



NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL
2020 NON-WEIGHTED ASSESSMENT
PRIMARY 6
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
BOOKLET A

Name: _____ ()

Class: Pr. 6 _____

Date: 23 June 2020

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Parent's Signature & Date

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

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

1. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
2. Follow all instructions carefully.
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4. For Booklet A, shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

Section A – Grammar (10 x 1mark)

For each question from 1 to 10, one of the four options is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

1. May I ask _____ symptoms will a person suffering from Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease have?
 - (1) who
 - (2) what
 - (3) which
 - (4) where

2. _____ you go home later, please remember to see Mr Tan.
 - (1) Since
 - (2) Before
 - (3) Unless
 - (4) Although

3. The river is _____ polluted that all the fishes have disappeared.
 - (1) so
 - (2) as
 - (3) still
 - (4) very

4. "Penny gave up trying just as I said she would, _____?" Mary asked.
 - (1) didn't she
 - (2) hasn't she
 - (3) hadn't she
 - (4) wouldn't she

5. Eugene _____ fine before recess. However, he has taken ill and will be going home.
 - (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were

6. I am quite sure that this bag of clothes _____ to Pete.
- (1) belongs
 - (2) belonged
 - (3) will belong
 - (4) is belonging
7. The deadline was yesterday. You _____ submit your project by today.
- (1) can
 - (2) may
 - (3) must
 - (4) would
8. We searched high and low for a parking lot but we could not find _____.
- (1) any
 - (2) none
 - (3) some
 - (4) many
9. The boys walked across the muddy path _____ great care.
- (1) in
 - (2) at
 - (3) on
 - (4) with
10. It was Miss Lee and not Mr Tan who completed the project all by _____.
- (1) himself
 - (2) herself
 - (3) ourselves
 - (4) themselves

Section B – Vocabulary (5 x 1mark)

For each question from 11 to 15, one of the four options is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

11. Sherry had put a lot of effort into her project. No wonder she could not suppress her _____ smile when she won the competition.
- (1) bashful
 - (2) glorious
 - (3) arrogant
 - (4) triumphant
12. The compassionate millionaire donated a/an _____ amount of money to the recent catastrophic event and met all the needs of the victims.
- (1) excessive
 - (2) significant
 - (3) reasonable
 - (4) economical
13. Students who fail to _____ the Stay-Home Notice may be subject to disciplinary action.
- (1) submit to
 - (2) agree with
 - (3) conform to
 - (4) comply with
14. He was _____, waiting for the results of the competition to be announced. He could feel his heart pounding in his chest.
- (1) in hot soup
 - (2) out of character
 - (3) at sixes and sevens
 - (4) on pins and needles
15. The whole plan _____ because of poor preparation.
- (1) fell in
 - (2) fell off
 - (3) fell out
 - (4) fell through

Section C – Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1mark)

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

Amelia was a pioneer in the sky in the 1900s. She developed a fascination with (16) flying at a young age. At the age of 23, Amelia took her first plane ride. Within seconds, she was hooked and quickly enrolled in flying lessons. Two years later, she received her pilot's licence and purchased her own plane.

The more Amelia flew, the more daring she became. She clocked 500 hours of solo flying time, a feat (17) for someone in the early decades of the 20th century. In 1932, the "Queen of the Air" undertook (18) her most daring journey yet. She departed from Canada and landed 15 hours later in Ireland. Her reputation (19) as the world's greatest female pilot was sealed.

Five years later, Amelia set out on a new and greater challenge. The 47000-kilometre journey around the globe would be arduous. (20) However, with only 11 000 kilometres to go, she never made it. It is unclear whether Amelia was lost, had crashed or run out of fuel.

Search efforts continued for 17 days but they could not find any trace of Amelia or her plane. The great pioneer was lost in a great mystery.

Adapted from <https://www.britannica.com/biography/Amelia-Earhart>

16. (1) habit of
(2) reliance on
(3) passion for
(4) preference for

17. (1) stunt
(2) record
(3) challenge
(4) achievement

18. (1) tried out
(2) dreamt up
(3) stepped into
(4) embarked on

19. (1) rank
(2) name
(3) persona
(4) condition

20. (1) lengthy
(2) gruelling
(3) unbearable
(4) painstaking

Section D – Visual Text Comprehension (8 x 1mark)

Study the flyer carefully and answer questions 21 to 28.

NICOLAS LEE

Creative Writing Competition 2020

Calling all students of UOS!
How well can you write?

The biennial Nicolas Lee Creative Writing Competition was established by Dr Magdelene Lee in memory and recognition of her late husband, Nicolas Lee, one of Singapore's best-known authors. His books are available at The Big Book Shop.

Prizes to be won!

First Prize: \$2000 cash prize, a \$500 The Big Bookshop book voucher and a trophy

Second Prize: \$1500 cash prize and a \$300 The Big Bookshop book voucher

Third Prize: \$300 The Big Bookshop book voucher

- * All prize winners will also receive a certificate of achievement.
- * All other participants will receive a certificate of participation and a \$50 Cool Supermarket shopping voucher.
- * All 3 winning essays will be published in The Singapore Times on 30 September 2020.

Registration

- Rules of the competition and the registration form are now available at <http://blog.UOS.edu.sg/elinews> or the Department of English Language.
- Please submit your essay to nicolaslee@UOS.edu.sg no later than 31 August 2020.
- Please call Ms Low at 64233988 for further enquiries.

Essay Topic:

With the development of technology, people are now living in a world that is completely different from what it was 50 years ago.

How has technology affected society and the family?

*** Your essay should not be more than 5,000 words.**

WHAT PEOPLE SAID ABOUT THE WRITING COMPETITION



"The competition is a good platform for young budding writers to be recognised for their writing talent. It also helps to develop language skills that will help them throughout their lives."

- Lindsay Ann, Professor of University of Singapore

"We are committed to the holistic development of young minds. The rigour of writing requires resilience, perseverance and commitment."

- Richard Tan, Editor, The Singapore Times



"I am very thrilled that my essay was published in The Singapore Times. I am now a more confident writer as I know that my work is recognised. Writing has always been my passion and finally, my efforts have paid off."

- Angeline Cheong, First Prize Winner of Creative Writing Competition 2018

Organiser: **University of Singapore**

In Partnership with: **The Singapore Times**

Sponsored by: **Nicholas Lee Foundation**

Cool Supermarket

The Big Bookshop

For each question from 21 to 28, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Mark your choice (1,2,3 or 4) and shade your answer on the optical answer sheet. (8 marks)

21. What is the main purpose of the poster?

- (1) to draw students' attention to a famous local author
- (2) to give students the opportunity to win cash for themselves
- (3) to encourage students of UOS to take part in a writing competition
- (4) to provide talented students of UOS a platform to showcase their work

22. Dr Madeline Lee established the biennial Creative Writing Competition to _____

- (1) develop the talent of young writers
- (2) publish the work of a committed writer
- (3) recognise the creative works of all local writers
- (4) remember Nicholas Lee for his contributions as a writer

23. The third prize winner of the competition will _____.

- (1) be awarded \$2000 in cash
- (2) win a Cool Supermarket voucher
- (3) receive a certificate of achievement
- (4) get his essay published on the UOS website

24. John wants to join the competition. What must he do?

- (1) write a 6000-word essay
- (2) submit his essay by 31 August 2020
- (3) hand in his essay to the English Department
- (4) collect a registration form from The Big Book Shop

25. Priya wants to find out more about the writing competition. She can _____.

- (1) call Ms Low at 64233988
- (2) speak to Dr Magdelene Lee
- (3) email to nicolaslee@uos.edu.sg
- (4) visit the Department of English Language

26. Which of the following statements is true?

- (1) Staff of UOS can take part in the competition.
- (2) The second prize winner will receive a trophy.
- (3) The essay topic given is related to technology.
- (4) The competition is held for the first time in 2020.

27. Which of the following statements is not true about Angeline Cheong?

- (1) Her essay was published in The Singapore Times.
- (2) She became passionate about writing only after 2018.
- (3) She was thrilled because her work was finally recognised.
- (4) Her confidence as a writer was boosted after the competition.

28. Which of the following is what people have said about the competition?

- (1) All submitted essays will be published.
- (2) It enables writers to get jobs with The Singapore Times.
- (3) The competition allows students to get their works recognised.
- (4) Writers must have strong language skills before joining the competition.



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Section E – Grammar Cloze

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) about	(D) also	(G) but	(K) my	(N) somewhere
(B) after	(E) an	(H) could	(L) of	(P) when
(C) all	(F) before	(J) for	(M) should	(Q) while

An old couple was having problems remembering things, so they decided to go to their doctor to make sure nothing was wrong with them. When they arrived at the clinic, they explained to the doctor _____ the problems they were having with their (29) memory. _____ examining the couple, the doctor told them that they were (30) physically fine _____ advised them to start making notes to help them (31) remember things.

That night _____ watching TV, the old man got up from his chair and (32) his wife asked, "Where are you going?" He replied, "The kitchen." She asked, "_____ you get me a bowl of ice cream?" He replied, "Sure." She then asked (33) him, "Shouldn't you write it down so you can remember it?" He said, "I can remember it _____." She said, "Well, I would like some strawberries with (34) _____ ice cream. You had better take notes because I know you'll forget that (35) too." He replied, "Don't worry." She added, "I would _____ like whipped (36) cream on top. I know you will forget that too, please write it _____." With (37) irritation in his voice, he shouted, "I don't need to write anything. I can remember everything!" He then stormed into the kitchen.

Twenty minutes later, he returned and handed her a plate of bacon and eggs. She stared at the plate _____ a moment. "Hey, you forgot my toast," she muttered.

(38)

Original

Score:

Section F – Editing for Grammar and Spelling

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

The iconic Lau Pa Sat comes alive as hungry office staff march towards the

(39)

food centre during lunch hours. However, regular patrons who were interviueed paint

a different picture of the food centre late at night. They said that it was common to

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(41)

find rats scurried along the ground at night. Statiztiks provided by the National

(42)

Environment Agency (NEA) show that the number of rats found in Singapore having

(43)

increased. More than 20,000 rat nests have been found by the atorities this year.

Furthermore, more building owners have also been fined for attracting rodents

(44)

because of poor maintainence or unremoved rubbish. Pest control firms say the

problem lies with many food establishments that do not follow the regulations in order

to save costs.

(45)

They also put the blame in an increase of construction activities around Lau Pa

(46)

Sat. The construction projects have drive rats out of their nests. Hence, the food

(47)

centre becomes a prime target whom the rats hunt for food. The NEA is concerned

(48)

about this as rats can konteminate food with their droppings, urine and fur. The

(49)

(50)

agency states that it would be an emberassing sight indeed if the rats shall continue

to flood Lau Pa Sat. This is especially so with tourists visiting the area regularly.

Adapted from The Sunday Times by Amresh Gunasingham

Score:

Section G – Comprehension Cloze
Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Does spending time outdoors reduce the possibility of getting myopia or short-sightedness? To answer this, an outdoor activities programme was launched in June 2019. The new programme aims to (51) _____ the effects of the outdoors on myopia in young Singaporeans.

Myopia is caused (52) _____ the lens in the eye cannot focus images on the retina. Singapore has (53) _____ of the highest populations of myopia cases in the world. In fact, the (54) _____ of Singaporeans suffer from myopia.

The one-year programme is funded by the National Medical Research Council and will (55) _____ \$200,000. It is jointly run by the National University of Singapore (56) _____ the National Parks Board. 450 children aged six to ten will be selected from various primary schools to (57) _____ in the programme. Half of this group and their families will visit a different park (58) _____ weekend for organised activities such as guided tours and games, starting (59) _____ 21 May. The families can win prizes such as cash vouchers and fitness devices (60) _____ their regular attendance. They are encouraged to turn up every weekend but it is not (61) _____. The other half of the group will not take part in the park activities. This allows researchers to (62) _____ the two groups of children based on the various tests taken before and after the trial programme.

All family members involved will be (63) _____ free eye checks, as well as subsidies for medical visits for any eye treatments. The programme's chief investigator believes that the (64) _____ for the increasing rate of myopia occurrence in Singapore is that Singaporeans spend a considerable (65) _____ of time reading and writing and do not go outdoors enough.

If the outdoor activities programme is successful, it will be expanded to a larger trial of 2000 children early next year.

Adapted from: <http://wildsingaporenews.blogspot.com/2011/04>

Score:

Section H – Synthesis & Transformation

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. Mrs Lim is our English teacher. We all love her.

_____ whom _____

67. John asked his coach, "Is it possible for me to skip the next training session?"

John asked his coach _____

68. Jason completes his art project in time for the exhibition.

The art project _____

69. Mary studied hard for the quiz. She did not want to fail.

As _____

70. James and John started to argue as soon as the teacher walked out of the classroom.

An _____

Score:

Section I – Comprehension

Read this passage and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

Here I was ^{at} the local police station. I wanted to get help with crossing a treacherous stretch of the South China Sea. My friends had advised me to reach out to the police chief as he was someone I would be able to trust. I told him how I had read about pirates that raided cargo boats and my concerns.	
"Oh, the pirates are not as bad as what you read in papers," he replied. "Our police have many boats patrolling the waters to make sure everything is safe. Come, I'll introduce you to a boat-owner who knows these waters well." The police chief then introduced Samad to me.	5
"The pirates usually leave the local passenger boats alone. We'll sail on Saturday. It will be safe," Samad, who ferried locals in his boat, reassured me.	10
Saturday came and I made my way to the harbour. I could not wait to set off on my journey. However, when I saw Samad's boat, I began to feel otherwise . The boat was in a state of disrepair. The body had several cracks painted over and the wood of the deck looked old and weak. When I saw that it was named " Sturdy Surfer ", I could not help but roll my eyes. As I did not have any other options, I reluctantly boarded the boat.	15
While out at sea, the boat engine sputtered laboriously and I could only pray it would last the journey. By late afternoon, there was bad news . The boat engine stopped completely! We were now drifting in the open sea!	
Just as the evening sky fell, a motorboat suddenly arrived alongside our boat. At first, I was hopeful that someone was here to rescue us. Boy was I wrong! Several thin and agile men clambered aboard our boat. They stared at me puzzledly and talked among themselves in a strange language. Then one of them, I assumed to be the leader, pushed the boat-owner aside and headed straight for me — the foreigner.	20
He noticed two fifty-dollar notes in my shirt pocket. "May I have one?" he asked me in English, with a polite smile. It surprised me because of how perfect it sounded. I took out one of the notes and handed it to him.	25
"You and I are friends now," he said, and he threw his arms round my shoulder. "My name is Musa."	30
"Give me your watch," another pirate, whom they called Ali, suddenly bellowed. He appeared hostile. However, I was not about to part with my watch which had sentimental value. Hoping to humour him, I forced myself to smile back.	
"Then I want your boots," I replied, smiling and putting on a brave front. I knew that any sign of aggression or fear would trigger off violence. Ali looked confused before scowling at my smile and my counter-demands. He, however, was not going to take no for an answer. He took a step towards me.	35
"Your watch!" he roared, his hand moved threateningly to the gun on his hip.	
"How about your boots?" I asked politely, trying to stay calm.	
Sensing the tension, Musa very tactfully intervened. Ignoring Ali's demand, he gathered another two pirates nearby and began to repeat my words in a singsong manner. I was surprised at how sensitive Musa was of my situation .	40
"How about, how about, how about your boots?" The two pirates and Musa began to bounce to the rhythm of their nonsensical song. They then threw their arms around me and pulled me close. I joined in their chant and we were soon bouncing around in a hilarious scene. Despite my fear, I continued to sing and dance. I knew I was not out of danger yet.	45

Somehow the crazy dance worked! Ali gazed at us with his mouth agape. When the **ingenious** Musa invited him into our bouncing group, Ali joined in. The moment had passed! I had never felt so relieved in my life!

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Soon, the rest of the pirate crew had gathered everything precious in the boat. The pirates then scrambled into their boat, waved at us and sped away. Samad and I stared at each other, not quite believing what had just happened. We were still stranded in the open sea. Maybe one of the many police boats would come round and get us soon.

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71. Pick out a two-word phrase from the first paragraph that tells us that the South China Sea was dangerous. [1m]

72. Which two reasons did the police chief give to ease the writer's concerns? [2m]

73. Which **two** of the following words correctly describe how the writer felt in lines 9 to 12? Put a tick ✓ in the box beside each of your answers. [2m]

angry	
calm	
impatient	

optimistic	
relieved	
worried	

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

- _____ Ali asked for the watch.
- _____ Musa asked for money.
- _____ The writer asked for the boots.

Score:

75. Do you think the name of the boat "Sturdy Surfer" is appropriate (lines 14-15)? Support your answer with evidence from the passage. [2m]

76. 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. [3m]

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer(s) to
feel otherwise (line 12)	
bad news (line 18)	
It (line 27)	

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
The writer had confidence of the performance of the boat engine.		
The pirates had expected to find a foreign passenger on Samad's boat.		
The writer wanted to show Ali that he was friendly and unafraid.		

Score:

78. What did Musa do to show that he was "sensitive" to the writer's "situation"? [2m]

79. The table below shows the reactions of the characters and the causes for them. Fill in the blanks using information from the passage. [2m]

	How the character felt	What the character did	Why the character did it
Ali	angry	reached threateningly for his gun	
The writer	fearful	continued singing and dancing	

80. In what way was Musa "ingenious" (line 49)? Support your answer with evidence from the passage. [2m]

Score:

*** End of Paper ***

(Have you checked your work thoroughly?)

ANSWER KEY

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

BOOKLET B

Q29	A	Q30	B	Q31	G	Q32	Q	Q33	H
Q34	C	Q35	K	Q36	D	Q37	N	Q38	J

Q39. Interviewed
 Q40. Scurrying
 Q41. Statistics
 Q42. Has
 Q43. Authorities
 Q44. Maintenance
 Q45. On
 Q46. Driven
 Q47. Where
 Q48. Contaminate
 Q49. Embarrassing
 Q50. Should
 Q51. Learn
 Q52. When
 Q53. One
 Q54. Majority
 Q55. Receive
 Q56. And

Q57. Participate
 Q58. Every
 Q59. From
 Q60. For
 Q61. Compulsory
 Q62. Compare
 Q63. Given
 Q64. Reason
 Q65. Amount

- Q66. Mrs Lim is our English teacher whom we all love.
- Q67. John asked his coach if it was possible for him to skip the following training session.
- Q68. The art project is completed in time for the exhibition by Jason.
- Q69. As Mary did not want to fail , she studied hard for the quiz.
- Q70. An argument started between James and John as soon as the teacher walked out of the classroom.
- Q71. Treacherous Stretch
- Q72. The police chief told the writer that the pirates were not as bad as the writer read in papers and the police have many boats patrolling the waters to make sure everything safe.
- Q73. Relieved , Worried
- Q74. 2,1,3
- Q75. I do not think the name is appropriate. The “sturdy surfer” was in a state of disrepair. The body had several cracks painted over and the wood of the deck looked old and weak. Not only that, the engine of the boat sputtered laboriously while the boat was out at sea.
- Q76. (line 12) The writer unwilling to set off on his journey after seeing the condition of the boat.
(line 18) The boat engine stopping completely
(line 27) Musa’s English
- Q77. False , When the boat engine sputtered laboriously while out at sea, the writer could only pray that it would last the journey.
False , When the pirates saw the writer who was the foreigner on Samad’s boat , they looked at him puzzledly.
True , The writer smiled at Ali and put on a brave front while counter-demanding for Ali’s boots as the writer knew that any sign of aggression or fear would trigger off violence.
- Q78. Musa showed he was “sensitive” to the writer’s “situation” by tactfully intervening. Musa gathered two pirates nearby and began to repeat the writer’s word in a singsong manner.
- Q79. Ali : The writer refused to give Ali the watch.
The wirter : He knew he was not out of danger yet.
- Q80. Musa was “ingenious” as he could find a method to distract Ali and to calm Ali down. He started dancing in a singsong manner while repeating the writer’s words in the hope of stopping Ali from being hostile.