



RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

PRIMARY 6 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

2006

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PAPER II

Instructions to students:

1. This paper consists of 80 questions.
Answer **ALL** questions.
2. Do not turn over the paper until you are told to do so.
3. Questions 1 to 30 are to be completed on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

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Section A : Graphics Stimulus

Study the write-up below carefully and then answer questions 1 to 5.

Your PICK To SPEND An EVENING



FRANCES YIP AND THE SINGAPORE CHINESE ORCHESTRA

13 May

Singapore Indoor Stadium

Celebrate Mother's Day and be entertained by the charismatic and critically acclaimed Hong Kong star and Asia's leading lady of song, Ms Frances Yip. Be mesmerised by Frances' voice as she and the Singapore Chinese Orchestra improvise and re-interpret the majestic beauty and artistry of each song.

www.sistic.com.sg

THE CANDLESTICKMAKER

2 – 7 May

Drama Centre Theatre

In a tribute to Nobel Prize-winning astrophysicist, Subrahmanyan Chandrasekhar, this play is about a young New Zealand Indian student who sets off to discover India and finds himself trapped in the gravity of a collapsing household.

www.drama.com.sg

KRISHNAN'S DAIRY

9 – 14 May

DBS Arts Centre

Krishnan's Dairy takes two of the most universal Indian cliché – the Taj Mahal and the corner store – and fuses them into a funny and touching love story. Gobi and Zina Krishnan have moved to New Zealand in search of a better life. They work hard and keep their dreams stacked on the shelves of their struggling corner shop, Krishnan's Dairy.

www.krishnan.com.sg

TOTO 'FALLING IN BETWEEN' WORLD TOUR

16 May

Fort Canning Park

Legendary band, Toto with members Steve Lukather on guitar, Mike Porcaro on bass, Simon Phillips on drums, Bobby Kimball on vocals and Greg Phillinganes on keyboards will thrill Singapore audiences with songs from their new album, 'Falling in Between'. Collectively and individually, Toto has made an enormous contribution to the sound of pop and rock over the past 30 years.

www.toto.com.sg

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. The write-up shown in the previous page can **most probably** be found in a/an _____.
(1) diary entry
(2) play critique journal
(3) entertainment magazine
(4) international newspaper report
2. Where can you watch a performance made possible by the joint effort of artistes from two countries?
(1) DBS Arts Centre
(2) Fort Canning Park
(3) Drama Theatre Centre
(4) Singapore Indoor Stadium
3. _____ and _____ share a common performance date.
(1) *The Candlestickmaker* *Krishnan's Dairy*
(2) *Toto 'Falling in Between' World Tour* *The Candlestickmaker*
(3) *Krishnan's Dairy* *Frances Yip and the Singapore Chinese Orchestra*
(4) *Frances Yip and the Singapore Chinese Orchestra* *Toto 'Falling in Between' World Tour*
4. Where can you book a ticket to watch a band performance?
(1) www.toto.com.sg
(2) www.sistic.com.sg
(3) www.drama.com.sg
(4) www.krishnan.com.sg
5. If your friend intends to spend a light-hearted evening, which event would you recommend to ensure her loads of laughter?
(1) *Krishnan's Dairy*
(2) *The Candlestickmaker*
(3) *Toto 'Falling in Between' World Tour*
(4) *Frances Yip and the Singapore Chinese Orchestra*

Section B : Grammar Discrete

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. The 'MacBeth' play bored both _____ and _____.
- (1) he..... I
 - (2) he..... me
 - (3) him..... I
 - (4) him..... me
7. The cycle of day and night _____ because the earth _____ on its axis.
- (1) happen..... rotate
 - (2) happen..... rotates
 - (3) happens..... rotate
 - (4) happens..... rotates
8. My maid, _____ is from the Philippines, has been with us for only two months.
- (1) who
 - (2) what
 - (3) whom
 - (4) whose
9. Neither you nor I _____ an expert in this field. I think we should seek help from the professionals.
- (1) is
 - (2) am
 - (3) are
 - (4) was
10. By signing on the dotted line, you agree to abide _____ all the terms and conditions.
- (1) by
 - (2) to
 - (3) for
 - (4) with

11. Mary is one of the readers who _____ articles to the magazine regularly.
- (1) contribute
 - (2) contributed
 - (3) contributes
 - (4) contributing
12. The students _____ for recess since ten in the morning and will be back five minutes later.
- (1) has gone
 - (2) had gone
 - (3) have gone
 - (4) having gone

Section C : Punctuation

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)

All Primary Three pupils in Ming's school were given a special duty. Each of them was to take care of a Primary One pupil during recess.

"I hope my buddy, Tommy, will not look for his mother and start crying (13) Ming told his classmate anxiously as they waited outside a Primary One classroom.

Just then (14) Tommy walked out of the classroom, looking frightened and lost. Ming shouted, "Tommy, I'm here (15) Tommy turned around and ran up to Ming, looking relieved.

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

Section D: Vocabulary

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. Jane's extreme nervousness _____ her ability to speak in front of large groups of people.
(1) haltered
(2) impeded
(3) dampened
(4) accelerated
17. Mr and Mrs Lee decided to _____ all ties with their unfilial son.
(1) cut up
(2) cut off
(3) cut out
(4) cut away
18. The little boy was _____ by his grandfather's stories about the Japanese occupation.
(1) enticed
(2) enthused
(3) enthralled
(4) enchanted
19. The fear of another volcanic eruption forced the government to _____ the residents from the small town.
(1) vacate
(2) extricate
(3) excavate
(4) evacuate
20. We will never know what _____ between them but at least the matter has been settled.
(1) expired
(2) inspired
(3) conspired
(4) transpired

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. (5 marks)

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21. (1) aged
(2) ancient
(3) primitive
(4) obsolete
22. (1) palatial
(2) peaceful
(3) panoramic
(4) picturesque
23. (1) amble
(2) trudge
(3) ramble
(4) traipse
24. (1) repel
(2) extort
(3) evolve
(4) arouse
25. (1) elaborate
(2) convoluted
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Section E : Comprehension MCQ

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

(5 marks)

<p>They spread papers on the ground and wriggled under the front wheels. They lay on their backs gazing up at the engine and wondering what to do next.</p>	
<p>A low rumble of thunder startled Spike so much that he jerked his head and gave it a whack on one of the mysterious bits of engine he was investigating.</p>	
<p>"You've got your wish," he grumbled to Barbara, as they squirmed out to see if his head was cut or only bruised. "Here comes your storm."</p>	5
<p>Barbara turned from the examination of the fast rising lump in his hair, to look across the flat floor of the wide valley. From nowhere, dark clouds had rolled together into a threatening black ridge that was moving slowly over the land.</p>	
<p>Weird, green lightning flickered against this menacing curtain of cloud. The thunder, which had at first seemed a remote, sullen grumble, now grew into a continuous roar, like a hundred express trains.</p>	10
<p>Spike was alarmed. "You know what we're in for?" he exclaimed. "Look!"</p>	
<p>At first, Barbara could see nothing very unusual as her eyes followed his pointing finger. Then she saw the river. The glass-like surface had disappeared and it was heaving up and down as if stirred from underneath.</p>	15
<p>It was a great, black cloud, shaped like a strangely twisted rope or the swinging trunk of an elephant. it danced its way across the river and changed direction every minute. Behind it, a huge wave built up and raced at great speed over the bank and towards the town.</p>	
<p>"Let's get in the back seat then and watch what happens," bawled Spike.</p>	20
<p>As they scrambled into the old car, the dancing black funnel swept across the town. They heard the crack of collapsing buildings which exploded with booming thuds. They saw the huge flood from the river swirl over the unprotected fields and then they were clinging to the car in panic, for the rushing wind was upon them, throwing out of its centre the branches, bricks, and bits of fence it had gathered in its race across the land.</p>	25
<p>They crouched down and pulled the old leather seat over their heads, as pieces of timber flew through the air and landed all around them. The car trembled, shook and rose slightly off the ground. Then, like a raft on a pond, it glided at great speed across the garden. Suddenly, for no reason, the wind darted away to new path. Barbara and Spike, both battered and very scared, pushed aside their covering seat and peered out.</p>	30
<p>The howl of the destroying wind grew less as the black funnel ripped over the countryside.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Adapted from Dangerous Gold and other stories by N. Douglas</i></p>	

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.

26. Spike and Barbara spread the papers on the ground so that they could _____.
- (1) enjoy the breeze
 - (2) investigate the car engine
 - (3) examine the condition of Spike's injury
 - (4) investigate the formation of the coming storm
27. The phrase "glass-like surface" in line 15 refers to _____.
- (1) the calm water
 - (2) the raft in the river
 - (3) the windscreen of the car
 - (4) a huge mirror in the water
28. Barbara and Spike managed to _____ when the rushing wind was upon them.
- (1) remain calm
 - (2) hide in the car
 - (3) hide in a building
 - (4) peer out of the car to take a look
29. The phrase "darted away to new path" in line 29 means that the wind was _____.
- (1) slowing down
 - (2) getting stronger
 - (3) moving towards the couple's direction
 - (4) moving away from the couple's direction
30. Spike and Barbara were caught in a/an _____.
- (1) flood
 - (2) tornado
 - (3) tsunami
 - (4) avalanche

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Section F : Structural Cloze Passage

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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- | | | | | |
|--------------|------------|---------|-----------|------------|
| (A) a | (D) before | (G) she | (K) they | (N) unless |
| (B) after | (E) for | (H) so | (L) those | (P) until |
| (C) although | (F) from | (J) the | (M) to | (Q) while |
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I will remember this year's World Cup _____ a long time to come. There
(31)

were so many spectacular goals that I would never forget how _____ were scored.
(32)

There were also many good footballers. _____ best player in the tournament is
(33)

Ronaldo, a player _____ Brazil.
(34)

I am already looking forward _____ the next World Cup. _____ then,
(35) (36)

I can only look back on this World Cup and savour the memories. For _____
(37)

of us who stay up late to watch the matches, it was well worth it _____ we had
(38)

only two or three hours of sleep.

However, I have _____ word of caution for those who await the next World Cup.
(39)

Do not stay up _____ you are prepared to forgo your sleep.
(40)

Section G : Editing for Spelling and Grammar

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

Jurong Regional Library is one of the most popular libraries in Singapore. An entire

(41)

basement of the library is dedicated to **nerture** inquisitive young minds.

(42)

The perimeter at the children's section is lined generously with vibrant low chairs and tables

so you do not always end up sitting on the floor. A Read Aloud Corner is set up so that parents

(43)

(44)

and their boysterous bunch can have fun with the books without disapproved looks from library

staff.

(45)

Their language section – books in Chinese, Malay and Tamil languages – was admirable,

particularly its collection of folk and fairy tales from all over Asia; so is their selection of

Information Books.

(46)

Precious resources for parents can be found in the Children's Resource Centre by the

(47)

same floor. Though **mertirials** cannot be taken out of the library, giant story books,

(48)

musical **inshrumenz** and toys offer useful learning tips which can be easily replicated at home.

(49)

Other child-friendly facilities including a Helpdesk for the floor and a Parenting Room for

(50)

nursing mothers. Brightly-tiled toilets are **ekurped** with low urinary bowls and wash basins. With

all these facilities, it is no wonder that Jurong Regional Library has become popular with the

young and old.

Adapted from "Let's Read in the Forest!", Family.

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Section H: Comprehension Cloze Passage

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Humans constantly look for challenges to test their limits. For those people who go out in _____ of adventure, a long-distance flight in a hot-air balloon is a particularly (51) exciting prospect. Indeed, a round-the-world balloon trip is widely regarded _____ (52) the ultimate challenge. However, well-known adventurer, David Adams, thought otherwise and would definitely not _____. Recently, he became the first man to _____ (53) the North Pole in a hot-air balloon, a more significant _____ (54) _____ (55) in his eyes. Given that the distance and altitudes involved are comparatively modest, you might wonder _____ (56) the trip from Canada _____ (57) the Pole should present such a challenge.

Part of the appeal was that such a flight had not even been _____ (58) for over a century. In those days, such expeditions were huge events, with a nation's pride resting on their success and so resources were committed to them. _____ (59) David Adams eventually managed to secure a substantial sponsorship deal with an insurance company, he had the added challenge of having to _____ (60) sufficient funds for his trip.

Then, of course, he had to _____ (61) major survival concerns, such as predicting the weather _____ (62) and coping with the dangerously low temperatures. However, the most challenging of _____ (63) was the incredibly complex problem of navigation. As the earth's magnetic field gets stronger, only the _____ (64) sophisticated of satellite-linked navigation systems can confirm one has got to the Pole. Without them, the chances of getting anywhere near it are extremely _____. Not to (65) mention an even greater problem that weighed on David Adams' mind: getting back!

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Section I: Transformation and Synthesis

For each of the question 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. "Where were you at eleven last night?" Mrs Lim asked Joe.

Mrs Lim asked Joe _____

67. Minah gave the boy some sweets. He is her favourite nephew.

_____ whom

68. Roy should have been more careful. Then he would not break the vase in the shop.

Had _____

69. Ahmad was very reluctant when he gave away his pet rabbit.

It was with _____

70. You can board the tram only if you have a valid ticket.

Unless _____

Section J: Comprehension Open-ended

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

<p>Frank Daily stared at the frozen ground. He only pretended to listen to the chatter of his friends as they all clambered aboard the bus after school. The bus belched a grey cloud out the back and headed west on the Blue Mound Road.</p>	
<p>Frank slouched in his seat. It had been another cold, grey day just a month ago in November when his world had come crashing down around him. He had just been transferred to another school. It was not easy starting a new school, especially an all-boys Catholic school. The older boys tended to be a bit clannish. It had been especially hard for Frank because he had been a star athlete in all the sports in elementary school. Now, it seemed, he was a nothing. Not only had he excelled in athletics before arriving at Marquette, he had also come alive to politics and history in the fifth and sixth grades. His test scores in these subjects had soared since then.</p>	5 10
<p>The bus lurched away from a kerb, and Frank instinctively braced his Nikes against the floor. He still remembered his stomach chilling into a frozen knot as he approached the locker room last month. It was the day after the tryouts for the school's basketball team. He had read the team list posted on the locker room door, hoping, searching frantically for his name. It had not been there. It was missing. He had felt suddenly he had ceased to exist.</p>	15
<p>A loud horn and a screech of brakes somewhere behind the bus startled Frank. The bus jerked to a halt at the County Institution grounds. A very pregnant woman hung onto the silver handrail and slowly pulled herself onto the bus. As she fell backwards into the seat behind the bus driver, her feet kicked up, and Frank saw that she was in stocking feet.</p>	20
<p>As the bus driver steered the bus back into the traffic, he yelled over his shoulder, "Where are your shoes, lady? It's no more than ten degrees out there."</p>	
<p>"I can't afford shoes," the woman answered. She pulled her fraying coat collar around her neck. Some of the boys at the back exchanged glances and smirked. "I got on the bus just to get my feet warm," the woman continued. "If you don't mind, I'll just ride around with you for a bit."</p>	25
<p>The bus driver scratched his head and shouted, "Now tell me how come you can't afford shoes?"</p>	
<p>"I got eight kids. They all got shoes. There's not enough left for me but it's okay. The Lord will take care of me."</p>	30
<p>Frank looked down at his new Nike shoes. His feet were warm and snug as they had always been. Then he looked at the woman. Her socks were ripped. Her coat, with missing buttons, hung open around her stomach.</p>	
<p>Frank did not hear anything around him after that. He just felt a warm thawing in his gut. He knew what he had to do. Under the seat, he pried the toe of one shoe into the heel of the other and slipped it off. Then he took off the other shoe. He looked around. Nobody had noticed. He would have to walk three blocks in the snow but the cold never bothered him much. Picking up his shoes, he walked quickly over to the woman and handed them to her, "Here, lady, you need these more than I do." Frank said, looking down.</p>	35 40

He heard the woman exclaim, "Look, they fit me just perfect!" The woman was crying. "Thank you, young man," she said. She turned to the bus driver. "See, I told you the Lord would take care of me."

Frank mumbled, "You're welcome." He smiled at the woman. It was not a big deal to him. Besides, it was Christmas.

Frank hurried off after that. It seemed to him that the greyness had lifted. On the way home, he hardly felt the cold beneath his feet at all.

Adapted from Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul

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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. Which three-word phrase in the first paragraph suggests that Frank was not paying attention to what his friends were saying?

72. What do the words "grey cloud" (line 1) refer to?

73. What does the word "clannish" (line 7) tell you about the behaviour of the older boys?

74. Give the main reason why Frank was unhappy in his new school.

75. Why was Frank searching frantically for his name?

76. Explain clearly why the woman was wearing only stockings.

77. What do you think was the woman's outlook on life?

78. "He knew what he had to do." (line 35) What did Frank know he had to do?

79. From lines 41 to 47, quote a sentence that tells us Frank did not mind giving up his shoes.

80. Why did Frank not feel cold anymore on his way home?

END OF PAPER

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Raffles Girls' Primary School

Primary 6 English Preliminary Exam (2006)

Answer Sheets

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
3	4	3	1	1	4	4	1	2	1
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
1	3	1	2	3	2	2	3	4	4
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
3	4	1	4	1	2	1	2	4	2
Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
for	they	the	from	to	until	those	although	a	unless

41	nuture	46	on	51	search	56	why	61	face, confront
42	of	47	materials	52	as	57	to	62	conditions
43	boisterous	48	instruments	53	Agree	58	attempted	63	all
44	disapproving	49	include	54	reach	59	Although	64	most
45	is	50	equipped	55	feat	60	raise	65	slim

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71. The phrase is "pretended to listen".
72. The refers to the smoke coming out from the pipe behind the bus.
73. They stayed in their own groups.
74. He was the star athlete in all the sports in elementary school but in his new school, he was nothing.
75. He wanted to see if he had gotten into the tryouts for the school's basketball team.
76. She used her money to buy shoes for her eight kids and there was not enough money left to buy a pair for her.
77. She was positive that help would come her way.
78. Frank know that he had to give the pair of his Nike shoes to the woman.
79. The sentence is "It was not a big deal to him".
80. He had helped someone and was feeling very happy for what he had done.