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SINGAPORE CHINESE GIRLS' SCHOOL FIRST SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2021 ENGLISH LANGUAGE PRIMARY SIX

Name :	()	Date: 6 May 2021
Class: Primary 6 SY / C / G / SE / P	`	,	Date: 0 May 2021

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2 BOOKLET A

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
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- Shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

For Mak	each (e your	question from 1 to 10, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (10 marks)
1	The	instructor Nurul met at the workshop turned out to be my aunt.
	(1)	which
	(2)	whom
	(3)	whoever
	(4)	whichever
2	lt w	as inspiring to see the children in the village so content with thefood
	on t	heir plates.
	(1)	few
	(2)	little
	(3)	many
	(4)	much
3	≅ V ai	n biom's universal of the state that the
3	14	n Han's volunteered at the old folks' home before,?" asked Rasheed.
	(1)	isn't she
	(2)	didn't she
	(3)	hasn't she
	(4)	doesn't she
4	Wh	en we were young, my sister's ambition might have been to be a nurse but mineto be a teacher.
	(1)	is
	(2)	are
	(3)	was
	(4)	were
5	By t	the end of this year, Staff Sergeant Liu in the K9 training unit for thirty rs.
	(1)	serves
	(2)	is serving
	(3)	has served
	(4)	will have served
		4

3	ling Kang knew that he had to work on being more humble and not think that he was uperior everyone else if he wanted to make more friends.	/as
	i) at	
	2) in	
	3) to	
	4) on	
	to pursue this path if you had known how difficult it was going to be?"	thc
7	nterviewer asked.	
	Melviewer asked.	
	(1) Will you choose	
	2) Are you choosing	
	(a) Should you choose	
-	(4) Would you have chosen	
8	DevI is a loyal friend. She helped Jasmine confidence and stood by through thick and thin.	her her
	(1) gain	
	(2) gains	
	(3) gained	
	(4) gaining	
9	"Thank you. This is than enough," the old man said with tears in his	eyes.
	(1) less	
	(2) more	
	(3) fewer	
•	(4) greater	
10	My sister enjoys all forms of exercise long-distance running. You concertain she will never join a marathon.	an b e
	(1) except for	
	(2) in spite of	
	(3) as a result of	
	(4) in addition to	
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For e	e your c	estion from 11 to hoice (1, 2, 3 or 4)	15, four opti and shade	ions are give your answer	n. One of ti on the Optic	hem is the cal Answer S	Sheet.
							(5 marks)
11	Every	one says that Vish	nal	his fath	er in his pas	sion for mus	ic and the arts.
	(1) (2) (3) (4)	takes in takes to takes on takes after			·		·
12	Mrs L	ee	Macy for ha	andling the di	fficult situati	on calmly.	
	(1) (2) (3) (4)	reprimanded complimented recommended complemented					
13	He ov	erstepped hised on his way.		/hen he shou	ited rudely a	at the person	-in-charge and
5	(1) (2) (3) (4)	rules constraints boundaries parameters					
14	The s	oldiers scrambled mood.	to get all so	rts of toys to		the princ	ess who was in
	(1) (2) (3) (4)	anoint acclaim aggrieve appease					
15	The id	ooming dark cloud diately.	s signal that	a storm is		. We should	look for shelter
	(1) (2) (3) (4)	eminent imminent dominant prominent	٠				

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)

Maggie disliked sports. Sports meant one thing – choosing teams. Choosing teams meant that Maggie would be the last choice, as always. Maggie was new. When Ms Jen asked for (16) captain volunteers, the usual hands shot up. Maggie sighed. Glancing around, sho noticed that Jasmine locked downcast too. She thought, I'm not the only one. Sometimes Jasmine is chosen last too. She was often picked on due to her small stature. Just then, Maggie had an idea.

Ms Jen asked, "Anyone else would like to volunteer today?" Maggie felt her hand rise slowly. She looked again at Jasmine and took a big broath. The class murmured, sceptical that (18) she was stepping up. "Maggie, you get first pick," said Ms Jen. "Jasmine." The class started chuckling to themselves. Was this a joke? Jasmine had tried to score on the wrong side in (19) previous games. Maggie repeated, "Jasmine." Eyes wide with incredulity, Jasmine took her place beside Maggie. A small smile broke on each of their faces. They both knew what it felt like to be the last choice, but not today.

Adapted from The Champion of Quiet by Tracy Stewart

- 16 (1) primarily
 - (2) probably
 - (3) perpetually
 - (4) periodically
- 17 (1) favoured
 - (2) victimised
 - (3) ostracised
 - (4) designated
- 18 (1) doubtful
 - (2) cautious
 - (3) resentful
 - (4) suspicious
- 19 (1) giggling
 - (2) cackling
 - (3) chortling
 - (4) guifawing
- 20 (1) disgust
 - (2) disdain
 - (3) dismay
 - (4) disbelief

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

Shining the Spotlight on Animal Trainers

Do you know your bets well? Do you know what it means when they make certain sounds or behave in certain ways? Animal trainer, Thomas Chia, has had pets all his life and is convinced that we can gain insight into how animals think by studying how they play. Unlike most other animals dogs continue playing throughout their lives, regardless of age, and that naturally makes them the best choice for his research.

To begin with, Thomas read everything he could about canines. Besides observing his own dogs play, he took them to various places and filmed them interacting with other dogs. Back home, he repeatedly watched the video recordings in slow motion so that he could analyse their behaviour patterns.



Thomas' dogs, Chief, Lexi and Russ

As time went by, Thomas' research showed him that dogs expressed their thoughts and feelings in a number of ways.

What dogs do to get different messages across

Dogs wag their tails a little more to the right when they see their owners or something that appeals to them, and a little more to the left when they see unfamiliar yet non-threatening faces and surroundings.

Dogs do not just bark! They also make sounds like growling, moaning, grunting, yelping, and howling to communicate.



Dogs that are already familiar with each other slap their paws down when they meet. This is how they say hello to their friends!

Dogs bend down on their front legs to invite other dogs to play. They usually stick their tails up in the air at the same time!

When the opportunity for you to spend some time with dogs comes up, see if Thomas' deductions can help you understand them better!

What do animal trainers do?

Animal trainers:

- ★ interact with the animals to help them get used to human voice and contact
- ★ teach the animals to respond appropriately to different cues.
- * ensure that the animals have a proper diet and get adequate exercise
- * monitor the animals' health and physical condition in order to recommend medical care when necessary
- ★ develop training programmes to suit the animals' temperaments, aptitudes and mastery of skills



WE NEED MORE ANIMAL TRAINERS!



Do you have a love of animals, patience and good communication skills? Are you willing to get your hands dirty and do unglamorous work? Can you perform tasks which may be physically strenuous at times?

In recent years, the number of people keeping pets has steadily increased. Unfortunately, many of these well-intentioned owners do not know how to ensure the well-being of their pets. That is where animal trainers come inl

The Animal Welfare Institute is offering four runs of a free two-day introductory course on animal behaviour to anyone aged 10 and above! If you are interested in finding out more about training animals, please write in to Ms Paige Hong at paige hong@awi.sg to sign up for one of the following sessions. Only a limited number of places are available, so hurry!

> Run 1 15 and 16 May 2021. 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Run 2 29 and 30 May 2021 8 a.m. + 11 a.m.

Run 3 5 and 6 June 2021 11 a.m - 2 p.m

Run 4 19 and 20 June 2021 8 a.m - 11 a.m

For more information, prease visit the institute's website at www.awi.sg

For e	each ques your cho	tion from 21 to 28, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. ice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet.
		(8 marks)
21	Accor	ding to Thomas, dogs are the best choice for his research because they
	(1)	can gain insight
	(2)	make certain sounds
	(3)	are unlike most other animals
	(4)	continue playing throughout their lives
22	Whic	n of the following did Thomas not do as part of his research?
	(1)	watch his dogs at play
	(2)	read books about dogs
	(3)	film his dogs playing with him
	(4)	study video recordings of dogs' interactions
23	Dogs	slap their paws down when they want to
	(1)	ask other dogs to play with them
	(2)	greet dogs that they already know
	(3)	feel closer to other dogs and get to know them
	(4)	make friends with dogs they meet for the first time
24		n developing training programmes, animal trainers will most likely take account the animals'
	(1)	fitness levels
	(2)	dietary needs
	(3)	natural abilities
	(4)	physical appearance
25	What anim	t is the purpose of the three questions in the section "We need more all trainers!"?
	(1)	to get readers interested in training animals
	(2)	to give readers an idea of what it takes to be an animal trainer
	(3)	to check whether the article has inspired the readers to train animals
	(4)	to show that the writer of the article wants to know the readers better

26	Christopher wants to attend the introductory course before he starts work at noon, but will be overseas in May; Which run should he sign up for?
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- (1) Run 1
- (2) Run 2
- (3) Run 3
- (4) Run 4
- Which of the following statements about the course is correct?
 - (1) Participants do not need to pay.
 - (2) The course is open to adults only.
 - (3) There will be ample vacancy available.
 - (4) Those who wish to sign up must call Mc Paige Hong.
- What is the main purpose of the article?
 - (1) to describe how dogs communicate with one another
 - (2) to provide information about people who train animals
 - (3) to highlight the need to make sure animals are well taken care of
 - (4) to attract attention to the courses run by the Animal Welfare Institute

END OF BOOKLET A

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	Marks Obtained	Highest Possible Marks
Booklet A		28
Booklet B		67
Sub-total		95

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2 BOOKLET B

. Total time for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
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- Answer all questions.
- 4. Write your answers in this booklet.

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)

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Laughter is the best medicine. It draws people tegether in ways that trigger healthy
physical and emotional changes in the body. Laughter lightens burdens, inspires hope (29)
and connects you to others.
With so much power to heal and renew, the ability to laugh easily and frequently a (30)
tremendous resource for surmounting problems and enhancing your relationships.
As children, we used to laugh hundreds of times a day as adults, life tends to be (31)
more serious and laughter more infrequent, so you should seek out more opportunities for
humour and laughter. You can Improve your emptional health strengthening your (32)
retationships and finding greater happiness.
Did you know that laughter boosts the immune system,tmproving your resistance (33)
to disease? Nothing diffuses anger and conflict faster than a shared laugh. Looking at the lighter
side of a situation can put problems perspective and enable you to move on from
confrontations holding onto bittemess or resentment. (35)
More just a respite from sadness and pain, laughter gives you the courage and (36)
(35) strength to find new sources of meaning and hope. When we laugh, a positive bond is created.
This bond acts as a strong bufferstress, disagreements and disappointment.
Laughter is a powerful tool for managing conflict and reducing tension when emotions are
running high with family or friends, you can use humour to communicate in a way that
(38) builds up your relationships rather than breaking them down. Start laughing today!
Adapted from helpguide.org/articles/mental-health/laugh
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Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. W in each of the boxes.	rite the correct word (12 marks)
Singapore's hawker culture is a source of pride for Singaporeans. It	reflects our
(39)	
living herritage and multiculturalism. It is an important part of our daily liv	es, regardless
of age, race or background. Welcome to our community dining rooms where	a nation comes
(40)	. a nastan calling
together to bond with food such as sizzling satay, spicy crab, fragrant cur	ries and many
(41) (42)	
other <u>dieverse</u> types of dishes. Each hawker <u>boast</u> his or her own family r	
other dieverse types of dishes. Each hawker boast his or her own family re	scipe pertected
over concretions	
over generations. (43)	
As far back as the 1800s the first street hawkers <u>will</u> ply the stre	ets selling quick,
affordable meals on street pavements, town squares or parks. Then, they	took up the
(44)	
trade to earn a <u>lifelihood</u> . As it required little capital and minimal skill, it	vas a popular
(45)	
okuppation amongst many early settlers.	
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Two centuries later, the government has seek to bring hawkers und	er one roof. In
(47)	
the mornings, seniors gather and read their papers while sips from their s	aucers This was
(48)	
an old and ingeenius way to cool down their piping hot drink. During luncht	me in the
(49)	
bustling business district, the hawker centre is alive with the buzz of ant	<u>cipatina</u> from
(50)	
Singapore's hungry workforce. When it comes to hawker cuisine, long cuee	s are the best
testament to the quality of food a stall has to offer. Head down to your n	earby hawker
centre to have a taste of Singapore's hawker culturel	12
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For the elderly in Singapore, Covid-19 has caused them to be detached from their normal
lives. As they are a vulnerable group, the circuit breaker were particularly (51)
strict. Frequently visited public spaces community clubs, markets and hawker (52)
centres were shut. Their leisure options at home are to watching the to watching the
television and listening to the radio, or chatting with their friends on the phone.
The Seniors Go Digital training programme was launched to help the elderly
with the challenge: The digital training of
(54) communication skills like video calls, connecting to WiFi, and basic cyber security tips. The
workshops are run in environments the elderly are with such as community (56)
(56)
clubs and libraries. They are supported by volunteers who work as digital ambassadors to
the elderly one-on-one or in small groups. The elderly often feel assured
(57)it was safe and conducive.
(58)
Madam Farah is a 60-year-old full-time homemaker. Although she only picked up basic
computer skills recently, juggling household chores social media platforms
such as Zoom and Instagram has second nature. She admits that seniors like
(CO)
herself may often feel reluctant to step out of theirzone. However, she
embraced the challenge as she was by curiosity and a desire to learn more.
She was also encouraged by the government's efforts to support citizens like
(63)
her.
Madam Farah uses instagram to update her posts for her followers
and volunteers at the community club, who look forward to her updates every day. They were
unable to meet during the circuit breaker, but social media them remain (65)
connected on a digital level. Digital technology is indeed empowering. Adapted from https://govinsider.asia/digital-gov/singapore

ach of the questions from 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be ing of the given sentence(s).	e word(s) provided to the same as th (10 marks
Only the twins have not registered for the holiday programme.	
Everybody, except the twins,	
The waiter was praised. He was able to handle difficult situations.	
his	due t
Who drank all the milk in the carton?" Mrs Wong asked her children.	
Mrs Wong asked her children who	
All is the most hardworking employee in the company	
No employee is more	
Sarah was very reluctant because she had to give her toys away.	
It was with great	
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The package was lying by the front door. A nondescript carton without any distinctive features, it was sealed with tape and had their names and address on it - "Mr and Mrs Tan Li Joon, 88 River Street*. As per her daily routine, Mrs Tan picked it up and carried it into the house.

That evening. Mrs Tan started to unpack the carton. Curiosity aroused, she showed her husband its contents, Inside it was a push-button unit fastened to a small wooden box. A glass 5 dome covered the button. Mrs Tan tried to lift it off, but it was locked in place. She clicked her tongue in frustration, but then turned the unit over and saw a folded piece of paper taped to the bottom of the box. She bulled it off. The note read: "Mr Soon will call on you at 8:00 p.m."

Mrs Tan placed the carton beside her on the couch. As she expected, the doorbell rang at 8.00 p.m. A man wearing a suit was in the hallway. Mrs Tan held out the box and signalled her 10 disinterest in buying anything. The man's eyes widened and he said, "No, no. I am not a salesman. Let me explain." He reached into his coat pocket and withdrew a small scaled envelope. "Inside here is a key to the bell unit dome. It is linked to our company's computer system. Once you open it and push the button, semewhere in the world, someone you do not know will lose something that they treasure. In return, you will receive a payment of \$10 000."

Mrs Tan stared at the man in disbelief. She shook her head in disapproval and said, "It is wrong to cause people to lose something they treasure and get paid for it. This must be a scam. Or a social experiment. Or a psychological research. She then placed the carton outside the gate and closed the door firmly behind her

However, her hi sband had a different perspective on the matter. He said, "Mr Soon has 20 assured us that we will not know who the affected person is. We are in financial difficulties as I am unemployed. We need the money to buy a rice cooker and refrigerator for the family so it is" understandable. This is my plan." However, Mrs Tan stood her ground. There was an unspoken tension between them.

That night, her husband brought the carton into the house stealthily and unlocked the dome 25 cover. Taking a deep breath, he pushed the button. The next day, there was a news report about a burglary and the family discovered that the family heirloom, a diamond necklace, had been stolen. At the same time, Mrs Tan received a notification on her phone that a sum of \$10 000 had been transferred to her account. She was furious when she found out what her husband had done. However, he simply said, "Yes, I pushed the button. But the loss suffered by the family is of little 30 consequence. Did you know that the owner of the house is a millionaire?" Without any remorse, he bought the rice cooker and refrigerator that they so badly needed. Seeing the newly bought items, Mrs Tan relented too. For once, there was harmony between the couple.

Mr Tan felt encouraged by his success. One night, he decided to pull the stunt again. He pushed the button again. The next day, there was a news report about a famous athlete losing his 35 Olympic gold medal. The athlete was devastated as he had put in years of blood, sweat and tears. To this, Mr Tarı said, "The medal is just a physical reward. His effort and hard work are what count." Feeling unapologetic, Mr Tan then proceeded to buy a motorcycle for himself with the money.

For the third time, Mr Tan pushed the button again. Curlously, although they received the money, this time there was no news report about any missing 'treasure'. That evening, however, 40 Mr Tan could hear Mrs Tan sobbing like her heart would break. His heart ached with regret. She' had lost her most treasured item, her diary containing photographs of their young daughter who had passed on the previous year in an accident. Mr Tan knew what that diary had meant to his wife. "The only wish I have now is to turn the clock back," he wept.

Adapted from https:///hamptor.pbs/crks.com/adaptelfalct/47378440/pullor

From the first paragraph,	pick out a word that tells	s us that the package w	as ordinary
Why did Mrs Tan click her	tongue in frustration in	lines 6-7?	
Explain clearly why Mr So	on's "eyes widened" (line	e 11) before he spoke to	o Mrs Tan.
<u> </u>			
Based on lines 9-24, state give one reason why you t	think so.	_	ue or false,
live one reason why you t	whether each statemen think so.	t in the table below is to Reason	ue or false,
jive one reason why you t	True / False	_	ue or false,
Mrs Tan was not keen to	True / False	_	ue or false,

Look at the table below. Wyour answers it the column	that do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? We non the right. The first one has been done for you.
Word(s) from the passag	what the word(s) refer(s) to
her (line 3)	Mrs Tan
it (line 8)	
my plan (line 23)	
the loss (line 30)	
pushing the button.	o actions Mr Tan did that show that he did not feel guilty a

78	Pick out two words from lines 20-33 which signal how the mood in the T changed after Mr Tan admitted to pushing the button. Each word is foun sentence.	an household had d in a separate [2m]
	Before Mr Tan, admitted to pushing the button	
	After Mr Tan admitted to pushing the button	
79	Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the even the story.	ents occurred in [1m]
	Mrs Tan first learnt that her husband had succumbed to the offer. Mr Soon provided details about the offer to Mr and Mrs Tan.	,
	Mr Tan bought a motorcycle for himself.	
80	Mr Tan's "heart ached with regret" in line 41.	
	(a) Apart from the phrase in line 41, pick out a four-word phrase from lithat he was regretful.	nes 39-44 that shows [1m]
	(b) What caused him to feel that way?	[1m]
	END OF GARES	5

ANSWER KEY

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MID-YEAR EXAM

BOOKLET A (PAPER 2)

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

BOOKLET B (PAPER 2)

Q29	Q	Q30	G	Q31	С	Q32	К	Q33	L
Q34	F	Q35	P	Q36	Н	Q37	Α	Q38	N

Q39	Heritage
Q40	'Great
Q41	Diverse
Q42	Boasts
Q43	Would
Q44	Livelihood
Q45	Occupation
Q46	Sought
Q47	Sipping
Q48	Ingenious
Q49	Anticipation
Q50	Queues

Rules
Like
Limited
Cope
Includes
Familiar
Teach
As
With
Become
Comfort
Engulfed

Q63	Senior
Q64	Frequently
Q65	Helped

Everybody, except the twins, has registered for the holiday programme.
The waiter was praised due to his ability to handle difficult situations,
Mrs Wong asked her children who had drunk all the milk in the carton.
No employee is more hardworking than Ali in the company.
It was with great reluctance that Sarah had to give her toys away
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074	Nondescript
Q71	Mrs Tan tried to lift the glass dome covering the button off, but it was
Q72	
	locked / in place. He was shocked / surprised that Mrs Tan thought that he was / mistook
Q73	
	him for a salesman.
Q74	True. Mrs Tan (held out the box) signalled her disinterest in buying
	anything.
	False. She said that it must be a scam / a social experiment or a
	psychological research.
	False. Mrs Tan stood her ground. / Even after Mr Tan's convincing, She
	did not want to keep the box.
Q75	Mrs Tan disapproved of the offer as she felt it was not right to cause a
Q/J	person to lose something they treasure and get paid for it, while Mr Tan
	felt that it was understandable to buy what the family needed.
Q76	(line 8): the (folded) piece of paper taped to (the bottom of) the box
Q/6	(line 23): Mr Tan's plan is using the money to buy a rice cooker and
	refrigerator for the family.
	(line 30): the heirloom, (a diamond necklace), (was stolen).
Q77	i) Bought a rice cooker (for the family)
Q,,	ii) Bought a refrigerator (for the family)
Q78	Tension , Harmony
Q79	2,1,3
Q80	a) Turn the clock back
Qou	b) He heard his wife sobbing like her heart would break as she had
	lost her most treasured item.
1	