



**NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL  
CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT 1 - 2009  
PRIMARY 6  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2**

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Class: Pr. 6 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES**

1. Do not turn over the page until you are told to do so.
2. Follow all instructions carefully.
3. Answer all questions carefully.
4. Shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

**Section A - Graphic-Stimulus Comprehension ( 5 x 1 ) marks**  
Study the following poster and answer questions 1 to 5.

# the season of giving starts in the square

Nov 14-Dec 31, 2008

## DAZZLING FESTIVE LUCKY DRAW

Nov 14, 2008-Feb 1, 2009

Spend a minimum of \$50\* to take part in Marina Square's Dazzling Festive Lucky Draw and win attractive prizes. Double your chances when you charge all your purchases to your UOB Card.

### 1ST PRIZE

1.8carat diamond worth \$44,228 from Lee Hwa Jewellery

### 2ND PRIZE

Sony 46" LCD TV worth \$3,729 from Gain City.

### 3RD PRIZE

24" iMac worth \$2,788 from Pacific City.

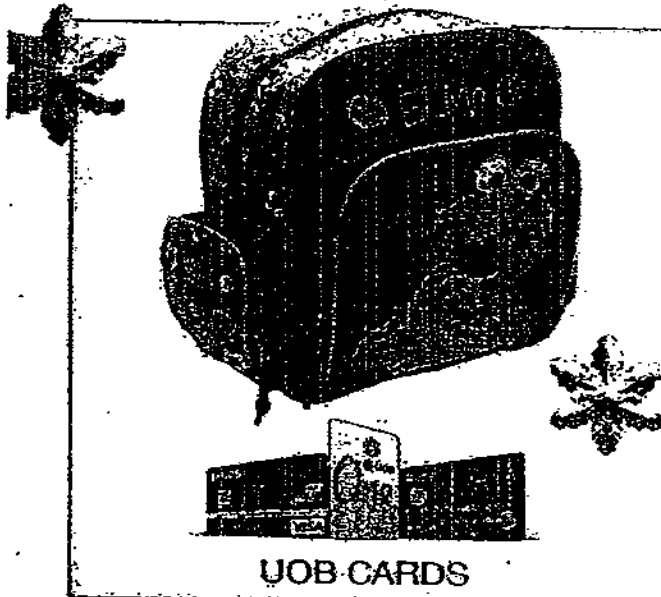
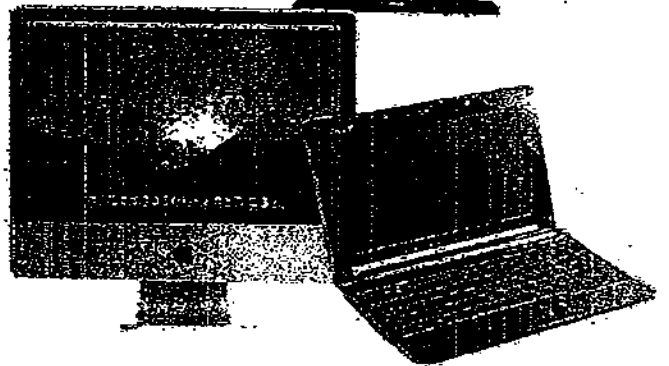
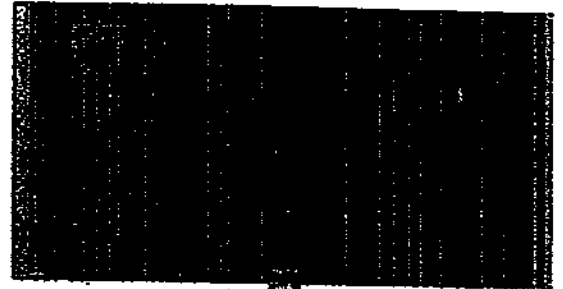
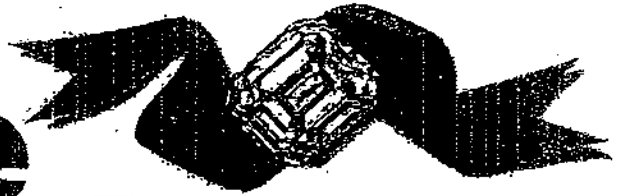
### 4 CONSOLATION PRIZES

Acer Aspire One AOA150 worth \$799 each from Pacific City.

Partner:



LEE HWA JEWELLERY



### AN ELMO CHRISTMAS TREAT

Spend a minimum of \$150\* to redeem an exclusive Elmo Backpack. Offer valid while stocks last.

### FESTIVE SHOPPING BONUSES

Spend a minimum of \$280\* to redeem a \$20 Marina Square Gift Voucher, while stocks last. PLUS shoppers can enjoy complimentary parking for the first 3 hours when you shop from Mondays to Fridays, between 10am and 5pm.

### UOB CARDMEMBERS' EXCLUSIVE

Charge a minimum of \$150\* to your UOB Card to redeem a \$10 Marina Square Gift Voucher. Combined purchases must be charged to the same UOB Card.

UOB Cardmembers can enjoy offers and privileges from participating outlets in Marina Square. Log on to [uobgroup.com/christmas2008](http://uobgroup.com/christmas2008) for more details.

UOB CARDS

\*Maximum three same-day combined receipts. Other terms and conditions apply. For more details, visit the Customer Service Counter at Level 2.

For each question, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice and shade the corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

1. The event at Marina Square Shopping Mall is held in conjunction with the \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) yearly sale
- 2) opening sale
- 3) Christmas season
- 4) Chinese New Year

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2. To get an Elmo Backpack, shoppers should spend at least \$150 in \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) only one receipt on the same day
- 2) three receipts at most on the same day
- 3) any number of receipts within three days
- 4) not more than two receipts within three days

( 1 )

3. Shoppers can enjoy free parking at Marina Square Shopping Mall for the first 3 hours if they shop on \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) weekends
- 2) weekdays
- 3) public holidays
- 4) school holidays

( )

4. \_\_\_\_\_ is not a sponsor of the event.

- 1) Gain City
- 2) Pacific City
- 3) Marina Square
- 4) Lee Hwa Jewellery

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5. Based on the advertisement, which one of the following statements is true?

- 1) The Elmo Backpack is one of the lucky draw prizes.
- 2) The lucky draw will be held from 14 Nov to 31 Dec, 2008.
- 3) Four shoppers would stand a chance to win \$799 worth of cash.
- 4) Shoppers would receive a \$10 Marina Square Gift Voucher if they spend a least \$150 by charging to their UOB card.

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**Section D - Vocabulary ( 5 x 1 ) marks**

For each question from 16 to 20, one of the four options is the correct answer. Mark your choice and shade the corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

16. Once the famous actor, who was involved in a hit-and-run accident stepped out of house, he was \_\_\_\_\_ by press photographers. ( )
- 1) befallen
  - 2) beguiled
  - 3) besieged
  - 4) bewildered
17. This is an important notice. It must be displayed in a \_\_\_\_\_ place. ( )
- 1) confined
  - 2) contrived
  - 3) conservative
  - 4) conspicuous
18. My youngest brother was kidnapped last night. The kidnappers called to give \_\_\_\_\_ instructions not to involve the police. ( )
- 1) explicit
  - 2) distorted
  - 3) defensive
  - 4) systematic
19. Mike \_\_\_\_\_ when he guessed the correct answer. ( )
- 1) armed to the teeth
  - 2) hit the nail on the head
  - 3) threw dust in one's eye
  - 4) put one's best foot forward
20. Mr Kong has just been retrenched by his company and needs to be **frugal**. He is not forced to \_\_\_\_\_. ( )
- 1) spend more than he can afford
  - 2) be careful to buy only what is necessary
  - 3) free himself from a difficult or serious situation
  - 4) free himself from feelings or conditions that make his life difficult

**Section E – Vocabulary Cloze ( 5 x 1 ) marks**

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.

The hardest part about going on the roller coaster was (21)summoning up the courage to step onto it. I had always avoided the roller coaster because of my fear of heights and my (22)unreasonable belief that I would fall out when it was upside down. Seeing the safety bars and belts did little to assure me of how secure I would be on the roller coaster.

However, when I went to the amusement park with my friends during the holidays, they (23)coaxed me into getting on. The more (24)reluctant I was, the more they talked about the wonders of sitting on a roller coaster. They finally convinced me that I would have the ride of my life and I would regret it if I left the park without getting on. That was the turning point in my life. I never looked back again. On the roller coaster, I was able to release all my pent up frustrations as I screamed and raised my hands in the air. When the roller coaster was upside down, I felt as though I was (25)defying gravity. I felt as free as a bird, yet I felt secure in my seat. It was a wonderful feeling.

21. 1) making  
2) mustering  
3) developing  
4) strengthening ( )
22. 1) dread  
2) paranoia  
3) conviction  
4) perception ( )
23. 1) roused  
2) spurred  
3) compelled  
4) persuaded ( )
24. 1) unwilling  
2) uncertain  
3) unimpressed  
4) unresponsive ( )
25. 1) going off  
2) going over  
3) going against  
4) going towards ( )

**Section F – Comprehension MCQ ( 5 x 1 ) marks****Read the given passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.**

Ricky and Dan sat alone. It was night, yes, but it had been a sweltering summer and the evening air was uncomfortably hot and sticky. All about them the grass was long, raising visions of a snake in the bushes. They huddled together in fear, keeping a lookout for snakes slithering among the tall grass. However, this did not dampen their excitement of being allowed to camp out alone that night. 5

"Let's light a fire," Ricky suggested. "If we're staying here overnight, we'd better keep warm. The temperature's bound to drop later. Besides, snakes don't like fire. I learned that from films."

Dan took out his box of matches and quickly set light to the small pile of twigs and empty biscuit wrappers that Ricky had expertly assembled. Within seconds, the boys were smiling victoriously. A sudden gust of wind licked further life into the flames and the small bush on which Dan had hung his haversack began to crackle in the dry heat of the evening. The boys tried to stamp out the flames but their feet were bare; their shoes had been claimed by a deep river they had had to cross to reach the grasslands. 10

Their mutual accusations were interrupted by a small explosion from the burning bush. Bits of the burning haversack flew in all directions.

"What a stupid place to put it!" Ricky yelled. "Now look what you've done!"

By now flames hung like shining stalactites\* off leaves and branches. All around them the fire was spreading, consuming the barren land, crackling and popping.

"Let's head for the village and fetch help," Dan ventured as he unfolded a piece of paper. "It should only take us about ten minutes. It's marked here. There should be a pond there – over there by the disused quarry – and the village is just behind it. Come on!"

Ricky glanced at the still smouldering remains of the haversack and his supper before pursuing his friend in the quarry's direction.

\* sharp pointed objects hanging down from the roof of a cave



For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Choose the correct answer and shade the corresponding oval on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

26. In line 5, what was Ricky and Dan excited about?

- 1) They saw snakes.
- 2) They could set up a fire.
- 3) They could stay out overnight.
- 4) They were allowed to camp out alone.

( )

27. Which of the following items had the boys eaten during the day?

- 1) bread
- 2) cereal
- 3) biscuits
- 4) crackers

( )

28. Ricky and Dan were barefooted. What had happened to their shoes?

- 1) Their shoes had been burnt.
- 2) Their shoes had been stolen.
- 3) Their shoes had fallen into a river.
- 4) Their shoes had been soaked wet.

( )

29. How did Dan know that there was a village behind the quarry?

- 1) He saw it on a map.
- 2) He could see the village.
- 3) He was merely guessing.
- 4) He had been there before.

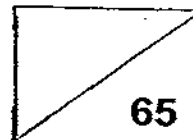
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30. According to the passage, which one of the following statements is not true?

- 1) The wind caused a bush to catch fire.
- 2) The boys managed to stamp out the fire.
- 3) Dan had hung his haversack too close to the fire.
- 4) The boys wanted to light a fire to keep themselves warm.

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Booklet B

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**Section G - Grammar Cloze ( 10 x 1 ) marks**

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40 in the passage below. From the list of words in the box, choose the most suitable answer for each blank and write its letter ( A to Q ) in it. "I" and "O" have been omitted to avoid confusion in marking.

Use each word only ONCE.

<del>A</del> ) a	<del>B</del> ) about	<del>C</del> ) its	<del>H</del> ) of	<del>N</del> ) than
<del>B</del> ) and	<del>E</del> ) but	<del>I</del> ) it's	<del>L</del> ) since	<del>P</del> ) then
<del>D</del> ) any	<del>F</del> ) ever	<del>J</del> ) into	<del>M</del> ) the	<del>Q</del> ) though

About 200 gold miners were returning home on board the Trans Atlantic, a 240-ton ship. Halfway through the voyage, the ship ran (31) \_\_\_\_\_ bad weather. A violent storm broke out and the ship was tossed (32) \_\_\_\_\_ in the storm. Her engines stopped when seawater found (33) \_\_\_\_\_ way into the engine room

Everyone knew that it would be (34) \_\_\_\_\_ matter of time before the ship sank to the bottom. In order to save themselves, the crew and passengers threw themselves into cold water. They held on to (35) \_\_\_\_\_ piece of wood they could find. Feeling tired, cold and hungry, some gave up hope of (36) \_\_\_\_\_ being saved. The water became colder and a strong wind began to blow. They swam aimlessly, hoping to catch sight (37) \_\_\_\_\_ land. Nothing lay ahead of them (38) \_\_\_\_\_ vast stretches of water.

After being in the water for more (39) \_\_\_\_\_ a day, one of them sighted an island. (40) \_\_\_\_\_ they were exhausted, they made a desperate attempt to swim ashore.

**Section H – Editing for Spelling and Grammar ( 10 x 1 ) marks**

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

Once you **begin** to exercise regularly, you will discover many more reasons why

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42)

exercise was so important to improving the quality in your life. Exercise reduces stress, lifts

moods and helps you sleep better. It can keep you looking and feeling younger throughout

43)

your **antyre** life.

44)

45)

The **bennifeats** of any exercise programme will diminish if it is **desrapted**

46)

frequently. A 'stop-start' routine is not only **ineffective** and can cause injuries. Be

47)

48)

**konsistant** with exercise, therefore, is probably the most important factor of achieving

desired results.

49)

However, people often assume that **many** is better. Doing too much too soon

50)

performing **intance** exercises on a **daily** basis will have muscle strains and loss of muscle

tissue. Hence, if you are a beginner, start off slower than you think you should.

**Section I - Comprehension Cloze ( 15 x 1 ) marks**  
**Fill in each blank with a suitable word.**

In the cold region north of the Arctic Circle, everything is white and black. The only (51) \_\_\_\_\_ are the moaning of the wind and the splitting of icebergs. As one goes further north, the barren landscape (52) \_\_\_\_\_ way to ice, floating on the ocean close to the North Pole.

The polar bear travels around the North Pole. It can roam for miles across the frozen tundra, sailing on icebergs, using (53) \_\_\_\_\_ to drift from island to island. It feeds (54) \_\_\_\_\_ on seals which it kills with its powerful claws. The seals are mammals and need to breathe. They often have to find holes in the ice to surface and take in (55) \_\_\_\_\_. Polar bears wait patiently by these holes. Once a seal comes up, a bear strikes it on the nose where it is most (56) \_\_\_\_\_. Often the bear can kill the seal when it is still underwater. The bear then hauls the seal (57) \_\_\_\_\_ onto the ice. ~~The seal is as heavy as 500 kg.~~ as an adult seal can weigh as heavy as 500 kg. The polar bear then gorges itself. It can (58) \_\_\_\_\_ on up to 18 kg of blubber in one meal.

Males will hunt the seal all year round (59) \_\_\_\_\_ females often go into deep sleep, or hibernation, during the long harsh winter. They dig an oval den in a snowdrift and their body heat keeps them (60) \_\_\_\_\_ during their sleep.

In the summer, they may turn to other kinds of (61) \_\_\_\_\_ like berries, mosses, lemmings and shell fish. Sometimes whales with pointed horns called Narwhals get trapped by the rapidly freezing ice. These trapped whales become (62) \_\_\_\_\_ to the polar bears. Sometimes lack of food may drive these bears south into lands occupied (63) \_\_\_\_\_ humans.

In recent years, trophy hunters, fur traders, marine pollution and the sealing industry have (64) \_\_\_\_\_ a fearful toll on polar bears. The remaining population is probably about 10 000. In 1956, they were totally protected in Russia and in 1973, an international agreement (65) \_\_\_\_\_ the killing or capture of the bears except for research purposes. These steps have ensured that large populations still exist.

**Section J - Synthesis / Transformation ( 5 x 2 ) marks**

For questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of the sentence must be the same as the given one(s).

66. Sean likes reading. He would rather read a book than watch a television programme

**prefers**

67. I had to pay the fine. Otherwise, I would have lost my license.

**Unless**

68. Jack is not hungry. He is not tired either.

**neither**

**nor**

69. Alice searched frantically. She seemed to have lost something.

**As though**

70. "Where are you going, Terry?" asked the teacher.

**The teacher**

**Section K - Comprehension ( 10 x 2 ) marks**

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.

On the morning of the thirty-fifth day of drought, the sun rose red over a great bank of black cloud, and a wind blew in from the sea, smelling of rain. People staggered half-asleep from their huts and stood facing the wind, laughing like little children. They had never seen such clouds before. They were higher than mountains and as wide as the island, dark as the depths of night. At last, the sun was returning all the water it had stolen.

But as they watched, the wind grew stronger. Within minutes the sea was swept into white-peaked waves that burst into foam on the beach. Palms creaked, groaned and bent their leaves. The village was shrouded in dust and flying leaves.

The people hurried back to their huts. The wind had wiped the smiles off their faces and their voices were shrill with alarm. This was the beginning of a hurricane.

Even as they tried to close the thatched shutters, the wind hit with full force and tore the fastenings from their hands. The air screamed into their huts as though it were full of attacking demons, which choked and blinded them with dust.

Families crouched in fear and held on to one another, heads bowed, while walls bent towards them and the thatch of roofs peeled away. **Outside they could hear the death sounds of trees, shrieks of splintered wood, then thumps, as the green giants of their village were ripped from the ground.**

The villagers screamed and prayed but could not hear the sounds of their own voices. Their ears were full of the noise of wind and water and terrible thunder. White fire lit the fear on their faces, flash after flash of lightning.

In the darkness of Luisa's hut, three people huddled against the strongest wall, waiting for death. Samu was as speechless as Jonasi, and Luisa by now was so frightened she could neither cry nor pray. The black water rose around their legs and was flowing so fast that the hut would have been swept away had it not been built against a strong tree, which in turn was protected by other trees.

It was not the wind and rain that Luisa dreaded, but the water they stood in. It was salty and that could mean only one thing : the sea was rising to cover the land.

But the sea rose no higher than their ankles. As time passed, so did the hurricane. Late in the afternoon, the wind lessened and gradually died until the rain fell straight to earth. The sea retreated. Everything was choked with thick yellow mud.

Tired, silent people waded through the water that flowed across their village and looked at the desolation. There was wreckage everywhere. The torrent had swept banks of debris against uprooted trees, forming dams, and against one of these was the body of a pig. The people had been delivered from one fear to another. Now they had water, plenty of water, but hunger was much closer than it had been the day before.

*Adapted from "The Silent One" by Joy Cowley*

**For each question from 71 to 80, write your answer in the space provided. All answers must be in complete sentences.**

71. Which sentence in the passage tells us that the villagers welcomed the rain?

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72. What happened as the villagers tried to close the thatched shutters?

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73. What was happening to the trees (line 16 to 18)?

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74. In your own words, explain clearly why the villagers could not hear the sounds of their own voices.

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75. What saved Luisa's hut from destruction?

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76. Why did Luisa dread the water she was standing in?

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77. When did the hurricane stop?

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78. What does the word "torrent" in line <sup>33</sup>~~24~~ refer to?

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79. In what way were the villagers 'delivered from one fear to another'?

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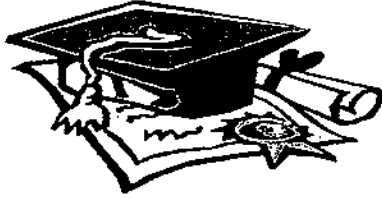
80. Which two-word phrase in the last paragraph tells us that the villagers found it difficult to walk through their village after the hurricane?

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# ANSWER SHEET

## EXAM PAPER 2009

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Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
C	F	K	E	N	Q

41)is      42)of      43)entire      44)benefits      45)disrupted

46)but      47)consistent      48)in      49)more      50)intense

51)sounds      52)gives      53)them      54)mostly      55)oxygen

56)vulnerable      57)up      58)feast      59)but      60)warm

61)food      62)prey      63)by      64)taken      65)prohibited

66)Sean prefers reading a book to watching a television programme.

67)Unless I paid the fine, I would have lost my license.

68)Jack is neither hungry nor tired.

69)As though she have lost something , Alice searched frantically.

**70)The teacher asked Terry where he was going.**

**71)The sentence is 'people staggered half-asleep from their huts and stood facing the wind, laughing like little children.'**

**72)The wind hit with full force and tore the fastenings from the villagers hands.**

**73)They were uprooted by the hurricane.**

**74)The wind water and thunder were very loud.**

**75)Luisa's hut had been built against a strong tree which in turn was protected by other tree.**

**76)She was afraid the sea rising and mould love the land.**

**77)It stopped in the late afternoon.**

**78)The word 'torrent' refers to the water.**

**79)At first the villagers were afraid of the shortage of water. However they were now afraid of the lack of food.**

**80)The phrase is "waded through".**

