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NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL  
PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2007  
PRIMARY 6

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2  
(BOOKLET A)

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Date: 20 August 2007

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

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

1. Write your Index Number in the boxes at the top right-hand corner.
2. Do not turn over the page until you are told to do so.
3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Answer all questions.
5. Shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

**Section A – Comprehension Graphic-Stimulus (5 x 1) marks**

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

# Where on earth will you be this Earth Day?

## See...

- Build your own 'Green' resource book. Materials provided.
- View the Science Demonstration on Man & Environment (21 August @ 2.30pm, 22 August @ 11.30am)
- Watch 'Ocean Oasis', an OMNIMAX movie about ocean conservation (Show times: 11am, 1pm, 3pm, 5pm, 8pm)



from 17 – 29 August

Interested to join us as a member, call Jare at 6425 2500 ext. 100



## Hear...

- Talk on Herbal Science – Mother Nature's Gifts (22 August @ 2.30 pm)

## Do...

- Take part in the colouring competition for children (3 to 7 year-old) and win prizes by **Wyeth Nutritionals** (21 & 22 August, 10 am to 6 pm)
- Meet Ronald McDonald at the 'You, Me and Ecology' show (21 August @ 3 pm)
- Participate in the Eco-Native Hunt at the Ecogarden
- Join in the family fun at 'Who eats who in the Under (water) World' (21 August @ 12 noon)
- To find out more about water plants and animals in the Ecopond

15 Science Centre Road Singapore 609081 Tel:64252500 Fax: 65659533  
We are open from 10 am. Closed on Mondays.

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.

1. From the information in the advertisement, the activities \_\_\_\_\_.
- 1) promise the visitors fun and thrill
  - 2) cater to male and female visitors
  - 3) are only suitable for school-going visitors
  - 4) engage the different senses of the visitors ( )
2. The main purpose of holding the activities is to \_\_\_\_\_.
- 1) attract visitors to the Science Centre
  - 2) promote Science Centre membership
  - 3) get visitors interested in the topic on nature
  - 4) make visitors more aware of the importance of saving the earth ( )
3. The slogan "Where on earth will you be this Earth Day?" makes it easy for the reader to remember the advertisement or event because the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 1) lettering is beautiful
  - 2) words "Earth Day" start with capital letters
  - 3) words 'Earth Day' are included in the slogan
  - 4) word "earth" is cleverly used to leave an impression ( )
4. To find out more about how to take care of our water sources, visitors can \_\_\_\_\_.
- 1) watch the movie 'Ocean Oasis'
  - 2) join in the activity at the Ecopond
  - 3) view the Science Demonstration on Man & Environment
  - 4) participate in the activity 'Who eats who in the Under (water) World' ( )
5. The sponsor(s) for the colouring competition for children is/are \_\_\_\_\_.
- 1) Wyeth Nutritionals only
  - 2) McDonalds and Wyeth Nutritionals
  - 3) McDonalds and Singapore Science Centre
  - 4) Wyeth Nutritionals and Singapore Science Centre ( )

**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. Each time the child stepped into the supermarket, she would bawl and \_\_\_\_\_ for a candy.
- 1) beg  
3) begged  
2) begs  
4) begging ( )
7. Although both the twins \_\_\_\_\_ strong in Mathematics, neither of them \_\_\_\_\_ selected for the competition.
- ~~1) is .....is~~  
3) is ..... are  
2) are ..... are  
4) are ..... is ( )
8. Mr and Mrs Lim have been living in this neighbourhood \_\_\_\_\_ two years ago.
- ~~1) in~~  
3) from  
2) for  
4) since ( )
9. Peter was the boy \_\_\_\_\_ a witness had identified as the snatch-thief.
- 1) who  
3) which  
2) whom  
4) whose ( )
10. The storekeeper reported to the police that a teenager \_\_\_\_\_ the money at the counter and made off with it.
- ~~1) takes~~  
3) has taken  
2) took  
4) had taken ( )
11. Victor, (together with his friends) \_\_\_\_\_ in the Creative Writing class during the coming school holidays to brush up on their writing skills.
- 1) enrol  
3) has enrolled  
2) enrolls  
4) have enrolled ( )
12. As the growing number of discipline cases ~~among in the school~~ \_\_\_\_\_ of great concern to the principal, she has called for a meeting.
- 1) is  
3) was  
2) are  
4) were ( )

**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.

It was an unusual sight (13) forty student leaders scrubbing their school windows with newspaper, checking flowerpots for stagnant water and clearing stairwells and corridors for litter.

They were participating in a new environmental programme called "My School Shines (14)

One environmental ambassador airs his views on the programme (15) "It's a great idea because we students will get a taste of what it's like to clean up after other people."

13. 1) [ : ] colon  
2) [ , ] comma  
3) [ - ] hyphen  
4) [ ; ] semi-colon ( )

14. 1) [ . ] full stop  
2) [ ! ] exclamation mark  
3) [ . " ] full stop and inverted commas  
4) [ " . ] inverted commas and full stop ( )

15. 1) [ , " ] comma and inverted commas  
2) [ . " ] full stop and inverted commas  
3) [ " . ] inverted commas and full stop  
4) [ " , ] inverted commas and comma ( )

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

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.

16. The \_\_\_\_\_ is usually found on the back cover of a novel.

- 1) blurb
- 2) caption
- 3) summary
- 4) conclusion

( )

17. The pupils were \_\_\_\_\_ and listened intently as their teacher recounted his adventures in the desert.

- 1) enticed
- 2) enriched
- 3) endeared
- 4) enthralled

( )

18. The park rangers searched relentlessly for several days without rest for the lost trekkers. It was indeed a /an \_\_\_\_\_ journey.

- 1) grisly
- 2) gruelling
- 3) treacherous
- 4) adventurous

( )

19. The team leader \_\_\_\_\_ his team members' decision and went ahead with the expedition even though his team did not agree to do so.

- 1) overran
- 2) overruled
- 3) overcame
- 4) overpowered

( )

20. The victim's nephew admitted that he had \_\_\_\_\_ with another man to kill his uncle.

- 1) consorted
- 2) conspired
- 3) concocted
- 4) confronted

( )

**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.

Tom 21)huddled in the corner. He was gaping and breathing in quick, shallow 22)gasps.

Mrs Lee was 23)appalled when she saw Tom. She noticed that the fire was spreading quickly to the other parts of the house. She needed to get Tom out of the burning house quickly. She 24)signalled to him and persuaded him. Tom stood up but swayed and nearly fell again. He seemed 25)dazed and unaware of what was happening.

21. 1) hid  
2) stood  
3) crouched  
4) snuggled ( )
22. 1) yelps  
2) sighs  
3) pants  
4) murmurs ( )
23. 1) upset  
2) scared  
3) amazed  
4) shocked ( )
24. 1) pleaded  
2) beckoned  
3) cautioned  
4) forewarned ( )
25. 1) confused  
2) weakened  
3) frightened  
4) astonished ( )

**Section F-- Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1) marks**

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

What has large ears and a mind of its own, is strong and sure-footed and can go for long periods without water? The answer is a burro- that very small donkey often called "the poor person's horse". The burro played a significant role in the history of the American West. It was this animal that carried the supplies needed by the miners and by the mining towns that sprang up in remote mountainous areas.

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Many westerners today still remember the importance of the burro. When western towns have a celebration, a common feature of the day is a burro race. For the race, each burro is 'dressed up' and carries a saddle. At the start of the race, the burros are tied to a fence some distance ahead of the owners. At a signal, the owners run to their animals, untie them and start on the course.

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The course usually begins on the main street of town but quickly takes the competitors up rough mountain paths. The burros may be coaxed, pushed or pulled. Yet (they are never) actually ridden.

One well-known competition, the International Burro Race takes place in Leadville, Colorado, each August. The course there takes the contestants up into the Mosquito Range of mountains. The men run a distance of twenty-one miles, the women slightly less. Sometimes, they start out dressed in summer garb, only to run into snow up in Mosquito Pass. The course forms roughly a square, bringing burro and owner back to a lower point on the main street, to run uphill to the finish line.

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The finish can be unpredictable. A stubborn animal can suddenly balk as it comes to the waiting and often noisy crowd. A burro owner who appears to have triumphed easily, has turned into a loser at the last minute. The final victor receives a meek prize. However, many a winner is in a state of collapse. He or she may be too weak to reach the judges' stand for the prize, after using every last bit of strength, to push a stubborn burro across the finishing line!

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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. Which of the following characteristics of the burro makes it suitable for trekking mountainous areas?

- 1) It is strong and sure-footed.
- 2) It is strong and can go without water.
- 3) It is sure-footed and can go without water.
- 4) It is sure-footed and has a mind of its own. ( )

27. The burro played an important role in the history of the American West by \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1) being part of celebrations
- 2) being of use to the poor people
- 3) helping to transport goods to the mining towns
- 4) causing mining towns to spring up in mountainous areas ( )

28. Which of the following statements about the burro race is **true**?

- 1) The owners ride on their burros.
- 2) The burros run to their owners at the signal.
- 3) The burros carry saddles of different weights.
- 4) The owners stand behind their burros before the start of the race. ( )

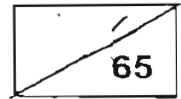
29. The International Burro Race at Leadville, Colorado takes place \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1) monthly
- 2) annually
- 3) biennially
- 4) biannually ( )

30. The phrase "**in a state of collapse**" (line 25) tells us that usually the winner is \_\_\_\_\_ by the end of the race.

- 1) famished
- 2) exhausted
- 3) unconscious
- 4) badly-injured ( )

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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> since	<del>D)</del> off	<del>G)</del> away	<del>K)</del> little	<del>N)</del> its
<del>B)</del> much	<del>E)</del> by	<del>H)</del> between	<del>L)</del> while	<del>R)</del> their
<del>C)</del> from	<del>F)</del> about	<del>J)</del> all	<del>M)</del> own	<del>Q)</del> before

I was watching a pair of birds for several days. On the fifth day, I was rewarded – I discovered 31) \_\_\_\_\_ nesting place. It was not long 32) \_\_\_\_\_ I realised that the site had been chosen carefully with plenty of food available in the surrounding area.

I listened to the male bird's song. The bird was not worried 33) \_\_\_\_\_ birds of other species, rather he was warning 34) \_\_\_\_\_ male birds of the same species. 35) \_\_\_\_\_ I waited, I witnessed a bitter fight 36) \_\_\_\_\_ my male friend (and a trespasser. I knew 37) \_\_\_\_\_ past observations that birds tend to stick to their 38) \_\_\_\_\_ areas and would not put up with trespassers.

I wandered on to my favourite spot – the deserted beach. Here birds do not bother so 39) \_\_\_\_\_ about territory, rather they live in large groups. I notice there was very 40) \_\_\_\_\_ birdsong there. That was probably because the birds do not have to lay claim to any territory.

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

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

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42)

Merlin, the wizard, pointed his wand at us. Our **parjarnes** were replaced in

strange and unusual clothing.

43)

Jill was robed in a gorgeous dress made of the finest cloth and sew ~~with the~~ most

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expensive jewels and ornaments. The most **brellant** diamond I have ever seen. Jenny

was the most mysteriously garbed - covered totally in black wool. As for myself, I wore

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an **exqusitly** carved steel helmet on my head. Soon, we heard snort behind us and

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turned round to discover four **megneficiant** horses ready for us. On their backs were

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the supplies where we needed to escape from this desert and completes our quest.

We turned back to Merlin, he was gone, vanishyed into the magical world from

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which he had cominq.

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**Section I – Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1) marks**

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Ginseng root is native to eastern Asia and North America. It has been in use (51) \_\_\_\_\_ a folk medicine and tonic among the peoples of China, Korea, Thailand, Vietnam and Manchuria, as well as among Native Americans, (52) \_\_\_\_\_ thousands of years. Frequently used as a potent (53) \_\_\_\_\_ medication rather than a curative one, it has also demonstrated tremendous therapeutic benefits for a wide number of medical conditions. If (54) \_\_\_\_\_ regularly, it increases vitality and can extend one's life span. It is also (55) \_\_\_\_\_ to increase memory, increase energy and endurance. Furthermore, it can help to reduce the (56) \_\_\_\_\_ of stress, protect the (57) \_\_\_\_\_ against sicknesses and balance the metabolism.

A perennial plant, ginseng is often found in heavily wooded areas and (58) \_\_\_\_\_ rich soil to thrive. Ginseng takes several years to mature, with most roots harvested when the plant is (59) \_\_\_\_\_ three and ten years old. (60) \_\_\_\_\_ many years, the plant and its roots can start to degenerate. (61) \_\_\_\_\_ then, the root may become pitted and wooden.

The plant (62) \_\_\_\_\_ is very attractive, with well-shaped green leaves and bright red berries. However, it is only the root that has (63) \_\_\_\_\_ value. Its (64) \_\_\_\_\_ means "man root". This is due to the shape of the ginseng root, which strongly (65) \_\_\_\_\_ the form of a human body.

**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. Mr Lim was a proud man. He would not accept anyone's assistance.

\_\_\_\_\_ because of  
\_\_\_\_\_

67. Peter's subordinates did not like him although he was generous.

**Despite** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

68. They can win the soccer tournament. They must work as a team.

\_\_\_\_\_ unless  
\_\_\_\_\_

69. The student did not stay for enrichment classes. He went home after school.

**Instead** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

70. The pupils were not in school that day. The teacher was not in school that day.

**Neither** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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**Section K – Comprehension Open-ended (10 x 2) marks**

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

I ~~ran like the wind towards home.~~ As soon as I entered my house, I broke the news to the servants that I was the newly-elected class president. They waved me on impatiently.

I climbed the stairs and went into my room. I slumped on the chair and relished every moment of the victory of the election. ~~It~~ was sweet success. Then there was a knock on the door and Ah Sun, the maid, entered at once, looking flustered and fearful. 5

"Your ~~friends~~ are downstairs in the living-room," she whispered.

Her words were like a thunderbolt from the clear blue sky. "Is ~~Mother~~ at home?" I blurted out. 10

"I'm afraid she ~~is~~," she replied.

"Tell them I'm not home. Please send them away!" I begged her desperately.

"I tried but ~~they~~ followed you home and saw you enter the house. Everyone has brought a gift. They mean well," she whispered again. 15

I bit my lower lip and forced myself to go down and greet my friends. They surrounded me, shouting, "Victory!" Inside me, I was quaking with terror, hoping that Mother would leave us alone until I could politely ask my friends to leave.

Soon, Ah Sun reappeared and told me that my mother wanted to see me. My mind was a blank when I made my way to my mother's room. I knocked on the door and saw my mother purple with rage. I tried to close the door but Mother told me to leave it open. 20

"Who are these hooligans making a racket? Tell your hooligan friends to get out! They are not welcome!" her voice was seething with anger.

"Come here!" she screamed. I approached her gingerly, trembling with fear. She slapped my face so hard that I almost fell. "Tell them to *gun dan* (get lost) and never to come here again!" 25

I clenched my fists and made my way downstairs. An eerie silence now permeated the house. I stood in front of my classmates unable to say a word. I felt naked and vulnerable. At school, I had been so careful to pretend that I came from a loving family. 30

Finally, I ~~choked~~ out to them, "My mother wishes to sleep. She wants you to go home now. I am sorry."

*Adapted from "The Chinese Cinderella" by Adeline Yen Ma*

All answers must be based on the given text. Answer in complete sentences.

71. What does the phrase "~~I~~ (ran) like the wind" (line 1) tell you about the way the author ran?

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72. Why did the author run ~~like~~ the wind towards her house?

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73. "It was sweet success." (line 5). What does "It" refer to?

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74. Which phrase in the text is similar in meaning to ~~un~~expected?

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75. Why did the author's friends visit her?

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76. Why did the author tell Ah Sun to send her friends away?

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77. What are the two reasons the author's mother wanted the author to leave the door open?

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78. Which word in the passage tells you that the author's mother had a poor impression of the author's friends?

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79. What truth did the author try to hide from her friends all the while?

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80. Why could the author only "choked out" to her classmates (line 32) when she spoke to them?

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*Answers Key*

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

41	pyjamas	46	shorting	51	as	56	effects	61	By
42	by	47	magnificent	52	for	57	body	62	itself
43	sewn	48	which	53	preventive	58	needs	63	medicinal
44	brilliant	49	complete	54	used	59	between	64	name
45	exquisitely	50	come	55	known	60	after	65	resemble

66. Mr Lim would not accept anyone's assistance because of his pride.
67. Despite the fact that Peter was generous, his subordinates did not like him.
68. They cannot win the soccer tournament unless they work as a team.
69. Instead of staying for enrichment classes, the student went home after school.
70. Neither the pupils nor the teacher was in school that day.
71. She ran very fast/quickly/swiftly.
72. She was eager to tell her everyone/family/the servant that she had been elected the class president/was the newly-elected class president.
73. It refers to winning the election.
74. The phrase is "Like a thunderbolt from me clear blue sky".
75. They wanted to congratulate her on her winning the election.
76. She did not want to get into trouble with her mother.
77. She wanted her friends to hear her displeasure and to embarrass the author./She wanted to embarrass the author and to show her friends that they were not welcome.
78. The word is "hooligans".
79. The author tried to bide the fact that she did not come from a loving family.
80. She was overcome with emotions because her friends now knew that she had been pretending that she had a loving family.