

**NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL
2012 CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT 1**

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PRIMARY 6

PAPER 2: BOOKLET A

TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 h 50 min

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READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.

ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS.

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Section A: Graphic Stimulus (5x1m = 5m)
 Study the following text and then answer questions 1 to 5.

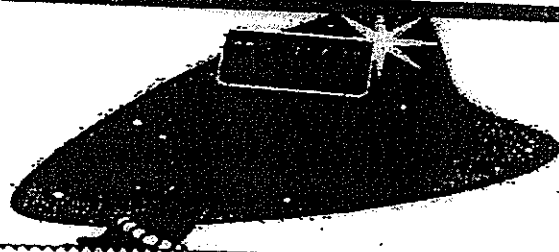
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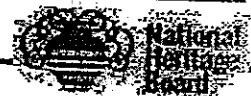
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 Lyric Society

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****Please produce your valid Time Privilege Card before making any purchases at all participating outlets.**

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. To obtain a free *The Time Privilege Card*, one needs to _____.
 - (1) fill in an application form
 - (2) register online and pay \$20
 - (3) spend more than \$100 during its sale.
 - (4) spend \$100 or more and fill in an application form.

2. Which of the following statements is true about Time Privilege membership?
 - (1) One still gets a discount without the Time Privilege Card.
 - (2) One pays less for tickets to the Symphony Gala concert.
 - (3) One will get a discount for purchases at Time Bookstore Web.
 - (4) One will get a complimentary coffee at any O'Coffee Club outlet.

3. The *Time Privilege Card* benefits the senior citizens most at _____ because of free entrance.
 - (1) O'Coffee Club
 - (2) Time Bookstore
 - (3) National Heritage Board
 - (4) Singapore Symphony Orchestra

4. If a member wants to know about discounts at the other participating outlets, he can _____.
 - (1) look out for the poster
 - (2) enquire at any Time Bookstore
 - (3) refer to the Time Bookstore Web
 - (4) visit the websites of these outlets

5. If Paul is a member born in July, he gets to enjoy a 30% discount at Time Bookstore for _____.
 - (1) all items he buys during that month
 - (2) all items he buys for an unlimited period
 - (3) selected items he buys during that month
 - (4) some items he buys for an unlimited period

Section B: Grammar Discrete (7 x1m = 7m)

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.

6. John overheard Jane _____ him a liar yesterday.
- (1) calls
 - (2) called
 - (3) calling
 - (4) was calling
7. " _____ any visitors come, please ask them for their particulars instructed the Discipline Master.
- (1) Could
 - (2) Might
 - (3) Would
 - (4) Should
8. The children like attending Assembly talks, _____ they?
- (1) do
 - (2) don't
 - (3) have
 - (4) haven't
9. "I am afraid I can't buy my present today. The shop only accepts all payment _____ cash," said Margaret.
- (1) by
 - (2) in
 - (3) on
 - (4) through
10. Mary _____ the movie after she had read the book.
- (1) understand
 - (2) understood
 - (3) understands
 - (4) had understood

11. Neither of the boys _____ late for the Music lesson that day.

- (1) is
- (2) are
- (3) was
- (4) were

12. John is one of those people who _____ best under pressure.

- (1) work
- (2) works
- (3) worked
- (4) working

Section C: Punctuation (3 x 1m = 3m)

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.

The children of Primary 5P were unhappy working on their filming project. They were unhappy that Brett was too overbearing. He was shouting at everyone.

"We're not ready (13) Emily shouted back at him. The rest of the pupils crowded round Brett (14) demanding that he resigned as the director of the project.

"What's going on here? Is Brett annoyed again?" asked Mrs Furlong who came over to see what the commotion was all about. She reminded them, "All of you elected Brett as the Director, remember? We have exactly one week before filming. I told you that if you did a great job, I'd submit this to the local TV station (15) With that, she walked out of the room.

13. (1) [" ,] inverted commas and comma
(2) [, "] comma and inverted commas
(3) [!] inverted commas and exclamation mark
(4) [! "] exclamation mark and inverted commas

14. (1) [:] colon
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [,] comma
(4) [!] exclamation mark

15. (1) [!] exclamation mark
(2) [, '] comma and inverted commas
(3) [. '] full stop and inverted commas
(4) [' .] inverted commas and full stop

Section D: Vocabulary (8 x 1m = 8m)

For each question from 16 to 23, 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 young offender told the police that he had _____ all links with his former gang.
- (1) severed
(2) removed
(3) disbanded
(4) disconnected
17. The tropical storm _____ havoc across the country, causing millions of dollars in damage to property.
- (1) forged
(2) wreaked
(3) produced
(4) contributed
18. Newborns are usually _____ in a blanket for warmth and security
- (1) coiled
(2) enclosed
(3) shrouded
(4) swaddled
19. The company is proud to have achieved a/an _____ record in producing the best quality toys.
- (1) static
(2) tarnished
(3) unanimous
(4) impeccable

20. Lance _____ over the television programme listings in the papers and found out that his favourite show was not telecast that night.
- (1) pored
 - (2) peeked
 - (3) checked
 - (4) pondered
21. A huge amount of money is required for the _____ of the ruins of the Temple of Inca to its former glory.
- (1) renovation
 - (2) restoration
 - (3) construction
 - (4) maintenance
22. I cannot _____ why she did that. It is a mystery.
- (1) solve
 - (2) fathom
 - (3) believe
 - (4) decipher
23. The Titanic was _____ to be unsinkable, hence, it did not have many lifeboats on it.
- (1) referred
 - (2) conferred
 - (3) presumed
 - (4) concluded

Section E: Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1m = 5m)

For each question from 24 to 28, 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.

The great white shark is one of the most feared creatures in the world. So perfect is this ocean killer that it has ruled its domain since the days of the dinosaur.
(24)

One cool summer morning in 1991, surfer Eric Larsen, 32, sat astride his surfboard. Alone in the coastal waters of Northern California, he noticed a huge, ominous shape drift effortlessly by. Within an instant his left leg had been seized by a great white shark.
(25)

Larsen, who was wearing a wetsuit and gloves, instinctively thrust his hands down to wrench open the massive jaws. He was an exceptional athlete, and his great physical strength was now invaluable. The jaws inched apart, and Larsen freed his leg, only to have both arms snapped into the jagged mouth.
(26)

Pulling for his life he managed to wrench his shredded right arm free, and smashed his fist into the shark's belly. The startled animal released its grip and launched itself at Larsen's board. For a few frantic seconds, the unfortunate surfer tethered to his board by a short cord, was heaved through the water. Then, the shark was gone.
(27)
(28)

24. (1) home
(2) realm
(3) sector
(4) space

25. (1) malicious
(2) malevolent
(3) threatening
(4) inauspicious

26.

- (1) peel
- (2) prise
- (3) seize
- (4) hoist

27.

- (1) imitated
- (2) agitated
- (3) nervous
- (4) surprised

28.

- (1) tied
- (2) joined
- (3) affixed
- (4) confined

Section F: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1m = 5m)
Read the passage and answer questions 29 to 33.

"You're not going to Detroit until I say so – and that's not until you're a man. You're not a man now!" Earl's father had argued. "I won't let you go!" It was dark in the coal mine where Earl and his father were working. They refused to speak to each other.

5 Earl could not convince his father that he could get a well-paid job at Detroit. Yet, he could understand his father's anger. His two older brothers had long ago left that grey, lonely place where there was enough work to last only three or four months of the year. Earl and his father had been working together ever since Earl was sixteen.

10 The two men began to shovel coal into the first car. They had always worked at a certain speed. As Earl's father shovelled the coal, he suddenly changed that speed. He started to shovel very fast – much faster than ever. At first Earl thought his father was taking out his anger on the coal so he had to work very fast to keep pace with his father. They quickly filled the first car. Then they pulled another empty car and began loading it very quickly again. When they began shovelling again, Earl's father worked even faster than before. His father smiled. Earl knew then that his father was merely trying to prove that his son was not a man yet. It was a competition.

15 Eager to prove his father wrong, Earl began shovelling faster. Neither of them stopped to drink. They did not stop to wipe the sweat from their faces. They were loading the coal into the cars as fast as they could. Earl wished his father would rest so that he could rest too. However, his father did not stop.

20 "Tired?" Earl's father asked after a while.

25 "I'm just getting started," Earl answered. On the contrary, Earl's body was aching badly. His mouth was dry. After a while, Earl began to lose control over his body. His arms felt weak. He's going to beat me, Earl thought. He's going to beat me! If he does, he knows I will not leave home. He knows I will not go because it would look like I was running away.

30 So Earl kept going on. One more shovel, he said to himself over and over again. The ones became tens. The tens became hundreds. Still his father showed no sign of letting up.

35 Then Earl saw that the pace was slowing. He looked at his father. Earl could see that his father was slowing down. His father was no longer smiling. His mouth was open, and he was gasping for air. Earl knew then he could win! He pushed his shovel into the coal. His father and the other miners watched. Very painfully and slowly, Earl raised the shovel and held it for a few seconds. He wanted to make sure his father understood that he was still able to empty the shovel into the car. Then Earl let the shovel fall to the ground. The miners began to move quietly away.

For each question from 29 to 33, 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.

29. Why did Earl and his father stop speaking to each other?
- (1) They enjoyed their work thoroughly.
 - (2) They were working in a dark coal mine.
 - (3) They were in disagreement with each other.
 - (4) They had to concentrate on shovelling as much coal as possible.
30. In line 7, the phrase "that grey, lonely place" refers to _____.
- (1) Earl and his father's house
 - (2) the place that Earl wanted to go
 - (3) the city where Earl's brothers had gone to
 - (4) the place where Earl and his father were working
31. Earl's father began to shovel quickly because he wanted to _____.
- (1) vent his anger on his son
 - (2) show Earl that he was an expert at shovelling
 - (3) beat Earl and show that Earl was not a man yet
 - (4) fill up as many cars as possible as it was getting late
32. The word "pace" in line 31 means _____.
- (1) rigour
 - (2) speed
 - (3) rhythm
 - (4) recurrence
33. Earl's father was "no longer smiling" (line 32) because _____.
- (1) he was anxious to go home
 - (2) he was overcome by fatigue
 - (3) he knew that Earl had learnt his lesson
 - (4) he wanted to show that he was serious about the job

Section G: Grammar Cloze (10 X 1m = 10m)

There are 10 blanks, numbered 34 to 43, 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 in order to avoid confusion during marking.

(A) a	(D) before	(G) has	(K) into	(N) than
(B) and	(E) by	(H) have	(L) its	(P) through
(C) also	(F) for	(J) in	(M) the	(Q) with

The giant *bluefin* tuna is one of the largest species of bony fish in the world. It is renowned _____ its size, speed and beauty in both the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. It can grow to about 12 feet _____ length, weigh 1500 pounds and live for thirty years.

Despite its size, it is able to sail _____ water at about twenty-five miles an hour and dive deeper _____ half a mile. The giant *bluefin* _____ possesses another extraordinary attribute. _____ buttery belly meat, liberally layered _____ fat, is considered the finest sushi in the world.

In Japan, America and Europe, the *bluefin* are fattened offshore in sea cages _____ being shot and butchered for the sushi and steak markets. So many giant *bluefin* _____ been hauled out of the Mediterranean that the population is now in danger of collapse. Little has been done to stop _____ slaughter.

"My biggest fear is that it may be too late," said Sergi Tudela, a Spanish marine biologist with the World Wildlife Fund.

(Adapted from *The Global Fish Crisis*, National Geographic, April 2007)

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2: BOOKLET B
TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 hr 50 min

Name : _____ ()

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Booklet A	33
Booklet B	67
Total	100

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Section H: Spelling and Grammar (10 x 1m = 10m)

Correct each word in bold for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box numbered 44 to 53.

Elephants are similar to humans emotionally. However, they
(44)
obviousli have some traits that we do not have. It has the ability to communicate
(45)
over distances of several kilometres using infrasound which were below the range of
(46)
human hearing. The low, rumblin calls are made to attract mates and establish
(47)
dominense.

Elephants also have excellent memories. Some of those raised at the
(48)
Sheldrick orphanage, a sanctuary for abandoned baby elephants, never forgets the
(49)
keepers' devotion. Not long ago, Emily, a former orphan in the project, returning to
show off a youngster of her own. The keepers had felt that perhaps they should not
(50)
actually handle Emily's baby. But then it had inadvertently slipped into a water
(51) (52)
trough. Emily and all the other orphans imediatli knelt down to try and extracting
(53)
the calf but in vain. It be then that the keepers intervned and hauled the baby out.

After the rescue, Emily and her herd allowed the keepers to walk with them for two hours as if they were elephants.

(Adapted from 'Family Science', Current Science 2010)

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Section I: Synthesis/Transformation (6 x 2m = 12m)

For each of the questions from 54 to 59, 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).

54. If you do not have a special invitation card for members, you will not be allowed to enter the department store.

_____ unless

55. During the festive season, all the visitors at the Resort World Sentosa were given a souvenir.

Every _____

56. Mr Lim would rather play badminton than watch television.

_____ prefers _____

57. Both Ben and Jayden failed to turn up at the New Year's party.

Neither _____

58. Ali had found the wallet there. He should leave it there.

_____ where _____

59. Tan Ai asked Barry if he had gone to the Universal Studios the previous day.

“

” Tan Ai asked Barry

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Section J : Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1m = 15m)

In the following passage, there are 15 blanks numbered 60 to 74. Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

I had already been a teacher for fifteen years when I met my greatest teacher.

It was not in a _____ but in a hospital. She was my daughter, Kelsey.

(60)

Kelsey had cerebral palsy at _____ and at age five, she faced a battle _____ cancer that she later won.

(61)

When she was four, she wanted to learn to _____ her shoe laces just as her best friend had done. Due to her cerebral palsy, Kelsey had very little use of her _____ on her left hand. If I could not tie a shoe lace single-handedly how was I going to _____ her?

After three and a half years of trying, Kelsey _____ did it. I _____ remembered that first day of summer vacation when she was seven and a half years

When she raised her hand to _____ two neatly completed loops, she _____ from ear to ear and I cried for joy. I learned about her _____ from her accomplishment. In fact, time was not the most important thing in Kelsey's life _____ her goals within her own timetable would be what mattered most.

Today, Kelsey is _____ teaching everyone a lot about persistence, the power of belief and greater compassion. She has _____ me many vivid lessons about courage and determination and I have become a _____

_____ person because of her patience with me. I am indeed so proud of her.

(74)

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Section K: Comprehension Open-ended (10 x 2m = 20m)

Read the passage below carefully and answer questions 75 to 84.

It was about 11 am. Captain Ambler sat in our teacher's chair and went through the pile of report books. For some odd reason, my book was on top of the pile. He called my name. I stood at my desk at attention. He said in his loud military voice, "So, you can work, but you are lazy, eh?" That question did not call for a reply.

5 "My boy," the Principal bawled; "go to my office. Next to my desk is a wooden cabinet. Open it. In it, find the magic wand you like best and bring it back to me."

I did not need any prodding. I stepped quickly out of my class and headed to his office, my heart palpitating wildly.

10 In the office, I found the mahogany wooden cabinet just as the Principal had directed. I opened it. In it were six canes of various thickness, from the girth of one's smallest finger to one's fat thumb.

15 What a decision to make! I turned to the Principal's clerk, a Chinese gentleman called Mr Lim, and asked, "Mr Lim, which of these canes will give me the least pain?" The clerk smiled and said, "Shut your eyes and pick any one. It won't make any difference." I protested mildly, mumbling that I had heard from other mischievous boys that the thicker the cane, the less the pain.

20 By the time I returned with the cane, there were about seven others who had been asked to come up and form a line. I was asked to join the line at the front. I was asked to take the spot; bend down and touch my toes. I was not much of a gymnast and could not touch my toes easily. The Principal was not going to be sidetracked. Like a first-rate magician, he pressed the back of my neck with his magic wand to make me bend down more and more, until my buttocks stuck out like the peaks of the Himalayas. Then, without even so much as an "Alakazam", he brought the cane down. I almost collapsed. At that very moment, Captain Ambler called, "Next." It was the most happy word I had heard till 25 that moment, for it meant that I was qualified for only one stroke.

I walked back to my desk. When I sat on the hard wooden chair, I shot back up into the air. The pain was an excruciating, burning sensation. Instinctively, I pressed my hands on the seat and pretended to sit, remaining in that position till the pain subsided.

30 I would never forget all that had happened on that day. That one stroke of the magic wand helped me turn 180 degrees. All my extra-curricular activities were put on hold. It was study, study and study almost round the clock. When the results of the following term came in, there was nothing in it to make me qualify for another stroke. I did well enough to push myself to the next level the following year.

(Adapted from 'Glimpses and Reflections' by Wee Kim Wee)

ANSWER IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

75. What does the sentence 'I stood at my desk at attention' in line 3 tell us how the writer felt towards Captain Ambler?

76. What was Captain Ambler's occupation?

77. In line 6, what does the 'magic wand' refer to?

78. What was the 'decision' (line 12) the writer had to make?

79. Explain fully why the writer finally chose the thickest cane.

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80. With [redacted] reference to the passage, explain clearly what the writer meant when he said that the principal was "like a first-rate magician".

81. Explain clearly why the writer was most happy when he heard Captain Ambler call 'Next' (line 24).

82. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as "spontaneously"?

83. In the last paragraph, did the stroke of the cane change the writer? How can you tell?

84. The writer said that "there was nothing in it to make me qualify for another stroke of the cane" (line 32). Explain clearly what he meant.

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End Of Paper



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Paper 2: Booklet A and B

1)	4	6)	3	11)	3	16)	1	21)	2	26)	2	31)	3
2)	3	7)	4	12)	2	17)	2	22)	2	27)	4	32)	2
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5)	3	10)	2	15)	3	20)	1	25)	3	30)	4		

34)	F	36)	P	38)	C	40)	Q	42)	H
35)	J	37)	N	39)	L	41)	D	43)	M

44)	obviously	49)	returned
45)	is	50)	inadvertently
46)	rumbling	51)	immediately
47)	dominance	52)	extract
48)	forget	53)	was

- 54) You will not be allowed to enter the department store unless you have a special invitation card for members.
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 59) "Did you go to the Universal Studios yesterday?" Tan Ai asked Barry.

60)	school	65)	teach	70)	persistence
61)	birth	66)	finally	71)	accomplishing
62)	with	67)	old	72)	still
63)	tie	68)	show	73)	taught
64)	fingers	69)	grinned	74)	better

- 75) He was frightened of Captain Ambler.
 76) He was a Principal.
 77) It is a cane.
 78) It was to decide which cane was to be used.
 79) He had heard that the thicker the cane, the less the pain. So he chose the thickest cane.
 80) He was an expert at caning people.
 81) He was happy that he was only qualified for one stroke of the cane.
 82) The word is "instinctively".
 83) Yes, it did. He did not participate in all his extra-curricular activities and studied almost all around the clock.
 84) He did well in his exams and as a result, he did not need to be caned again.

