



## 2019 PRIMARY 6 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

Date: 20 August 2019

Class: Primary 6 ( )

Time: 10.30 a.m. – 12.20 p.m.

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### ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2 (BOOKLET A)

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATE:

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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. Osman, together with his best friends, \_\_\_\_\_ attending the piano recital tonight.

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

2. "Nobody was present in class this morning, \_\_\_\_\_ there?" Mrs Lim asked the class.

(1) is  
(2) was  
(3) isn't  
(4) wasn't

3. \_\_\_\_\_ of the boys was willing to take part in the contest so Mrs Tan approached the girls.

(1) All  
(2) One  
(3) None  
(4) Some

4. "If only I \_\_\_\_\_ take back what I had said. I would never want to be in such a situation ever again," said Jane regretfully.

(1) will  
(2) can  
(3) could  
(4) would

5. \_\_\_\_\_ hearing the wonderful news, the class whooped for joy.

(1) At  
(2) On  
(3) For  
(4) From

6. I was overjoyed when Ali invited Tim and \_\_\_\_\_ to his birthday party.

- (1) I
- (2) me
- (3) her
- (4) him

7. The boy, \_\_\_\_\_ father is a lawyer, emerged as the best speaker in the recent debate competition.

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

8. Not only \_\_\_\_\_ Mandy top her class, but she also improved by leaps and bounds.

- (1) do
- (2) did
- (3) does
- (4) done

9. By the time Tim assembled at the Foyer, the recess bell \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) rang
- (2) rung
- (3) has rung
- (4) had rung

10. The bully demanded that the little girl \_\_\_\_\_ him her purse.

- (1) give
- (2) gave
- (3) gives
- (4) given

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

11. The tired students worked \_\_\_\_\_ on the difficult project which they had to complete within three days.

- (1) laboriously
- (2) effortlessly
- (3) gradually
- (4) leisurely

12. The other competitors felt intimidated upon watching the final contestant's \_\_\_\_\_ performance.

- (1) straightforward
- (2) lacklustre
- (3) mundane
- (4) dazzling

13. The renowned restaurant had to \_\_\_\_\_ many disappointed diners due to the long snaking queues.

- (1) turn in
- (2) turn off
- (3) turn out
- (4) turn away

14. Floods in several areas wreaked havoc on many roads and the traffic had to be \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) altered
- (2) averted
- (3) diverted
- (4) deflected

15. "I am not going to \_\_\_\_\_ because I take pride in what I do and will only use the best ingredients," said the chef.

- (1) cut corners
- (2) sit on the fence
- (3) jump on the bandwagon
- (4) bite off more than I can chew

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

Many roads in Singapore have a very interesting history. Selegie Road is an example of such a road. It was the location of many great battles in the days when Singapore was known as Temasek. When Temasek fell in 1377, its last ruler fled to safety using this road. The ruler was determined to stay safe as he hoped to fight his enemies and rule Temasek again. To prevent recognition and capture, he disguised himself as a woman. Later that night, when darkness set in, the ruler, who was reputed to be extraordinary, took flight and settled in a neighbouring country. In his later years, he threw caution to the winds and engaged in ferocious battles with the new ruler of Temasek. Unfortunately, he never managed to overthrow the new ruler.

Adapted from <https://remembersingapore.org>

16. (1) titled  
(2) named  
(3) termed  
(4) labelled
17. (1) slipped  
(2) expelled  
(3) escaped  
(4) retreated
18. (1) arrest  
(2) evasion  
(3) detention  
(4) harassment
19. (1) brave  
(2) heroic  
(3) brilliant  
(4) remarkable
20. (1) was reckless  
(2) made up his mind  
(3) became desperate  
(4) was at his wits' end

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

# RAINBOW TOWN

*Read on to discover interesting little-known details.*



## History of Rainbow Town

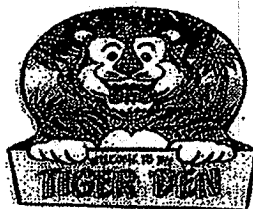
A century ago, Rainbow Town was founded by Sir Raymond Goodwell. Initially, it was a tiny settlement with only twenty people. Soon, it grew in popularity and many more people settled there. Sir Raymond Goodwell served as both the first President and Prime Minister concurrently for almost a decade before he was succeeded by his daughter, Ms Alice. She has been the only female head of state of Rainbow Town since its founding.

## Tourist Attractions in Rainbow Town

Over 50 tourist attractions can be found in Rainbow Town. These include Zion National Park and Tiger Den.



Zion National Park is home to the tallest hill in Rainbow Town. Hike up and enjoy a panoramic view of the town. The terrains are rough – not suitable for the faint-hearted.



Tiger Den is the most famous tourist attraction in this town. It is a natural rock formation high up in the mountain. Visitors can view formations which resemble a pack of tigers in all shapes and sizes.

### Did you know?

Crude oil and natural gas were also discovered by the residents. Now, all residents enjoy the luxury of having free electricity.

**Rainbow Town's Committee presents  
Rainbow Town's Annual Heritage Festival**

**Date: 9 & 10 September**

**Venue: Town Square**

***Come and join in the fun with your family!***

**Highlights!**

Our special guest, Master Chef Ali, will highlight the use of unique ingredients in Malay cooking. He will demonstrate how to use aromatic herbs in the dishes. He will also be cooking up a storm and preparing some all-time favourites: *Beef Rendang, Chicken Rice & Nasi Lemak.*



**Ticketing Details**



- \$10 per entry for adults aged 21 and above
- \$5 for students\*
- \$2 for seniors aged 65 and above\*
- Free entry for children below 3 years of age

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**More Attractions!**

**LUCKY DRAW**

- Hourly draws! Win attractive prizes provided by the main sponsors!
- Plant care workshop at 1pm, 3pm and 5pm.
- Upcycling workshop for seniors throughout the duration of the event at the pavilion.
- Do look out for the Family Quiz only on Day 2 of the festival at 8 pm.



**\*Valid documentation to be produced at the main entrance.**



For each question from 21 to 28, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (8 marks)

21. The main objective of the poster on page 6 is to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) provide information about Rainbow Town
- (2) promote Zion National Park and Tiger Den
- (3) attract more people to live in Rainbow Town
- (4) explain how the founder of the town developed it

22. Which of the following statements about the poster is false?

- (1) Rainbow Town has only fifty attractions.
- (2) No live tigers will be sighted at Tiger's Den.
- (3) Natural gas is readily available in Rainbow Town.
- (4) Rainbow Town was a popular place amongst its residents.

23. Sir Raymond Goodwell was \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) insightful and initiated the Heritage Festival
- (2) the one who discovered oil and natural gas
- (3) well-liked by the residents of Rainbow Town
- (4) the ruler of Rainbow Town for nearly ten years

24. The asterisk (\*) on page 7 of the poster is used to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) shorten a long statement
- (2) emphasise the highlights of the festival
- (3) draw reader's attention to key information
- (4) link the piece of information to a particular point

25. Ahmad wants to participate in a hands-on activity together with his parents, siblings and grandparents at the Heritage Festival. Which activity should he select?

- (1) Cooking Demonstration
- (2) Upcycling Workshop
- (3) Hourly Draw
- (4) Family Quiz

26. According to the poster, \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) admission to the festival is free for all
- (2) the festival is being held for the first time
- (3) the prizes for the lucky draws are sponsored
- (4) the plant care workshop is held thrice only on Day 1 of the festival

27. The main aim of the Heritage Festival is to allow visitors to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) have fun
- (2) interact with each other
- (3) sample the Malay cuisine
- (4) discover the culture of Rainbow Town

28. The information on page 7 is presented in bulleted points. Which one of the following is not the reason for doing so?

- (1) it is easier to read and understand
- (2) important details can be quickly noticed
- (3) it will not take up a lot of space on the poster
- (4) it encourages more people to want to read on

(Go on to Booklet B)



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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) at	(G) is	(K) than	(N) will
(B) are	(E) by	(H) only	(L) the	(P) with
(C) around	(F) despite	(J) since	(M) to	(Q) would

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The tray return initiative has not been very successful in Singapore. More \_\_\_\_\_ a decade after the National Environment Agency (NEA) has tried to make  
(29)  
returning trays \_\_\_\_\_ social norm, the public still has to be nudged. After  
(30)  
various failed attempts and initiatives, the NEA has conceded defeat and \_\_\_\_\_  
(31)  
hitting customers where it hurts – through their wallets.

Over the next few years, up to twenty hawker centres managed \_\_\_\_\_  
(32)  
the NEA could start charging for food trays. This is in tandem \_\_\_\_\_ the  
(33)  
introduction of automated tray-return systems and centralised dish-washing services  
aimed \_\_\_\_\_ boosting productivity. NEA said, The introduction of such a  
(34)  
system \_\_\_\_\_ allow cleaners to better focus on table-cleaning, thereby enabling  
(35)  
\_\_\_\_\_ customers to have clean tables faster.”  
(36)

Stallholders will \_\_\_\_\_ have to pay for these services according  
(37)  
\_\_\_\_\_ the amount of crockery and cutlery they need each day. To help them  
(38)  
with the transition to a centralised dish-washing system, up to 70% of the operating costs  
will be co-funded by NEA for an initial period of two years.

Adapted from <https://www.todayonline.com/singapore/>

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

(39)

Mosquitoes are undoubtedly a pain. Numerous specees can be found buzzing

(40)

everywhere from the Arctic to tropecal swamps, bringing with them yellow fever,

(41)

dengue and other diseaces. A race is on to find a cure to allow doctors to do

(42)

something for mosquito-borne illnesses. Although a possible vaccine is just years

(43)

away, something needs to be done about the mosquitoes which transmitted viruses so

as to minimise human suffering. However, we need to consider if there could be

(44)

unintended consequences if we exterminate these pests whose sole purpose seems to

(45)

(46)

be bother us. Some scientists worry about how killing them will lead to unforseen

(47)

effects. On the other hand, others feel that the resilant ecosystems of these

(48)

insects are not only functional but hardy than we think. In the past, the world might

(49)

have come close to killed these bugs by spraying insecticide wherever the mosquitoes

(50)

lives. Alas, due to the health risks of these insecticides, their use is being curbed.

Adapted from www.science.gov

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Sculptor Han Sai Por is well known for her stone sculptures, which bring large granite blocks to life. She has displayed her art \_\_\_\_\_ (51) internationally at numerous museums, hotels and libraries. Recently, Han was \_\_\_\_\_ a medal for her contributions to art. (52)

Han was born into a \_\_\_\_\_ (53) family. Unable to afford proper housing, her family lived in a house by the beach, constructed out of cardboard and coconut leaves. However, this miserable situation did not \_\_\_\_\_ Han from having a happy childhood. Every day, Han would go to the nearby \_\_\_\_\_ (54) where she would make sand figurines of animals and play in the salty water. Her early experiences brought her \_\_\_\_\_ (55) to nature and developed in her a sense of adventure. Being a bookworm, Han was a voracious \_\_\_\_\_. (56) She was always immensely awed by the pictures of fascinating sculptures by famous \_\_\_\_\_. (57) Till today, Han credits her passion for sculpting to the countless number of \_\_\_\_\_ (58) read. (59)

In 1968, she started working as a full-time art teacher after completing her studies at the Teachers' Training College. Only after saving enough \_\_\_\_\_ (60) did she venture abroad to study. As a student who was struggling financially, she took on jobs as a cook and waitress in order to support \_\_\_\_\_. (61) Upon returning to Singapore after \_\_\_\_\_ (62) from university, she resumed her job as an art teacher. Again, she took on part-time jobs, this time as an artist, to supplement her meagre \_\_\_\_\_. (63) Her art career thrived in the \_\_\_\_\_ (64) of adversity and constant struggles. Her biggest challenges were the lack of time and money. Although this set her back financially, Han was not going to throw in the \_\_\_\_\_. (65) What was important for her was that her works were well-received by the public.

Adapted from eresources.nlb.gov.sg

For each of the questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the words(s) provided. Your answers 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. James could not take the test. He was not able to read.

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

67. "What happened to you today?" Mary asked her brother.

Mary asked her brother \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

68. Siti was diligent. Mrs Hong commended her.

\_\_\_\_\_ for her  
\_\_\_\_\_

69. The choir sang at least one popular song.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ the choir.

70. The horse sensed danger. It started to kick and neigh very loudly.

Sensing \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Read this passage and answer Questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

Daniel had spent many hours climbing the mountain. He knew that success was near. However, just as he was about to reach the top, something caught his eye. When he realised what it was, Daniel's jaw dropped.

Lying precariously on the edge of a cliff was a man trying to change his shirt! He appeared to have made it that far up the mountain without an oxygen mask, sleeping bag, food or water. Miraculously, he was still alive. The man slowly pulled his shivering hands out of his shirt, looked up at Daniel and introduced himself as John. 5

John had been alone on the mountain for five hours. Following a challenging climb, he and his teammates had reached the peak of the mountain the previous afternoon. After celebrating their achievement by posing for victory photos, the team started climbing down to the base camp at the foot of the mountain. Unfortunately, minutes into the trek down, John started vomiting and was overcome by dizziness. Though he did not realise it, John was suffering from mountain sickness. He had not been affected by this illness the last time he had climbed this very same mountain and was baffled by what was happening to him. 10

John was very weak and could barely move. If the satellite phone which they had had not run out of battery the team would have been able to contact the base camp for help. Thus, his teammates had to carry him and try to reach the camp as quickly as possible before the impending storm. Normally, the journey back to the base camp would have taken about four hours. However, after eight backbreaking hours, they were still on the mountain. John's teammates were too exhausted to continue carrying him. Knowing that their lives would be in danger if they continued to climb down together with John, they decided to leave him on the mountain so that they could get to the base camp quickly and get immediate help for John. 15 20

At the point that Daniel spotted John, he and his teammates realised that they had to make a **critical decision** – one that would determine whether John lived or not. Should they continue their trek to the top? Or should they stay with John until help arrived? 25

Daniel knew that severe mountain sickness led to confusion in people. That probably explained why John was trying to remove his shirt even though he was freezing on the icy mountain. When Daniel tried to stop John from taking off his shirt, John was uncooperative and acted like a three-year-old throwing a tantrum. It looked like the mountaineers would have to secure John to the mountain to keep him from falling off so they quickly drove an axe into the snow and tied John to the axe. With the pitiful and helpless climber safely secured, Daniel contacted the base camp to seek assistance while his teammates tried to make John as comfortable as possible. 30

Soon after, a dozen guides arrived to help John. They carried him down to the base camp on a stretcher. With John in the good hands of the guides, Daniel and his team decided to continue their climb to the summit but bad weather forced them to turn back. Although Daniel did not achieve his goal, he was glad that he had done the right thing. If not, John might not be alive today and Daniel would have to live with that guilt for the rest of his life. 35

Adapted from Reader's Digest



71. From paragraph one, what was Daniel looking forward to? [1m]

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72. 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. [2m]

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer(s) to
a) it (line 3)	
b) critical decision (line 24)	

73. Fill in the table by identifying the correct word from the passage. [2m]

Question	Word from the passage
a) Which word from paragraph three tells us that the climb up the mountain was not an easy one?	
b) Which word from paragraph three tells us that John was confused about the situation he was in?	

74. From paragraph three, what were the two symptoms of mountain sickness that John experienced? [2m]

and

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

\_\_\_\_\_ John fell ill.

\_\_\_\_\_ Daniel was nearing the top of mountain.

\_\_\_\_\_ John and his teammates reached the summit of the mountain.

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. [2m]

	True/ False	Reason
a) John and his teammates were very proud that they had reached the top of the mountain.		
b) John's teammates contacted the base camp for assistance.		

77. From lines 15 – 22, give two reasons why the lives of John's teammates would have been in danger if they continued down the mountain with him. [2m]

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

78. Based on lines 26 – 33, fill in the following table. [4m]

How John felt	Why he felt that way	What he did as a result
		He threw a tantrum.
How Daniel felt	Why he felt that way	What he and his teammates did as a result
	He did not think John was rational enough to stay on the mountain.	

79. Which two of the following words correctly describe how Daniel felt in lines 34 - 38 ?  
Put a tick ✓ in the box beside each of your answers. [2m]

discouraged


relieved


proud

upset

regret

worried

80. Which two actions by Daniel and his teammates saved John's life? [2m]


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**Booklet A**

Q 1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
1	2	3	3	2	2	4	2	4	1
Q 11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
1	4	4	3	1	2	3	1	4	1
Q 21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28		
1	1	4	4	4	3	1	4		

**Booklet B**

Q 29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
K	A	G	E	P	D	N	L	H	M
Q39)	species		Q43)	transmit		Q47)	resilient		
Q40)	tropical		Q44)	exterminate		Q48)	hardier		
Q41)	diseases		Q45)	bothering		Q49)	killing		
Q42)	about		Q46)	unforeseen		Q50)	lived		

Q51)	pieces	Q56)	closer	Q61)	herself
Q52)	awarded	Q57)	reader	Q62)	graduating
Q53)	poor	Q58)	sculptors	Q63)	salary
Q54)	prevent	Q59)	books	Q64)	face
Q55)	beach	Q60)	money	Q65)	towel
Q66)	James could not take the test because of the fact that he was not able to read.				
Q67)	Mary asked her brother what had happened to him that day.				
Q68)	Mrs Hong commended Siti for her diligence.				
Q69)	At least one popular song was sung by the choir.				

Q70)	Sensing danger, the horse started to kick and neigh very loudly.													
Q71)	Daniel was looking forward to reaching the top of the mountain.													
Q72)	a)John b)whether Daniel and his teammates should continue their trek to the top of the mountain or stay with John until help arrived.													
Q73)	a)challenging b)baffled													
Q74)	vomiting and dizziness													
Q75)	2 , 3 , 1													
Q76)	a)True --- They celebrated their achievement of reaching the top of the mountain by posing for victory photos. b)False --- The satellite phone they had had run out of battery so they could not contact the base camp for assistance.													
Q77)	a)They would be caught in the storm if they did not get to the base camp quickly enough and might freeze to death. b)They were already too exhausted to carry John anymore and might collapse anytime.													
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<b>Q79)</b>	<b>proud / relieved</b>
<b>Q80)</b>	<b>They secured John and prevented him from falling off the mountain and also contacted the base camp to seek assistance for John so that he could stay alive.</b>



