



NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL
MID-YEAR EXAMINATION – 2006
English Language
Primary 6

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

Name: _____ ()

Class: Primary 6 _____

Date: 8 May 2006

Booklet A	30
Booklet B	65
Total	95

Parent's Signature

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

Section B – Grammar (7 x 1) marks

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 corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

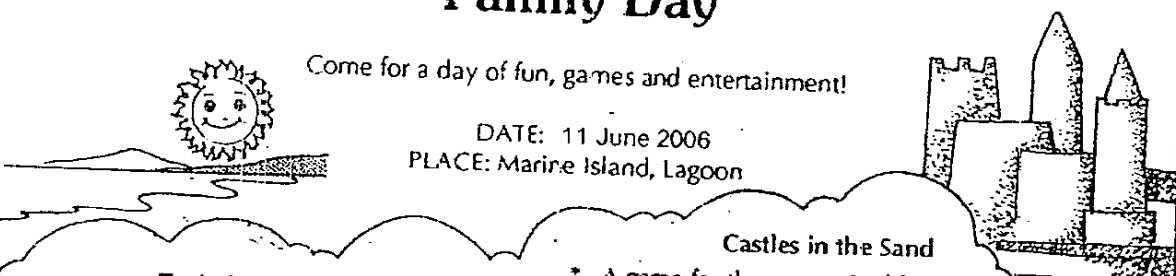
6. If Peter chooses to play truant, he _____ to face the consequences.
1) has
2) will have
3) had
4) would have ()
7. The scientist, (together with his research team) _____ more than five years on the project.
1) spend
2) has spent
3) have spent
4) is spending ()
8. You _____ spend more time with your parents. After all, they worked so hard to bring you up.
1) could
2) ought
3) should
4) would ()
9. Mr Tan _____ the fence the whole morning when a heavy downpour ruined all his hard work.
1) has painted
2) had painted
3) has been painting
4) had been painting ()
10. The teacher telephoned Mrs Chew to ask her to _____ her daughter, Joyce, home from school as soon as possible since she was unwell.
1) fetch
2) bring
3) take
4) send ()
11. By the time the policemen arrived, (the robbers _____ the scene of the crime.)
1) leave
2) have left
3) left
4) had left ()
12. If you had known about the incident earlier, what _____ you _____ ?
1) will ... do
2) did ... do
3) would ... do
4) would ... have done ()

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

AVANT CORPORATION
Family Day

Come for a day of fun, games and entertainment!

DATE: 11 June 2006
PLACE: Marine Island, Lagoon



Early Bird's Special

- * If you are one of the first 200 to arrive on the island, we have a special gift for you: a special breakfast pack with toast, eggs and orange juice!!

Castles in the Sand

- * A game for the young & old!
- * Join our sandcastle-building competition and win attractive prizes!

Build palaces, forts, animals, anything you like!

10am
Lagoon Beach

Water Telematch

- * Splash in the cool, refreshing water of the lagoon!
- 15 different games to take part in.
- * Sign up at the counter.

2 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Lagoon

PLUS!!

- More than 20 foodstalls to choose from.
- Cycling, skating & other activities available.

Starry Starry Night

- * Watch out for our special guest star Leon Lee!
- * Comedians Fatso and Skinflint entertain with jokes galore!

8 p.m. – 9.30 p.m.
Pavilion

Sign up with your section representative
NOW!

Only \$3.50 per person (food coupons sold separately)
Bring along your friends and family.

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. From the information in the poster on page 2, the event is targeted at _____
- 1) All employees of Avant Corporation
 - 2) Employees of Avant Corporation and their family
 - 3) Employees of Avant Corporation and their friends
 - 4) Employees of Avant Corporation and their friends and family ()
2. Which of these statements is true?
- 1) The comedians will entertain the crowd at the Pavilion.
 - 2) The first 200 to register will get a special breakfast pack.
 - 3) Food coupons are sold at \$3.50 each.
 - 4) The themes for the sandcastle-building competition are palaces, forts and animals. ()
3. The Water Telematch will take place _____
- 1) in the morning
 - 2) at noon
 - 3) in the afternoon
 - 4) at night ()
4. Mrs Lim and her six-year-old grandson should participate in the _____ if they want to have fun and win prizes.
- 1) Early Bird's Special
 - 2) Castles in the Sand
 - 3) Water Telematch
 - 4) Starry Starry Night ()
5. This poster should probably be found _____
- 1) in the daily newspapers
 - 2) at Marine Island Lagoon
 - 3) on the notice board in Avant Corporation
 - 4) in a family magazine ()

Section C – Punctuation Discrete (3 x 1) marks

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.

“Don’t move (13) Terry intoned calmly.
 “Why? What is it (14) Anna gasped.
 Terry gently picked the ladybird off Anna’s shoulder.
 “Squash it (15) I hate bugs!” Anna was almost hysterical.
 “No, ladybirds are harmless,” said Terry as he gently released the ladybird
 into the bushes.

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

Section D – Vocabulary (5 x 1) marks

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

16. The wrecked car had to be lifted before the driver could be _____.
- 1) evacuated
 - 2) excavated
 - 3) extricated
 - 4) extracted
- ()
17. Anyone caught _____ the animals in this nature reserve will be charged in court.
- 1) stalking
 - 2) encroaching
 - 3) culling
 - 4) poaching
- ()
18. The expedition to the top of the mountain was _____ by the heavy snowstorm.
- 1) forbidden
 - 2) impeded
 - 3) forsook
 - 4) impaired
- ()
19. Jeremy was elated when his teacher _____ him for his honesty.
- 1) complemented
 - 2) commemorated
 - 3) complimented
 - 4) commented
- ()
20. Mr Wong has been asked to handle this project because he always _____ and his boss is confident that he can succeed.
- 1) puts his foot down
 - 2) puts his foot in it
 - 3) puts the cart before the horse
 - 4) puts his shoulders to the wheels
- ()

Section E – Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1) marks

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

Walk to the nearest pond and you will see 'darning needles' buzzing (21)quickly from one spot to another. These graceful dragonflies feed on insects. They catch their prey with their feet as they (22)move lightly across the surface of the pond. Dragonflies are colourful creatures. They come in different (23)shades of blue, green, yellow and even black.

Female dragonflies lay eggs either in water or on the leaves of water plants. Here, the eggs are in a (24)vulnerable situation. Frogs, fish and other predators swim about hungrily. The dragonfly nymph that (25)comes out from the egg looks very different from the adult. Eventually, after four years, the nymph becomes an adult. Then, the matured adults will continue the cycle.

21. 1) swiftly
2) steadily
3) gracefully
4) effortlessly ()
22. 1) scan
2) skate
3) slide
4) skim ()
23. 1) colours
2) hues
3) extent
4) degrees ()
24. 1) defensive
2) deprived
3) delicate
4) dependable ()
25. 1) appears
2) emerges
3) develops
4) arises ()

Section F – Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1) marks

Read the given passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

Littering is a problem all over the world. It is not the problem of developing countries. Even some of the most highly developed countries in the world have their share of litterbugs in the population.

Nobody really knows why people litter although people are fully aware that the only purpose littering serves, is to dirty the environment they live in. Some have suggested that it is because of a lack of rubbish bins. This is, however, not true. Numerous rubbish bins have been conveniently put in **prominent** places in parks and other recreational facilities. The problem of littering still exists in many areas of Singapore. Others have suggested that littering is unintentional. People do not really want to litter but simply forget that they have left some items behind. While this may happen occasionally, it is not a valid reason for those individuals who have been caught littering repeatedly.

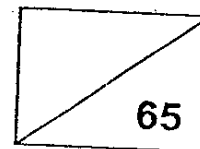
I feel that littering arises from a number of reasons. One of these is laziness. Some of us are simply too lazy to walk the few steps to the next rubbish bin. We feel that it will not matter if we leave one cup or a piece of paper behind. However, if we pause for a moment and think about it, it really does matter. If the four million people in Singapore all think the same way and start leaving their rubbish at the most convenient place, the island would be overrun with litter in no time at all.

The government has tried to control this problem. Littering is an offence in Singapore and heavy fines are imposed on those caught in the act. The government has also conducted anti-littering campaigns to make the public more aware of the littering problem. However, this failed to effectively stamp out littering and the government has recently imposed a new set of laws in the hope of changing the situation. The fines have been increased and repeat offenders are issued Corrective Work Orders. Such offenders will have to clean up **selected areas** in full view of the public. It is hoped that **this** will make the offenders realize the inconvenience they have caused by littering. The government also hopes that this will make potential litterbugs think twice about littering.

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. According to the writer, which one of the following is not likely to be a reason for littering?
- 1) There is a lack of rubbish bins in public places.
 - 2) People forget to clear the unwanted things.
 - 3) People are lazy to throw the litter in the rubbish bins.
 - 4) People think that a small piece of litter will not dirty the environment. ()
27. The word "prominent" in line 7 means _____.
- 1) important
 - 2) specially chosen
 - 3) suitable
 - 4) easily seen ()
28. The "selected areas" (line 25) are picked probably because they are places _____.
- 1) which are big and vast
 - 2) where there are many people
 - 3) which are difficult to clean
 - 4) which are far away ()
29. The word "this" (line 26) refers to _____.
- 1) imposing heavy fines
 - 2) conducting anti-littering campaigns
 - 3) passing a new set of laws
 - 4) issuing Corrective Work Orders ()
30. According to the information in the text, which of the following statements is true?
- 1) Littering is more common in developing countries.
 - 2) Litterbugs know that they dirty their environment.
 - 3) Stricter laws can stop littering effectively
 - 4) Corrective Work Order is the most effective penalty. ()

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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.

A a	B by	C and	D off	E near
F even	G while	H the	I that	J when
K for	L along	M in	N their	O during

Having fed continually for four months, mid-June through mid-October, the grey whales are now ready to begin their annual migration. It is one of the longest undertaken 31) _____ any mammal, from the Arctic seas to the coastal lagoons of the Baja Peninsula 32) _____ back, a circuit of almost 19 300 kilometres. Remarkably, the whales fast 33) _____ the entire round trip, living for almost eight months 34) _____ internal fat and the food stored in their thick blankets of blubber.

The whales must leave the Arctic before it freezes; 35) _____ calves, born without 36) _____ layer of protective blubber, would die. Thus, the survival of the species depends on the pregnant cows' reaching 37) _____ warm lagoons of the Baja Peninsula by January or February, when most of the calves are born.

The entire grey-whale population seems to know instinctively 38) _____ to leave. The pregnant females exhibit the greatest sense of urgency, never lingering 39) _____ the way. The bulls and non-pregnant cows follow, often stopping 40) _____ courtship. Bringing up the rear are the previous year's young, swimming south for the first time, often unsure of the way.

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.

It had been Albert's idea to climb the mountain. He had been the most **enthucestic** 41)
about the expedition, as he wanted to put into **practize** what he had learnt of his Adventure 42) 43)

Camp.

44) The mountain top s in sight. 45) The **journy** had been dangerous, everyone was **tyred** 46)
47) and a few had blisters on their feet. The **clirnbng** was steep and we stumbled along. The
48) guide encouraged us along **say** that we were **close**.

After **twd** trying hours, we eventually reached the top. We saw a precipice below as
49) well. We **prided** of the fact that we had made it to the top successfully. We **congrajulated** 50)
each other and savoured the victorious moment.

Section I – Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1) marks

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

"Monkeys see, monkeys do." This old saying has a lot of
51) _____ in it. Monkeys are great imitators. They copy many things that
people 52) _____.

Two scientists, Allen and Beatrice Gardner, knew this about
53) _____. They wanted to teach a monkey to "talk". Monkeys do not
have the same kind of vocal chords as people. They are 54) _____ able
to really "talk". 55) _____, Allen and Beatrice thought that monkeys could
learn American Sign Language. American Sign Language 56) _____ a
way deaf people in North America communicate. In the sign language, hands and fingers
are used. 57) _____ Gardners knew that a monkey could learn
58) _____ by copying the signs.

Washoe, a newborn female chimpanzee, was picked for the
59) _____ Washoe lived in the laboratory where Allen and Beatrice
60) _____. Soon, Washoe could copy the hand movements her trainers
used.

61) _____ the time Washoe was five, she could use over 80 ASL
62) _____. She surprised her trainers one day by signing "listen -- dog."
Indeed, there was a dog barking outside 63) _____ Washoe could not
see it. meanin

Allen and Beatrice are proud of Washoe's accomplishments. Other scientists have
64) _____ her progress. A gorilla named Koko is being taught American
Sign Language. Scientists agree that it is exciting to be able to "talk" with
65) _____.

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. It was not against the rules for the clerks to listen to the radio while they worked at the office.

Listening to the radio _____
+ _____

67. The man is my uncle. You were talking to him.

_____ whom _____

68. If it does not rain, the football match will be on.

Unless _____

69. Although Nancy was blind, she could play the piano.

In spite _____

70. Mrs Lee told her children, "You must tidy up your room before the guests arrive tonight."

Mrs Lee told her children _____

Section K – Comprehension (10 x 2) marks

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.

Pip was an orphan. His real name was Pirrip Philips but the villagers found it much easier to call him by his nickname. He lived with his sister, Mrs Gargery, and her husband, Joe, in a little cottage facing the sea.

One day, when Pip was indulging^x(in) his favourite past-time – running along the wild and craggy coast – he was suddenly confronted by an apparition in black. Although it was broad daylight, Pip was **nearly faint with terror**. He was about to make his escape when a hand reached out and grabbed him by the scruff of his neck. Only then did Pip realize that what he had seen was not a ghost but a man. His clothes were all caked with mud, and he had the weary, hunted look of a fugitive.

“Look here, boy, can you get me something to eat?” the man croaked in a rasping voice. He sounded like he had not drunk water for days. 10

“No, sir, I mean, yes, sir,” stuttered Pip, “but you have to let me go first, sir.”

After making Pip promise to bring him food and water, the man released him. Once he was back in the village, Pip’s suspicions were confirmed. The whole village was talking about the criminal who had escaped from the prison the night before. The police were hunting high and low for this man who was called Magwitch. 15

Pip felt very sorry for Magwitch and decided to bring him sustenance even though he was a criminal. He did so for the next few days and Magwitch gradually regained his strength. Then one day, Magwitch was not waiting at the coast any longer. 20

As time passed, Pip gradually forgot about the prisoner on the coast. One day, a lawyer came to visit Pip. He told Pip that a rich man had taken a fancy to him and was willing to provide him with an education in London, on the condition that Pip would not try to find out who his benefactor was. Naturally, Pip jumped at the chance.

Throughout his studies, Pip constantly wondered about the identity of his mysterious benefactor. It was only when he was twenty-one that the lawyer revealed the secret to him. His benefactor was none other than Magwitch, whom he had saved fourteen years ago. 25

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

71. What did Pip like to do when he was free?

72. Why was Pip 'nearly faint with terror' (line 6) when he saw the apparition?

73. Why did the man grab Pip by the scruff of his neck?

74. What did Pip suspect when he saw the man with the weary, hunted look of a fugitive?

75. Why did the man not show up at the coast after a few days?

76. Which **sentence** in the passage tells us that Pip was delighted to go to London for his education?

77. What does the word "sustenance" in line 17 refer to?

78. Which **four-word phrase** in the passage has the same meaning as "had a liking for"?

79. What 'secret' (line 27) did the lawyer reveal to Pip when he turned twenty-one?

80. Why did Pip have the chance to receive an education?

End-of-Paper

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Answer Sheets

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
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Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
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Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
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| 43 at | 48 saying | 53 them | 58 it | 63 Although |
| 44 was | 49 on | 54 not | 59 experiment | 64 Seen |
| 45 journey | 50 congratulated | 55 Therefore | 60 worked | 65 monkeys |
66. Listening to the radio while working was not against the rules for the clerks at the office.
67. The man whom you were talking to is my uncle.
68. Unless it rains, the football match will be on.
69. In spite of the fact that Nancy was blind, she could play the piano.
70. Mrs Lee told her children that had to tidy up their room before the guests arrived that night.
71. He liked to run along the coast.
72. Pip thought that the apparition was a ghost.
73. The man wanted Pip to bring him food and water.
74. Pip suspected that the man was a criminal who had escaped from the prison.
75. He regained strength and had escaped to a safer place.
76. The sentence is 'Naturally', Pip jumped at the chance'.
77. It refers to water and food.
78. It is 'taken a fancy to'.
79. The lawyer revealed that his benefactor was Magwitch.
80. Magwitch wanted to repay Pip for helping him.