

**RED SWASTIKA SCHOOL**  
**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**  
**PRIMARY 6**  
**CLASS TEST (1)**

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**SECTION A: Grammar (10 marks)**

**Choose the correct answer and write its number in the brackets provided.**

- 1 "Uncle Peter is taking my siblings and \_\_\_\_\_ to Universal Studios Singapore next Sunday!" exclaimed Jane.

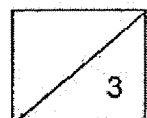
(1) I  
(2) us  
(3) me  
(4) her (     )

- 2 "Driving \_\_\_\_\_ the influence of alcohol endangers the lives of other road users," shared the traffic police officer.

(1) in  
(2) on  
(3) over  
(4) under (     )

- 3 Ever since the outbreak of the coronavirus in December, \_\_\_\_\_ cities have been locked down to prevent the spread of the virus.

(1) little  
(2) less  
(3) much  
(4) several (     )



4 The terminally ill patient did not groan \_\_\_\_\_ he was in great pain.

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

( )

5 The old man fainted from grief after hearing the horrifying news but came \_\_\_\_\_ moments later.

- (1) to
- (2) on
- (3) up
- (4) over

( )

6 Olivia used to attend Sunnyside Primary School, \_\_\_\_\_?

- (1) did she
- (2) didn't she
- (3) had she
- (4) hadn't she

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7 \_\_\_\_\_ you please show us the way to the nearest train station?

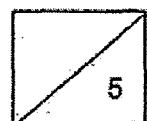
- (1) Should
- (2) Could
- (3) Might
- (4) Must

( )

8 A passer-by helped the old lady \_\_\_\_\_ her heavy bag of groceries to her home.

- (1) carry
- (2) carries
- (3) carried
- (4) carrying

( )



9 "Information on the Co-Curricular Activities \_\_\_\_\_ available on the school website," announced the principal.

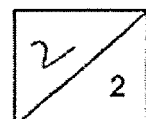
- (1) is
- (2) are
- (3) was
- (4) were

( )

10 "Do you mind \_\_\_\_\_ the volume on the radio set?" Mother requested.

- (1) lower
- (2) lowers
- (3) lowered
- (4) lowering

( )



**SECTION B: Editing (6 marks)**

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

*As soon as my son entered the pool, I heard a loud piercing scream.*

(11)

*Soon, a large crowd was making their way to locate the source of the sound.*

(12)

*Out of curiosity, we followed behind and saw a girl being halled from the pool.*

(13)

*A man rendered assistance by trying to resuscitate the child. Though regain*

*consciousness moments later, the girl still appeared weak. I quickly called for an ambulance using my mobile phone.*

(14)

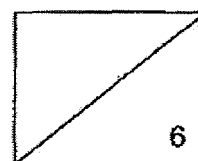
*One witness shared that the child was saperated from her mother while trying to retrieve her favourite ball which had fallen into the pool. The child's*

(15)

*mother rushed towards her frentikaly before the ambulance arrived.*

(16)

*I was concernn about the incident that had occurred that day, as there was no lifeguard on duty. Luckily, we had a good Samaritan amongst us who was able to perform first aid before the arrival of the paramedics.*



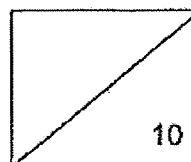
**SECTION C: Comprehension Cloze (10 marks)**

**Fill in each blank with a suitable word.**

The first McDonald's restaurant was started in 1948 by brothers, Maurio and Richard McDonald, in California. They bought a number of kitchen \_\_\_\_\_ for their small restaurant from salesman, Ray Kroc, who was intrigued \_\_\_\_\_ their need for eight beverage machines. When Kroc visited the brothers to \_\_\_\_\_ out how a small shop could sell so \_\_\_\_\_ milk shakes, he discovered an efficient process that permitted the brothers to produce huge quantities of food at \_\_\_\_\_ prices. Customers also received their food quickly because hamburgers were prepared ahead of \_\_\_\_\_, wrapped and warmed under heat lamps.

McDonald's restaurants feature designs \_\_\_\_\_ are distinguished and well-known. Firstly, there is the introduction of a clown \_\_\_\_\_ Ronald McDonald. Secondly, anyone can \_\_\_\_\_ the yellow 'M' symbol, which is the restaurants' logo, from a distance. Finally, the infamous products that define the McDonald's brand \_\_\_\_\_ the Big Mac, Happy Meals and the Chicken McNuggets amongst others. The restaurant has effectively become the most popular family restaurant that appeals to children and adults alike.

*Adapted from "https://www.britannica.com/topic/McDonalds"*



**SECTION D: Synthesis (6 marks)**

**For each of the questions 27 to 29, 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).**

- 27** The eagle spread its wings as it soared high into the sky.

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

\_\_\_\_\_

- 28** Arjun had not pitched a tent before and took some time to complete it.

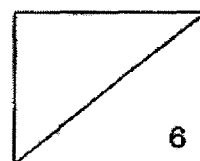
Not having \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

- 29** The house was infested with mice. The pest controller was called in to inspect it.

With the house \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



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## SECTION D: Comprehension (10 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 30 to 34.

As a boy growing up in Shenyang, China, Lang Lang practised the piano six hours a day. His mother taught him how to read notes and his father, Mr Lang, concertmaster of a local orchestra, showed him how to control the keys. At first, he played on clunky Chinese keyboards – cheap, but the best they could afford. Later, his parents bought him a Swedish piano, but he broke it while playing Tchaikovsky. That was when his parents decided **he was too much for such an instrument – and for their hometown.** To be a serious musician, he would have to move to Beijing. 5

Mr Lang knew that life would not be easy being a pianist. "You need fortune. If you don't work, no fortune comes," Mr Lang said. To relocate to Beijing with Lang Lang, Mr Lang made a great sacrifice. He left his job, which he loved, and Mrs Lang stayed behind in Shenyang to keep working at her job to support Lang Lang. Both father and son stayed in an unheated building with five families sharing one bathroom. He would **take Lang Lang on his bicycle to school as the bus fare was too expensive.** During the coldest nights, while Lang Lang practised on the piano, **Mr Lang wouldn't lie in Lang Lang's bed so it would be warm when he slept on it.** 10 15

Lang Lang's teacher from Beijing did not like him. She felt that he did not have any talent and soon 'fired' him. He was devastated. He did not want to be a pianist anymore. One day, Lang Lang was asked to play some songs and that made him realise that he was talented after all. He approached his father the very day and told him that he wanted to study with a new teacher. **From that point on,** everything turned around. 20

Having very little to spend, Mr Lang had to borrow money to pay for a trip to Germany to enter Lang Lang in a contest in which Lang Lang came in first. Mr Lang gave Lang Lang a standing ovation as he celebrated his victory. To become a world-class musician, Lang Lang had to play on the world's biggest stages. The duo moved to Philadelphia where Lang Lang was **accepted as a student of the venerable Gary Graffman.** 25

Lang Lang continued practising and finally worked hard enough for fortune to take over. One day, he received an invitation to play at Chicago's Ravinia Festival. After the festival, music gigs started pouring in and the papers were buzzing with talk of a budding pianist. 30

There had been many concerts held in Carnegie Hall, but for Lang Lang, playing **there** was especially sweet as he recalled his journey there from Beijing. Together, both father and son worked to reach the lucky place where Lang Lang's fortune was spotted, allowing him to shine.

*Adapted from Reader's Digest "Music to My Ears"*



- 30 Explain clearly what Lang Lang's parents meant when they decided that "he was too much for such an instrument – and for their hometown" (line 6). [2m]

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- 31 Quote 2 examples from paragraph 2 to show that Lang Lang and his father did not have an easy life in Beijing. [2m]

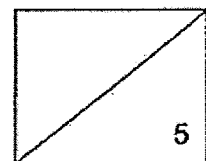
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- 32 Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the story. [1m]

\_\_\_\_\_ Lang Lang performed at the Chicago's Ravinia Festival.

\_\_\_\_\_ Lang Lang and his father moved to Beijing.

\_\_\_\_\_ Lang Lang gave up being a pianist.

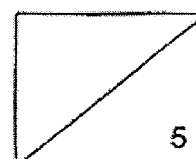


- 33 Based on the story, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

	True/False	Reason
Lang Lang's parents made sacrifices to support Lang Lang during his early years in music education.		
Gary Graffman introduced music to Lang Lang.		
Mr Lang would lie non Lang Lang's bed on keep himself warm.		

- 34 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 to
that point on (line 20)	
there (line 32)	



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Q 1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
3	4	4	1	1	2	2	1	1	4

Booklet B

Q11)	its	Q12)	hailed	Q13)	regaining
Q14)	separated	Q15)	frantically	Q16)	concerned
Q17)	appliances	Q18)	by	Q19)	find
Q20)	many	Q21)	low	Q22)	time

Q23)	that	Q24)	named	Q25)	spot
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Q26)	include
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Q27)	No sooner had the eagle spread its wings than it soared high into the sky.
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Q28)	Not having pitched a tent before, Arjun took some time to complete it.
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Q29)	With the house infested with mice, the pest controller was called in to inspect it.
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Q30)	They thought that Lang Lang was too good for a Swedish piano and needed to leave their hometown to be a better musician.
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Q31)	1) They stayed in an unheated building with five families sharing one bathroom. 2) Lang Lang's father would take Lang Lang to school on a bicycle as the bus fare was too expensive.
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Q32)	3 , 1 , 2
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Q33)	<p>True – Mr Lang had to quit his job while Mrs Lang had to stay in Shenyang to support Lang Lang.</p> <p>False --- Music was introduced to Lang Lang by his parents.</p> <p>False --- Mr Lang would lie on Lang Lang's bed so it would be warm when Lang Lang slept on it.</p>
Q34)	<p>(line 20) – When Lang Lang told his father he wanted to study with a new teacher.</p> <p>(line 32) --- Carnegie Hall.</p>