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## Anglo-Chinese School (Junior)

2021 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
PAPER TWO (BOOKLET A)  
PRIMARY SIX

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (     )

Class: Primary 6.\_\_\_\_

Date: 19 August 2021

Duration of paper: 1h 50 min

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1 We were unable to complete the assignment as we had \_\_\_\_\_ out of time.

- (1) ran
- (2) run
- (3) runs
- (4) running

2 All the toys in this shop \_\_\_\_\_ stolen last week.

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

3 Christina, \_\_\_\_\_ chosen as a lead singer in the group, is a lot more confident now.

- (1) is
- (2) was
- (3) had been
- (4) having been

4 You will be disciplined \_\_\_\_\_ you not follow our school rules.

- (1) must
- (2) could
- (3) would
- (4) should

5 Thomas and Jake are good friends. They \_\_\_\_\_ each other since kindergarten.

- (1) knew
- (2) has known
- (3) had known
- (4) have known

6 I was embarrassed when I realised that I \_\_\_\_\_ him for someone else.

- (1) mistook
- (2) mistaken
- (3) had mistaken
- (4) have mistaken

7 If I \_\_\_\_\_ you, I would tell him the truth.

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

8 Lisa \_\_\_\_\_ if she had not got the last question wrong.

- (1) will pass
- (2) would pass
- (3) will have passed
- (4) would have passed

9 The idea of more electric cars plying our roads will not take off \_\_\_\_\_ there are more charging stations.

- (1) if
- (2) after
- (3) when
- (4) unless

10 At this moment, the promise of a good supper \_\_\_\_\_ the race participants to band together and not give up.

- (1) spur
- (2) spurs
- (3) spurred
- (4) spurring

For each question from 11 to 15, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

- 11 " \_\_\_\_\_ someone your own size," the child said to the bully.
- (1) Pick at
  - (2) Pick on
  - (3) Pick up
  - (4) Pick out
- 12 As expected, the \_\_\_\_\_ explorer thrived in dangerous conditions.
- (1) timid
  - (2) flailing
  - (3) intrepid
  - (4) sympathetic
- 13 The competitive eater is known for his \_\_\_\_\_ appetite; he can wolf down fifteen hot dogs in mere minutes.
- (1) malicious
  - (2) voracious
  - (3) suspicious
  - (4) auspicious
- 14 Green with envy, Siti cast \_\_\_\_\_ eyes at Nadia's brand-new gaming console.
- (1) covetous
  - (2) gratuitous
  - (3) calamitous
  - (4) momentous
- 15 Shiva could not answer the teacher's question. He tried every technique, but he was clearly \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) dodging a bullet
  - (2) grasping at straws
  - (3) falling on deaf ears
  - (4) reading between the lines

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

Imagine having everything you need - community centres, supermarkets, parks - just a few steps from home. It could make you healthier and build stronger bonds between you and your neighbours. This is the idea behind the 15-minute city. Here, people can get all the services they need within 15 minutes of home, on foot or by bike. This urban model is being developed in cities around the world.

Carlos Moreno has been a champion of 15-minute cities for years. Inspired by the need to fight climate change, he proposed to build more pavements and bicycle lanes to drastically reduce carbon emissions. As housing costs increase, he is also worried about people being displaced. As such, he is focused on inclusion and wants to create places that people of all backgrounds can call home

- 16 (1) ties  
(2) cords  
(3) strains  
(4) resentment
- 17 (1) civic  
(2) rural  
(3) rustic  
(4) idyllic
- 18 (1) winner  
(2) enemy  
(3) advocate  
(4) antagonist
- 19 (1) radically  
(2) suddenly  
(3) gradually  
(4) minimally
- 20 (1) held  
(2) retained  
(3) uprooted  
(4) regulated

Study this article from a magazine, Health and Fitness, and then answer questions 21 to 28.

# The Fruit Festival at Greenview Community Club is back!

Come join us at this fun-filled festival to remind everyone to include more fruit in their diet. It will be held over three days during the December school holidays. Don't miss it!

Special Deal for all:  
Buy a Surprise  
Fruit Box for \$20!



## Fruit Feast 2021

Date : 3 December to 5 December

Time : 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Venue : The Foyer (Level 1, Greenview Community Club)



Ticket Price	Adult	Child (12 years and below)
Greenview CC member	\$15	\$5
Public	\$20	\$10

All ticket holders can take part in a lucky draw!



Limited tickets available.

Get your ticket now at [www.greenviewcc.com.sg](http://www.greenviewcc.com.sg)

First 50 participants will receive a free reusable bag.

### Reviews of Fruit Feast 2020!

It's definitely a must-go for all fruit lovers! You get to enjoy a free flow of fresh fruit such as mangosteens, durians, grapes and rambutans.



Eat your fill. Nobody will stop you!

*Jamie Ang, Student*

Though gloves are provided, you need not open the durians yourself. Just place your order with the staff and enjoy the feast!

What's best? The free flow of refreshing coconut juice!

*Roslina, Greenview Resident*

Organiser: Greenview Community Club   
Sponsor: Health Board Singapore 

## Workshops at Fruit Festival 2021

Check out the following workshops at Greenview Community Club:

### Healthy Fruit Salad\*

3 December 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.  
Kitchen A  
Fee: \$20 per parent and child

A parent and one child can join this workshop together to learn how to make a healthy fruit salad using yogurt as dressing. All ingredients will be provided.



### Mystery Ink

3 December 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.  
Cherry Room  
Fee: Free



Do you want to send a secret message to your friend or uncover the mystery behind invisible writing? Bring your own lemons and learn about the Science behind the magic.

### Fruit Attraction

4 December 1 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.  
Cherry Room  
Fee: \$10 per person

Learn to make a fruit-shaped fridge magnet using clay at this popular workshop. You can choose the shape you like and bring home your completed masterpiece.



### Party Fruit Tarts

4 December 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.  
Kitchen B  
Fee: \$30 per person



Want to make some tasty treats for your loved ones? Celebrity Chef, Sharon Lim, will teach you how to make a dozen of these fresh fruit tarts from scratch. Please bring your own containers to take home a dozen of these tarts.

\*For children 8 years and above

For more information:  
visit [www.greenviewcc.com.sg/information](http://www.greenviewcc.com.sg/information)

For enquiries and registration:  
email [fruitfest@greenviewcc.com.sg](mailto:fruitfest@greenviewcc.com.sg) or call 6546 7788 (Mon - Fri, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.)

### Donations to Rainbow Old Age Home



We want to share the benefits of healthy living with all in our Greenview community. We would like to appeal for donations of all kinds of healthy food, such as cereals and dried fruit, for the residents of the Rainbow Old Age Home. Expired food items will not be accepted.

All donations must be sent to the Peach Room at Greenview Community Club, Level 1, by 30 December 2021. Please call Mr Raju at 6232 4334 if you would like to help with the sorting of donated items.

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

- 21 Which of the following words can be used to describe the festival?
- (1) dull
  - (2) exciting
  - (3) humorous
  - (4) monotonous
- 22 What was the highlight for Rosalina for 2020?
- (1) The free flow of fresh fruit such as mangosteens and durians.
  - (2) The pleasure of opening her own durians.
  - (3) The top-notch service by the staff.
  - (4) The free flow of coconut juice.
- 23 Why is an asterisk (\*) used in the heading "Healthy Fruit Salad\*"?
- (1) to highlight the title of the workshop
  - (2) to tell readers to sign up for the workshop
  - (3) to show that this is their signature workshop
  - (4) to convey information for children who may be underaged
- 24 What should Mrs Wong do to secure cheaper tickets for herself?
- (1) Register as a member of Greenview Community Club.
  - (2) Volunteer at Greenview Community Club.
  - (3) Donate to Health Board Singapore.
  - (4) Sign up before 3 December 2021.
- 25 Which one of these statements is **not** true of Fruit Feast 2021?
- (1) Members of the public can buy a surprise fruit box.
  - (2) Health Board Singapore is contributing to the event.
  - (3) Only selected participants will receive a reusable bag.
  - (4) Greenview CC members have a higher chance to win in the lucky draw.



26 What is the similarity between the workshops "Mystery Ink" and "Party Fruit Tarts"?

- (1) Both workshops are free.
- (2) Both workshops have the same duration.
- (3) Both workshops use fruit as one of the ingredients.
- (4) Both workshops are conducted by famous trainers.

27 Zoe would like to donate dried food items. She should \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) call Mr Raju at 6232 4334
- (2) visit the Rainbow Old Age Home website
- (3) donate them at Greenview Community Club
- (4) leave the items at the Peach Room at Rainbow Old Age Home

28 What is the main purpose of the article?

- (1) to garner support for Fruit Festival 2021
- (2) to create a donation drive for Rainbow Old Age Home
- (3) to promote the workshops available at the Community Centre
- (4) to conduct a review of the previous Fruit Festivals for their readers

~ End of Booklet A ~

(Go on to Booklet B)

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1.	Oral		30	
2.	Listening Comprehension		20	
3.	Paper 1	CW	55	
		SW		
4.	Paper 2	Booklet A	95	
		Booklet B		
Total Marks			200	



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) although | (D) during | (G) into     | (K) on   | (N) was  |
| (B) as       | (E) how    | (H) is       | (L) that | (P) were |
| (C) by       | (F) in     | (J) moreover | (M) then | (Q) what |
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There is something fascinating about a sunken ship. It is as if the vessel was frozen (29) \_\_\_\_\_ time at the bottom of a body of water. Thanks to popular culture, we think there is a chance of finding some treasure down there.

In May 2020, the remnants of what was thought to be the PT-59 Navy vessel (30) \_\_\_\_\_ lifted off the bottom of the Harlem River in Manhattan. A sunken ship in a major city was news in itself. (31) \_\_\_\_\_ this boat had another interesting layer. John F. Kennedy commanded the PT-59 during World War Two, in 1943, when he (32) \_\_\_\_\_ in his mid-20s.

(33) \_\_\_\_\_ did the boat get there? After the war, it was operated as a charter boat from the 1950s to 1970s. It was painted white, its machine guns replaced by fishing rod holders and railings for anglers to lean (34) \_\_\_\_\_. Its powerful engines were replaced (35) \_\_\_\_\_ more economical twin diesels. (36) \_\_\_\_\_ in 1970, a school teacher, Redmond Burke, purchased the PT-59 for a thousand dollars and turned it (37) \_\_\_\_\_ a houseboat. He lived in it for a while. Unfortunately, it kept leaking and eventually the upkeep got to be too much (38) \_\_\_\_\_. Burke let it sink to the bottom of the river. It remained there for decades.



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

The cherry blossoms, known in Japan as sakura, are well-known around the world for their radiant, delicate and transient beauty. However, they are more than simply beautiful trees. The

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sakura have powerful ties to Japan's history, culture and idantetee and is one of Japan's most

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iconic natural \_\_\_\_\_.

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Adding to their magic and mystik, the sakura are usually in full bloom for around a

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week. On the diverse landscape of Japan's main islands, this magical moment can occur from

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March and early May. After the brif period of full bloom, the small, round shaped flowers start to

flutter gracefully from their trees and the blossoms are said to be the most beautiful.

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With many Japanese, the blooming of the cherry blossom trees represented human life,

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flowering period. Many people hold 'flower watching' parties knows as hanami. You simply cannot

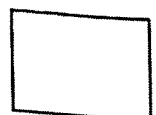
(49)

travel to Japan in spring without apresniating the beauty of the sakura and experiencing a hanami

(50)

party for myself!

Given the cultural significance of the sakura, there are countless events and festivals that are centered on the blooming of the cherry blossom.



For each of the questions 51 to 65, fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

What is perseverance? Perseverance is grit, dedication and determination. It is the ability to (51) \_\_\_\_\_ doing something even though it seems hopeless. It means not giving up.

Perseverance is an important and positive character (52) \_\_\_\_\_ to have in your life. Students these days are (53) \_\_\_\_\_ how to persevere in school because it is not just necessary in school (54) \_\_\_\_\_ also in daily life.

Mistakes are necessary building (55) \_\_\_\_\_ of learning and creativity. Making mistakes are necessary to benefit one's life. Accepting your mistakes (56) \_\_\_\_\_ you learn and achieve more. Once you fail and try again, you might be able to taste (57) \_\_\_\_\_. We should embrace and celebrate mistakes (58) \_\_\_\_\_ we are unable to grow without them.

(59) \_\_\_\_\_ things are getting tough, you can get back up again and try your hardest to succeed. It may not seem easy but you will succeed if you do not give (60) \_\_\_\_\_. There is (61) \_\_\_\_\_ challenge too big that you cannot handle. If you feel as though you are (62) \_\_\_\_\_ to handle it, ask for help. There will always be someone who is able to (63) \_\_\_\_\_ you.

Once you learn how to persevere, you are in a better position to handle difficulties. (64) \_\_\_\_\_, perseverance must be practised from childhood so that the habit becomes (65) \_\_\_\_\_ and parcel of one's life. With that great asset, a man can walk easily on the hazardous road of his life's journey. Success will be his and only his.



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 Tan scolded Tina for breaking the expensive vase.

Tina \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

67 Only call the number if it is an emergency.

\_\_\_\_\_ unless  
\_\_\_\_\_

68 Mark was relieved. He passed his examination.

Much to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

69 The table was unstable so it fell.

\_\_\_\_\_ due to its  
\_\_\_\_\_

70 Mrs Ng asked her husband, "Are you able to attend this party next week?"

Mrs Ng asked her husband \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



Read this passage and answer the questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

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already heavily reliant on supplementary oxygen, a resource normally reserved for altitudes of 7000 metres and above. By the time they arrived at Camp 3, Kami had made up his mind. The risk was too great and he ordered her to be taken back down the mountain to safety. Kami says, "There is always a risk of avalanche and above Camp 3, the path is steep and treacherous." He strongly believes that descent is always the best decision so that everyone is safe. 15

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Many veteran climbers have also warned novice climbers with little or no training of the risk of attempting to scale huge peaks such as Everest. These climbers need to understand that climbing Everest is extremely risky. They need to stop believing just because they will be rescued if they get in trouble just because they are with a 'Sherpa guide'. Even the strongest Sherpa cannot lower an incapacitated person by themselves or expect extra oxygen to be delivered to 8400 metres at a moment's notice. 25

Any expedition to climb Mount Everest must be accompanied by a Sherpa. Mostly young men, Sherpa guides are not just the muscle behind any expedition, they are also expert navigators. 30  
Enduring freezing temperatures, they help climbers to negotiate icefalls, avalanches and extreme altitude. From Camp 4 up to the summit, climbers will enter what is commonly known as the "death zone". Operating above 8,000 metres, climbers might develop altitude sickness. Relying on supplementary oxygen carried in bottles, climbers must also conserve enough oxygen supply for the return journey. "I keep checking everyone's oxygen levels, and in the event of extreme 35  
weather, I make strategic decisions about whether we should ascend or descend to avoid any developing situations in the mountains," explains Kami.

Working as a mountain guide since 1992, last month Kami broke his own world record of successful ascents not just once, but twice. When asked about his achievements, Kami said humbly, "I treat every climb with the same sincerity as the first. Whenever a client is successful, 40  
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B-6 (restored version)

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71 In the first paragraph, which two-word phrase tells us that Lisa's dream of scaling Mount Everest was not going to be realised? [1m]

72 From lines 5 – 15, state two reasons to show that Lisa was struggling with the climb. [2m]

i.

ii.

73 Which sentence in paragraph three tells us that Kami's priority is always his clients' safety.[1m]

74 Based on lines 16 to 19, fill in the following table. [1m]

Cause	Effect
	Mount Everest attracts hundreds of climbers every year.



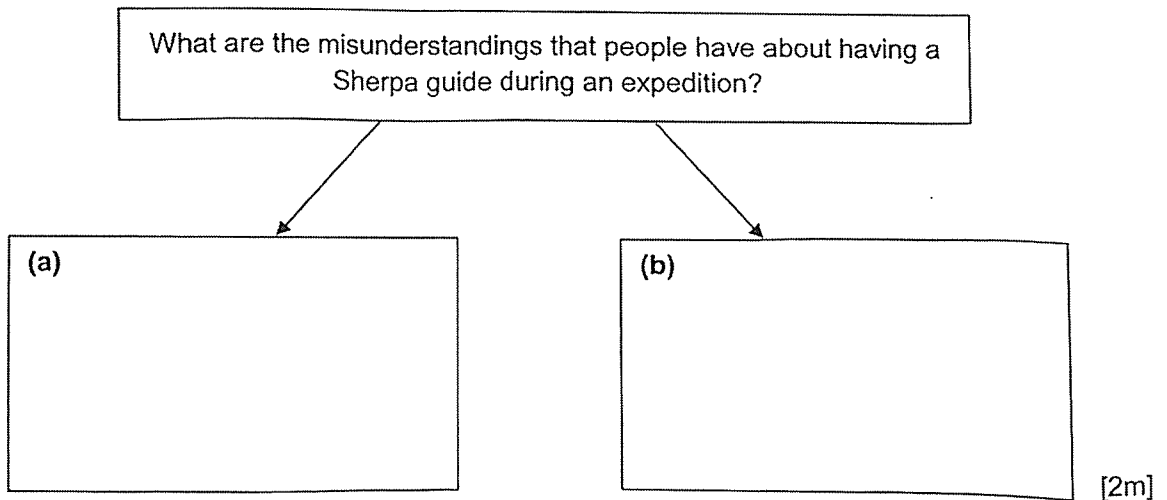
- 75 Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right. [3m]

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer(s) to
make it (line 6)	
this (line 17)	
They (line 25)	

- 76 Choose a word from lines 23 – 37 which has a similar meaning to the given word for each question listed below. [3m]

Given word	A word from the passage
experienced	
disabled	
manoeuvre	

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78 What are the difficulties that climbers might face when they climb from Camp 4 to the summit? Support your answer with evidence from lines 33 – 37. [2m]

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79 Based on lines 16 – 37, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

	True/False	Reason
a) Inexperienced climbers are prepared about the dangers they might encounter when scaling the mountain.		
b) Climbers are able to attempt climbing Mount Everest only with a Sherpa guide.		
c) The high death toll is only due to inexperienced climbers.		

80 What does the by-product in line 41 refer to? Why do you think Kami said that? [2m]

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**Booklet A**

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

**Booklet B**

Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
F	P	J	N	E	K	C	M	G	L
Q39	identity		Q43	between		Q47	cherish		
Q40	symbols		Q44	brief		Q48	know		
Q41	mystique		Q45	To		Q49	appreciating		
Q42	Throughout		Q46	represents		Q50	yourself		

Q51	keep	Q56	helps	Q61	no
Q52	trait	Q57	success	Q62	unable
Q53	leaning	Q58	because	Q63	help
Q54	but	Q59	When	Q64	Also
Q55	blocks	Q60	up	Q65	part

Q66	Tina was scolded by Mrs Tan for breaking the expensive vase.
Q67	Do not call the number unless it is an emergency.
Q68	Much to Mark's relief, he passed his examination.
Q69	The table fell due to its instability.

Q70	Mrs Ng asked her husband if he was able to attend that party the following week.
Q71	Slipping away
Q72	i)Lisa took twice the expected time to trek from the base camp to camps. ii)Lisa need comparison to show the struggle Lisa was facing.
Q73	He strongly believes that descent is always the best decision so that everyone is safe.
Q74	Mount Everest is the highest Mountain in the world.
Q75	(line 6)---Reach the summit(line 17)---Mount Everest(line 25)---Novice climbers
Q76	veteran incapacitated negotiate
Q77	a) A Sherpa guide can easily rescue them b) A sherpa guide can lower an incapacitated person
Q78	Climbers might develop altitude
Q79	False---He blames some tour companies for not educating the risks of climbing Mount Everest to novice climbers. True
Q80	The by - product refers to breaking records.