



NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL
FIRST CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT 2014

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PRIMARY 6

PAPER 2: BOOKLET A

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

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ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS.

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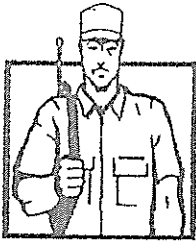
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Section A: Graphic Stimulus (5x1m = 5m)
Study the following text and then answer questions 1 to 5.

KidsPlays! 2014

World-class Plays for the Young and Young at Heart



Private Placid (23 to 30 June)

This play relives the life of Private Peter Placid, a young World War I soldier in a prison cell, as he looks back on his short but joyful past growing up in rural Devon.

Proudly presented by OKTO Theatre (UK) for young people aged 8 and above with their families at Regimented Theatre.

Traumatic Tudors (1 to 9 July)

Learn about the English royalty from the 1400s to the 1600s (with the nasty bits left in) in this production by The Noble Stage Company (UK) at the Monarchs Arts Centre.

For children aged 7 and above with their families. Enjoy a 10% discount with your ACBC credit card.



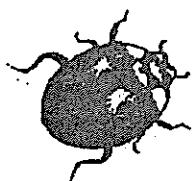
The Gruffalo (22 June to 3 July)

Join Mouse on an adventurous journey through the dark ancient wood in this magical adaptation of the award-winning book by Julia Donaldson. Let your imagination run wild with songs, laughs and fun for everyone aged 3 to 101!

An irresistibly charming play by Short Stories (UK) at ACT5 Theatre. Enjoy a 10% discount with ticket stubs of *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*.

We're Going on a Bear Hunt (20 June to 1 July)

Abba Ltd (UK) proudly presents *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* at the Ursine Centre Theatre! Children aged 3 and above will enjoy this fun-filled play as our brave adventurers set off on a quest to find a bear.



What the Ladybird Heard (21 to 30 June)

In KidsPlay's glittering family treat, the woolly sheep, the hairy hog, the fat red hen and the dainty dog provide children 18 months and above with live music, plenty of audience participation and lots of laughs.

Proudly presented by Hair Wax Ltd (UK) and Singapore Youth Theatre at the Apian Arts Centre.

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. The text on the previous page can most likely be found in a _____.
 - (1) storybook
 - (2) diary entry
 - (3) newspaper article
 - (4) magazine for parents

2. Tom wants to watch *Traumatic Tudors*. Which of the following statements is false?
 - (1) Tom can watch the play with his parents.
 - (2) He will be learning about English kings and queens.
 - (3) Tom must be 8 years old to watch *Traumatic Tudors*.
 - (4) He will be watching the play at Monarchs Arts Centre.

3. Sandy has watched *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*. She can enjoy a 10% discount for _____.
 - (1) The Gruffalo
 - (2) Private Placid
 - (3) Traumatic Tudors
 - (4) What the Ladybird Heard

4. Where can you watch a performance by actors from two countries?
 - (1) Act5 Theatre
 - (2) Apian Arts Centre
 - (3) Regimented Theatre
 - (4) Monarchs Arts Centre

5. Your cousins are 2 years old and 3 years old. Which play is suitable for the both of them?
 - (1) The Gruffalo
 - (2) Traumatic Tudors
 - (3) What the Ladybird Heard
 - (4) We're going on a Bear Hunt

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. Not only did Matthew go to Egypt for a month, but he also _____ to Greece for a few weeks.
- (1) go
 - (2) goes
 - (3) went
 - (4) going
7. My parents blamed my brother and _____ for our baby sister's fall.
- (1) I
 - (2) my
 - (3) me
 - (4) mine
8. Neither you nor I _____ an expert in this field. I think we should seek help from the professionals.
- (1) am
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
9. By signing this document, you are agreeing to abide _____ all the terms and conditions.
- (1) to
 - (2) by
 - (3) for
 - (4) with
10. Avoid _____ your vegetables for too long or most of the nutrients will be lost.
- (1) cook
 - (2) cooks
 - (3) cooked
 - (4) cooking

11. As Samuel was not competent enough, he was passed _____ for a promotion.

- (1) in
- (2) up
- (3) over
- (4) through

12. Jane, _____ we met at the bazaar last night, used to be my brother's piano teacher.

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

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.

Jonathan Livingston Seagull was not like most gulls. Most gulls don't bother to learn more than the simplest facts of flight (13) how to get from shore to food, and from food to shore again. For most gulls, it is not flying that matters, but eating. For this gull, though, it was not eating that mattered, but flight. More than anything else, Jonathan Livingston Seagull loved to fly.

"Why, Jon? Why?" his mother asked. "Why is it so hard to be like the rest of the flock, Jon? You're all feathers and bone!"

"I don't mind being feathers and bone (14) Mum. I just want to learn what I can do in the air and what I can't, that's all. I just want to know."

"Now," said his father, not unkindly (15) "I'm not trying to stop you from doing what you want. But winter isn't far away. If you must learn, then learn about food and how to get it."

Adapted from Jonathan Livingston Seagull

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

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 place was badly flooded and we had to _____ through knee-deep water.

- (1) glide
- (2) wade
- (3) amble
- (4) saunter

17. Candy woke up late. She was lucky to reach the airport _____ and catch her plane.

- (1) on her own time
- (2) on borrowed time
- (3) in the nick of time
- (4) with a whale of a time

18. The angry workers were finally _____ when they received news that they were going to be compensated.

- (1) appalled
- (2) appealed
- (3) appraised
- (4) appeased

19. I may not recognise my ex-classmates as I can only remember _____ how they looked like.

- (1) vividly
- (2) vaguely
- (3) distinctly
- (4) inaccurately

20. "Do you have any _____ of what happened in the accident?" the doctor asked the patient who had just regained consciousness.

- (1) reservation
- (2) recollection
- (3) discernment
- (4) understanding

21. _____ by the failure of his last movie, the actor made a comeback with his new movie last month.

- (1) Scared
- (2) Astounded
- (3) Undaunted
- (4) Discouraged

22. Many Singaporeans were filled with _____ for the mountaineers' successful ascent of Mount Everest.

- (1) approval
- (2) attraction
- (3) admiration
- (4) appreciation

23. The police released the suspect as she had an _____. Her friend claimed that the suspect was with her when the crime took place.

- (1) alibi
- (2) excuse
- (3) explanation
- (4) appointment

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 face of the world is changing. More people than ever are living in areas vulnerable to natural disasters. Over a billion people live under the shadow of the (24) world's 1,900 active volcanoes. Yet, only a few of them are adequately monitored. Accurate forecasting is the best defense against hurricanes but many hurricane warnings are unheeded. Tsunamis can form too quickly for official warnings to be (25) given. However, recognising the immediate signs, such as a rapidly receding ocean, (26) can give people precious minutes to reach safety.

The science of weather is a constantly evolving field, sparking a number of (27) breakthroughs on how to anticipate and track superstorms or other natural disasters. This research translates to better preparedness when faced with the unexpected. (28) The face of the world is changing but through knowledge, we can change our ways.

Adapted from National Geographic

24. (1) most affected by
(2) easily pressured by
(3) easily influenced by
(4) most manipulated by

25. (1) ignored
(2) listened
(3) regarded
(4) discarded

26. (1) fading
(2) shrinking
(3) dwindling
(4) retreating
27. (1) deriving
(2) emerging
(3) increasing
(4) developing
28. (1) means
(2) decodes
(3) transfers
(4) simplifies

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

5 When I arrived at the house, I was met by the mother, a big startled-looking woman who was apologetic. She let me into the house and took me to the child. As it happened, we had been having a number of cases of diphtheria in the school to which this child went to. We were all, quite apparently, thinking of that, though no one had as yet spoken of the thing.

"Well, I suppose we take a look at the throat first," I said, smiling in my best professional manner. I asked for the child's name and said, "Come on, Matilda, open your mouth and let's take a look at your throat."

Nothing doing.

10 "Such a nice man," put in the mother. "Look how kind he is to you. Come on, do what he tells you to do. He won't hurt you."

15 At that, I ground my teeth in disgust. If they didn't use the word 'hurt', I might be able to get somewhere. I did not allow myself to be hurried or disturbed but speaking quietly and slowly, I approached the child again. As I moved my chair a little nearer, she knocked my glasses flying and they fell, several feet away from me on the kitchen floor.

The battle began.

"If you don't do what the doctor says, you'll have to go to the hospital," the mother admonished her severely.

20 "Oh yeah?" I had to smile to myself. In the following struggle, the parents grew more and more dejected. They were at the end of their rope while Matilda rose to magnificent heights of insane fury from her terror of me. By this time, I was starting to admire the strong-willed girl. Her parents, on the other hand, I held in contempt.

25 I tried again to get the wooden tongue depressor between her teeth. She fought desperately with clenched teeth. By now, I had also grown furious at her. Matilda came down hard on the wooden spatula and reduced it to splinters before I could get it out again.

30 "Get me a smooth-handled spoon of some sort. We're going through with this," I told the mother. Matilda's tongue was cut and she was screaming in hysterical shrieks. Perhaps I should have stopped and come back in another hour or more. But I had seen two children dead from diphtheria and feeling that I must get a diagnosis now or never, I went at it again. Deep down, however, I knew that I too had got beyond reason.

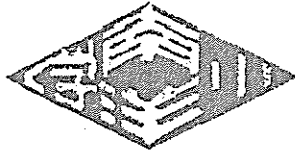
35 That child must be protected from her own ignorance, one says to one's self at such times. It is a social necessity. All these are true but what drove me then was a blind fury, a feeling of adult shame at not being obeyed. One goes on to the end.

40 In a final assault, I overpowered the child's neck and jaws. I forced the heavy silver spoon to the back of her teeth and down her throat till she gagged. There it was—her throat was covered with membrane. Our suspicions were confirmed. She had been hiding the sore throat for at least three days and lying to her parents in order to escape just such an outcome as this.

Adapted from The Use of Force

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. What did Matilda do when the doctor greeted her and asked to check her throat?
- (1) She greeted the doctor.
 - (2) She gave in to his request.
 - (3) She was rude to the doctor.
 - (4) She refused to open her mouth.
30. The writer ground his teeth in disgust (line 12) because _____.
- (1) he did not like to speak quietly and slowly
 - (2) Matilda's mother had told Matilda what to do
 - (3) he was being told to hurry up by Matilda's mother
 - (4) Matilda's mother had suggested that the procedure might hurt
31. The phrase 'at the end of their rope' in line 21 tells us that Matilda's parents were _____.
- (1) nearly giving up
 - (2) angry with Matilda
 - (3) restraining Matilda with a rope
 - (4) ashamed of Matilda's behaviour
32. What was the real reason the writer insisted on checking Matilda's throat?
- (1) He felt that it was his duty as a doctor to do so.
 - (2) He felt that Matilda did not know what was best for her.
 - (3) He was angry with Matilda for refusing to have her throat checked.
 - (4) He was afraid that he would not have the time to check on Matilda again.
33. Which of the following is true?
- (1) The writer sympathised with Matilda's parents.
 - (2) The writer confirmed that Matilda had diphtheria.
 - (3) The writer managed to check Matilda's throat twice.
 - (4) The writer felt bad about and regretted using force on Matilda.



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

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Booklet A	33
Booklet B	67
Total	100

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Any query on marks awarded should be raised by 12 March 2014. We seek your understanding in this matter as any delay in the confirmation of marks will lead to delays in the generation of results.

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

There are 10 blanks, numbered 34 to 43. 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.

Use each WORD once ONLY

A) as	D) by	G) from	K) the	N) were
B) and	E) even	H) in	L) to	P) whose
C) before	F) for	J) it	M) was	Q) with

Cochineal is a crimson-coloured dye derived from insects. This brilliant red dye which was once treasured _____ the Spanish conquerors gives many modern foods and cosmetics an appealing blush. _____ a small number of people, though, it can cause swelling, rashes, or respiratory problems. As a result of the severe allergic reaction that it may provoke, the United States has now ordered that the colouring be identified _____ "cochineal extract" or "carmine" on product labels. Previously, vague phrases such as "natural colouring" _____ acceptable.

Cactus-eating cochineal bugs are dried and crushed to produce a powdered dye. Beginning in the 16th century, Europeans of wealth _____ status wore clothing reddened with rare cochineal. The deep, durable colour was _____ used to produce the British Army's famous red coats _____ more than 200 years. Cochineal harvesting declined after _____ invention of cheap man-made dyes in the 1800s. However, _____ has rebounded with the dye's use as a natural alternative _____ artificial colourings.

If the idea of eating red food dye made from bugs disgusts you, consider that if it does not come from a bug, it may come from something worse like coal or petroleum byproducts.

Marks

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.

(44)

It was seventy-five-year-old Jack Fyfe's terrible nightmare come true. He awake to

(45)

find the left side of his body completely lacking all **sansèision**. He realised that he must

(46)

have had a stroke while he was sleeping. With a supreme effort with will, he attempted to

(47)

roll out of bed, hoped that he might drag himself to the telephone and call for help.

(48)

However, he was completely unable to move. That was when the horror of his **pridicaman**

truly struck him. A widower, he lived alone with Trixie, his dog.

(49)

Jack did his best to fight back the panic that began to **permeight** every corner of

(50)

his mind. He begin to scream for help but only Trixie, whining at his bedside, heard his

(51)

eganised pleas for assistance. It was very hot in the house and he was very likely to die a

(52)

slow, torturous death of thirst long before anyone miss him. Jack drifted in and out of

(53)

kontiousnes. Jack did not know it then, but his canine friend would remarkably save his

life later.

Marks

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

In the following passage, there are 15 blanks numbered 54 to 68. Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

The Great Wall of China was built over 2000 years ago by Qin Shi Huangdi, the first emperor of China during the Qin Dynasty, in order to keep out the nomadic Xiongnu tribes inhabiting Mongolia. _____ then, many dynasties have maintained and renovated the wall. While China's was not the first wall built to _____ this purpose, the Great Wall is arguably one of the world's _____ famous and impressive man-made structures.

The Great Wall is one of the largest building projects ever completed. Construction on the wall, which is made out of several different _____ including bricks, stone, grass, rock and earth was done by Chinese soldiers, criminals and commoners. This imposing structure did not come without a _____, the loss of human lives. It is estimated that thousands upon thousands of Chinese workers _____ building the Great Wall.

So how great is it really? There has been much dispute over the _____ of the wall and some estimate that it _____ from 2000 km to 8800 km.

To _____ the debate once and for all, researchers recently began to
(62)
survey the dimensions of the wall. Considering that the Great Wall crosses _____
(63)
steep mountains, desert and grassland like a gigantic dragon, it is easy to see why this is
no simple _____
(64)
_____ to popular belief, you cannot actually see the Great Wall of China
(65)
from the Moon. _____ to scientists, trying to view the Great Wall from the Moon
(66)
would be _____ to a human trying to see a single _____ of hair from a
(67) (68)
distance of three km. Neil Armstrong, the American astronaut who first set foot on the
Moon in 1969, said that he had seen the continents, lakes and blue spots touched with red
but he could not make out any manmade object on the earth from the Moon.

Marks

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

For each of the questions 69 to 74, 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).

69. The movie was a success. Jackie Chan starred in it.

_____ which _____

70. Mr Lim told the class, "All of you have to report to me tonight before leaving the camp."

Mr Lim _____

71. We could not find anything in the kitchen except for some utensils.

Apart from _____

72. The weather was extremely cold. Adam could not head outdoors.

_____ too _____

73. Andy was an arrogant man. He was not popular.

_____ because of _____

74. We did not want to go to the Botanic Gardens for a picnic.

None of _____

Marks

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

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

Madam Rogayah had applied to buy a Housing and Development Board renovated apartment. Someone claiming to be an HDB officer came to her flat with forms for her to sign. Before that, however, he demanded in a businesslike manner that she prove her identity first. Madam Rogayah showed him her identity card and he stared at her face. "This is really yours?" he asked severely. Madam Rogayah began to sweat. "Yes, I swear it! I can get my neighbour over here to verify! I'll get her now!" The man stopped her at once, magnanimously deciding to believe her. Madam Rogayah naturally felt deeply indebted and ready to comply with whatever more he required.

The man required two thousand dollars in cash as an additional deposit. Madam Rogayah said she had only nine hundred dollars at home. He generously said that would do. He took the money, gave her an official-looking receipt and left. Madam Rogayah never saw the man again, nor her money.

The news spread through the estate. It was the topic amongst many residents. Madam Wong laughed loud and long at that naive Rogayah. She would never let herself be swindled, although she too was hoping to buy an apartment. Soon, an agent came to see Madam Wong. He gave her his card which read "Rayson Bong, Bigtime Brokers Pte Ltd". She did not know him or his firm so the astute housewife told him to return the next day. Meantime, she asked around and realised that some friends had used the firm. Opinions differed about their quality of service but Madam Wong felt assured.

The next day, Rayson brought Madam Wong to an empty apartment. It looked good. The price looked good too. 'In fact, too good to be true,' Madam Wong said to herself. She was not going to be gullible. 'I'm no Rogayah, easy meat for swindlers,' she smirked to herself. Rayson said she had to pay \$5000 as deposit the next day, otherwise she would lose the apartment as he had another buyer waiting.

That night, she questioned some friends over dinner and wondered loudly if she could trust Rayson. Her uninhibited talking paid off as moments later, someone came over and drew her aside. He whispered briefly "CID", flashing an identification card. He said that she was right about Rayson. The firm was genuine but Rayson was not. The Criminal Investigation Department had been observing him but so far, they had not been able to get any evidence on him. "Could he be the conman who swindled Rogayah?" Madam Wong asked. "It's possible," replied the detective. Madam Wong was thrilled. She was assisting CID to catch that conman, what a heroine she would become! "And you will cooperate with CID? You will hand over the deposit so that we can catch him red-handed?" asked the detective. "Of course I will cooperate with the police!" Madam Wong enthused, nodding eagerly.

The next morning, Madam Wong passed her five thousand dollars to the detective who was supposed to pretend to be her brother. The moment Rayson arrived, the detective whisked him away. Unexpectedly, Rayson returned later that day. He apologised to Madam Wong, saying he had sold the apartment to the other party since her brother told him that she would only consider a lower price.

Madam Wong never saw the detective again, nor her money.

ANSWER IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

75. What did the man stop Madam Rogayah from doing in line 6?

76. What does the word "that" in line 10 refer to?

77. What was "the news" (line 13) that spread through the estate?

78. Which word in paragraph 3 shows that Madam Wong was a sharp and clever lady?

79. Explain fully why Madam Wong felt assured in line 19.

80. According to paragraph four, what was Madam Wong's main concern with the apartment?

Marks

81. Which phrase in paragraph 4 has the same meaning as 'gullible'?

82. Why was Madam Wong so eager to cooperate with the police?

83. Explain fully why the author said that Rayson returned "unexpectedly" in line 38.

84. Why did Madam Wong not see the detective again?

Marks

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ANSWER SHEET

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- 44)awoke 45)sensation 46)of 47)hoping 48)predicament
 49)permeate 50)began 51)agonized 52)missed 53)consciousness
 54)Since 55)serve 56)most 57)materials 58)cost
 59)died 60)length 61)ranges 62)end 63)over
 64)feat, task, job 65)Contrary 66)According 67)akin
 68)strand
 69)The movie which Jackie Chan starred in was a success.

- 70) Mr Lim told the class that all of them had to report to him that night before leaving the camp.
- 71) Apart from some utensils, we could not find anything in the kitchen.
- 72) The weather was too cold for Adam to head outdoors.
- 73) Andy was not popular because of his arrogance.
- 74) None of us wanted to go to the Botanic Gardens for a picnic.
- 75) The man stopped her from getting her neighbour to verify her identity card was hers.
- 76) It refers to the nine hundred dollars.
- 77) It was about Madam Rogayah being swindled.
- 78) The word is "astute".
- 79) Madam Wong asked around and realised that some of her friends had used the firm.
- 80) Her main concern was the price of the apartment was too good to be true.
- 81) The phrase is "easy meat".
- 82) She wanted to become a heroine.
- 83) Rayson was supposed to be caught by the police.
- 84) The detective was a swindler.