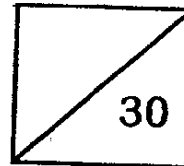




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## Booklet A

### Instructions to Pupils:

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Read the questions and follow all the instructions carefully.
3. This booklet consists of 30 questions (Questions 1 to 30).
4. Answer ALL the questions and shade them in the correct ovals on the OAS provided.

\* This booklet consists of 9 pages altogether.

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

# Healthtoday



Supported by:

## GET ON YOUR FEET AND FEEL THE B.E.A.T



### 'Battle to Eliminate Atherothrombosis (B.E.A.T) Campaign' Roadshow

- Health screenings, educational talks, cooking and exercise demonstrations
- Fun-filled games and prizes for the entire family.

Learn more about atherothrombosis – a disease leading to heart attacks and stroke – a principle cause of deaths in Singapore.

Take part in the B.E.A.T challenge, a fun-filled, four hour hunt around town in which you will be looking for clues to complete various tasks at different pit-stops.

Date: 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> July

Time: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Venue: Atrium@Orchard (Dhoby Ghaut MRT station)

Registration Fee: *Free* (Closing date to sign up for the B.E.A.T Challenge is before 5<sup>th</sup> July. Register at [www.beat.com.sg](http://www.beat.com.sg))

*\*Participants for the B.E.A.T Challenge to arrive ½ hr before event begins*

## DEALING WITH CONSTIPATION

**HAVE A PROBLEM WITH CONSTIPATION?**  
Let our experts identify your problems and explain different types of constipation, tests and treatments to you.

Date: Fortnightly

Time: 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Venue: National University Hospital,  
Health Education Hub, Level 1

Registration Fee: *Free*

## BE IN CONTROL

*Lose weight effectively and safely!*

Tips from renowned American nutritionist, Dr Jeffrey Hathaway, a visiting professor at National University Hospital. He will give a talk at the Jurong Regional Library.



Date: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> July

Time: 2 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.

Registration Fee: \$15 per adult  
(Redeemable for products at selected Health Pharm outlets)

Prizes Sponsored by:



*Dedicated to the quest for longer  
healthier, happier lives*

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National Healthy Lifestyle Programme

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 event is organised by \_\_\_\_\_
  - (1) Pfizer Pharmaceuticals
  - (2) Health Promotion Board
  - (3) National Healthy Lifestyle
  - (4) National University Hospital
  
2. If Mrs Tan wants to take part in the B.E.A.T Challenge, she should sign up for it on the \_\_\_\_\_
  - (1) 4<sup>th</sup> of July
  - (2) 5<sup>th</sup> of July
  - (3) 8<sup>th</sup> of July
  - (4) 9<sup>th</sup> of July
  
3. For those interested in the talks on dealing with constipation, the sessions are conducted \_\_\_\_\_
  - (1) every day
  - (2) every week
  - (3) every two weeks
  - (4) every two months
  
4. According to the poster, \_\_\_\_\_ is the main cause of deaths in Singapore.
  - (1) stroke
  - (2) heart attack
  - (3) constipation
  - (4) atherothrombosis
  
5. Which of the following statement is **TRUE**?
  - (1) In the poster, two events offer tests to assess your health.
  - (2) Participants of the B.E.A.T challenge have to report by 10.30 a.m.
  - (3) \$15 worth of products can be redeemed at all Health Pharm outlets
  - (4) Dr Jeffrey Hathaway is a visiting professor at Jurong Regional Library

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 old man \_\_\_\_\_ if the young man had not saved him in time.
- (1) will die
  - (2) would die
  - (3) will have died
  - (4) would have died
7. Neither John nor the boys in the class \_\_\_\_\_ willing to participate in the singing competition next week.
- (1) is
  - (2) are
  - (3) was
  - (4) were
8. Aunt Susan has decided to take my sister and \_\_\_\_\_ to Perth at the end of the year.
- (1) I
  - (2) me
  - (3) mine
  - (4) myself
9. Although my dog \_\_\_\_\_ five years ago, our family still has fond memories of her.
- (1) die
  - (2) died
  - (3) has died
  - (4) had died
10. The current in the seas look rough today. It would be difficult to swim \_\_\_\_\_ it.
- (1) over
  - (2) with
  - (3) under
  - (4) against

11. These mangoes taste sweet and juicy, \_\_\_\_\_ they?

- (1) aren't
- (2) don't
- (3) didn't
- (4) weren't

12. We have decided to go roller-blading today \_\_\_\_\_ you have other plans.

- (1) yet
- (2) still
- (3) unless
- (4) however

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)

At dinner on Wednesday, I was already in an awful mood, then Dad made it worse.

"Ruth, don't forget (13)" shouted Dad from the kitchen. "Saturday is Grandma's birthday, and we're going to spend the day with her."

"But Dad," I moaned immediately (14) I have swimming practice on Saturday and next Tuesday is the swimming competition."

"You'll be at practice on Monday instead, Ruth," Dad said firmly. "Grandma is expecting us."

Although I tried to suggest that we celebrate the birthday on another day (15) Dad would hear nothing of it. He told me that the outcome of the competition did not depend on a single practice.

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

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. Despite having lived in Germany for many years, my uncle still has difficulty communicating \_\_\_\_\_ with the locals.

- (1) skillfully
- (2) effectively
- (3) intelligently
- (4) comprehensively

17. May was so shocked at the sight of the accident that she \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) passed up
- (2) passed out
- (3) passed over
- (4) passed away

18. There must be something decomposing in the garden. The \_\_\_\_\_ is unbearable.

- (1) scent
- (2) aroma
- (3) stench
- (4) fragrance

19. The deer \_\_\_\_\_ off when it saw the hungry lion approaching.

- (1) ambled
- (2) lumbered
- (3) galloped
- (4) bounded

20. It is important to teach a young child to \_\_\_\_\_ between the right and the wrong.

- (1) discern
- (2) discover
- (3) determine
- (4) differentiate

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

(5 marks)

Bert once described to us how a boar had harassed him. When Bert was feeding the pigs, the boar was a constant nuisance. The relationship between Bert and the boar  
(21)

deteriorated further when Bert mischievously threw a stone at the boar.  
(22)

The boar, determined to get back at Bert, chased him into a tree.  
(23)

Later, when Frank walked from the house towards the tree in which Bert was perched, he too suffered the humiliation of being pursued by the animal. Frank became  
(24)  
exceptionally irritated and, in his anger, shot the boar. Frank was well aware that he had acted impetuously and was embarrassed by the whole incident.  
(25)

21. (1) annoyance  
(2) disturbance  
(3) implication  
(4) complication
22. (1) declined  
(2) devalued  
(3) descended  
(4) depreciated
23. (1) react  
(2) regain  
(3) retreat  
(4) retaliate
24. (1) degradation  
(2) mortification  
(3) embarrassment  
(4) disillusionment
25. (1) quickly  
(2) passively  
(3) unthinkingly  
(4) spontaneously



Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

Four hours earlier, the man had anchored his small rowing boat off the rocky coast of the island and had climbed the steep slope. This island was rarely frequented by visitors for it was difficult to access and the landscape was bleak and unfriendly. Simple curiosity and the love of adventure had impelled the man to go there. When he had set out in the morning, the sea had been very calm and clear, the sky cloudless. 5

But now a strong wind had risen; the coast for miles around was gloomy and the island *desolate*. Dark waves sent up a huge spray each time they broke on the black, uneven rocks which plunged deep down into the water.

Looking down at the choppy sea below, the man realised he would have to move quickly if he was to save his boat. The rocks, which had previously been fairly easy to 10 climb, were now treacherous and slippery. The man clung to the rock-face to prevent himself from slipping. At one point, the slope was so steep that he was obliged to climb up again and come down by another route.

He stopped to regain his breath by a withered, overhanging tree. The man was now close to the sea that he could taste salt on his lips as the fine sea-spray rose up and 15 fell like heavy rain around him. Soon his clothes became drenched and his teeth were chattering cold.

But the plight of his boat was uppermost in his mind. Below, it was bobbing on the waves like a cork and at any moment the rope which held it fast might break; the boat would either be carried out to sea or dashed to pieces against the rocks. The man 20 began to climb down again, but stopped abruptly when he heard the sound of splintering wood.

His worst fears had been realised! He saw his boat lifted high by the waves and beaten against the rocks again and again. The man looked down helplessly as a tangled mass of driftwood and gear floated away over the water. 25

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. What was main reason for the island to be unpopular with visitors?

- (1) There were many steep slopes.
- (2) The island was not a scenic place.
- (3) There were many mountains on the island.
- (4) The approach to the island was treacherous.

27. In line 7, the word 'desolate' suggests that the island was \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) boring
- (2) crowded
- (3) dangerous
- (4) unpopulated

28. The man had to save his boat quickly because the \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) rain was heavy
- (2) water was choppy
- (3) waters were too deep
- (4) rocks were too slippery

29. 'His worst fears had been realised!' in line 23, refers to the boat being \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) lifted
- (2) stolen
- (3) wrecked
- (4) dragged

30. From the passage, what can we say about the man?

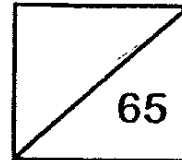
- (1) He enjoys thrills.
- (2) He likes challenges.
- (3) He thrives on danger.
- (4) He likes scaling cliffs.

☺ End of Booklet A ☺



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## Booklet B

### Instructions to Pupils:

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Read the questions and follow all the instructions carefully.
3. This booklet consists of 50 questions (Questions 31 to 80).
4. Answer ALL the questions and write all the answers in this booklet.

\* This booklet consists of 7 pages altogether.

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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) with	(D) over	(G) from	(K) out	(N) for
(B) by	(E) to	(H) an	(L) up	(P) then
(C) during	(F) a	(J) since	(M) at	(Q) before

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Since he was eight years old, Mr Izharul has been selling bread on wheels. He first started out from his bicycle (31) \_\_\_\_\_ switching to his motorbike when he was in his mid-twenties. He took (32) \_\_\_\_\_ the business from his father who, prior (33) \_\_\_\_\_ the Japanese Occupation, had sold bread (34) \_\_\_\_\_ a basket balanced on the top of his head.

It has been (35) \_\_\_\_\_ usual sight seeing Mr Izharul doing his rounds in the eastern part of Singapore (36) \_\_\_\_\_ the past thirty years. He used to work the whole day but he has (37) \_\_\_\_\_ shortened his working hours as age has caught up (38) \_\_\_\_\_ him. He now starts at about two in the afternoon and finishes (39) \_\_\_\_\_ at eleven at night.

Although business is slower, (40) \_\_\_\_\_ holidays and rainy days, he still manages to earn an average of \$1000 a month selling everything from *kaya* bread to curry puffs.

*Adapted from an article in The Straits Times  
19 March 2005 issue*

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

The picture of abandonment is vivid. All entrances are boarded up and the  
(41)   
paint is peeling. The old signboards are rusting off. National Serviceman Tay Hao

(42)   
Ren who passes by it daily says, "I have hardly notices it."  
(43)

However, a group of former military airmen wants the ~~delapated~~ building,  
(44)   
a former guardhouse in Seletar Camp, kept as a ~~historikle~~ reminder of the British  
(45)

Royal Air Force's (RAF) ~~prescents~~ in Singapore. These members of the RAF have  
(46)   
urged the Tourism Board to turn it into a museum to **comemmorate** the former  
RAF airbases in Singapore.

(47)   
"We have drawn up our business plan and find sponsors," said the president  
(48)

of the RAF Seletar Association. "We hope we can get approving from the STB  
(49)   
soon." This association was formed to reunite personnel who having worked at the  
camp in the past. One member who visited Singapore recently said, "This is the

(50)   
best **prezerved** RAF base here. Now that the guardhouse is vacated, it is the ideal  
location for a museum."

Adapted from an article in The Straits Times  
23 April 2005 issue

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

We had said that we would give rewards to anyone who was able to show us a wild orang-utan, and the first claimant (51) \_\_\_\_\_ us from our slumber at five o'clock the next morning. Charles and I snatched up our cameras and left the village with the man. We trailed him at slow trot into the forest just as the (52) \_\_\_\_\_ rose over the horizon.

When we arrived at the place, we found freshly chewed rinds of durian fruit – the orang-utan's favourite food – scattered all (53) \_\_\_\_\_ the forest floor. In the trees above, we saw a large platform of broken branches (54) \_\_\_\_\_ which the ape slept during the night. However, even (55) \_\_\_\_\_ we had searched for an hour, we could not find the animal itself. We (56) \_\_\_\_\_ to the village feeling rather disappointed.

That morning, we made three (57) \_\_\_\_\_ unsuccessful ventures into the forest and the next day another four. Yet, all of them reaped no rewards. On the third morning, once (58) \_\_\_\_\_ a hunter came in to say that he had seen an ape and, we scampered eagerly after him. We trudged through thick and deep mud, oblivious to the savage thorns (59) \_\_\_\_\_ snatched at our sleeves, anxious only to (60) \_\_\_\_\_ the spot before the ape moved away.

Our guide trotted ahead over a fallen tree-trunk which bridges a deep creek. I (61) \_\_\_\_\_ him as fast as I could with the heavy camera tripod. As I crossed, I held on to a branch to (62) \_\_\_\_\_ myself. It snapped. Although my other hand gripped the tripod, I was still (63) \_\_\_\_\_ to regain my balance. My feet slipped and I fell into the river six feet below, striking my chest heavily on the trunk as I dropped. I struggled to my (64) \_\_\_\_\_ to stand in the water, winded and with an agonising (65) \_\_\_\_\_ in my right side. Before I could reach the bank, the hunter was beside me.

For each of the questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentences, using the words 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. The boys would have drowned if the lifeguard had not been determined to rescue them.

Had it not been \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

67. Roger had injured his elbow during practice. Roger won the tennis match.

\_\_\_\_\_ despite  
\_\_\_\_\_

68. Aravin asked, "Must I give my reply at this moment, Bob?"

Aravin asked Bob \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

69. Lucy completed her assignment with John's help.

Without \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

70. Ahmad was boarding the bus. Ahmad heard a loud scream behind him as he was doing so.

\_\_\_\_\_ while  
\_\_\_\_\_

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80. (20 marks)

You will not find Lowrie on any map. In fact, it is a thick woods in the north of Scotland. It is an ordinary sort of woods, as ordinary as Connor Allan, a five-year-old boy who stayed in the area with his uncle during the early stages of the Second World War. Most people would not have got lost in the woods, but Connor did. In his quest for old cartridges from some gamekeeper's shotgun, he worked his way through a tangle of undergrowth, climbing over long, raised mounds, interlaced with rabbit warrens. 5

The mist came down. It was scarcely noticeable at first, just a thin trail between the trees. However, it became thicker and thicker until the boy realised that he did not have the faintest idea of his direction. In farming country, where one field looks like any other, it would not be possible to walk for miles without coming across a farmhouse, and Connor knew it. To a five-year-old, darkness meant danger. 10

It was then that the two dogs appeared. They were black, probably the size of Labradors. They were large without any kind of distinguishing mark on either of them. They were standing, shrouded by the mist, their tongues lolling out as though they were waiting for something. Connor hid behind a tree. He was afraid to make a move, frightened of dogs, especially ones that appeared larger than him. Then, the animals came towards him, sniffing and snuffling at the ground! 15

Connor, terrified out of his wits, scrambled back into the cover of some undergrowth but they found him. One of the dogs threw back his head and bayed. The other put his head down and stared into the boy's face with his eyes that seemed to be like live coals. Connor came out of hiding, as if in a trance, and as the dogs turned away from him and trotted off through the trees, he followed. The dogs made no move to attack the boy. They led him to the edge of the woods and pointed him down to Forehill Farm where he was staying. They then left him and vanished back into the trees. 20

Connor told his uncle what had happened. He had been worried about Connor and had even considered calling the police to conduct a search. At the mention of the black dogs his uncle **went strangely silent**. It was not until the next day that, through a local farm worker, Connor learned that there were no such black dogs anywhere in the neighbourhood. He was mystified. "But," said the man, "some fifteen years ago, two Labradors belonging to a local man had savaged a small boy from the village. They were hunted and tracked down to the Lowrie woods, where they were shot." 25 30

Did the spirits of those dogs try to **right a wrong** by leading a young boy to safety through this mist?

*Adapted from 'Little Boy Lost'  
IPC Magazines Ltd*



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

71. What was Connor doing in the woods?

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72. Why did Connor remain in the woods even though there was a thick mist?

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73. What problem did the darkness pose to Connor?

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74. Why did Connor hide behind a tree?

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75. Which phrase in the passage tells you that Connor was hypnotised by the dog?

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76. Why did the dogs leave Connor at the edge of the woods?

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77. Which word in the passage means 'completely covered'?

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78. Explain clearly why Connor's uncle 'went strangely silent' (Line 27)?

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79. What made Connor puzzled the following day?

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80. What does 'right a wrong' (Line 32) refer to?

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☺ End of Booklet B ☺

# Rosyth Primary School

## Primary 6 English Preliminary Exam (2006)

### Answer Sheets

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
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Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
1	1	4	3	3	4	4	2	3	2
Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
before	over	to	from	a	for	since	an	up	during

41	away	46	commemorate	51	woke	56	returned	61	followed
42	noticed	47	found	52	sun	57	other	62	steady
43	dilapidated	48	approval	53	over	58	again	63	unable
44	historical	49	had	54	on	59	that	64	feet
45	presence	50	preserved	55	after	60	reach	65	pain

66. Had it not been for the determination of the lifeguard to save the boys, they would have drowned.
67. Roger won the tennis match despite injuring his elbow during practice.
68. Aravin asked Bob if he had to give his reply at that moment.
69. Without John's help, Lucy would not have completed her project.
70. Ahmad heard a loud scream behind him while he was boarding the bus.
71. Connor doing searching for the old cartridges from some gamekeeper's shotgun.
72. The mist was scarcely noticeable at first, just a thin trail between the trees.
73. He could not see where he was going.
74. Connor was afraid of dogs, especially those that were larger than him.
75. The phrase is "as if in a trance".
76. He could find his way back from there.
77. The word is "shrouded".
78. He was shocked as he was reminded of what had happened fifteen years ago.
79. There was no such black dog in the neighbourhood.
80. It refers to leading a young boy to safety to repay for saving a small boy from that village fifteen years old.