



**ROSYTH SCHOOL
MID-YEAR EXAMINATION 2019
ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
PRIMARY 6**

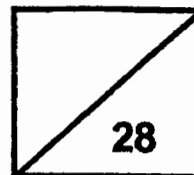
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TOTAL DURATION FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 h 50 min

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. Jeff would have won the tournament if he _____ harder.
- (1) is training
 - (2) has trained
 - (3) had trained
 - (4) was training
2. Mr Tan told his wife that the man they had met earlier was a classmate of _____ from primary school.
- (1) he
 - (2) his
 - (3) him
 - (4) himself
3. As Arun walked into the hall, he felt uneasy _____ his lack of preparation for the examination.
- (1) due to
 - (2) in spite of
 - (3) except for
 - (4) regardless of
4. "You brought your homework today, _____ you?" Mr Tong asked Samuel.
- (1) did
 - (2) had
 - (3) didn't
 - (4) hadn't
5. Kelly received _____ sympathy from her classmates when she was crying as they knew they were crocodile tears.
- (1) few
 - (2) little
 - (3) much
 - (4) many

6. There _____ huge disappointment among the audience when the singer suddenly fell ill and had to end the concert early.

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

7. Johan gave his parents an update _____ what had happened in school when he reached home.

- (1) in
- (2) to
- (3) by
- (4) on

8. The nurse _____ the doctor praised was rewarded for providing good service to her patients.

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

9. Mr Ahmad was shocked when he heard his daughter _____ so he rushed into her room.

- (1) cry
- (2) cries
- (3) cried
- (4) has cried

10. Neither Becky nor her sisters _____ the performance later this evening.

- (1) is attending
- (2) are attending
- (3) has attended
- (4) have attended

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

11. The team was _____ from the competition as it had played poorly and had lost all its matches.

- (1) evicted
- (2) rejected
- (3) eliminated
- (4) disqualified

12. The doctor advised Mr Ng to _____ the amount of sugar in his diet to stay healthy.

- (1) cut off
- (2) cut out
- (3) cut away
- (4) cut down

13. The neighbourhood was _____ into darkness when there was a power failure last night.

- (1) hurled
- (2) shoved
- (3) plunged
- (4) launched

14. Ricky was not _____ by the uphill task and overcame many obstacles. He managed to successfully complete his project on time.

- (1) enraged
- (2) daunted
- (3) annoyed
- (4) saddened

15. A special queue was set up at the entrance of the exhibition to give _____ to the elderly to enter before the other visitors.

- (1) priority
- (2) urgency
- (3) authority
- (4) attention

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)

Recent reports have stated that Singaporeans will experience warmer days ahead. The daily highest temperature is forecast to exceed 34 degrees Celsius on
(16)
more days in the future, said the Meteorological Service Singapore.

Singapore's annual temperature has been steadily increasing over the past
(17)
25 years. Therefore, it is predicted that with global warming, there is a greater prospect of more extreme heat. Experts have warned that Singapore will face more
(18)
extreme weather conditions due to climate change. This includes higher temperatures, prolonged dry spells and more intense rainfall.
(19)

In February this year, the weather was drier and warmer than normal because of stronger solar heating of land areas and less cloudiness.
(20)
February is usually the driest month of the year, while the warmest months are April, May and June.

<https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/environment> (published 5 Mar 2019)

16. (1) planned
(2) assumed
(3) projected
(4) considered
17. (1) rising
(2) swelling
(3) mounting
(4) expanding

18. (1) effect
(2) impact
(3) likelihood
(4) consequence

19. (1) widened
(2) unlimited
(3) extended
(4) strengthened

20. (1) usual
(2) routine
(3) regular
(4) standard

Visual Text Comprehension (8 marks)

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

National Children's Garden

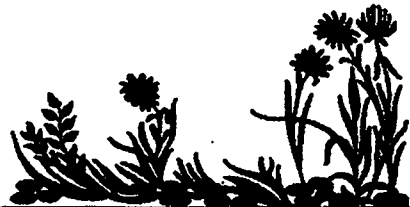
Official Opening on 31st May 2019

The National Children's Garden is the first-of-its-kind in Singapore. It provides a lot of fun for children. They will learn to care for nature and the environment through participation in exciting games and innovative activities.

Message from the Director of National Children's Garden

Welcome to the first garden in Singapore designed specially for children of all ages. Adults are welcome too as there are many opportunities for family bonding. The facilities are planned with advice from world famous nature and environmental experts. The activities are created by award-winning Science teachers. Visit us if you are keen to discover more about nature conservation and the environment. A series of special events have been planned for the coming school holiday in June to celebrate our grand opening so do come by to join us!

Dr Suresh Raj
Director, National Children's Garden



June School Holiday Events

Join us to have an enjoyable time learning about the wonders of nature! There will be different activities planned for each week of the holiday. All activities are open to the public.





Membership

Sign up as a member of the National Children's Garden before 30th June 2019 to enjoy the following benefits.

- Get a special edition gold membership card free of charge.
- Purchase admission tickets at half the normal price.
- Purchase any item from our gift shop at a 10% discount throughout the year.

School Holiday Highlights June 2019

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				Official Opening 1.00 p.m. Open only to invited guests.	1 Grand Opening Carnival 10.00 a.m. to 9.30 p.m. daily Free entry for all visitors. Tickets for the games and food stalls can be purchased at the entrance.	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Grand Opening Carnival 10.00 a.m. to 9.00 p.m. daily. Tickets for the games and food stalls can be purchased at the entrance. There will be an exhibition of conservation projects from more than 30 primary schools.						
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Environment Talks (free) * Speaker: Dr Danny Teo.		Greenhouse Building Demonstration * Learn how the experts build greenhouses. Register online for tickets.			Fashion Show (free) * Come dressed in clothes made of recycled materials to show off your most creative designs.	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Conservation Workshop * Learn about local wildlife conservation efforts.		Nature Appreciation Trail (free) Meet at the information counter. Wear comfortable shoes for the forest trail walk.			Recycling Competition * Prizes are given for the five most innovative designs.	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Movie Screening: Forest Adventures (free):* Two screenings per day: 1) 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. 2) 5.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.					Sounds of Forest Concert (free) * 6.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.	

Important information

1. Entrance fee: \$8.00 (adults) | \$4.00 (12 years & below).
2. Free parking for the month of June.
3. For enquiries on membership, call our hotline at 6333 6888.



* Visit our website at <http://www.ncg.sg> for more information on these activities.

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. The main purpose of building the National Children's Garden is to _____.

- (1) create activities that allow children to become innovative
- (2) encourage children to participate in games and activities
- (3) be a garden to provide fun for children only during the holidays
- (4) educate children on how to care for nature and the environment

22. Harry is wondering whether to become a member of the National Children's Garden. According to the flyer, he should do so if he wants to _____.

- (1) pay less for admission
- (2) get free gifts with each visit
- (3) buy a gold membership card
- (4) take part in the June holiday events

23. To celebrate the opening of National Children's Garden, _____.

- (1) all visitors enter for free on 1 June 2019 and 2 June 2019
- (2) world famous nature and environmental experts are invited to attend
- (3) all visitors will be personally welcomed by Dr Suresh Raj upon arrival
- (4) new members can get a 10% discount from the gift shop only in June

24. Based on the information from the flyer, which of the following statement about National Children's Garden is **TRUE**?

- (1) Children of all ages are allowed to participate in the activities.
- (2) The activities are designed by nature and environmental experts.
- (3) Adults must accompany the children when they participate in the activities.
- (4) Award-winning Science teachers will guide children in the various activities.

25. The Grand Opening Carnival from 1 to 9 June 2019 _____.

- (1) is only open to invited guests**
- (2) closes at the same time every day**
- (3) includes exhibits from all primary schools**
- (4) requires visitors to pay for the games and food**

26. Harry is interested to attend the June holiday events. Which activity should he participate in if he wants to express his creativity?

- (1) Fashion Show**
- (2) Conservation Workshop**
- (3) Nature Appreciation Trail**
- (4) Greenhouse Building Demonstration**

27. In order to find out more about the Environment Talks, anyone interested should _____.

- (1) contact Dr Danny Teo**
- (2) buy tickets at the entrance**
- (3) call the hotline at 6333 6688**
- (4) visit the website at <http://www.ncg.sg>**

28. Visitors to the National Children's Garden in June will be able to _____.

- (1) attend a free concert every weekend**
- (2) buy admission tickets at a special price daily**
- (3) park their vehicles at the car park without charge**
- (4) watch a free movie in the mornings from 24 to 28 June 2019**

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 9 pages altogether (including cover 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) also	(D) because	(G) has	(K) only	(N) this
(B) although	(E) from	(H) of	(L) them	(P) to
(C) as	(F) had	(J) on	(M) these	(Q) which

Sandalwood is a popular plant with traditional uses such as for skin care and perfumes. This plant has been much overharvested _ (29) _ of its high demand. Similarly, the rosy periwinkle, _ (30) _ is native to the island of Madagascar is also facing the same fate. These are two examples of species of flora in danger of disappearing _ (31) _ the earth forever.

Human beings have been using plants _ (32) _ medicine for as long as we have existed. Nowadays, more people are choosing to do this. The increased use of medicinal plants has unfortunately led to heavy pressure _ (33) _ these indigenous plants when they are collected from the wild. In some cases, the overharvesting of these particular herbs _ (34) _ even led to their endangerment. Awareness of _ (35) _ problem is very important in order to prevent their extinction.

We can help endangered medicinal plants by purchasing them _ (36) _ from companies that do not obtain them from the wild. _ (37) _ herb companies grow such plants on farms to avoid overharvesting them.

We can _ (38) _ learn to grow many medicinal plants ourselves. Perhaps in this way, it will also help to take the pressure off their populations in the wild.

Adapted from "10 Endangered Plants With Medicinal Properties" published on 4 Jan 2007 on Greetumble

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

Conservation efforts in New Zealand to save the flightless kiwi bird have

(39)

paid off. Two of its species are no longer at a high risk in extinction. These two

(40)

are the Northern Brown and the Rowi. The internasionale Red List of Threatened

(41)

Species has changed the status of these birds. For being "endangered", they are

(42)

upgraded to "vulnareble" due to a steady increase in their population. This marks

(43)

more than 25 years of sucesfull efforts by not only the New Zealand government

(44)

but also comiunity groups.

(45)

The main threats to the two species come from habitat lose and predators

(46)

like dogs and wild cats which killed the chicks in the nest. The Rowi population, at

(47)

160 in 1995, was original categorised as "endangered" but now the number has

(48)

sicnifikently grown to 450 adults today. Meanwhile, Northern Brown populations

(49)

have staibelised after decades of decline. Experts expect them to start increase

(50)

soon if conservation efforts continue. The scientists are hopeful for this outcome.

Adapted from CNN World "Two kiwi species no longer endangered in new Red List" (Dec 5, 2017)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word. (15 marks)

A group of tourists on an African safari tour got a little too close to a pack of cheetahs at a national park earlier this month.

Elisa's teenage son, Bob, was with the group watching three cheetahs on the hunt

_____ one of them noticed their vehicle and came nearer for a close look.

(51)

"We noticed the cheetahs became curious of our vehicle," said Bob "But it was

_____ late to drive quickly away. You don't want to startle the animals

(52)

because that's when things usually _____ wrong."

(53)

"This isn't at all a common occurrence," Bob added but said they were prepared for the possibility of a chance encounter with a wild animal. Bob said they _____

(54)

focusing on one cheetah which had jumped onto the hood of their jeep. At the same time, another one jumped into the back seat. It wanted to sniff them and make sure that

_____ were not a threat.

(55)

Bob credits his guide, Alex, for _____ him overcome the terrifying moment. Alex kept him calm and made sure he never made eye _____ nor

(56)

startled the cheetah. By doing so, the _____ explained that this allowed the animal to see if it could trust them. The tourists had been advised before the trip how to react

(58)

and slow _____ their breathing to keep the curious cheetah at

(59)

_____ until it was done exploring.

(60)

"Honestly, that was probably one of the scariest moments in my _____ life. I knew that I had to clear my mind of any frightening

(61)

_____ as predators can sense fear or any sort of discomfort and they will turn aggressive," said Bob. "I wanted to be _____ still as possible to avoid a

(63)

bad outcome."

Bob _____ not even tell his mother about the close encounter because he was worried that his mum would immediately _____ him to

(64)

(65)

discontinue his tour. He was determined to enjoy the safari experience to the fullest.

Adapted from Seattle man survives close encounter with cheetah during African Safari by KomoNews, 29 Mar 2018

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. "When did you see Matilda, Tom?" Mrs Lim asked.

Mrs Lim asked _____

67. I will write to the organisers if I need more information about this event.

Should _____

68. Neither the dresses nor this handbag is for sale.

Both _____

69. Johan insisted that he had completed all his homework but his mother did not believe him.

Despite his _____

70. Jane fell asleep. Then, the telephone rang.

No sooner _____

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80. (20 marks)

Twenty-six years ago, Yossi went deep into the Amazon jungle and got lost for three weeks. As a result, he lost a lot of weight as hunger, infection and disease took a toll on him. However, he miraculously survived the ordeal and wrote a book about his traumatic encounter years later. The question remains - how did he survive?

Yossi had always dreamt of exploring the vast uninhabited heart of the Amazon jungle. He met and became good friends with Marcus who happened to share the same dream. As they travelled together, they met Karl who impressed them with tales of his adventures swimming in the different rivers of the world. Karl also decided to tag along. Lastly, the trio was joined by a nature photographer, Kevin. The adventurous foursome then set off on their quest together.

Their plan was to sail on a raft down the Tuichi River which Karl had described as a calm water body with soft sandy riverbanks. Initially, that seemed like a good idea so they built the raft excitedly and started downriver. However, on their journey, Karl suddenly began telling them about the dangers ahead - the sharp rocky riverbanks, sudden strong currents and waterfalls, all not suitable for boating! He then refused to continue on the journey, confessing his inability to swim. The group was shocked by his lies, resulting in a huge argument. The men then split up and moved on in pairs.

Yossi and Kevin continued on the raft and focused on being able to steer it - until Karl's words became their worst nightmare. Approaching a waterfall, they lost control of their raft and were thrown apart. Kevin made it to the shore but Yossi was thrown overboard, floating away downstream. Yossi then spent four days trying to get back upriver to find his friend but to no avail. During this time, Kevin was rescued by some fishermen. He quickly went to the town and sought help from the local authorities. To his horror, he discovered that Karl was a criminal on the run. Kevin's heart sank upon hearing it.

Deep in the forest, Yossi scrambled around, lost and alone, without supplies or equipment in an unknown territory. He barely escaped beasts of prey and almost drowned in a flash flood. As the days passed, not only did Yossi run out of food, but he also realised his foot was starting to rot away from fungal infection. That was far worse than when giant red ants had walked all over and bit his body. He hunted for food but it was insufficient. Eventually, he realised that the wild monkeys would be an excellent source of protein but he could not stomach the thought of devouring them.

Yossi wanted to throw in the towel many times but believed he would be rescued one day. That day, as he was cleaning a fresh wound on his foot, Yossi heard the sound of an engine. Trying to find the source of the noise, he struggled to the riverbank. His pulse raced as he caught sight of Kevin. He was in a canoe with some forest rangers who had arranged this search and rescue mission.

Yossi wanted to shout out but was too exhausted to do so. He panicked when he saw the party turning around and away from him. Summoning the little strength he had, Yossi lunged forward and fell into the water with a resounding splash. That caught Kevin's attention and Yossi was finally rescued.

It took Yossi three months to recover from his injuries and trauma. He learnt that Karl and Marcus had disappeared into the forest. He could not believe that what had started as an exciting adventure had become a horror story for them. Knowing the terror of being lost in the jungle, Yossi strived to find them but days turned into weeks and weeks into months. Death was a certainty. True enough, they were never found or heard of again.

Adapted from 'The Adventurer who Inspired Jungle' by Joanne Rowney for The Mirror, 25 May 2018

71. Which 3-word phrase in the **first paragraph** tells us that Yossi's health was affected after he got lost in the Amazon jungle? [1m]

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72. How can you tell from the **first paragraph** that the author could not forget his experience? [2m]

73. What were the two lies that Karl had told the other members in his group? [2m]

(i) _____

(ii) _____

74. From lines 18-25, explain what the pair's **worst nightmare** was. [2m]

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

_____ Yossi and Kevin were separated.

_____ Yossi thought of the monkeys as food.

_____ Yossi's foot became infected.

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]

Statement	True/False	Reason
Yossi and Marcus started off as strangers.		
The fishermen helped Kevin to look for tossi.		
yossi ate monkey meat to keep up his protein intake		

77. What alerted Kevin and the forest rangers to Yossi which eventually helped them to rescue him? [2m]

78. "Yossi wanted to throw in the towel many times but believed he would be rescued one day."
Which two of the following words correctly describe how Yossi felt in the above sentence.
Put a tick (✓) in the box beside each of your answers. [2m]

excited

☐

elated

☐

determined

☐

encouraged

☐

relieved

☐

hopeful

☐

79. 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
that (line 12)	
It (line 25)	
the party (line 39)	

80. What do you think happened to Karl and Marcus in the end. How do you know? [2m]

End of Booklet B

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3	2	1	3	2	3	4	3	1	2
Q 11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
3	4	3	2	1	3	1	3	3	1
Q 21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28		
4	1	1	1	4	1	4	3		

Booklet B

Q 29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
D	Q	E	C	J	G	N	K	M	A
Q39)	of		Q43)	successful		Q47)	originally		
Q40)	international		Q44)	community		Q48)	significantly		
Q41)	from		Q45)	loss		Q49)	stabilised		
Q42)	vulnerable		Q46)	kill		Q50)	increasing		

Q51)	when	Q56)	helping	Q61)	entire
Q52)	too	Q57)	contact	Q62)	thoughts
Q53)	go	Q58)	guide	Q63)	as
Q54)	were	Q59)	down	Q64)	dared
Q55)	they	Q60)	ease	Q65)	force
Q66)	Mrs Lim asked Tom when he had seen Matilda.				
Q67)	Should I need more information about this event, I will write to the				

	organisers.
Q68)	Both the dresses and this handbag are not for sale.
Q69)	Despite his insistence that he had completed all his homework, Johan's mother did not believe him.
Q70)	No sooner had Jane fallen asleep than the telephone rang.
Q71)	took a toll
Q72)	Yossi wrote a book about his traumatic encounter years later.
Q73)	i)Karl had told the other members that he could swim in the different rivers of the world before. ii)The river was calm with soft sandy riverbanks.
Q74)	They approached a waterfall and lost control of their raft.
Q75)	1, 3, 2
Q76)	i)True -Yossi met and became good friends with Marcus. ii)False -Kevin was rescued by the fishermen. iii)False -Yossi could not stomach the thought of devouring the monkey.
Q77)	Yossi summoned the little strength he had, lunged forward and fell into the water with a resounding splash.
Q78)	determined , hopeful
Q79)	that - the plan to sail on a raft down the Tuichi River. It - Karl being a criminal on the run. the party – Kevin and some forest rangers.
Q80)	They most likely died as they were never found or heard again.