



**NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1 – 2008
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
Primary 6**

Booklet A
30 questions
30 marks

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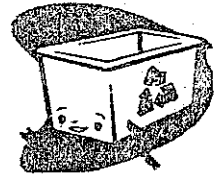
Total Time for booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

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FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.**

Section A – Graphic-Stimulus Comprehension (5 x 1 mark)
Study the advertisement carefully and answer questions 1 to 5.



EARTH WEEK AT CLEMENTI CENTRAL



Event Highlights

The Great Clementi Clean Up

Date : 18 August 2008

Time : 9 a.m. – 12 noon

Guest-of-honour : Minister of Environment

- 25 teams made up of 2 children and 2 adults each will scout the area around Clementi Central for items that can be recycled.
- All participants will be presented certificates and receive FREE tickets for the River Cruise down Singapore River.
- Register online only; closing date: 12 August 2008.

Prizes

- The winning team will receive \$1000.
- The first and second runners-up will receive \$500 and \$250 respectively.
- Consolation prizes of \$100 each will be given to the next 3 winning teams.

Make a Difference

Date: 20 August 2008

Time: 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.

- Do something different this Earth Week.
- Collect all your recyclable items like old newspapers, old magazines, used books, etc. and deposit them at the Green Corner of Clementi Central.
- For every 5kg of such materials you take to the community club, you will get a 30% discount coupon to buy books from the Green Book Store.
- All proceeds from the collections will be donated to SAVE THE WORLD FOUNDATION.

****Please log on to our website (www.earthweek.com) for more details.**

Organiser : Clementi Community Club

Meeting Place : Clementi Community Club

3 Clementi Road

Singapore 215603

Sponsor : Green Book Store



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. Earth Week activities are carried out to _____
 - 1) raise funds for the Green Corner
 - 2) inform people what the community club does
 - 3) remind people to take care of the environment
 - 4) promote the River Cruise down Singapore River

2. All participants of the Great Clementi Clean Up event _____
 - 1) will get shopping discount coupons
 - 2) can exchange recyclable items for cash
 - 3) will receive free tickets for the river cruise
 - 4) can enjoy discounts at the Green Book Store

3. The second winning team will receive _____
 - 1) \$ 100
 - 2) \$ 250
 - 3) \$ 500
 - 4) \$ 1000

4. If Joan and her family wish to participate in the Great Clementi Clean Up event, they must _____
 - 1) register online at www.earthweek.com
 - 2) send an e-mail to Clementi Community Club
 - 3) go down to the Green Corner at Clementi Central
 - 4) mail the registration form to the Ministry of Environment

5. From the information on page 2, we can tell that the Green Book Store is basically involved in _____
 - 1) funding the event
 - 2) collecting of recyclable items
 - 3) organising activities for the event
 - 4) preparing the certificates to the participants

Section B – Grammar (7 x 1 mark)

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 he _____ his examinations, everyone will be very surprised indeed.
- 1) passed
2) will pass
3) passes
4) has passed
7. Five weeks _____ like a long time to wait for the holidays to arrive.
- 1) seems *just like news.*
2) seem
3) has seemed
4) have been seemed
8. Ben, as well as his brother, _____ going away ~~this weekend~~.
- 1) is
2) are
3) was
4) were
9. The number of shoplifting cases _____ over the years.
- 1) rise
2) rises
3) has risen
4) have risen
10. "In this round, _____ of you ~~has~~ to speak for three minutes," the teacher told the finalists of the contest.
- 1) all
2) both
3) each
4) some
11. My brother looks like my father and _____.
- 1) I
2) me
3) mine
4) myself
12. I am not used to _____ up late at night. I always go to bed by 10p.m.
- 1) stay
2) staying
3) stayed
4) be staying

Section C – Punctuation Discrete (3 x 1 mark)

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.

A pale-looking boy stood shivering at the corner of the street. Just then, a car stopped beside him and a tall man got out from it. The boy sprang to his feet and asked in an earnest voice, "Sir, would you like to shine your shoes?(13)"

"Get out of my way (14)" the man growled and pushed the boy away. The poor boy staggered and fell, hitting his head against the pavement. The man did not even cast a second look at him as he walked away quickly.

An hour later, the boy saw a man lying beside a ditch. It was the same man who had treated him so badly.

"Please help me,(15) I've been robbed," the man said in a faint voice when he saw a young face looking at him.

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

Section D – Vocabulary (5 x 1 mark)

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. To ensure survival of its own kind, many animals have _____ ways of protecting their eggs and young from predators.
- 1) insolent
 - 2) immense
 - 3) ingenious
 - 4) impetuous
17. The boys played happily on the railway track, totally unaware that danger was _____ around where they were playing.
- 1) lurking
 - 2) roaming
 - 3) preceding
 - 4) manipulating
18. If you dare to _____ instead of running away from the problem, things will turn out better.
- 1) keep the ball rolling
 - 2) burn candle at both ends
 - 3) take the bull by the horns
 - 4) cut your coat according to your cloth
19. Fortunately, Mr Lee's house was not burgled. His neighbour was alert and had _____ the burglary plan.
- 1) foiled
 - 2) spoiled
 - 3) concluded
 - 4) terminated
20. A massive _____ has been mounted against the prisoner who has escaped from the city jail.
- 1) pursuit
 - 2) manhunt
 - 3) inspection
 - 4) headcount

Section E – Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

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

During my last school holidays, I travelled to Paris. Paris is a (21)magnificent city.

Also known as the City of Lights, Paris has a very (22)intriguing history. Of all the places in Paris, the Louvre was the most impressive.

The Louvre is home to the world's finest treasure of art collection. The treasures on display are (23)rich and impressive. It took ten years and ^aone-billion dollar _λrenovation to (24)transform the Louvre into a museum that people from all over the world (25)truly enjoy. Louvre is indeed a treasure chest open to all.

21. 1) busy
2) popular
3) modern
4) beautiful
22. 1) long
2) famous
3) ancient
4) interesting
23. 1) fabulous
2) authentic
3) flamboyant
4) impeccable
24. 1) create
2) reform
3) change
4) replace
25. 1) really
2) possibly
3) constantly
4) eventually

Section F – Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1 mark)

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

Many people believe that strange forces are at work in the Bermuda Triangle. Some say that creatures from another planet are beneath the waves. Others suggest that this place is the site of a lost continent – called Atlantis. They say the people of Atlantis use ray guns on ships and planes that pass by.

What do scientists know about the Bermuda Triangle? Most say there is no mystery at all. They pointed out that ships and planes have disappeared without a trace in many other ocean areas as well.

Still some parts of the ocean are known to be especially dangerous. One is the area between Florida, Bermuda and Puerto Rico.

In this area, very strong winds blow from east to west. Warm and cold ocean currents mix. This results in fog and storms. There are hurricanes just south of this area. They get bigger as they travel through it.

Hundreds of years ago, Spanish ships were wrecked in this area. In fact, the first settlers of Bermuda arrived there after a shipwreck.

The weather over the ocean near Bermuda often changes suddenly. Yet, it has always been the busiest travel routes. Thousands of ships and planes pass safely through there each year. To most scientists, it does not seem unusual that some ships would sink, or some planes would go down.

However, many people still believe the ships and planes have disappeared for mysterious reasons. Why?

On December 5, 1945, five U.S. Navy airplanes flew over the Atlantic from Florida and disappeared. Later, a boat with 13 men on board went to search for the missing planes. It disappeared too.

Some newspaper reporters wrote that "strange things were going on out there". They collected stories of lost ships. One reporter marked the area on a map. He noticed that it was shaped like a triangle. He called it the "Bermuda Triangle".

Recently, scientists from several countries studied the ocean and weather in the Bermuda Triangle. They found no lost continents, no sea monsters, no creatures from another planet. One scientist even said, "There is nothing mysterious about the ocean except for its amazing size."

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 ovals on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

26. According to the scientists, the disappearance of the ships and planes near Bermuda was _____.
- 1) nothing unusual
 - 2) due to strong winds
 - 3) caused by the people of Atlantis
 - 4) because it was shaped like a triangle
27. The word "They" in line 12 refers to _____.
- 1) winds
 - 2) storms
 - 3) currents
 - 4) hurricanes
28. According to the information in the text, the Bermuda Triangle is dangerous most likely because _____.
- 1) of its amazing size
 - 2) it is the busiest travel route
 - 3) of sudden weather changes
 - 4) hurricanes always occur there
29. The Bermuda Triangle is named by _____.
- 1) a scientist
 - 2) the people of Atlantis
 - 3) a newspaper reporter
 - 4) the first settlers of Bermuda
30. Which one of the following statements about the Bermuda Triangle is true?
- 1) It is a very large ocean.
 - 2) It is located where Atlantis was.
 - 3) People of Atlantis attack ships and planes that pass by.
 - 4) All ships and planes that pass through it disappear mysteriously.

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Section G – Grammar Cloze (10 x 1 mark)

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	D) down	G) off	K) than	N) till
B) after	E) for	H) out	L) the	P) very
C) by	F) in	J) so	M) then	Q) was

The sun was setting after a jungle hike. As it was late, the scouts decided to camp
31) _____ a stream. They pitched their tents and (settled 32) _____
the night. Soon 33) _____ dinner, they went into the tents. They were
34) _____ tired that they fell asleep almost immediately.

They rose early the next morning after 35) _____ good rest. The weather
36) _____ fine. After breakfast, they set 37) _____ to climb a hill.
They reached the hill top in (less 38) _____ two hours. Though they were not
exactly (tired 39) _____ by the hike, they rested 40) _____ midday.
They took a leisurely stroll back to their camp.

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

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

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Teachers' Day is celebrated to show appreciateion to teachers for their service and

42)

dedication. My school celebrated this special day at a grand scale this year. It was a double

celebration as it coincided with the 25th birthday of my school.

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44)

Preperations were made early. The students put in many time and effort to ensure

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that it was a suces.

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47)

Veried and exhilarating programmes were planned. Cultured dances, dramas, mimes

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and self-defence demonstrations was some of the attractions. A great deal of interest was

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also show at the contests. Many students took an active role in **potrey** recitation, singing

and make-up contests. Attractive prizes were given out.

Section I – Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

I had a hearty dinner one evening. Then I sat glued 51) _____ a chair in front of my television set. I was 52) _____ ready to watch soccer matches in my own living-room! I watched the matches between Malaysia and Indonesia, and 53) _____ that night, matches between Malaysia and the Philippines. It was just as thrilling 54) _____ captivating as watching them in the stadium. However, the only difference was that I was watching them in the 55) _____ of my own home.

To me, the 56) _____ is truly a great invention. On one 57) _____, I wanted to watch a match between Malaysia and Singapore. I was unable to purchase 58) _____ for that particular match. I was disappointed. 59) _____ how frustrated I would have been if I had not been able to watch the match at home!

On the 60) _____ of my television, I saw players running up and down the field. The spectators were sitting on the 61) _____ of their seats, cheering for the team they were supporting. They roared ecstatically as each goal was 62) _____. I could see that in the stadium, there was so much of excitement in the 63) _____. I could feel it too. It was like 64) _____ there at the stadium itself though I was not there physically. I felt I was 65) _____ all the crowd and noise. Thanks to the television,

Section J - Synthesis / Transformation (5 x 2 mark)

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

66. I like working from home. I do not like working in the office.

I prefer _____

67. Unlike the other students in the class, Peter is the only one who has not handed in his project.

_____ except.

68. The injured girl was rushed to the hospital. The ambulance arrived.

As soon as _____

69. The concert will begin when the principal arrives.

_____ once

70. The thief crept into the house stealthily so that he would not be detected.

_____ to avoid

Section K – Comprehension (10 x 2 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

In the mist, Seina tripped over something that felt like a wire and fell. That would not have been serious but instead of staying where she fell, she went sliding down a steep slope covered with a loose, slippery mixture of gravel and earth. By the time she reached the bottom of the slope, she was badly bruised and breathless and she began to feel the pain in her legs and arms. 5

"Where am I?" Seina cried in pain. She could only suppose she was at the bottom of a quarry or one of the deep pits.

"Well, I'd better try to climb out," she murmured.

She began to ascend the slope. She groped as she could not see much ahead and soon she slipped again on the treacherous surface and slid back down for several metres. Her vivid imagination began to paint fearful pictures of what lay below. Could there be wild animals or dangerous traps? Was her life in danger? She shuddered and resolved to stay where she was and wait till she could see more clearly. 10

Hours seemed to pass. Then, from far in the distance, a low, dull rumble came to her ears; it sounded familiar. She listened intently and concluded that it was a distant train rumbling slowly through the thick mist. The sound grew steadily louder. A train, with its carriages lit, dispersing the mist, came into sight on the track a short distance away from her. She then realised the surprising truth. She had slid down the steep-sided railway embankment and was sitting at the foot of it. Not far from her there was a double line of railway tracks. 15

She sprang up. She cried with relief. She was in no danger from the train, which was travelling slowly because of the mist. It was several metres from the side of the embankment. 20

All she had to do now was to walk along the side of the track until she came to a station, which she was bound to do in time. 25

She walked slowly and painfully, but steadily. Within an hour she had reached a station. But that was not the end of her ordeal. To her dismay, it was late and all public transport had ceased operation. Her legs were weary and painful. It had started to drizzle and she wanted very much to be home, to have a warm shower and to lie safely in her bed. 30

For each question 71 to 80, write your answer in the space provided.
ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES

71. Explain clearly why Seina fell in line 1.

72. Why was the steep slope "treacherous" (line 10)?

73. Which sentence in the passage tells you that the "wild animals or dangerous traps" (line 12) were just wild thoughts of Seina's?

74. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as shivered?

75. "It sounded familiar." (line 16) What does the word 'It' refer to?

76. Why was Seina able to see the place she had landed (paragraph 5)?

77. Where exactly did Seina land?

78. Which *five-word phrase* from the passage tells you that Seina would get to a station sooner or later?

79. Why did Seina cry "*with relief*" (line 22)?

80. Explain clearly what the writer meant by "*that was not the end of her ordeal*" (line 28).

End-of-Paper

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Answer Keys

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
3	3	3	1	1	3	1	1	3	3
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
2	2	3	4	2	3	1	3	1	2
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
4	4	1	3	1	1	4	3	3	1
Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
C	E	B	J	A	Q	G	K	H	N

41. appreciation 42. on 43. preparations 44. much 45. success
 46. Varied 47. Cultural 48. were 49. shown 50. poetry
 51. to 52. all 53. later 54. and 55. comfort
 56. television 57. occasion 58. tickets 59. Imagine 60. screen
 61. edge 62. scored 63. Air/crowd 64. being 65. amidst

66. I prefer working from home to working in the office.
 67. The other students in the class, except Peter has handed in their projects.
 68. As soon as the ambulance arrived, the injured girl was rushed to the hospital.
 69. The concert will begin once the principal arrives.
 70. The thief crept into the house stealthily to avoid detection.
 71. Seina could not see clearly in the midst so she tripped over something that felt like a wire and fell.
 72. It was covered with a loose, slippery mixture of gravel and earth.
 73. The sentence is "Her vivid imagination began to paint fearful pictures of what lay below".
 74. The words are "shuddered".
 75. It refers to the low, dull rumbles of a train that Seina heard.
 76. The train disperses the able mist and the light from the carriages helped her to see the place she had landed.
 77. Seina landed at the foot of the steep-sided railway embankment.
 78. The five word phrase is "bound to do in time".
 79. She was not in danger as she was several metres off from the train.
 80. The writer meant that Seina had yet been able to reach home for it was late and all public transport had ceased operation, and worse still it had started to drizzle.