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

# CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL



Primary 6

Continual Assessment 1 – 2008

English Language

PAPER 2

BOOKLET A

22<sup>nd</sup> February 2008

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

30 questions

30 marks

### Instructions to Candidates

Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

Study the following advertisement and then answer questions 1 to 5.

An exciting event organised by Lower Seletar Primary School

# FAMILY FIESTA

Come and spend quality time with your family

60 challenging and fun-filled booths await you at the new school site

(beside Pierce Community Club) Lower Seletar Road, Singapore 634125

**Opening Night Special**  
'Live' performance by the school choir  
**The Singing Angels**



Free CDs for children!  
(while stocks last)

### Admission Fees

Adult: \$3

Children: \$1.50

(aged 12 and below)

28 – 29 March 2008

(9 am – 9 pm)

Free admission ticket for fourth member of the family

A unique key chain will be given with every admission ticket

### Other Attractions ...

**Booths 1 - 3:**  
Sale of Handicrafts daily!

Take part with a family member in the 'String your own unique bracelets competition' and win attractive prizes.

Date: 28 March 2008  
Time: 5pm



### Gifts for All!

For Children -  
A set of colour pens

For Adults -  
March issue of *Happy Family*

**Booths 20 - 25:**  
Fun & Challenging Rides  
for all ages



**Booths 55 - 60:**  
Food & Jumble Sale

Spend above \$50 and get a \$5 voucher from Kiddz Company

For more information:

- ❖ Call us at 6886 8898
- ❖ Visit our website at [www.lsp.s.moe.sg/fiesta](http://www.lsp.s.moe.sg/fiesta)

Sponsored by:

☺☺ *Happy Family Magazines* ☺☺  
*Kiddz Company*



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. (5 marks)

- 1 Everyone who visits *Family Fiesta* will receive a free \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) Angel CD
  - (2) key chain
  - (3) magazine
  - (4) set of colour pens
- 2 Jeslyn saw the poster and would like to find out more about the event before going there. According to the poster, she should \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) visit Pierce Community Club
  - (2) call Happy Family Magazines
  - (3) visit Kiddz Company's website
  - (4) call Lower Seletar Primary School
- 3 There \_\_\_\_\_ at the *Family Fiesta*.
- (1) is a bracelet making workshop
  - (2) are vouchers given to all people
  - (3) is a choir performance every day
  - (4) are the sale of food and interesting rides
- 4 The main objective of organising the *Family Fiesta* is to \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) encourage family bonding
  - (2) celebrate the opening of the new school
  - (3) advertise the March issue of *Happy Family*
  - (4) provide opportunities for the school choir to perform
- 5 Which one of the following statements is true?
- (1) A family of four will enter the *Family Fiesta* for free.
  - (2) The *Family Fiesta* will be held at the Pierce Community Club.
  - (3) A competition will be held on the first day of the *Family Fiesta*.
  - (4) A \$5 discount will be given for those who spend \$50 at the *Family Fiesta*.

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. (7 marks)

6 Jack prefers playing soccer \_\_\_\_\_ badminton.

- (1) or
- (2) to
- (3) than
- (4) then

7 For the past few weeks, Sally was so caught \_\_\_\_\_ with her revision that she did not have time to watch television.

- (1) in
- (2) on
- (3) up
- (4) away

8 It was Miss Chen and I, ~~and not Mr Tan~~, who completed the painting all by \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) himself
- (2) herself
- (3) ourselves
- (4) themselves

9 Xiaoling hardly ever goes jogging with her friends, \_\_\_\_\_ she?

- (1) is
- (2) isn't
- (3) does
- (4) doesn't

10 \_\_\_\_\_ Sundram wants me to, I will not go for the camp. I would rather go for the hike at Bukit Timah Hill.

- ~~(1)~~ Since
- ~~(2)~~ Unless
- ~~(3)~~ Despite
- ~~(4)~~ Although

11 Neither of the children \_\_\_\_\_ keen to visit the Science Centre last week.

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

12 Ali made John \_\_\_\_\_ to his friend first before allowing him to go home.

- ~~(1)~~ apologise
- ~~(2)~~ apologises
- ~~(3)~~ apologised
- ~~(4)~~ apologising

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.  
(3 marks)

It was their first morning at a campsite. The two girls woke up extremely early and rushed to the beach.

"What an awesome view of the sunrise (13) Chui cried when she saw the beautiful sight of the sun rising beneath the horizon. She looked at her best friend (14) Leng, who was captivated by that stunning view.

"Yes, this is the first time I see such gorgeous sunrise (15) Leng said.

Upon hearing the camp commandant's whistle, the two girls quickly ran back to their campsite.

- 13 (1) [ "?" ] inverted commas and question mark  
(2) [ ?" ] question mark and inverted commas  
(3) [ !" ] exclamation mark and inverted commas  
(4) [ "! ] inverted commas and exclamation mark

- 14 ~~(1)~~ [ : ] colon  
~~(2)~~ [ . ] full stop  
~~(3)~~ [ , ] comma  
~~(4)~~ [ ; ] semi-colon

- 15 ~~(1)~~ [ ", ] inverted commas and comma  
~~(2)~~ [ , " ] comma and inverted commas  
~~(3)~~ [ " . ] inverted commas and full-stop  
~~(4)~~ [ ?" ] question mark and inverted commas

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. (5 marks)

16 The doctor's \_\_\_\_\_ is final. Mr Hong does have cancer.

- (1) analysis
- (2) resolution
- (3) diagnosis
- (4) prediction

17 You have to \_\_\_\_\_ and get ready to stop when the traffic lights turn amber.

- (1) ascend
- (2) descend
- (3) accelerate
- (4) decelerate

18 The politician gave many astounding speeches to persuade the people to \_\_\_\_\_ for her.

- (1) poll
- (2) vote
- (3) elect
- (4) ballot

19 A \_\_\_\_\_ is needed if you want to set up a food stall at this canteen.

- (1) licence
- (2) warrant
- (3) sanction
- (4) certificate

20 When the heat grew more and more \_\_\_\_\_, the fire-fighters had no choice but to rush out of the burning house.

- (1) intense
- (2) inactive
- (3) infuriate
- (4) inflamed

For each question from 21 to 25, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

I have a friend, Johnny, who is a computer engineer.

One day, I approached him to help repair my computer at home. After installing some (21) complicated programme, I asked him for help in choosing a security password. Johnny suggested that I be more (22) discreet in choosing a password that was easy to remember. He also told me not to use something which was too (23) obvious, such as my birthday or my name.

A few weeks later, I was (24) petrified. My assignment was due the next day and I had forgotten my password. I was not able to use the computer. I quickly called Johnny and asked him what he could do. He sounded (25) aloof and told me that there was nothing he could do about it.

I kept blaming myself for being so stupid to have forgotten the password. Just then, I remembered that the password was actually the word, 'Stupid'.

- 21 (1) complex  
(2) compelling  
(3) compressed  
(4) complementary
- 22 (1) creative  
(2) prudent  
(3) ingenious  
(4) resourceful
- 23 (1) clear  
(2) vague  
(3) evident  
(4) indistinct
- 24 (1) troubled  
(2) horrified  
(3) disturbed  
(4) confused
- 25 (1) distant  
(2) puzzled  
(3) impatient  
(4) frustrated



Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

A farmer had a brother in town who was a gardener, and who possessed a magnificent orchard full of the finest fruit trees, so that his skill and his beautiful trees were famous everywhere.

One day the farmer went into town to visit his brother, and was astonished at the rows of trees that grew slender and smooth as wax tapers. 5

"Look, my brother," said the gardener. "I will give you an apple tree, the best from my garden, and you, and your children, and your children's children shall enjoy it."

Then the gardener called his workmen and ordered them to take up the tree and carry it to his brother's farm. They did so, and the next morning the farmer began to wonder where he should plant it. 10

"If I plant it on the hill," he said to himself, "the wind might catch it and shake down the delicious fruit before it is ripe. If I plant it close to the road, passers-by will see it and rob me of its luscious apples - but if I plant it too near the door of my house, my servants or the children may pick the fruit." 15

So, after he had thought the matter over, he planted the tree behind his barn, saying to himself, "Prying thieves will not think to look for it here." But behold, the tree bore neither fruit nor blossoms the first year nor the second - then the farmer sent for his brother, the gardener, and reproached him angrily, saying, "You have deceived me, and given me a barren tree instead of a fruitful one. For, behold, this is the third year and still it brings forth nothing but leaves!" 20

The gardener, when he saw where the tree was planted, laughed and said, "You have planted the tree where it is exposed to cold winds, and has neither sun nor warmth. How, then, could you expect flowers and fruit? You have planted the tree with a greedy and suspicious heart - how, then, could you expect to reap a rich and generous harvest?" 25

*Adapted from "http://www.apples4theteacher.com"*

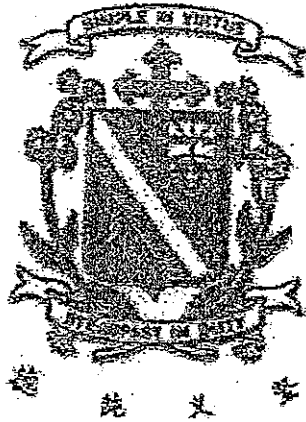
For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

- 26 Why was the gardener famous?
- (1) He had a brother who was a farmer.
  - (2) His fruit trees were all slender and smooth.
  - (3) He grew only fine apple trees in his orchard.
  - (4) He had the skill to grow fruit trees of fine quality.
- 27 What does 'the matter' (line 18) refer to?  
It refers to the \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) location to plant the apple tree
  - (2) way to grow beautiful apple trees
  - (3) fear of his servants and children picking the fruit
  - (4) method of transplanting the tree from his brother's orchard
- 28 Which word has the same meaning as 'barren' (line 22)?
- (1) empty
  - (2) infertile
  - (3) blemished
  - (4) decomposed
- 29 Which of the following statements is true?
- (1) The farmer grew his tree in a windy and sunny spot.
  - (2) Thieves attempted to steal apples from the farmer's tree.
  - (3) The farmer's apple tree bore only leaves after three years.
  - (4) The farmer planted the tree behind his barn on the day his brother gave it to him.
- 30 The farmer scolded the gardener as he \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) felt that he had been conned
  - ~~(2)~~ was only given one tree by his brother
  - (3) was annoyed that the tree did not grow
  - ~~(4)~~ could not find an ideal spot to plant the tree

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English Language

PAPER 2

BOOKLET B

22<sup>nd</sup> February 2008

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

50 questions  
65 marks

### Instructions to Candidates

Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.  
Follow all instructions carefully.  
Answer all questions.

Booklet A	30
Booklet B	65
Total	95

Parent's Signature/Date \_\_\_\_\_

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40, 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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<del>(A) a</del>	<del>(D) both</del>	<del>(G) has</del>	<del>(K) like</del>	<del>(N) on</del>
<del>(B) an</del>	<del>(E) for</del>	<del>(H) however</del>	<del>(L) more</del>	<del>(P) or</del>
<del>(C) around</del>	<del>(F) had</del>	<del>(J) in</del>	<del>(M) most</del>	<del>(Q) with</del>

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The peregrine falcon, often just called the peregrine, is one of the fastest and most skilful hunters in the animal kingdom. It is \_\_\_\_\_ unique species of bird. Like all species, it \_\_\_\_\_ its own scientific name, *Falco peregrinus*. During the nineteenth century, the peregrine population multiplied and spread so widely \_\_\_\_\_ the world that over time it has evolved into at least eighteen different regional forms \_\_\_\_\_ subspecies.

The peregrine is also one of the largest and \_\_\_\_\_ powerful falcons, with a compact body, big chest and broad shoulders. \_\_\_\_\_ many raptors, the female known is bigger than the male. \_\_\_\_\_ the male and female have blue-grey upperparts and creamy white underparts. Its appearance in the sky can strike fear \_\_\_\_\_ other birds, and people have admired its hunting abilities \_\_\_\_\_ thousands of years.

Unfortunately, people have not always treated the peregrine \_\_\_\_\_ the care and respect that it deserves. During the twentieth century, its population fell so rapidly that it became an endangered species.

Adapted from 'Animals Under Threat' by Mike Unwin

Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box. (10 marks)

When I go into a bank I get frightened. The clerks **frighten** me; the desks

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**frighten** me; the sight with the money **frightens** me; everything **frightens** me. The

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moment I pass through the doors of a bank and attempt to do **bisness** there, I become an irresponsible fool.

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I knew this before, but my **selari** had been raised to fifty dollars a month

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and I **feels** that the bank was the only place for it.

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So I walked **unstedeli** in and looked at the clerks with fear. I had an

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idea that a person whom was about to open an account must **nesecerili** speak to the manager.

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I **goes** up to a desk marked, 'Accountant'. The accountant was a tall,

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**konfiden** man. The very sight of him frightened me. My voice sounded as if it

(50)

come from the grave.

"Can I see the manager?" I asked, and added, "Alone."

I do not know why I said 'alone'.

Adapted from 'My Bank Account' by Stephen Leacock

Fill in the blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Dee and I once had a scary experience on a river with an enormous mammal: a hippopotamus. We were about to \_\_\_\_\_ Mupata Gorge in Zimbabwe. This is where the whole Zambezi River narrows to about 100 metres \_\_\_\_\_.

The current was starting to pick \_\_\_\_\_. We had just finished paddling through an \_\_\_\_\_ known as Hippo Alley, which has hundreds \_\_\_\_\_ hippos. You have to be very careful when you canoe through hippo territory. They are big animals and they \_\_\_\_\_ the river.

I was sitting in the \_\_\_\_\_ thinking about what a perfect day it had been, when suddenly a hippo bit through our canoe. His whole head came up and crushed the side of the boat! He knocked out a \_\_\_\_\_ of fibreglass as wide as his face. His lips pushed my leg over, and his tusks came through the bottom of the boat only centimetres away \_\_\_\_\_ my feet. I could see the follicles of hair on his nose, the pores on his \_\_\_\_\_ and the water streaming off his face. All the details are forever etched on my \_\_\_\_\_.

As you can imagine, I was absolutely shocked and \_\_\_\_\_ with fear and surprise. This hippo looked up at me, and I could see his eyes open a little wider. I think I surprised the hippo as \_\_\_\_\_ as he surprised me. He took one chomp out of the side of the canoe, opened up his mouth, hit the boat \_\_\_\_\_ and chomped down and knocked out a bit more fibreglass. Then the hippo opened up his mouth and gave one backwards flick with his head, and our whole boat flipped \_\_\_\_\_ down.

Thankfully, the hippo did not attack again. He just disappeared.

*Adapted from "Amazing Animal Adventures in Rivers" by Brian Keating*

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 That lady can speak very well. I spoke to her just now.

\_\_\_\_\_ whom  
\_\_\_\_\_

67 Jack likes eating fried food. Jen likes eating fried food too.

Both \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

68 "I can't stay back for lesson today," Kenneth told Mr Kok.

Kenneth told Mr Kok \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

69 My mother will buy the latest electronic game for my brother. He must pass his examinations with distinctions.

Unless \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

70 Zhen Xin is very popular among the pupils. She consistently helps the weaker pupils.

Being \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

A farmer had some puppies he needed to sell. He painted a sign advertising the pups and started nailing it to a post on the edge of his yard. As he was driving the last nail into the post, he felt a tug on his overalls. He looked down into the eyes of a little boy.

"Mister," he said, "I want to buy one of your puppies."

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"Well, these puppies come from fine parents and cost a great deal of money," said the farmer, as he rubbed the sweat off the back of his neck.

The boy dropped his head for a moment. Then reaching deep into his pocket, he pulled out a handful of coins and held it up to the farmer. "I've got eighty-five cents. Is that enough to take a look?"

10

"Sure," said the farmer.

And with that, he let out a whistle. "Here, Dolly!" he called.

Out from the doghouse and down the ramp ran Dolly, followed by four little balls of fur. The little boy pressed his face against the fence. His eyes danced with delight.

15

As the dogs made their way to the fence, the little boy noticed something else stirring inside the doghouse. Slowly another little ball appeared; this one noticeably smaller. Down the ramp it slid. Then in a somewhat awkward manner the little pup began hobbling towards the others, doing its best to catch up.

"I want that one," the little boy said, pointing to the runt.

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The farmer knelt down at the boy's side and said, "Son, you don't want that puppy. He will never be able to run and play with you like these other dogs would."

With that the little boy stepped back from the fence, reached down, and began rolling up one leg of his trousers. In doing so, he revealed a steel brace running down both sides of his leg attaching itself to a specially made shoe. Looking back up at the farmer, he said, "You see sir, I don't run too well myself, and he will need someone who understands."

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*Adapted from "http://www.indianchild.com/puppies\_for\_sale.htm"*



**ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.**

71 What advertisement did the farmer put up on the edge of his yard?

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72 Which word in the first paragraph has the same meaning as 'pull'?

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73 Which phrase shows that it is hard work nailing the sign to the post?

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74 Explain clearly why 'the boy dropped his head for a moment' (line 8).

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75 What do the 'four little balls of fur' (lines 13 – 14) refer to?

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76 Quote the sentence from lines 10 – 20 which best tells us that the little boy was thrilled to see the dogs.

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77 How do you know that the fifth little puppy which came out of the doghouse had difficulty walking?

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78 Why did the farmer discourage the little boy from buying the puppy that could not run well?

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79 What form of physical handicap did the little boy have?

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80 What did the little boy mean when he said that 'he will need someone who understands' (line 27)?

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# CHIJ Primary School

## Primary 6 English CA1 Exam (2008)

### Answer Keys

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
2	4	4	1	3	2	3	3	3	2
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
3	1	3	3	2	3	4	2	1	1
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
1	2	3	2	1	4	1	2	3	1
Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
A	G	C	P	M	K	D	J	E	Q
41. of	42. business	43. salary	44. felt	45. unsteadily					
46. who	47. necessarily	48. went	49. confident	50. came					
51. enter	52. wide	53. up	54. area	55. of					
56. occupy	57. canoe	58. piece	59. from	60. nose					
61. mind	62. filled	63. much	64. again	65. upside					

66. That lady whom I spoke to just now can speak very well.
67. Both Jack and Jen like eating fried food.
68. Kenneth told Mr Kok that he could not stay back for lesson that day.
69. Unless my brother passes his examinations with distinctions, my mother will not buy the latest electronic games for him.
70. Being consistently in helping the weaker pupils, Zhen Xin is very popular among the pupils.
71. The farmer put an advertisement about the puppies he needed.
72. The word is "tug".
73. The phrase is "he robbed the sweat off the back of his neck".
74. He was disappointed and knew that the puppy cost more than eighty-five cents that were in his pocket.
75. They refer to the four little puppies.
76. The sentence is "His eyes danced with delight".
77. It was hobbling towards the other puppies and trying its best to catch up.
78. It would never be able to play and run like the other puppies.
79. He had a weak leg.
80. He meant that he could empathize with the dog's handicap.