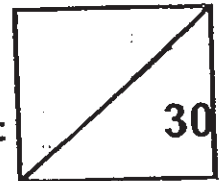




**Rosyth School
Preliminary Assessment
2010
English Language Paper 2
Primary 6**

Name: _____

Total Marks:



Class: Pr 6 – _____ Register No. _____

Total Duration for Booklets A & B: 1 h 50 min

Date: 23 August 2010

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BOOKLET A

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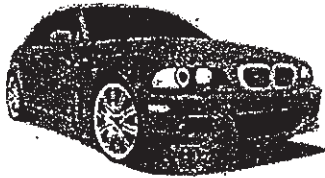
1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Read the questions and follow all the instructions carefully.
3. This booklet consists of 30 questions (Questions 1 to 30).
4. Answer ALL the questions and shade them in the correct ovals on the OAS provided.

* This booklet consists of 11 pages altogether.

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

CATS CLASSIFIED CAR-NIVAL



SUNDAY 17 OCTOBER 2010 9AM-8PM
SINGAPORE EXPO HALL 4

ACTIVITIES GALORE for all ages
For all visitors...Registration is online...

- "Photography with your Favourite Car" for working Adults only
- "Games Stalls for all Ages"
- "Funfair for Kids"
- "Skate Demonstrations" for youths aged 13-17 years old
- "Fashion Stalls Galore" for ladies.

MAKE A PURCHASE AND WIN!

Buy a new car
Top prize: \$2500 petrol vouchers

Buy a pre-owned car
Top prize: \$1000 petrol vouchers

FUN CONTESTS!

- Toddler contest for those under 3 years old
- Guess the number of car models

To take part in contests,
pre-registration is required at:
contests@cats.com
by 10 October 2010



GOODIES TO GIVE AWAY!

Redeemable through coupons:

- *Tapsi* canned drinks
- *Licky Ice-cream*

Available from noon to 2 pm

Coupons will be published in CATS Classified in The Straits Times

On 17 October 2010

Special Concert performance at 3pm by Winner of SingSingapore 2010 - MISS MALINE

Admission by tickets:

Given to purchasers of Kings Car Polish

Participating booths by Bono Motors, Kip Autos and Leap Cars

For each question from 1-5, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1,2,3 and 4). Shade the correct oval (1,2,3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

1. The carnival is organised by _____.

- (1) Kip Autos
- (2) Leap Cars
- (3) Bono Motors
- (4) CATS Classified

2. The purpose of the carnival is to _____.

- (1) test cars
- (2) give prizes
- (3) provide fun
- (4) increase sales

3. _____ is designed specifically for Secondary School students.

- (1) "Funfair for Kids"
- (2) "Fashion Stalls Galore"
- (3) "Skate demonstrations"
- (4) "Photography with your Favourite Car"

4. To watch a concert at this event, a person has to buy _____.

- (1) car polish
- (2) car coupons
- (3) car organiser
- (4) car accessories

5. To get a free canned drink, a visitor has to _____.

- (1) take part in all the activities
- (2) buy a new or pre-owned car
- (3) show a copy of Cats Classified
- (4) cut out coupons from Straits Times

For each question from question 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. He speaks very little English so I _____ to him in Mandarin while he was here.

- (1) speak
- (2) spoke
- (3) speaks
- (4) spoken

7. The burly man _____ you were talking to for a long time is my new neighbour.

- (1) who
- (2) whom
- (3) which
- (4) whose

8. "I have been waiting here _____ the past hour!" Ranjit bellowed at the top of his voice.

- (1) for
- (2) from
- (3) until
- (4) since

9. Bobby was cycling along the road when he saw a man _____ from a tree.

- (1) fall
- (2) fell
- (3) has fallen
- (4) was falling

10. Uncle Henry has agreed to take ~~my brother and~~ _____ to the Universal Studio at Resorts World Sentosa next week.

- (1) I
- (2) me
- (3) mine
- (4) myself

11. Neither Hong Yuan nor the rest of the boys _____ up for soccer practice over the last two weeks.

- (1) turn
- (2) turns
- (3) has been turning
- (4) have been turning

12. The old woman _____ from excessive bleeding if the young man had not saved her in time.

- (1) will die
- (2) would die
- (3) will have died
- (4) would have died

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)

Mr Lim went to a restaurant. After he was served, he summoned the waitress back to his table.

“Yes (13) asked the waitress.

Pointing to a pale-looking baked potato in his dish (14) he complained that the potato was bad.

The waitress picked up the potato, slapped it a couple of times and said severely, “Bad, bad potato.”

Then she put it down again. “Now,” she told Mr Lim (15) if that potato gives you any more trouble, you just let me know.”

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

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. The animal trainer was badly _____ by the performing lions. He is fortunate to be alive.
- (1) hurled
(2) mauled
(3) mobbed
(4) devoured
17. Meng Meng did not want to attend the meeting so he _____ an excuse to his supervisor.
- (1) forged
(2) distorted
(3) imagined
(4) fabricated

18. "That's a fine theory you have there," the judge said. "But do you have the evidence to _____ your claims?"

- (1) back up
- (2) build up
- (3) bring up
- (4) brush up

19. The residents in this estate are on tenterhooks as the thief is very _____ and the police have not been able to apprehend him.

- (1) illusive
- (2) elusive
- (3) evasive
- (4) reclusive

20. The concert at the Esplanade was cancelled and the money was _____ to all ticket holders.

- (1) restored
- (2) remitted
- (3) refunded
- (4) reimbursed

For each question from 21 to 25, choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1,2,3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

You may find a significant difference between a visit to Chinatown, one of the city's oldest ethnic enclaves previously and nowadays. Why is that so? Mainland Chinese immigrants have staked a claim on the area and are now conducting various businesses with an authentic Chinese flavour. The number of Chinese nationals taking up shops and stalls has gone up while the number of Singaporeans doing so has fallen. Along Smith Street, restaurants that have sprung up, hawk food from Shenyang, Wuhan and Shanghai.

Without hesitation, one can say that their recent arrival has led to more flourishing businesses. With the precinct's renewed and lively environment, the ironical question now is how Singaporean is Chinatown?

21. (1) areas
(2) customs
(3) symbols
(4) identities
22. (1) special
(2) genuine
(3) peculiar
(4) distinctive
23. (1) peddle
(2) prepare
(3) provide
(4) practise
24. (1) inflow
(2) influx
(3) increase
(4) infusion
25. (1) bubbly
(2) vibrant
(3) animated
(4) vivacious

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

One day, in a farmhouse in France, a baby boy was born. "Such hands," his father said. "Perhaps he will be a man to match my father."

"But you have told me that your father was a giant," said his wife with a smile. "A head above two metres, and two hundred and fifty kilos?"

"Yes, I am the son of a giant," the father replied. "Why not the father of one 5
as well?"

The boy grew and grew, reaching a height of 1.9 metres and a weight of more than 90 kilos when he entered his twelfth year. One day, as he was raking hay beside his father, a Rolls-Royce drove slowly past the field. "I will own such a car someday," the tall boy said quietly. 10

"Stop dreaming," his father replied. "That dream is too big even for you."

Two more summers passed and the boy's body as well as his dreams continued to grow. When he was 14, he left home to seek his fortune.

Five years went by. Then, one afternoon, his mother heard a knock. When she opened the door, she saw a giant of a man, all hands and feet, smiling enormously. She stood there dumbstruck. When her husband joined her at the door, the huge stranger asked, "May I ask how you like the car?" He stepped aside and with a slow sweep of his massive hand indicated a long, shining Rolls-Royce. 15

"It is beautiful, but what has that to do with us?" the husband said suspiciously. Then peering up into the stranger's twinkling eyes he exclaimed, 20
"Andre! My son!"

During the five years young Andre had been separated from his parents, he had gone to Paris and been hired by a furniture-moving firm. When he turned 17, he was seen at a gym by several professional wrestlers. They showed him their moves and regaled him with tales of travel and adventure. When one was injured and a replacement was needed, Andre was asked to perform. He was, shall we say, a huge 25
success.

As a professional wrestler, Andre Roussimoff, grew in stature, wealth and worldliness. In 1973, he arrived in New York City to meet Vince McMahon, professional wrestling's premier promoter. McMahon realised that the name Andre Roussimoff would do little in the United States to pull a crowd. Wrestling had always been filled with creative handles, ranging from Whiskers Savage to Abdullah the Butcher. But what name would produce the necessary excitement? McMahon correctly guessed that with the towering Frenchman, straightforward accuracy was best. Hence, he became known as Andre the Giant.

The Giant quickly became the draw McMahon predicted. Today, at the age of 35, he looms 2.2 metres and weighs approximately 230 kilos and appears all over the world. He stands astride professional wrestling—the largest, highest-paid performer in the game.

Adapted from 'A Giant Among Us'. *Reader's Digest*

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. Which of the following statements is true?

- (1) The boy's mother did not believe the boy's grandfather was a giant.
- (2) The boy's dream of owning a Rolls-Royce was too big to ever come true.
- (3) The father's belief that the boy might turn out like his grandfather came true.
- (4) The boy's father believed the boy would attain his dream of owning a huge car.

27. Andre spent his childhood _____.

- (1) helping on a farm
- (2) travelling the world
- (3) wrestling professionally
- (4) working for a furniture moving company

28. Andre's mother was dumbstruck because _____

- (1) she was in awe of the shining Rolls-Royce
- (2) she was surprised to see a stranger at the door
- (3) she did not expect her son to have grown so huge
- (4) she saw that the man standing at the door was gigantic

29. Andre's big break came when _____

- (1) he left home to seek his fortune
- (2) he had to replace one of the injured wrestlers
- (3) McMahon changed his name to Andre the Giant
- (4) he was first inspired to succeed when he saw the Rolls-Royce

30. When Andre came to New York, McMahon changed the wrestler's name to Andre the Giant because _____

- (1) he wanted to show how creative he could be
- (2) every wrestler had to have a professional name
- (3) he wanted to attract a large audience to watch Andre wrestle
- (4) the American people might have difficulty with his French name



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2010
English Language Paper 2
Primary 6

Name: _____ Register No. _____

Class: Pr 6 – _____

Total Duration for Booklets A & B: 1 h 50 min

Date: 23 August 2010 Parent's Signature: _____

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.

	Maximum	Marks Obtained
Booklet A	30	
Booklet B	65	
Total	95	

Component	Question Numbers	Marks Obtained
Comprehension Cloze	51 – 65	
Comprehension Open-ended	71 – 80	

* This booklet consists of 8 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.

(A) ago	(D) for	(G) lest	(K) on	(N) which
(B) and	(E) hence	(H) nor	(L) or	(P) who
(C) as	(F) in	(J) of	(M) to	(Q) with

The School Pocket Money Fund (SPMF) was launched by The Straits Times in the year 2000. That year, it raised \$1.3 million to help 3 735 children. A decade (31) _____ the need has grown deeper, especially in recent years when the economy faltered. This year, the fund has to raise \$5 million to help 12 400 children. This fund complements other forms (32) _____ aids that are available. Already (33) _____ place is the waiver of school fees as well as the provision of free text books. The SPMF is useful (34) _____ it provides an additional avenue of help for needy students.

The National Council of Social Service (NCSS), (35) _____ administers the fund goes the extra mile (36) _____ ensure that such students receive the money allocated to them by working closely (37) _____ schools. In the case of families where students face difficulty in retaining the money for their own use, meal vouchers are given to them instead. (38) _____, no students will go hungry during recess.

Both adults and children have raised money for the fund. Employees of The Straits Times (39) _____ students from several schools have helped to raise funds either by selling flags (40) _____ food.

*Adapted from an article in The Straits Times
19 June 2010 issue*

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

Flashfloods caused by heavy rain on Wednesday 16th June 2010 wreaked

(41)

havoc in many parts of central Singapore. The flooding did not result on serious property

(42)

damage or human **cazualtees**. However, many major roads and thoroughfares were

(43)

(44)

submerged, cause massive traffic jams that inconvenienced commuters, especially that

(45)

travelling along the heavy affected Scotts Road and Orchard Road – a tourist

(46)

desteenashion. Philippine Ambassador Vice Consul Jed Martin Liona told a Straits

(47)

Times reporter who interviewed him at the **embasi** that the downpour lasted from

(48)

9 to 11 o'clock. Eyewitnesses reported seeing trees being **uprouted**. A number of cars

(49)

stalled in the rising floodwaters, stranding motorists. In places which traffic was

(50)

impassable, many **pesenjers** were also reported to be stuck in buses.

*Adapted from an article in The Straits Times
16 June 2010 issue*

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Marconi was not just a pet dog. He was a professional guide dog that had learnt to lead an elderly blind woman. When she (51) _____, he was returned to the organisation that had (52) _____ him as a guide dog. Although he was not yet five years old, he was considered too (53) _____ to be matched with another blind person. That was how I ended up adopting him.

As the new (54) _____ of Marconi, I learnt that he was not (55) _____ other dogs. He did not know how to play. He was used to being constantly on (56) _____ and retirement puzzled him. He was (57) _____ more than a metre from either myself or my husband, John.

Marconi watched our every movement. One evening, John and I were watching television while Marconi was watching us. John (58) _____ and started for the kitchen. I was seated on the couch. Marconi leaped up and then stood frozen in his (59) _____ between us. His head swivelled (60) _____ one to the other of us. He moved two steps (61) _____ John, stopped, retreated a step in my (62) _____ and stopped again. He was filled with uncertainty, starting and stopping. Who needed him more? Eventually, he learnt to adjust living with (63) _____.

Still, we were awed by Marconi's self-control. He was always disciplined. Yet, one day, I did find a mess downstairs. I reached for Marconi to reprimand him. But for (64) _____ he wanted some distance between us. Eluding me, he loped upstairs to his den and chose his own (65) _____. He made himself stand in the corner.

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. None of the students refused to attend the holiday camp.

All _____

67. John must see a doctor. He will not be able to get well soon.

_____ unless

68. I tried very hard to assure my mother but she was still upset.

No matter _____

69. She did not know that there was a stranger lurking nearby.

Unknown _____

70. Peter likes to sing. He does not like any other activities.

_____ except

Wayne paced around thinking what to do next. "You are wearing out the carpet," Joey told his friend. "Just stay calm and we will figure out a solution." Wayne did not reply, deep in thought over the predicament they were in. He glanced at the clock on the wall. It had been an hour since their ordeal began and they had run out of options.

After several minutes of silence, Wayne finally spoke, "We've got to make a run for it with the loot. That's our only choice. We'll take two of them along with us." He waved his revolver at the group of people huddled at one corner of the room. There was a collective gasp from the people as they shuddered at what might happen to them next. Joey did not share Wayne's assessment. "Are you serious? The store is completely surrounded by the police. We do not stand a chance once we leave the store," he said, the fear all too evident in his voice. 5 10

Joey stood up slowly, wiping the sweat from his forehead. He glared at Wayne with a look of anxiety mixed with resentment. He knew he should not have gone along with his accomplice's plan. "I should never have listened to you. Look at the mess it has landed us in." Joey's fear had transformed into anger as he grabbed Wayne by the collar with one hand. Taken aback by the sudden aggression, Wayne pushed him away instinctively. Joey stumbled, lost his balance and fell backwards. There was a loud thud as his head hit the cashier's counter. As Joey's lifeless body slumped to the floor, the rifle he had been holding went off without warning. The trigger had inadvertently been pulled when he lost grip of it. 15 20

A few of the hostages screamed when the shot rang out. Wayne was momentarily stunned as the bullet had missed him only by a few inches and lodged itself in the wall behind him. Sensing that this was the opportunity he needed, Keong, the store assistant sprang to his feet and charged headlong into Wayne. The impact flung both men into the tables that had been stacked against the door by the gunmen. Wayne recovered more quickly and immediately threw a punch. Keong was hit squarely on the jaw and was knocked unconscious. 25

Emboldened by Keong's actions, the other hostages moved towards Wayne. Sensing this, Wayne scrambled for his revolver which lay just beside him. Having retrieved it, he pointed it at them and threatened, "Don't come any closer or you will get it." The hostages immediately froze, realising the consequence if they moved a step closer. 30

"Put that down!" a voice hollered behind Wayne. Shocked, he slowly turned round to see several officers pointing their weapons at him. He knew that the game was up. He had not noticed that the police had broken through the barricade during his struggle with Keong. 35

71) Who does the word 'they' in line 4 refer to?

72) Why were they at the store?

73) Who were the "group of people" (Line 7)?

74) "There was a collective gasp from the people as they shuddered at what might happen to them next." (Line 8 & 9)
Explain clearly what the people were afraid might happen to them next.

75) Explain what Joey feared might happen to him if he were to leave the store?

76) Which word in paragraph 3 means "not intentionally"?

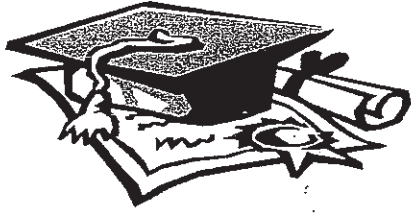
77) Explain why Keong was able to charge at Wayne without getting hurt.

78) Why did the gunmen stack the tables against the door?

79) What would have been the result if the hostages had moved (Line 31)?

80) Do you agree that Joey should never have listened to Wayne? Give one reason for your answer.





ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2010

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TERM : PERLIMINARY



Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
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- 41)in 42)casualties 43)causing 44)those 45)heavily
46)destination 47)embassy 48)uprooted 49)where
50)passengers 51)died 52)trained 53)old 54)owner
55)like 56)duty/guard/watch 57)never/seldom/rarely 58)stood
59)tracks 60)from 61)towards 62)direction 63)us
64)once 65)punishment
66)All of the students wanted/agreed to attend the holiday camp.
67)John will not be able to get well soon unless he sees a doctor.
68)No matter how hard I tried to assure my mother, she was still upset.
69)Unknown to her, there was a stranger lurking nearby.
70)Peter does not like any other activities except singing.

71)It refers to Wayne and Joey.

72)They were there to rob the store.

73)The group of people were the hostages.

74)They were afraid that they would be used as hostages when the gunmen left the shop.

75)Joey feared that he might be overpowered and get caught by the police.

76)The word is "inadvertently".

77)Wayne was momentarily stunned by the bullet and did not notice Keong charging towards him.

78)The gunmen stacked the tables against the door to form a barricade to prevent the policeman from entering the store.

79)Wayne would have opened fire at the hostages and kill or injure them.

80)Yes, I agree. If he had never listened to Wayne, they might not have been arrested.