



RED SWASTIKA SCHOOL
2016 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1
ENGLISH LANGUAGE – PAPER 2
LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION
PRIMARY 6

Name : _____ ()

Class : Primary 6 / _____

Date : 06 May 2016

BOOKLET A

28 Questions

28 Marks

Duration of Paper: 1 h 50 min

Note:

- 1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.**
- 2. Read carefully the instructions given at the beginning of each part of the booklet.**
- 3. Do not waste time. If a question is difficult for you, go on to the next one.**
- 4. Check your answers thoroughly and make sure you attempt every question.**
- 5. In this booklet, you should have the following:**
 - a. Page 1 to Page 8**
 - b. Questions 1 to 28**

For each question from 1 to 10, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.
(10 marks)

1 All the flour _____ weighed and put into small bags at the recent baking competition.

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

2 We drove past the house _____ Tony had described.

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

3 " _____ the both of you be more considerate? It is already 11 p.m.," Mother told the boys who were talking at the top of their voice.

- (1) Can
- (2) May
- (3) Must
- (4) Should

4 Yuna, having _____ sight of her mother at the shop, started crying.

- (1) lose
- (2) loses
- (3) lost
- (4) losing

5 "Did you _____ the empty cup in the refrigerator this morning?" Father asked Tom angrily.

- (1) leave
- (2) leaves
- (3) left
- (4) leaving

- 6 The chef cut his finger while he _____ the onions.
- (1) chops
 - (2) chopped
 - (3) is chopping
 - (4) was chopping
- 7 Everyone in the class including the teachers _____ that Bella is a very hardworking student.
- (1) know
 - (2) knows
 - (3) knew
 - (4) knowing
- 8 My parents and I have differing opinions _____ my co-curricular choices.
- (1) in
 - (2) on
 - (3) with
 - (4) about
- 9 _____ the teacher warning them, the students continued being mischievous.
- (1) Despite
 - (2) Although
 - (3) Apart from
 - (4) Even though
- 10 "If Jane knows the answer, she will definitely tell us, _____ she?" asked Mark.
- (1) does
 - (2) doesn't
 - (3) will
 - (4) won't

For each question from 11 to 15, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.
(5 marks)

11 Sandy lost her pride and dignity when her employer _____ her in front of her colleagues.

- (1) scolded
- (2) angered
- (3) humiliated
- (4) embarrassed

12 The toddler _____ with excitement towards her father once he stepped into the house.

- (1) loped
- (2) stumbled
- (3) hastened
- (4) scrambled

13 The students greet their teacher _____ every time she walks into the classroom.

- (1) seriously
- (2) solemnly
- (3) attentively
- (4) respectfully

14 John was _____ for breaking the classroom window.

- (1) put on hold
- (2) taken to task
- (3) saved by the bell
- (4) caught between two stools

15 Students were asked to _____ the noise caused by the nearby construction work.

- (1) bear on
- (2) bear up
- (3) bear with
- (4) bear down

For each question from 16 to 20, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

When the moon comes between Earth and the sun and casts the darkest part of its shadow on Earth, it is called a total solar eclipse. This takes place only once every year or two. During a total eclipse of the sun, the moon covers the entire disk of the sun. In partial and annular solar eclipses, the moon blocks only part of the sun. The moon's shadow falls on a tiny part of the Earth and you have to be in that tiny part to see the eclipse. Soon, most of the sun's light will disappear and one will only see a red ring around a dark spot using special lenses. The moon has covered the sun and only the sun's corona is visible. The corona is the sun's outer atmosphere. The darkest point of the eclipse is almost as dark as night.

- 16 (1) occurs
(2) appears
(3) stumbles
(4) develops
- 17 (1) full
(2) intact
(3) perfect
(4) absolute
- 18 (1) hinders
(2) prevents
(3) impedes
(4) obscures
- 19 (1) Shortly after
(2) Rapidly after
(3) Instantly after
(4) Promptly after
- 20 (1) notable
(2) apparent
(3) perceived
(4) transparent

Study the brochure carefully and then answer the questions 21 to 28.

Celebrate your Birthday with us!

The most awesome children's birthday party promotional packages in town!

ARTSY


OR

OR


CANVAS PAINTING MOSAIC TIARA COIN BANK PAINTING

\$300 NETT ONLY!

AWESOME


50 AIR-FILLED BALLOONS


GOMINS FACEPAINTING


PARTY/MUSIC


GOMINS FUN & GAMES


15X MOJO GOODIE BAGS


CAKE CUTTING CEREMONY

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GOMINS BALLOON SCULPTING


GOMINS FUN & GAMES


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CAKE CUTTING CEREMONY

FREE PARTY/MUSIC FOR THE WHOLE PARTY

\$440 NETT ONLY!

Photobooth Package
Get \$20 off our photobooth package with ANY art and craft package booked!



Terms and conditions

- Parental supervision is required for children aged 4 and below.
- A 50% deposit is required to confirm each booking.
- The duration of the party is a maximum of 2 hours, excluding set up time. For extension of total event time, not including extension charges of services, it is charged at \$30 per 30 minutes for extensions told to us 5 working days in advance. For last minute extensions, \$50 per 30 minutes will be charged (subject to availability).
- All promotional packages are valid for bookings made from 1 Jan 2016 to 31 June 2016! Book early to grab the deals!

Call us at 65696992 to enquire now! Or email us at yolanda@partymojo.com.sg today!

Details of each package

Artsy Mojo Birthday Party Package (up to 20 children)

1) 1 Art Assistant for 60 Minutes

– Our staff will guide the children through an Art and Craft session.

2) Choose one of the following crafts:

– Canvas Painting

– Mosaic Tiara

– Coin Bank Painting

3) All materials will be provided.

Awesome Mojo Birthday Party Package (up to 15 children)

1) 50 Air-filled Balloons provided

2) 60 Minutes of Children Face Painting (done by a renowned make-up artist)

3) 30 Minutes of games session (party music provided)

– Game prizes provided are 15 Mojo goodie bags. Each Mojo goodie bag consists of a pencil, an eraser, a bookmark, a notebook and a clapper. For parents who wish to have special prizes for the winners, please pass the prizes to our game host prior to the event.

4) 120 Minutes of Party Music

– General children party songs will be played. For special playlists, clients can simply download the songs on their phones / iPods and our staff will assist to connect it to the speaker. Otherwise, PartyMojo can download the song list in advance for a top up of \$20, limited to 20 songs.

5) Hosting of Cake Cutting Ceremony

– Our staff will gather the children to sing the birthday song.

6) 2 other staff will be included to facilitate the session.

7) Option to change Face Painting to Basic Balloon Sculpting (+\$30)

Fantastic Mojo Birthday Party Package (up to 15 children)

1) 50 Air-filled Balloons provided

2) 60 Minutes of Children Face Painting

3) 60 Minutes of Basic Balloon Sculpting

– Our staff will teach the children how to do basic balloon sculpting.

4) 30 Minutes of games session (party music provided)

– Game prizes provided are 15 Mojo goodie bags. Each Mojo goodie bag consists of a pencil, an eraser, a bookmark, a notebook and a clapper. For parents who wish to have special prizes for the winners, please pass the prizes to our game host prior to the event.

5) 120 Minutes of Party Music

– General children party songs will be played. For special playlists, clients can simply download the songs on their phones / iPods and our staff will assist to connect it to the speaker. Otherwise, PartyMojo can download the song list in advance for a top up of \$20, limited to 20 songs.

6) Hosting of Cake Cutting Ceremony

– Our staff will gather the children to sing the birthday song.

7) 2 other Staff will be included to facilitate the session.

For each question from 21 to 28, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer
(8 m)

21 Based on the brochure, what kind of services does PartyMojo mainly provide?

- (1) organising any parties
- (2) organising birthday parties
- (3) conducting photography lessons
- (4) conducting art and craft sessions

22 Based on the brochure, which of the following statements is **true**?

- (1) A 50% deposit is necessary if you book more than one package.
- (2) Parents need to be at the party if their child is 4 years old and below.
- (3) You will receive a \$20 off on the photobooth package for enquiring on the promotional packages.
- (4) The promotional packages are only valid for all birthdays taking place from 1 January to 31 June 2016.

23 Which of the following packages will include hands-on sessions for the children during the parties?

- (1) Artsy Mojo and Fantastic Mojo
- (2) Artsy Mojo and Awesome Mojo
- (3) Awesome Mojo and Fantastic Mojo
- (4) Artsy Mojo, Awesome Mojo and Fantastic Mojo

24 Mrs Lim would like to book a 3-hour birthday party for her daughter. She should _____ to ensure that she only pays \$60 for the additional hour.

- (1) call PartyMojo at 65696992
- (2) email PartyMojo at yolanda@partymojo.com.sg
- (3) inform PartyMojo on the day of the birthday party
- (4) inform PartyMojo at least 5 days before the birthday party

25 Why are there exclamation marks used after the word 'ONLY'?

- (1) to shock the reader
- (2) to attract readers to the prices
- (3) to introduce the party activities
- (4) to create an excitement about the packages

26 What can the children expect from the Awesome Mojo Birthday Party Package?

- (1) to sculpt balloons
- (2) to fill up 50 balloons
- (3) to have their faces painted
- (4) to complete one Art and Craft activity

27 Based on the brochure, which of the following is true of all the Birthday Party Packages?

- (1) 15 Mojo goodie bags will be provided.
- (2) There will be at least one staff present at the party.
- (3) There will be a cake cutting ceremony hosted by the staff.
- (4) PartyMojo can download the song list in advance for a top up of \$20, limited to 20 songs.

28 According to the brochure, the word 'facilitate' has the same meaning as _____.

- (1) assist
- (2) conduct
- (3) expedite
- (4) promote



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BOOKLET B

52 Questions
67 Marks

In this booklet, you should have the following:

- a. Page 9 to Page 16
- b. Questions 29 to 80

BOOKLET	OBTAINED	POSSIBLE
BOOKLET A		28
BOOKLET B		67
TOTAL		95

Parent's Signature : _____

There are 10 blanks, numbered 29 to 38, 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. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

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- | | | | | |
|-----------|------------|--------|-----------|----------|
| (A) a | (D) be | (G) in | (K) the | (N) out |
| (B) after | (E) before | (H) of | (L) these | (P) to |
| (C) as | (F) for | (J) on | (M) this | (Q) with |
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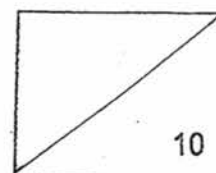
Do you know that your handwriting can tell you a lot about yourself? According to (29) a graphologist, a person who studies the art of analysing handwriting, handwriting is a mirror of one's personality as it captures the impulses (30) a person's thoughts, personality and even emotions on paper. It is believed that no two people have (31) same handwriting.

Commonly, one will see large-sized handwriting (32) an indication of the person having an extroverted personality – someone who has a broad perspective of life, shows a need (33) recognition, sees the big picture and has low boredom level.

Small-sized handwriting, on the other hand, may come from someone who is more on the reserved side. (34) person may show better concentration and greater ability (35) achieving a goal.

The pressure one exerts in handwriting exhibits depth of emotion. In other words, the heavier you press (36) the pen, the deeper your emotions are. Inconsistent pressure may indicate one's lack of motivation and drive.

There are many features to look (37) for in a piece of handwriting. Other than the size and pressure mentioned above, a more accurate assessment can only be made (38) looking at the other features as well.

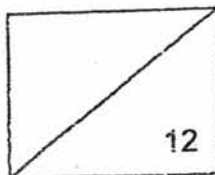


Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes. (12 marks)

One of the great rewards of owning a Golden Retriever is watching him grow
(39)
from an awqwerd, tiny bundle of fur into a thoroughly trained, well-behaved
(40)
adult. However, this requires a great deal of payshence, time and energy. If
(41)
you work diligently with your puppy after the early training phases, you will
(42) (43)
be rewarded by the most loving four-legged companion imagined.

However, if your puppy is given little or no training, he may grow up to be
(44)
eighty pounds of anruli hyperactivity - a situation that no dog owner can cope
(45)
with for very long. A well-trained adult makes a maverlous pet. He can save you
(46)
the time and effort need for rearing and training a puppy. Mature Golden
(47)
almost always adapt easily towards new owners and environments. The greatest
(48) (49)
drawback to buy an older Golden is that you may find it extreme difficult to
(50)
correct any bad habits the dog has already akwaired.

Adapted from Golden Retrievers - A Complete Pet Owner's Manual

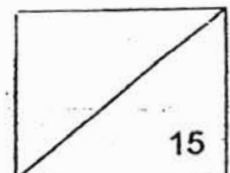


A new programme has been introduced by the Ministry of Education (MOE). By the end of this year, students in _____ schools - from primary schools to junior colleges - will be involved in the daily cleaning of their school _____. The move is introduced to _____ in students good habits such as a great _____ of responsibility and care, according to MOE.

Cleaning can be _____ out at various periods of the school day, such as before the first lesson, during recess, in _____ classes, or just before dismissal. Areas which the students will clean may _____ the classrooms and common _____ such as canteens and corridors. _____ to the move, many schools have already put in _____ five minutes of cleaning activities within their school hours daily.

At Park View Primary, students _____ up their classrooms five minutes _____ the school day ends. Acting Minister for Education (Schools) Ng Chee Meng, _____ visited Xingnan Primary School on Thursday afternoon, observed a lesson on good habits of cleaning up, and joined the students in cleaning up at the _____ of the school day.

Mr Ng _____ that students will get used to the good habits of cleaning up, which can be _____ at home as well.



For each of the questions 66 to 70, 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). (10 marks)

66 The Principal delivered a speech and gave out the prizes.

Other than _____

67 Mrs Chan noticed that Thomas had been absent from school for many days. Mrs Chan called Thomas' mother to find out what had happened.

Noticing _____

68 Tim is distributing some hampers to the old folks now.

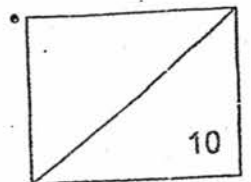
Some hampers _____

69 Connie told Rachel not to tell anyone what she had told her the previous day.

Connie told Rachel, " _____"

70 Mark crept into the house quietly. He did not want to be scolded for coming home late.

_____ to avoid



Chester Greenwood had a terrible problem. He lived in Maine, where winters are frosty. His ears were often cold. Other children wrapped wool scarves around their heads. This was out of the question for Greenwood. Wool made him itch.

One bitter day in 1872, Greenwood went ice skating on a pond near his home. His ears started burning from the cold. Suddenly, he had a great idea. He ran home and twisted some wire into two loops. He asked his grandmother to sew fur into them. He ran back to the pond and put the earmuffs over his ears. They worked! Greenwood's ears stayed warm. Later, he added a sprint that fitted over his head and held the earmuffs in place. It was a simple invention, but one that had everyone talking. Soon, everyone wanted a pair of Greenwood's 'Champion Ear Protectors'. Greenwood was only 15 years old when he made his first invention. Like many inventors, he had a problem to solve, and he solved it.

To invent something is to create something new. It can be a thing, a way of doing something, or even an idea. Throughout history, people have made inventions that changed the world. Some inventors got lucky and stumbled into a great discovery. Others tried and failed, and tried again until they got their inventions right.

Some inventions are very simple. Take the fishhook. It is just a piece of curved wire with a sharpened end. Yet for thousands of years, people have used it to catch dinner. It has been around for so long that no one really remembers who invented it.

Other inventions are more complex. Take the traffic light, for example, Garrett Morgan invented it in 1923. Traffic in the 1920s could be a nightmare. City roads were crowded and chaotic. People on foot shared roads with horse-drawn carts. Cars and bicycles clogged the roads too. Morgan's traffic light did not work like the ones used today - alternating the right of way accorded to road users by displaying lights of a standard colour. It had arms that raised and lowered to show 'Stop' and 'Go' signs. His invention controlled traffic by giving everyone a turn. It also let people on foot cross safely too. Morgan's invention saved lives. His most important invention to date had been a type of gas mask firefighters used to protect their lungs.

The driving force behind many inventions is to fill a need. These inventions are meant to make life easier or better. Margaret Knight's invention did just that. She invented a machine that made bags with square bottoms.

Knight worked in a factory in the late 1860s. The factory made flat bags. They looked like envelopes. Knight thought that a bag with square bottom might be more useful for carrying groceries. At that time, such a bag could be made only by hand. Knight studied the machines in the factory. She learnt how each one worked. Then she studied how the bags with flat bottoms were made by hand. She took notes on what she saw. She also sketched her own ideas. Her goal was to make one machine that could cut, fold and paste a paper bag from start to finish. Knight spent two years working on her invention. At last, she had a model that worked.

Knight's machine changed the way people shopped. Shoppers did not have to use heavy wooden crates to haul their groceries anymore. Nor did they have to squeeze all their food into narrow bags. Suddenly, grocery shopping got a whole lot easier. Knight was awarded a patent for her invention. A patent is an official paper which gives the inventors the right to be the only one to make, use or sell their inventions.

An inventor has to be patient too. Few inventors get things right the first time. They need to be persistent to create something new.

71 What was Chester Greenwood's invention in 1872? [1m]

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72 Explain clearly the problem that Chester Greenwood had. [2m]

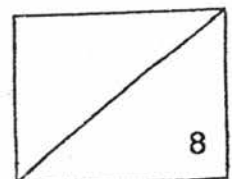
73 List two evidence to show that Greenwood's invention was a success. [2m]

First evidence	
Second evidence	

74 What does the word 'It' in line 13 refer to? [1m]

75 Based on paragraphs 4 and 5, state an example of a simple and a complex invention. Complete the table using the information from the passage. [2m]

Type of invention	What the invention was
a simple invention	
a complex invention	



- 76 The table below compares the traffic light invented by Garrett Morgan and the one used today. Fill in the blanks with how each traffic light works. [2m]

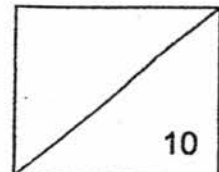
	Garett Morgan	Today
Compare how each traffic light works		

- 77 How did Morgan's invention of the traffic light save lives? Explain in detail. [2m]

- 78 Using the information from the passage, list what Margaret Knight did to achieve her goal of making a machine that could cut, fold and paste a paper bag from start to finish. [4m]

- 79 Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [2m]

	True/False	Reason
Inventors are remembered by everyone for their inventions.		
Inventors can be awarded rights to be the only one to make, use or sell their inventions.		

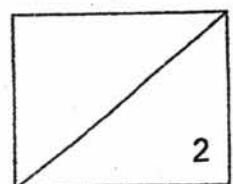


80 Give two qualities of inventors mentioned in the passage. [2m]

(a)

(b)

END OF PAPER



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Booklet A

Q1	3	Q6	4	Q11	3	Q16	1	Q21	2	Q26	3
Q2	1	Q7	2	Q12	3	Q17	1	Q22	2	Q27	2
Q3	1	Q8	4	Q13	4	Q18	4	Q23	1	Q28	1
Q4	3	Q9	1	Q14	2	Q19	1	Q24	4		
Q5	1	Q10	4	Q15	3	Q20	2	Q25	2		

Booklet B

Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
P	H	K	C	F	M	G	J	N	B

Q39	awkward	Q48	buying	Q57	include
Q40	patience	Q49	extremely	Q58	spaces
Q41	during	Q50	acquired	Q59	Prior
Q42	with	Q51	all / government	Q60	place
Q43	imaginable	Q52	premises / compound	Q61	clean
Q44	unruly	Q53	instil / develop	Q62	before
Q45	marvellous	Q54	sense	Q63	who
Q46	needed	Q55	carried	Q64	wishes / believes
Q47	to	Q56	between	Q65	manifested

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- Q71 Earmuffs
- Q72 He cannot wrap wool scarves around his head because wool made him itch.

Q73

First evidence	Greenwood's ears stayed warm.
Second evidence	Everyone wanted a pair of Greenwood's 'Champion Ear Protectors'.

Q74 It refers to an invention.

Q75

Type of invention	What the invention was
a simple invention	a fishhook
a complex invention	the traffic light

Q76

	Garett Morgan	Today
Compare how each traffic light works	It had arms that raised and lowered to show 'stop' and 'go' signs.	It alternates the right of way accorded to road users by displaying lights of standard colour.

Q77 His invention controlled the chaotic traffic by giving everyone a turn and letting people on foot cross the road safely.

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 3. She took notes on what she saw.
 4. She sketched her own idea.

Q79

	True/False	Reason
Inventors are remembered by everyone for their invention	False	No one really remembers who invented the fishhook.
Inventors can be awarded rights to be the only one to make, use or sell their inventions.	True	Inventors are awarded a patent that gives them the right to be the only one to make, use or sell their inventions.

Q80 (a) Patience (b) Persistence

End