehension Cloze		15
Synthesis / Transformation		10
Comprehension Open Ended		20
Total		67

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) against	(D) have	(G) our	(K) to	(N) which
(B) are	(E) in	(H) over	(L) too	(P) who
(C) has	(F) is	(J) their	(M) when	(Q) whose

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Paparazzi are independent photographers who take pictures of athletes,

entertainers, politicians and other celebrities while going about their usual life routines.

Paparazzi tend \_\_\_\_\_ be independent contractors who have no connection with

(29)

mainstream media organisations. Photographs are usually taken \_\_\_\_\_ they see

(30)

famous celebrities that they are tracking. Some experts \_\_\_\_\_ described the

(31)

behaviour of paparazzi as being synonymous with stalking and harassment of public

figures and celebrities. Some public figures and celebrities have expressed concern

\_\_\_\_\_ the extent to which paparazzi go to invade their personal space. Legal support

(32)

for restraining orders \_\_\_\_\_ paparazzi have increased. There \_\_\_\_\_ more

(33)

(34)

lawsuits against them too.

Due to the reputation of paparazzi as a nuisance, some states and countries



restrict \_\_\_\_\_ activities by passing laws and curfews, as well as staging events in  
(35)

\_\_\_\_\_ paparazzi are specifically not allowed to take photographs. To further protect  
(36)

the children of celebrities, some countries have passed several laws and regulations. The

primary purpose of these regulations \_\_\_\_\_ to stop paparazzi from taking pictures  
(37)

of children in a harassing manner, regardless of \_\_\_\_\_ their parents are. These laws  
(38)

and regulations have also resulted in the increased penalties for harassment of children,

In the hope that the paparazzi would learn to respect personal boundaries.

*Adapted from: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki>*



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

39)

Addidas or Puma? The rivalry among two of the world's most recognisable

40)

brands went far beyond mere corporate competition. It was a viscious family feud that

41)

42)

not only plt two brothers against each other, but also divided the inhabitents of their hometown into opposing cliques, one that lasted 60 years.

In the 1920s, the brothers were partners in the Dassler Brothers Sports Shoe

43)

Company, operated out of their mother's laundry room in the small German town of Herzogenaurach. Adolf ("Adi") Dassler was the quiet, thoughtful craftsman who

44)

designed and made the shoes, complements by the older Rudolph ("Rudi") who

45)

was the extroveted salesman. Legendary African-American track star Jesse Owens sported their shoes when he competed and won four gold medals in the 1936 Olympics.

46)

Owens' victory gave the shoes International exposed and sales of the Dasslers' product exploded.

But the success created new tensions in the brothers' relationship, which was

47)

already strained by the fact that their families lived in the same villa since their wives

48)

not getting along. The conflict excalated as the brothers split the company in two in 1948,

49)

dividing the assets and the employees between themselves. Adi named his company

"Adidas," a combination of his first and last names. Rudl attempted to do the same by

50)

first naming his company "Ruda" but eventually changing it to the more athletic sounding name, "Puma." The two built competing factories on opposite sides of the river, Aurach and quickly became responsible for much of Herzogenaurach's economy, with nearly everyone working for one company or the other.

*Adapted from: <http://fortune.com/2013/03/22/the-hatred-and-bitterness-behind-two-of-the-worlds-most-popular-brands>*

Fill in each blank with the most suitable word.

(15 marks)

Piracy is an act of robbery by ship-borne or boat-borne attackers upon another ship. Its main goal is to steal cargo and other (51) \_\_\_\_\_ items. Those who have (52) \_\_\_\_\_ in acts of piracy are called pirates. The earliest documented instances of piracy were (53) \_\_\_\_\_ the 14th century, when the Sea Peoples, a group of ocean raiders, (54) \_\_\_\_\_ the ships of the Aegean and Mediterranean civilizations.

Piracy is a specific crime under customary international law. In the early 21st (55) \_\_\_\_\_, seaborne piracy against transport vessels has remained a significant issue. An estimated US\$16 billion was (56) \_\_\_\_\_ to piracy annually, particularly in the waters between the Red Sea (57) \_\_\_\_\_ Indian Ocean off the Somali coast, and also in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore.

In the 2000s, pirates armed (58) \_\_\_\_\_ automatic weapons and rocket-propelled grenades used small motorboats to attack and board ships, a tactic that (59) \_\_\_\_\_ advantage of the small number of crew members on modern cargo vessels and transport ships. They also used larger vessels, known (60) \_\_\_\_\_ "motherships", to supply the smaller motorboats. Currently, the international community (61) \_\_\_\_\_ facing many challenges in bringing modern pirates (62) \_\_\_\_\_ justice as these attacks often occur in international waters. A number (63) \_\_\_\_\_ nations have also used their naval forces to protect private ships (64) \_\_\_\_\_ pirate attacks. Some private vessels are taking (65) \_\_\_\_\_ to defend their vessels and their crews from



piracy. They use armed security guards, high-pressure hoses, sound cannons and radar to avoid potential threats.

*Adapted from <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Piracy>*

For each of the questions from 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. If the shirt does not fit, return it to the store. Return the matching pants too.

\_\_\_\_\_

together with \_\_\_\_\_.

67. The swimming coach asked, "Have all of you changed into your swimming suits?"

The swimming coach asked \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

68. Jane could speak several languages. Everyone was Impressed.

Everyone found it \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

69. The flood has been terrible. Therefore, many people have been stranded in their homes.

\_\_\_\_\_

because of \_\_\_\_\_

70. Mel insisted on going to the Zoo. It was raining heavily.

No matter how \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



Read this passage and answer questions 71-81.

Bill walked through the front door of his home with a newly purchased puppy in his arms. The dog did not have a hip socket and walked with a serious limp. His selection of a disabled puppy intrigued his parents. Bill had lost all hope of ever making a full recovery, but with his new companion, his parents sensed a newly revitalized spirit of hope and enthusiasm emerging from him. Instead of being caught up in his own condition, he channeled his energy to helping his dog. 5

The next day, Bill and his mother went to see a veterinarian to find out how best to help the puppy. The vet explained that Bill had to stretch and massage his puppy's leg every morning so that the muscles around his missing hip socket would eventually strengthen. He also had to walk the puppy at least one kilometre per day. Then the puppy would have less of a limp. 10

Although the dog whimpered and barked out his discomfort and Bill winced and struggled with his own leg brace, they religiously kept to their massage and walking rehabilitation regimen for the next two months. By the third month, they were walking three kilometres every morning before school and they were both walking without pain. 15

One Saturday morning as they returned from their workout, a cat leaped out from the bushes and startled them. Ripping the leash from Bill's grip, the dog lunged for the cat and darted into oncoming traffic. With a speeding truck only seconds away, Bill instinctively ran into the street, dove for his dog and rolled into a gutter. He was too late. The dog had been hit and was bleeding profusely from the mouth. As Bill lay there crying and hugging his dying dog, he noticed that his leg brace was bent and broken. With no time to worry about himself, he sprang to his feet, picked up his dog and sprinted back home. 20

Bill's mother rushed them to the pet hospital. As they anxiously waited to see if his dog would survive the surgery, Bill asked his mother why he could now walk and run. 25

"You had osteomyelitis, which is a disease of the bone," she said. "It weakened and crippled your leg, which caused you to limp in severe pain. Your brace was for support. It was not necessarily a permanent condition if you were willing to fight through the pain and hours of therapy. You responded well to medication, but you always resisted when we encouraged you to go for physical therapy and your father and I did not know what to do. The doctors told us that you were about to lose your leg. But then you brought home this special puppy. It was amazing how you both seemed to understand each other's needs. Ironically, as you were helping him, you were actually helping yourself. The walking rehabilitation regimen that you had with your dog helped to strengthen your leg muscles. You obviously no longer needed the support of a brace and today you discovered it."

Just then the operating room door slowly opened. Out walked the veterinarian with a smile on his face.

*Adapted from Puppy Love by Dan Clark*

71. Based on evidence from the passage, how was the puppy disabled? (2m)

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72. Which three-word phrase in paragraph 1 describes that Bill had given up and was resigned to his fate? (1m)



73. Based on the passage, why was there a change in Bill when he brought the puppy home? (2m)

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74. Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false. Give one reason why you think so. (3m)

	True / False	Reason
In the beginning, the puppy enjoyed the daily walks and massages.		
Bill's parents were intrigued by the physically challenged puppy.		
Bill refused to go for any physiotherapy sessions.		

75. Explain in detail the 'regimen' that was prescribed by the veterinarian. (2m)



76. Order the sentences below according to what had happened in the passage.  
Number the sentences (1, 2 and 3) in the boxes provided. (1m)

	They religiously kept to their workout regimen.
	Bill was suffering from osteomyelitis.
	The dog was hit by a truck and bleeding profusely from the mouth.

77. Choose the word from paragraphs 1-3 which have similar meanings to the words below. (3m)

I)	grimaced	
II)	captivated	
III)	physically challenged	

78. Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write the answers in the column on the right. (2m)

Words from the passage	What the word refers to
<sup>25</sup> they (line 24)	
<sup>39</sup> It (line 39)	



79. Based on the passage, state the corresponding cause for the effect listed in the table below. (2m)

	Cause	Effect
i)		Bill needed to walk with a brace and he limped in severe pain.
ii)		Bill dove to save his dog from an oncoming truck.

80. Explain with evidence from the passage why Bill no longer needed the support of the brace. (2m)

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

Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
K	M	D	H	A	B	J	N	F	P

Q39) *between*      Q40) *vicious*      Q41) *pitted*      Q42) *inhabitants*      Q43) *operating*

Q44) *complemented*      Q45) *extroverted*      Q46) *exposure*      Q47) *despite*      Q48) *escalated*

Q49) *assets*      Q50) *athletic*      Q51) *expensive*      Q52) *engaged*      Q53) *in*

Q54) *invaded*      Q55) *century*      Q56) *lost*      Q57) *and*      Q58) *with*

Q59) *took*      Q60) *as*      Q61) *is*      Q62) *to*      Q63) *of*

Q64) *from*      Q65) *steps*

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Q69) *Many people have been stranded in their homes because of the terrible food.*

Q70) *No matter how heavy the rain was, Mel insisted on going to the zoo.*

Q71) *The puppy did not have a hip socket and walked with a serious limp, this shows that the puppy was disabled.*

Q72) *lost all hope*

Q73. As there was a new revitalized spirit of hope and enthusiasm emerging from Bill and instead of being caught up in his own condition, he channeled his energy to help his dog.

Q74. False - In the beginning, the puppy whimpered and backed out its discomfort while they religiously kept to their massage and walking rehabilitation regimen.

False - Bill's parents were intrigued by Bill's selection of the disabled puppy.

True - Bill always resisted when his parents encouraged him to go for physical therapy and they did not know what to do.

Q75. They have to stretch and massage the puppy's leg every morning so that the muscles around it missing hip socket would strengthen and they also have to walk the puppy at least one kilometer everyday so the puppy would have less of limp.

Q76. 2, 1, 3 (downwards)

Q77. i) winced      ii) intrigued      iii) disabled

Q78. they - Bill's mother and him      it - Bill not needing the support of the brace

Q79. i) Bill had osteomyelitis, which is a disease of the bone.

ii) A cat leaped out from the bushes and startled then, the lunged out for the cat and darted into the oncoming traffic.

Q80. As Bill was helping the dog, he was actually helping himself, the walking rehabilitation regimen that he had with his dog helped to strengthen his leg muscles, so Bill no longer needed the support of the brace.

