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NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL
2017 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION
PRIMARY 6

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

BOOKLET A

Name: _____ ()

Class: Pr. 6 _____

Date: 22 August 2017

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Total Time for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
2. Follow all instructions carefully.
3. Answer all questions carefully.
4. Shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

Section A – Grammar (10 marks)

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) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. As Mr Lim was walking towards the lift, he heard the emergency bell _____.
(1) ring
(2) rang
(3) rings
(4) had rung

2. The athletes train hard at Clementi Stadium every week _____ they?
(1) do
(2) did
(3) don't
(4) didn't

3. Sally, together with her friends, _____ voluntary work at the children's home every weekend.
(1) do
(2) does
(3) have done
(4) will be done

4. This set of furniture _____ on display at the previous trade fair held at Changi Convention Hall.
(1) is
(2) are
(3) was
(4) were

5. Hakim was able to sell his goods at a cheaper rate as he bought them _____ bulk.
(1) at
(2) in
(3) by
(4) on

6. Either Mathew or his sisters _____ staying home to help Mother prepare dinner later.

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

7. By the time Mrs Tan completed her chores, the rain _____.

- (1) stopped
- (2) would stop
- (3) has stopped
- (4) had stopped

8. Jill did not attend her friend's birthday party _____ she was invited.

- (1) since
- (2) because
- (3) although
- (4) however

9. Sonja _____ in violin competitions these few months and she will continue to do so.

- (1) competes
- (2) will compete
- (3) has competed
- (4) has been competing

10. If I had learnt English well, I _____ a better job prospect.

- (1) had
- (2) will have
- (3) have had
- (4) would have

Section B – Vocabulary (5 marks)

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) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet.

11. The government has _____ a massive campaign to educate the public on the ill effects of smoking.
- (1) launched
 - (2) cultivated
 - (3) developed
 - (4) inculcated
12. The restaurant was shut down by the Ministry of Health when it was found to be _____ with cockroaches and rats.
- (1) infected
 - (2) polluted
 - (3) infested
 - (4) populated
13. The shopkeeper gave me a discount on the ceramic vase I wanted as there was a _____ in it.
- (1) flaw
 - (2) glitch
 - (3) deficit
 - (4) drawback
14. Due to major road works on the expressway, all traffic will be _____ to the nearest exit.
- (1) turned
 - (2) diverted
 - (3) divulged
 - (4) swerved
15. The rising cost of living has _____ many young couples from parenthood.
- (1) put in
 - (2) put off
 - (3) put down
 - (4) put away

Section C – Vocabulary Cloze (5 marks)

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

Sleep is an important part of our daily life. It is food for the brain. For our body to function at its (16) optimal level, we need to have enough sleep. Healthy sleep habits are (17) important to maintaining a healthy mind and body. A lack of sleep can cause all sorts of physical and mental problems, from mood changes to overeating. Generally, how much sleep a person needs is dependent on one's age. For example, toddlers need about ten to twelve hours of sleep a day while adolescents need about eight to nine hours of sleep.

However, most of the time we get less than the (18) sufficient hours of sleep. This could be due to the daily stresses, insomnia or frequent nightmares that result in a lack of quality sleep. To ease this problem, we should (19) set up healthy bedtime habits such as sleeping at a regular time and (20) staying away from caffeinated drinks. Putting away the electronic devices allows the mind to wind down and have a better rest at night too.

Adapted from <http://www.everydayhealth.com/sleep/101/benefits-of-good-sleep.aspx>

16. (1) best
(2) valid
(3) worst
(4) formal
17. (1) trivial
(2) critical
(3) severe
(4) effective
18. (1) ample
(2) regular
(3) copious
(4) adequate
19. (1) infuse
(2) install
(3) promote
(4) establish
20. (1) steering
(2) shunning
(3) abstaining
(4) abstracting

Section D – Visual Text Comprehension (8 marks)

Study the following advertisement and answer questions 21 to 28.

Welcome to the Singa Botanic Gardens

FREE ADMISSION!

- for all Singaporeans, Permanent Residents, Work Permit Holders and Dependant Pass Holders
- proof of identification is required
- not applicable to tour groups, tickets purchased in advance and other promotions

Date : 1 September 2017 to 10 September 2017
Time : 8.30 a.m. – 6.30 p.m.

Usual Admission Charge: \$10 per person

**School
Holidays
Special!**

Since 1859, orchids have been closely associated with the Singa Botanic Gardens. Breeding 2 or more species of orchids together results in a new hybrid orchid. The products of the orchid breeding programme, which began in 1928, deserve a place where they can be displayed in their full splendour. The design of these orchids is 'hand-crafted' by the horticultural staff who are dedicated to bringing out the finest in any hybrid.



It offers a permanent showcase which is the largest collection of orchids in the world. Over 1000 species and 2000 hybrids are now on display. Every year, more vibrant hybrids will be added on.

Burkill Bungalow

It was built in 1866 and situated at the highest point in the Gardens. It has a commanding view over the Temasek Orchid Garden, the Palm Valley and the Rain Forest. It was designed to be cool and airy with high ceilings and broad verandahs on the first floor. The wooden pillars are made from a single trunk of the native *Tempinis* tree.

Once home of the Gardens' directors, the bungalow is now used to host important events and functions.



Jubilee Heritage Garden



Singapore has been a centre of orchid breeding from the 1930s. Some early hybrids have left significant footprints in the world of orchids and have become part of Singapore's floral heritage. These hybrids have been internationally awarded, have become important in the cut-flower trade or have been named after historical figures. Some are important as breeding stock for many of today's hybrids. Vanda-Miss Joaquim was chosen to be the National Flower of Singapore in 1981. This exquisite flower was discovered by Miss Agnes Joaquim in her garden in 1893.

Chill House

Trees and rocks are draped with spectacular orchids and carnivorous plants. The cool air and drifting mist provide a highly realistic representation of the tropical forest and will be an unforgettable experience for you.

One orchid to look out for is *Bulbophyllum echinolabium*, which boasts the largest flower in its species. Its spectacular blooms can measure up to 30 cm long and can last for about 10 days. It is native to Sulawesi and Borneo. Many more interesting orchid species can be found in the Chill House. Come and spot them!

Noble Orchid Garden

It was carefully styled and sited as an English backyard garden of Burkill Bungalow. It features the outstanding orchid hybrids of the Gardens' orchid programme. As Singapore orchids gained fame, it became obvious that they should be used as agents to promote goodwill and foster closer ties between nations. The government has honoured State visitors and other delegates by naming selected orchid hybrids after them.

For each question, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice and shade the corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

21. The Temasek Orchid Garden School Holidays Special is free for _____.

- (1) anyone who bought tickets in advance
- (2) tour groups that show proof of identification
- (3) foreign students accompanied by their teachers
- (4) visitors who reside in Singapore with valid identification cards

22. The main aim of this flyer is to _____.

- (1) promote the Singa Botanic Gardens
- (2) attract visitors and adopt the orchids for the garden
- (3) introduce the different parts of the Temasek Orchid Garden
- (4) highlight the orchid species and explore the Temasek Orchid Garden Trail

23. At the Temasek Orchid Garden, visitors can find "hand-crafted" orchids which the staff _____.

- (1) have been designing since 1859
- (2) have successfully cultivated since 1928
- (3) chose to be a permanent showcase in 1981
- (4) discovered in Miss Agnes Joaquim's garden in 1893

24. Based on the flyer, which one of the following is not true of the Burkill Bungalow?

- (1) The Gardens' directors used to stay in this colonial bungalow.
- (2) It has a bird eye's view of the Temasek Orchid Garden, the Palm Valley and the Rain Forest.
- (3) The pillars of this tropical architectural buildings are made from the trunks of a native tree.
- (4) It is cool and airy with its centralised air conditioning system from its ceilings on the first floor.

25. Which of the following phrase from the section "Jubilee Heritage Garden" is used to describe the important contributions of early hybrids of orchids?

- (1) floral heritage
- (2) historical figures
- (3) significant footprints
- (4) internationally awarded

26. Visitors can _____ in the Chill House.

- (1) enjoy a higher temperature
- (2) experience mist and strong winds
- (3) see a variety of orchids and different species of carnivores plant
- (4) walk through the forests of Sulawesi and Borneo to find the longest lasting flower

27. Look at the section "Noble Orchid Garden". What does "they" in the third line of the paragraph refer to?

- (1) agents
- (2) nations
- (3) State visitors
- (4) Singapore orchids

28. I am taking my foreign friend to the Temasek Orchid Garden. He can _____.

- (1) have an orchid plant named after him
- (2) find the largest display of orchids in the world
- (3) chat with Miss Agnes Joaquim on her discovery
- (4) admire the wide species of orchids from tropical forests of Singapore

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BOOKLET B

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Class: Pr. 6 _____

Date: 22 August 2017

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Section E – Grammar Cloze (10 marks)

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

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|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| (A) and | (D) for | (G) on | (K) those | (N) which |
| (B) had | (E) in | (H) the | (L) was | (P) will |
| (C) at | (F) of | (J) their | (M) were | (Q) with |

Singapore street food has been making waves around the world. The annual Top 50 World Street Food Masters list (29)_____ just released at the World Street Food Congress in Manila and fourteen winners (30)_____ the list were Singaporean. Hill Street Minced Chicken Noodles, (31)_____ was awarded a Michelin star the previous year, clinched the number one spot.

Popular street food eateries from Singapore (32)_____ invited to participate in the World Street Food Congress in Manila. The participants said that the experience (33)_____ travelling overseas to represent Singapore in international events added to (34)_____ businesses' credibility and reputation.

Not everyone believes that change and evolution is necessarily (35)_____ only way to go and some feel affirmed (36)_____ keeping with traditional methods of cooking. They view sharing their food on the world stage as sharing their culture and heritage.

Celebrity chef (37)_____ television host, Anthony Bourdain, was at the congress in Manila. He revealed that an international street food market that he is opening in New York in 2019 (38)_____ be modelled after Singapore's food centres.

Adapted from "Singapore hawker fare beyond the red dot" by Sharon Sim

Score:

Section F – Editing for Grammar and Spelling (12 marks)

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

When he was just ten years old, John woke up from a fever and found that

(39)

he could not move his legs. Paralysis was a devastate reality to face for a child

(40)

and even more so for one who envisioned becoming a singer and composer. He gave

(41)

off his dreams at first due to his disability.

(42)

Now, the 25-year-old have composed nearly thirty original songs, which

(43)

have aired on local television and akumulated a few thousand views on his YouTube

(44)

(45)

channel. The more popular song of all by John, written in 2015, is call 'Failure Is

(46)

a Lesson'. He also teaches music at a chairitable school in Siem Reap.

(47)

In addition, he inparts his life's experiences to his students, although the

(48)

chalenjes they face in life are not the same as him.

(49)

The tourist town of Siem Reap was when John found his calling. In 2011, he

(50)

learned to play the guitar, write songs and sing - and awrtimately, to perform.

Despite the difficulties he faced, he has soldiered on at every turn.

Adapted from "Young musician sings on in spite of disability" by Thik Kallyann

Score:

Section G – Comprehension Cloze (15 marks)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

The sun was lifting from the sea like an enormous egg yolk. We set (51) _____ from the jetty in our boat. Hugging the coastline for the first kilometre, we glided (52) _____ the Bengali fishermen setting their fish nets near to shore. We then turned inland into the mangroves and chugged up a narrow river, which seemed (53) _____ an open highway through a tangled maze of roots and branches. We remembered the warning we had (54) _____ at a party the previous night.

"But why," the stranger had enquired, "why would you ever want to go (55) _____ for man-eating tigers? They are cunning and evil, and they eat so many (56) _____ who are doing their best to avoid them! You are sure to be killed. You should stop such foolishness now."

After hearing the stranger's words, Tessa and I were nervous (57) _____ returning to the site that morning. We had left Alan, our cameraman, eighteen hours earlier in what we (58) _____ was a tiger-proof shelter in the forest. The shelter was situated thirty metres from (59) _____ we had placed a carcass of a dead deer. If a tiger came after sunset, Alan would not be able to film it in the (60) _____. His only chance lay with the tiger hanging around the bait until the next (61) _____ when there would be enough light for a decent photograph. It was a long wait in order to (62) _____ a glimpse of the tiger, and required great patience on the cameraman's part. Also, we had to accept the risk that we might be eaten by the beast in (63) _____ to study it.

The people of Bengal had lived (64) _____ this menace for at least 4,000 years. Over the past century, more and more people have entered the forest to make a (65) _____ as the forest offered food and firewood. However, collecting such vital resources means confronting the tiger.

Adapted from "Mangroves and Man-eaters"

Score:

Section H – Synthesis & Transformation (10 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. Kim would prefer camping outdoors to playing computer games.

_____ would rather _____

67. The teacher told John, "You have done well in the test yesterday."

The teacher told John that _____

68. Derek is diligent. This quality allows him to succeed.

It is _____

69. Mr Lim marked all the test papers yesterday.

All _____

70. He kept his word and took his daughter to watch the musical.

True to _____

Score:

Section I – Comprehension (Open-ended) (20 marks)

Read the passage and answer questions 71 to 80.

Suzanne was the child of a single mother named Madeline, who was an illiterate peasant. Being uneducated, her mother could only work as a washerwoman and earned just enough to put food on the table for the both of them. As they barely made ends meet, they had to be thrifty. There were weeks when business was so bad that they earned nothing and had to beg for stale leftovers from neighbouring restaurants just to stifle their gnawing hunger pangs.

Whenever orders for washing did come in, Suzanne's mother would be too exhausted by the end of the working day to offer her young daughter any company. Therefore, young Suzanne was often left to her own devices. She grew up feeling terribly alone, sometimes even wondering if her mother really cared for her at all.

Suzanne had no playground but the streets. While out playing, she saw street vendors, usually stout women with hands covered in rough skin, selling fruits and vegetables. They created such an impression on her that she would sometimes scratch pictures of them on the pavement with a piece of charcoal given to her by a sympathetic coal man.

Suzanne dreamt of becoming an artist one day. However, she had to put that on hold. There were other pressing needs like acquiring a livelihood which commanded her attention and time. Suzanne only attended primary school until the age of eleven before she had to start working.

Suzanne first worked as a dressmaker's assistant who took the orders of rich ladies when they came to have their dresses made. She subsequently waited on tables and even trained and performed as an acrobat in a circus. Unfortunately, a fall from a trapeze caused her to suffer a broken leg and she had to stay in the hospital for months. The accident put a stop to her short-lived career as an acrobat. Nevertheless, Suzanne continued to draw even when she was in the hospital. During that time, she used the plaster cast on her leg as a canvas for her drawings. After she had recovered, she returned to help her mother out in the laundry business.

One day in 1880, Suzanne delivered a load of washing to an artist's home. The artist, Chavannes, noticed her graceful manners so he asked her to become his model. Thus, Suzanne embarked on her new job of modelling for other artists over the next ten years. During her modelling career, she continued to draw. She would occasionally sell her drawings for a small sum of money in order to supplement her income. The subjects of her drawings were always the poor working people of her childhood.

Then, Lady Luck dealt her a fair hand in life. Suzanne's drawings were accidentally spotted by the influential artist, Lautrec. He liked what he saw and decided to find out more about the artist. He then met up with Suzanne and introduced her to a fellow artist friend, Degas, who then trained her in the Impressionist style of painting. Both Lautrec and Degas encouraged Suzanne to pursue her passion and she worked very hard at it. Degas was so impressed with Suzanne's tenacity and brilliant artwork that he organised a solo exhibition for her. From there, her fame as an artist took flight. In 1894, Suzanne became the first woman painter to be admitted into the prestigious National Society of Fine Arts in France.	40
Despite the ups and downs of her personal life, Suzanne remained dedicated to her art until her very last days. As she related shortly before her death, "My work is finished and the only satisfaction I gain is that I have never surrendered. I have never betrayed anything that I believed in."	45
Adapted from: https://bjws.blogspot.sg/2015/02/suzanne-valadon-1865-1938-model-artist.html	50

71. Which word in Paragraph 1 describes someone who is unable to read or write? (1m)

72. Explain clearly in your own words, what the idiom "barely made ends meet" (line 4) tells you about Suzanne's family situation. (2m)

73. Why did Suzanne begin drawing as a hobby? State one piece of evidence from Paragraph 3 to support your answer. (2m)

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

_____ Suzanne's talent in drawing was discovered by an artist.

_____ Suzanne got into a distinguished Society of Fine Arts.

_____ Suzanne was encouraged to go after her dream.

75. 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) of
her (line 10)	The young Suzanne
that (line 19)	
The accident (line 25)	
the artist (line 39)	

76. How did Suzanne keep her passion for drawing alive while she was hospitalised? (1m)

77. 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
Suzanne was neglected by her mother		
Suzanne's first job was to make dresses for rich ladies		
Suzanne auditioned to be a model		

78. Find a word from Paragraph 6 and 7 which has the same meaning as the following words. (3m)

add to	
follow or chase	
having a high status	

79. State two ways in which Degas was important to Suzanne's career as an artist. (2m)

1. _____

2. _____

80. In lines 57-58, Suzanne said, "I have never surrendered".

What does this phrase tell you about Suzanne's character?

Support your answer with a piece of evidence from the passage. (2m)

– End of paper –

EXAM PAPER 2017 (P6)

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Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28		
4	1	2	4	3	3	4	2		

29)L

30)G

31)N

32)M

33)F

34)J

35)H

36)E

37)A

38)P

39)devastating

40)envisioned

41)up

42)has

43)accumulated

44)most

45)called

46)charitable

47)imparts

48)challenges

49)where

50)ultimately

51)out

52)past

53)like

54)received

55)hunting

56)people

57)about

58)hoped

59)where

60)darkness

61)day

62) get

63) order

64) with

65) living

66) Kim would rather camp outdoors than play computer games.

67) The teacher told John he had done well in the test the previous day.

68) It is Derek's diligent which that allow him to succeed.

69) All the test papers were marked by Mr Lim yesterday.

70) True to his word, he took his daughter to watch the musical.

71) illiterate

72) Suzanne's family was poor.

73) The stout woman with hands covered in rough skin, selling fruit, vegetables created such an impression on her that she would sometimes scratch pictures of them.

74) 1, 3, 2

75) that (line 19) – Suzanne's dream of becoming an artist.

The accident (line 25) – Suzanne fall from the trapeze

The artist (line 39) – Suzanne who drew pictures.

76) Suzanne used the plaster cast on her leg as a canvas for drawing during her recovery.

77) True. Suzanne's mother was too busy and exhausted at the end of a work day to offer her company.

False. Suzanne

False. Suzanne was chosen by

78) add to – supplement

Follow or chase – pursue

Having a high status – prestigious

79)1)Degas trained Suzanne in Impressionist Style of painting to Suzanne career.

2)Degas organized a solo exhibition for Suzanne to receive fame for her passion.

80)Suzanne was perseverant in life, Suzanne worked hard and became the first woman painter to be admitted into prestigious National Society of Fine Arts in France in spite of the obstacles she faced.