



**NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL  
PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2011  
PRIMARY 6**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**PAPER 2: BOOKLET A**

**TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 h 50 min**

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**There are a total of 80 questions – 30 MCQ and 50 open-ended questions.**

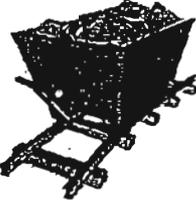
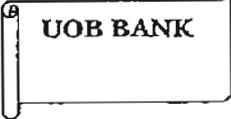
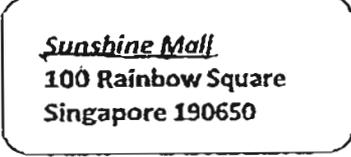
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- 3. Answer all the questions**
- 4. Shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.**

Section A: Graphic Stimulus (5 x 1m = 5m)  
 Study the flyer below and answer questions 1 to 5.

# Discover the Secret Goldmine at Sunshine Mall

27 May – 3 July 2011

	<p><b>The Gold Discovery Playground</b></p> <p>Bring your children to experience our specially constructed gold-mining tunnel. They can explore the mine, pan for gold and learn about gold. Your children are entitled to free admission when you present a single or accumulated same-day receipts amounting to \$150. Limited to two free admission passes per redemption per day.  <b>Kids Club Exclusive</b>        Be a Kids Club member today and get a free admission pass to Gold Discovery Playground. Catch appearances by our very own mascots – Star, Shine &amp; Cloud every Sunday.</p>
	<p><b>Gold Coast Escape Lucky Draw</b></p> <p>Stand a chance to win a trip for two to Gold Coast, Australia with <u>every \$100 spent</u>.</p>
	<p><b>'Shopping Highway' Lucky Draw</b></p> <p>Stand a chance to win a Mitsubishi Jewel in the 'Shopping Highway' Lucky Draw with every \$80 spent. Sponsored by Jazstime Motors Pte Ltd.</p>
	<p><b>Golden Nugget Freebies</b></p> <p>Look out for free shopping vouchers on weekdays with a <u>minimum of \$50 spent</u>. For details, get a copy of our exclusive brochures at the Information Counter at Level 1.</p>
	<p><b>Golden Gift with Purchase</b></p> <p>Get a LIMITED EDITION Sunshine Mall Environment-Friendly Shopping Bag when you spend a minimum of \$200! While stocks last.</p>
	<p><b>Golden Privileges for UOB Cardmembers</b></p> <p>Charge your purchases to your UOB Credit Card and you can walk away with free food and beverage vouchers. Look out for other exclusive UOB discounts and offers – only at selected participating outlets.</p>
<p>Official credit card :  Organised by : </p> <p><b>Sunshine Mall</b>        100 Rainbow Square        Singapore 190650</p>	

For each question from 1 to 5, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. "Discover the Secret Goldmine" is organised by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) DBS Bank
  - (2) Sunshine Mall
  - (3) Jazztime Motors Pte Ltd
  - (4) Gold Discovery Playground
  
2. To qualify for the Gold Coast Escape Lucky Draw, one needs to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) spend at least \$100
  - (2) spend at least \$150
  - (3) redeem free shopping bags
  - (4) redeem free food and beverage vouchers
  
3. Mrs Tan went shopping at Sunshine Mall on Tuesday where she spent a total of \$70 in cash. She would be entitled to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) a chance to win a car
  - (2) free shopping vouchers
  - (3) a limited edition shopping bag
  - (4) free food and beverage vouchers
  
4. UOB Cardmembers can get exclusive discounts at \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) all shops in Sunshine Mall
  - (2) selected shops in Sunshine Mall
  - (3) the Information Counter at Sunshine Mall
  - (4) the Gold Discovery Playground at Sunshine Mall
  
5. Which one of the following statements is true?
  - (1) Shoppers can get free shopping vouchers anytime.
  - (2) Shoppers may win a trip to Gold Coast, Australia for two families.
  - (3) Shoppers can obtain a maximum of two free admission passes to visit the Gold Discovery Playground each day.
  - (4) Shoppers will receive discounts at all shopping outlets when they charge their purchases to a DBS credit card.

**Section B: Grammar Discrete (7 x 1m = 7m)**

For each question from 6 to 12, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

6. All of us except Ryan \_\_\_\_\_ attending the Science workshop next Tuesday.
- (1) is
  - (2) are
  - (3) was
  - (4) were
7. Nicole and Helen were jogging in the park when they suddenly heard a baby \_\_\_\_\_ loudly.
- (1) cry
  - (2) cries
  - (3) cried
  - (4) was crying
8. Mr Lee and his family \_\_\_\_\_ in Ang Mo Kio since 1980.
- (1) live
  - (2) lived
  - (3) has lived
  - (4) have lived
9. Observe how the deer \_\_\_\_\_ when they are caught in the glare of a vehicle's headlights.
- (1) froze
  - (2) frozen
  - (3) freeze
  - (4) freezes
10. After Melanie had a shower, she \_\_\_\_\_ down on her bed and fell fast asleep.
- (1) lie
  - (2) lay
  - (3) lied
  - (4) laid

11. It was \_\_\_\_\_ honour to have \_\_\_\_\_ European diplomat at our Graduation Ceremony.

- (1) a ..... a
- (2) a ..... an..
- (3) an ..... a
- (4) an ..... an

12. The river meanders \_\_\_\_\_ the valley before it reaches the sea.

- (1) in
- (2) over
- (3) along
- (4) through

**Section C: Punctuation (3 x 1m = 3m)**

For each question from 13 to 15, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the correct oval (1,2,3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

Victoria stared at her food with a glum expression. She used the fork to poke at the carrots and broccoli mindlessly (13) Victoria did not like vegetables. In fact, she found broccoli nauseating.

"No other choices (14) she asked, hoping that there would be an alternative. As expected, Mother's reply was a resounding "No".

"Stop picking at your food (15) Just eat!" her mother snapped when her patience ran out.

13. (1) [ : ] colon  
(2) [ , ] comma  
(3) [ . ] full stop  
(4) [ ! ] exclamation mark

14. (1) [ , ] comma and inverted commas  
(2) [ . ] full stop and inverted commas  
(3) [ ? ] question mark and inverted commas  
(4) [ ! ] exclamation mark and inverted commas

15. (1) [ : ] colon  
(2) [ , ] comma  
(3) [ ? ] question mark  
(4) [ ! ] exclamation mark

**Section D: Vocabulary (5 x 1m = 5m)**

For each question from 16 to 20, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

16. Mr Lim lost his temper \_\_\_\_\_ but regained control very quickly.

- (1) regularly  
(2) momentarily  
(3) occasionally  
(4) intermittently

17. All the \_\_\_\_\_ from the funfair organised by the scouts will be donated to the Community Chest.

- (1) fortune  
(2) offerings  
(3) proceeds  
(4) remuneration

18. The wooden cabinet that we bought at a discounted price is the perfect \_\_\_\_\_ to the country décor in our home.

- (1) company  
(2) compilation  
(3) compliment  
(4) complement

19. Novak Djokovic, winner of the Wimbledon Tennis Championships 2011, waved as he \_\_\_\_\_ the rostrum to receive his trophy.

- (1) scaled
- (2) hoisted
- (3) mounted
- (4) clambered

20. After the five illegal immigrants were caught in Singapore, they were \_\_\_\_\_ back to their country.

- (1) deposited
- (2) deployed
- (3) deported
- (4) detained

**Section E: Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1m = 5m)**

For each question from 21 to 25, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

Night was beginning to fall. William walked out of his makeshift hut and decided to venture further than usual. He planted flagged bamboo poles in the (21) snow to mark the route. After putting in the last pole, he walked in what he thought (22) was a circle before turning back. Retracing his footsteps, he found no flags or bamboo poles.

Forcing down fear, he began a methodical search for the flags. After (23) (24) numerous failures to locate the flag poles, his panic grew and the desire to run blindly was almost irresistible. (25)

Exhausted and cold, William knew that he could not go on much longer.

21. (1) thrust  
(2) affixed  
(3) attached  
(4) fastened
22. (1) trace  
(2) chart  
(3) identify  
(4) inscribe

23. (1) Depressing  
(2) Impressing  
(3) Oppressing  
(4) Suppressing
24. (1) deliberate  
(2) relentless  
(3) desperate  
(4) systematic
25. (1) certain  
(2) confirmed  
(3) devastating  
(4) overpowering

**Section F: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1m = 5m)**

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

At first, the mutineers took little notice of the three young boys, Charles, Joshua and Edward. While David was gathering and arming his band of mutineers, and even after he had seized the captain and bound him to the mast, Edward still slept on.

5 However, the captain's cry for help when he was first seized, reached Edward in his sleep. He dreamt that he was being attacked by a dog – the dog that had been his constant companion at home. The bark of the dog in his sleep gradually turned into a man's shout. That shout awakened Edward from his sleep. His bed was placed not far from the chest in which the weapons were kept. The  
10 first thing that caught Edward's eyes when he opened them was a sailor standing guard near the chest. He was armed and was looking strangely at him.

"What's wrong?" asked Edward, seeing the sailor's unusual manner.

"The captain is wrong," replied the sailor, "and he is up on deck tied to the mast. There is a mutiny and David has taken charge of the ship."

15 Edward could not believe his ears.

"I'll go on deck too!" he exclaimed.

You can imagine Edward's surprise when he saw the captain with his arms bound tight against the mast. David was ordering other armed sailors to put a small boat in the sea. Five more sailors with guns were guarding a group of unarmed  
20 men and threatening them with death if they did not do as they were told.

Then the truth flashed in Edward's mind. This really was a mutiny. David had seized the captain and was going to put him in a small boat. He was to be left to the mercy of the vast sea.

26. Edward did not see the beginning of the mutiny because \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) he was fast asleep
- (2) the captain did not shout for help
- (3) he was dreaming about something
- (4) the mutineers did not take notice of the three boys

27. The captain cried for help because he \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) was in danger of drowning
- (2) was being attacked by a dog
- (3) wanted his men to arm David
- (4) was captured by the members of his crew

28. The sailor was standing near the chest \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) in order to stop Edward from going up the ladder
- (2) because Edward's bed was not far from the chest
- (3) in order to be near Edward's bed when he woke up
- (4) because the chest contained arms and needed guarding

29. The armed sailors were putting a small boat in the sea \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) for David to escape
- (2) to abandon the captain
- (3) for the captain to sail home
- (4) to punish the group of unarmed men

30. The passage is about \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) the danger of the vast sea
- (2) a violent quarrel which led to a fight
- (3) some sailors who rebelled against their captain
- (4) three young boys who helped their captain escape



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Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Booklet A	/30
Booklet B	/65
Total	/95

PAPER 1 - Writing	/55
PAPER 2 - Language Use & Comprehension	/95
PAPER 3 - Listening Comprehension	/20
PAPER 4 - Oral Communication	/30
TOTAL	/200

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**Section G: Grammar Cloze (10 X 1m = 10m)**

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40. 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 in order to avoid confusion during marking.

Use each WORD once ONLY

A) an	B) every	G) an	K) then	N) what
B) also	E) it	H) or	L) up	P) when
C) but	F) of	J) so	M) were	Q) with

On the day of the Opening Ceremony, Benson and the rest of his party were excited and anxious. Dressed in their spotless No. 1 ceremonial uniforms at the nearby F1 pit, they practised components \_\_\_\_\_ their march repeatedly as other performers were checking \_\_\_\_\_ their make-up or chatting with enthusiasm.

The skies \_\_\_\_\_ had been grey, threatening to dampen their spirits with a downpour. If the wind was strong and erratic, \_\_\_\_\_ would be difficult to keep the flag straight and neat-looking. If things got a little wet, the flag's fabric might slip from their gloves \_\_\_\_\_ their uniforms might end up crinkled.

Thankfully, the weather held \_\_\_\_\_, and when Benson's turn came, his arm swing was identical to his team-mates', as \_\_\_\_\_ his posture and rhythm. As the flag made its turn at the podium and moved up the steps, the wind direction was favourable and \_\_\_\_\_ action went as planned.

As the national anthem was played and the flag hoisted up, more than ever before, his heart rose \_\_\_\_\_ the awe-inspiring atmosphere, more than \_\_\_\_\_ he had previously marched at the National Stadium as part of the National Day contingent. For here, he was not only standing in front of his nation but \_\_\_\_\_ all the world, representing his country before an international audience. He was bearing \_\_\_\_\_ his country's flag. The moment moved him deeply. He realised that whatever the future held, he would always treasure this experience of having held a symbol of his nation's pride in his hands.

Marks

**Section H: Spelling and Grammar (10 x 1m = 10m)**

Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box.

My early exposure to drama and performance work was when I was in primary

(41)

school. I believe it was those early **orperchulit**s for acting and being on stage before an

(42)

(43)

audience that spur me on to make theatre my livelihood. I **thareli** enjoy acting and I

(44)

think about it all the time. It gives me the greatest pleasure to watch my **collicks** and the

(45)

other actors work at the pieces we have **konsid** and see our ideas materialize.

(46)

I believe the arts will paved the way for our children to explore, express and project

(47)

(48)

himself confidently and with poise, without fear of **ambresmen** or shame. By having

(49)

confidence and a sense of **qureositi**, they will realise their potential for learning and living

(50)

in communities and societies that demanded a deeper understanding of others. Theatre is

undoubtedly one of the best means to develop these qualities.

(adapted from a speech by Ruby Lim-Yang,  
Artistic Director of Act3 International)

Marks

**Section i: Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1m =15m)**

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

The powerful healing properties of plants, spices and fruits have been known for centuries. These foods can be used to \_\_\_\_\_ common ailments and injuries.

(51)

There is no need for \_\_\_\_\_ prescriptions. You will find most of these cheap feel-

(52)

better remedies in your cupboards, or under the sink!

One of the most studied of all "kitchen cures" is the ginger. It has been \_\_\_\_\_

(53)

medicinally for centuries. The chemicals that \_\_\_\_\_ ginger its zesty taste appear to

(54)

reduce stomach pains, neutralise digestive acids \_\_\_\_\_ inhibit the "vomiting centre"

(55)

of the brain. Hence, to \_\_\_\_\_ travel sickness, take a one-centimetre slice of fresh

(56)

root ginger at least 20 minutes before you get in the car or \_\_\_\_\_ a ferry.

(57)

Danish researchers report that ginger, \_\_\_\_\_ taken at the first sign of a

(58)

headache, can reduce the symptoms significantly. The same chemical responsible

\_\_\_\_\_ reducing headache can also ease joint swelling in people with bone

(59)

problems. Doctors often \_\_\_\_\_ patients to take aspirin every other day because it

(60)

helps to "thin" the blood. Ginger has similar effects but without the stomach upset often

\_\_\_\_\_ by aspirin.

(61)

Another household remedy is in the form of the lemon. You get more \_\_\_\_\_ a

(62)

sharp tang when you drink fresh lemonade. A single lemon \_\_\_\_\_ 40mg of vitamin

(63)

C, the full recommended daily intake. The body uses vitamin C to boost immune cells that

assist in wound-healing. If applied often \_\_\_\_\_ directly to age spots, lemon juice can

(64)

even fade ageing marks.

The last but not least of common household ingredient is the vinegar. Vinegar can be

used to relieve mosquito bites \_\_\_\_\_ neutralising the pain-causing substances that

(65)

get into the skin. Some people recommend soothing a sore throat by gargling with a

tablespoon of vinegar in a glass of warm water. Others make a cough syrup by combining

equal amounts of honey and vinegar.

Marks

**Section J: Synthesis/Transformation (5 x 2m = 10m)**

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. The car is regularly maintained. It has been kept in tip-top condition.

The regular \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

67. "Don't the children like ice-cream?" she asked in surprise.

She was surprised that \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

68. We do not believe what Peter says.

Neither of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

69. He has not secured any job. He is an unemployed man.

\_\_\_\_\_ because  
\_\_\_\_\_

70. Rahmad lied about his qualifications. Rahmad has admitted.

\_\_\_\_\_ to  
\_\_\_\_\_

Marks
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**Section K: Comprehension Open-ended (10 x 2m = 20m)**

Read the passage below carefully and answer questions 71 to 80:

Peter and Mary could see a motorcycle coming towards them with its headlights switched on. The motorcycle stopped in front of them and the tall rider alighted from his vehicle and walked towards Peter with long strides. As the stranger approached the car, both of them felt instinctively that there might be danger.

5 "How much money do you have with you?" Mary asked Peter.

"500 dollars. Why?" Peter asked.

"I sense we might need it to get out of this trouble."

10 Peter sensed that the stranger approaching them was perhaps looking for a chance to extract money for his help in changing the tyre. He was properly dressed and protected from the weather. He was a tall man in his mid-thirties with a longish face which did not inspire immediate confidence. In fact, a hint of impending extortion. As Peter's thoughts were whirling in his mind, the stranger approached him on the side of his window and knocked. Peter wound down the window and the man spoke, "Do you need any help?" After Peter had replied that he indeed needed help changing his punctured tyre, the man said, "Can you come out and let me see whether I can help?"

15 Peter took a look at Mary before he slowly opened the door and followed the man to the back of the car. The moment Peter stepped out, he was drenched right through, as he had no other protection. But that was the least of his worries. He was prepared to accept the wet and the cold, if only the puncture could be repaired, and he was prepared to part with the 500 dollars in his pocket and be on his way.

20 These thoughts were running through his head as he accompanied the stranger to open the car boot. The stranger retrieved the tools from the boot and removed the spare tyre. With great confidence, he moved this to the front of the car and laid it down on the road as he stooped down to remove the punctured tyre. As he did so, wild thoughts flew through Peter's head. He was still full of apprehension, and his *mind quickly raced to how he could possibly counteract any demands of the stranger* after he had removed the tyre. It was surprising that he had made no mention of any cost or money for his services in this bad weather.

25 The stranger worked quietly and efficiently, and did not even ask Peter to assist him in any way. Within a short while, he single-handedly removed the old tyre and replaced it with the spare one. Following this, the stranger returned the punctured tyre to the boot. At this point, Peter approached the stranger and thanked him profusely, and asked him how much he should pay.

30 With a quizzical look, the stranger said with a tone of some disappointment, "No. How can I charge anything? It's only natural to help someone in trouble." By this time, the downpour had eased considerably, and Peter could look straight at his face. He could now make out the stranger's dark eyes and lean features. He could see from his eyes that the stranger had sensed his apprehension all along. In that instant, the stranger reached around his neck and took out a chain with a claw at the end, and placed it around Peter's neck. It was smooth and glossy, and a tiny hole had been punctured at both ends of the claw to string a tiny but firm chain. Peter *protested vigorously*, and reached into his pocket to pull out

the 500 dollars, now all wet.

The stranger pushed away Peter's hand and said, "No, I will not accept any payment. I give this tiger's claw for your protection, and hope you have a safe journey home." So saying, he strode off towards his motorcycle without a word. He revved up his engine and waved his hand as he sped off.

Peter stood silently in the drizzle, and fell down on the ground weeping. He felt an uncontrollable sense of gratitude towards the stranger who had come so bravely and speedily to his help in his time of need. Tears flowed down Peter's cheeks, as he stood there for a while, quite oblivious to the drizzle.

Adapted from *Tiger's Claw* by Tan Jing Quee

**ANSWER IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.**

71. In line 7, what does the word "it" refer to?

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72. What did Peter think was the stranger's intention in approaching him?

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73. From lines 16 to 20, what can you tell about the weather?

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74. Which three-word phrase in lines 21-28 tells us that the stranger was experienced in changing tyres?

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75. In Paragraph 7, did Peter need to "counteract any demands of the stranger"? Explain your answer.

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# Answer Ke

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- 41)opportunities      42)spurred      43)thoroughly      44)colleagues  
45)conceived      46)pave      47)themselves      48)embarrassment  
49)curiosity      50)demand      51)heal      52)any      53)used  
54)give      55)and      56)avoid      57)on      58)when      59)for  
60)encourage      61)caused      62)than      63)has      64)and      65)by

- 66)The regular maintenance of the car has kept it in tip-top condition.  
67)She was surprised that the children did not like ice-cream.  
68)Neither of us believes what Peter says.  
69)He is an unemployed man because he has not secured any job.  
70)Rahmad has admitted to lying about his qualifications.  
71)It refers to the 500 dollars that Peter had.  
72)Peter thought that the stranger might want to extract money for helping Peter change his tyres.  
73)It was raining heavily.  
74)The phrase is "With great confidence".  
75)No, he did not. The stranger did not make any mention of cost of money for his services.  
76)He was disappointed that Peter had wanted to pay him and refused to accept.  
77)The sentence is "He could see from his eyes that the stranger had sensed his apprehension all along".  
78)He was protesting against the stranger giving him the tiger claw.  
79)He believed that if will prefect Peter.  
80)He felt worried towards the stranger at first but in the end, he was grateful towards him.

76. Explain clearly how the stranger responded to Peter's first offer of payment.

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77. Which sentence tells you that the stranger knew Peter was afraid of him?

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78. "Peter protested vigorously" (line 41). Explain fully what he was protesting against.

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79. What did the stranger believe about the tiger claw?

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80. How had Peter's feelings towards the stranger changed in the end? Explain clearly.

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