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PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2005
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)
BOOKLET A

Name: _____ ()

Class: Primary 6 . ()

Date: Monday, 22 August 2005

Total Time for Booklets A & B : 1 hour 50 minutes

Total Marks : 95 marks

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS.

Study the following text and answer questions 1 to 5.



DROP ZONE

Jump out of a plane at 10,000 feet
with a jumpmaster strapped to you!

Date : Saturday, 1 October 2005

Take off point : Ariel Airfield

Touch down point : Sandy Lane Stadium

Time : 6 am - 6 pm

Registration

Fees: Adult - \$50

Child - \$30

Venues:

- Department of Children and Family Services
22B Baker Street
1 September - 15 September 2005
- Children's Works Gallery
98 Gallery Walk
10 September - 25 September 2005
- Children's Colosseum
123 Colosseum Street
20 September - 30 September 2005

First 500
people to
register
will
receive a
gift pack
worth
\$15!

**Fantastic
Lucky
Draw
Prizes to
be won!**

Supporting Events At The Stadium

- Hot Air Ballooning
... an enchanting hot air balloon ride
... float towards the changing hues of the sun
... take in the magnificent aerial view of the island
- Wacky Flea Market
... 50 shops selling art and crafts, souvenirs and homeware
... great discounts and bargains on books and toys
- Entertainment
... live song and dance spectacle
... dazzling martial arts and motorcycle stunts

This project is brought to you by Flounders Airlines.

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. (5 marks)

1. The 'Skydive for Charity' is organised by the _____.
 - (1) Flounders Airlines
 - (2) Children's Colosseum
 - (3) Children's Works Gallery
 - (4) Department of Children and Family Services

2. Which of the following statements is not true of the 'Skydive for Charity'?
 - (1) It includes a lucky draw
 - (2) It is held on a weekend.
 - (3) It is held from 6 pm to 6 am.
 - (4) It finishes at Sandy Lane Stadium.

3. The money raised through 'Skydive for Charity' is for the _____.
 - (1) Children's Colosseum
 - (2) Children's Works Gallery
 - (3) Children's Foster Care Unit
 - (4) Department of Children and Family Services

4. If you are the 500th person to register for the 'Skydive for Charity', you will get a _____.
 - (1) free gift pack
 - (2) lucky draw prize
 - (3) hot air balloon ride
 - (4) discount on books and toys

5. To register for the 'Skydive for Charity' on 20 September 2005, you can register at the _____.
 - (1) Ariel Airfield or Children's Colosseum
 - (2) Flounders Airlines or Children's Works Gallery
 - (3) Sandy Lane Stadium or Children's Works Gallery
 - (4) Children's Works Gallery or Children's Colosseum

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. (7 marks)

6. I told them that the burglar _____ the window to get into the house while we were sleeping.

- (1) broke
- (2) has broken
- (3) had broken
- (4) would have broken

7. If I _____ a girl, I would never behave that way!

- (1) am
- (2) was
- (3) were
- (4) had been

8. Either the girls or their brother _____ the dishes every night.

- (1) wash
- (2) washes
- (3) is washing
- (4) are washing

9. Sam was one of the boys who _____ nominated for the award last year.

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

10. She knows what to do, _____ ?

- (1) will she
- (2) won't she
- (3) does she
- (4) doesn't she

11. _____ the bad publicity, the show kept playing to sell-out crowds.

- (1) With
- (2) Due to
- (3) Despite
- (4) Although

12. The couple who saw a robber _____ dead in front of them was traumatized.

- (1) shot
- (2) shoot
- (3) shoots
- (4) shooting

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)

"I think it would be a good idea to ask somebody (13) Gerry," Marie suggested.

"Whatever for?" I asked (14) We've got maps, haven't we?"

"Yes, but we (15) ve never driven on those Patagonian roads before," she replied as she looked out of the window and waved, trying to get the attention of a nearby fruit-seller.

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

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. Liquid petroleum gas is _____. It should be kept in a cool place.

- (1) infernal
- (2) infallible
- (3) inflammable
- (4) inflammatory

17. They were relieved when the doctor said that their child would _____ the operation.

- (1) pull up
- (2) pull off
- (3) pull across
- (4) pull through

18. The accused was not found guilty so the judge _____ him immediately.

- (1) acquitted
- (2) accepted
- (3) dismissed
- (4) discharged

19. In exhaustion, he groaned and _____ back into his armchair.

- (1) sloped
- (2) slipped
- (3) slumped
- (4) slithered

20. The celebration was _____ by the intrusion of a few uninvited guests.

- (1) barred
- (2) jarred
- (3) marred
- (4) tarred

For each question from 21 to 25, 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. (5 marks)

This month the last film in the cycle, Episode III: Revenge of the Sith, hits multiplexes worldwide. For some, Star Wars is more than a (21) cool couple of hours in a darkened theatre. No one knows exactly how many people order their spare time around George Lucas' imaginary (22) universe. However, official fan clubs, with 200 000 members, are just (23) the tip of the iceberg. This year's Star Wars convention is expected to draw 30 000 enthusiasts. An Internet search turns up more than 5000 (24) fan sites – forums for online role-players, costume makers and collectors aiming to scoop up every Boba Fett figurine made. (25)

Adapted from 'Reader's Digest May 2005'

21. (1) attacks
(2) invades
(3) captures
(4) assaults
22. (1) life
(2) leisure
(3) recreation
(4) amusement
23. (1) executive
(2) prohibited
(3) authorised
(4) managerial
24. (1) fans
(2) lunatics
(3) disciples
(4) extremists
25. (1) analysing
(2) demanding
(3) considering
(4) endeavouring

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

It has been weeks since Andrew Ross arrived home from a harrowing nine-month African mission but the dedicated and selfless aid worker cannot shake his guilt.

"It was dreadful leaving. I wish I had stayed longer," says Ross, who worked 18-hour days as an emergency field co-ordinator and security officer in the devastated Jebel Marra region of West Darfur, Sudan, for the Irish humanitarian organisation GOAL.

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"But if you don't recharge the batteries, you will burn out and then you won't be of any use to anyone."

GOAL is responsible for providing crucial assistance to the locals, many of whom had initially fled the area. It also serves as a physical presence to calm potentially volatile situations.

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As Ross reflects on his work in the region and other conflict zones he has worked in during the past 11 years, he admits there is never a 'right time to leave'.

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"It is hard to return home and hear people moaning about needing a new car or TV when millions of people around the world don't have enough food or water," says Ross.

He is not deterred by ongoing conflict in the region, or the fact he had a close call four days ago before he left when the Sudanese Liberation Army (SLA) attacked the Government military on a stretch of road they were travelling on.

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"We were on our way back to base in two convoys and had just passed some road workers when we heard shooting. There was a plume of smoke and as we came around the corner, military bodies were all over the place. We thought they were all dead but then realised some were only pretending. We patched the injured up as best as we could and took them to the field hospital," says Ross.

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Adapted from 'Weekender June 2005'

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. From the first paragraph, what is the word that best describes the time Ross spent on his African mission?

- (1) tiring
- (2) worrying
- (3) traumatic
- (4) frustrating

27. Why did Ross have to return home despite his reluctance?

- (1) He was beginning to feel drained.
- (2) He felt very guilty about leaving home.
- (3) He did not enjoy the long working hours.
- (4) He had been away from home for too long.

28. One of the objectives of GOAL is to _____

- (1) drive the enemies out of Darfur
- (2) help the natives flee their homes
- (3) ease the tension in the conflict zones
- (4) create an awareness of its existence to the world

29. In line 19, what can we say about Ross' character?

- (1) resilient
- (2) daunted
- (3) irresolute
- (4) compromising

30. From the last paragraph, why were some military bodies pretending to be dead?

- (1) It was just a drill practice.
- (2) It was to mislead their enemies.
- (3) It was to avoid breathing in the smoke.
- (4) It was to deceive Ross and his team from GOAL.

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WRITE YOUR ANSWERS IN THIS BOOKLET.

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) lay	D) laid	G) of	K) has	N) later
B) probably	E) however	H) forward	L) most	P) down
C) more	F) many	J) by	M) in	Q) on

Napoleon was a commander of the French army. A great conqueror, he

_____ became the emperor of France. He fought many battles in
(31)

Europe and brought _____ countries under French rule.
(32)

Once, _____ his earlier days, Napoleon and a few of his officers visited
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a battlefield. Many soldiers _____ dead and some were severely injured.
(34)

_____, as he had expected, his presence would certainly encourage his
(35)

men to fight _____ courageously. He heard someone groaning in pain.
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_____ the injured man's uniform, Napoleon knew that he was an enemy
(37)

soldier.

Napoleon ~~leaned~~ _____ to look at the soldier's wound. The man would
(38)

_____ die if the bleeding was not stopped. He decided that the man
(39)

had to be treated. Then all of a sudden, the man grabbed hold _____
(40)

Napoleon and tried to stab him with a dagger.



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

(41)

Jackie has a pen-friend Susan with who he has corresponded for

(42)

over a year. Jackie **obtained** Susan's name and address from a magazine.

(43)

In it, Susan states that she wanted to make friends with someone who

(44)

(45)

was **intrested** in music. Since then, they have been writing to one another.

(46)

They exchange song lyrics, newspaper **clippings** and posters. They intend to

(47)

meet when Susan come to Singapore this month. Jackie **will meet** Susan

(48)

(49)

when she arrives at the **airpot**. He will bring along Susan's **fotograf** so that

(50)

he can recognised her.

Fill in each blank with a suitable word. (15 marks)

One moment Dan was sitting in front of the computer screen, totally absorbed in the game; the next, he had vanished.

Andy jumped to his (51) _____ with a cry of surprise. On the screen the spaceman continued to zap the space demons, twisting and turning, but the chair where Dan had sat was (52) _____ and the joystick did not move.

It only (53) _____ a moment. The spaceman was shot from behind as he concentrated only on (54) _____ himself against the demons facing him. The computer gave a sigh and Dan gave a gasp. He was (55) _____ on the chair again.

Andy stared at him, not (56) _____ what to say. Dan's face was (57) _____ as a sheet of paper and he was flexing his right hand as though he had been holding (58) _____ in it. He turned to (59) _____ Andy and his eyes were wide and amazed.

"That was horrible," he said. "I felt as if I was (60) _____ there in the game, as if I was the spaceman, blasting demons, and then, I got blasted..." His voice (61) _____ off. He could not describe in words the terrifying (62) _____ of black and instantaneous nothingness that came between being shot and (63) _____ himself back on the chair again. He shivered and then, (64) _____ himself together, forced himself to grin at ~~Andrew~~.

"Some game! I think I had better go."

"No, wait!" Andy said urgently. "What happened? What did you do?" He was immensely excited, (65) _____ of wonder and envy.



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 the sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).
(10 marks)

66 I do not know her well. I cannot ask her for help.

_____ enough

~~67~~ He should be more careful. Then he would not fall into the ravine.

Had _____

68. The water is polluted. The fishes are dying.

Due to _____

69. John and Tommy were not involved in the accident.

Neither _____

70. "Do you know why Timothy was absent from school yesterday?" Mary asked Benny.

Mary asked _____



Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80. (20 marks)

By late afternoon they had lost the trail completely. Just before dusk they reached the top of a ridge and gazed into the valley spread out before them. "I guess that's Pawnee Lake," Ruth said, pointing to a frozen area down to their right. The trio started descending a slope that appeared to match a gentle contour on their map. However, the decline grew steeper, giving way to loose rocks and then to a snowfield that extended out of sight down the mountainside.

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After a moment's hesitation, Ruth stepped onto the snow and sat down. "Let's slide," she said. "It'll be easier than walking." She began moving slowly, with Doug close behind. Theresa, too, stepped onto the snow, calling Grizz, their dog, to follow. As soon as she pushed off, however, she started going too fast. "Slow down!" Ruth shouted as her sister shot past. When Grizz also skidded by, Ruth grabbed his collar.

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Theresa soon noted with alarm that the gentle slope was dropping off into a steep slant. The sheer rock walls narrowed on each side to form a distinct channel that looked like a frozen river gully. Moments later, as she rounded a bend, she saw a spray of water fanning up into the air less than 100 feet ahead. It was the edge of a waterfall – which dropped off into the valley hundreds of feet below! She screamed in terror as she slid toward the precipice.

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Up the gully, Ruth heard her sister's cry but by now she and Doug were also battling the steep slope. Ruth watched helplessly as her sleeping bag jolted loose from her pack and disappeared down the gully. She caught sight of Theresa, who had somehow managed to dig her heels into the snow and halt her descent.

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"Stop! It's a waterfall!" Theresa cried out from a narrow strip of loose rocks along the gully. Grizz scrambled over to her. Seconds later, Ruth and Doug were also able to stop themselves, less than 40 feet from the edge of the falls. Carefully they picked their way across the snow to Theresa. Once safe, Doug reached back to feel his pack. "My tent is gone," he said bleakly.

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By now the light was fading and at almost 12 000 feet the temperature was rapidly dropping. They pitched their remaining tent on a rock ledge above the gully. With their dog, they crawled in and huddled as far back as possible. "What are we going to do now?" moaned Ruth.

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The despair in her voice snapped Theresa out of her lethargy. "Okay," she said, "first thing tomorrow we tie our bandannas together to make a signal flag and take turns shouting for help. Somebody will eventually spot us."

Adapted from 'Readers Digest December 1993'

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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. From paragraph 1, write down the two things that helped the hikers with their journey?

72. Why did Ruth grab Grizz's collar?

73. What did Theresa see to tell her that she was approaching a waterfall?

74. Who still had the complete hiking gear at the end of the slide?

75. From paragraph 4, which phrase tells us that Theresa did not continue to slide further?

76. Why did Theresa cry out there was a waterfall?

77. From paragraph 6, what environmental conditions were the hikers experiencing?

78. Suggest a reason why the hikers had 'huddled as far back as possible' in the tent? (Line 39)

79. Who does the word 'her' in Line 42 refer to?

80. Explain clearly the plan that was suggested to get the hikers out of their predicament.

END OF PAPER



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04. 1	14. (1)	24. 1
05. 4	15. 2	25. 4
06. (3)	16. (3)	26. (3)
07. 3	17. 4	27. 1
08. (2)	18. 1	28. 3
09. 3	19. 3	29. (1)
10. 4	20. (3)	30. 2

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|----------------|---|---|
| 31) N | 51) feet | 66) I do not know her well enough to ask her for help. |
| 32) F | 52) empty | |
| 33) M | 53) lasted | 67) Had he been more careful, he would not have fallen into the ravine. |
| 34) A | 54) protecting | |
| 35) E | 55) back | 68) Due to the polluted water, the fishes are dying. |
| 36) Q | 56) knowing | 69) Neither John nor Tommy was involved in the accident. |
| 37) J | 57) white | |
| 38) H | 58) something | 70) Mary asked Benny if he knew why Timothy had been from school the day before. |
| 39) B | 59) face | |
| 40) G | 60) really | 71) There were a trail and a map. |
| 41) whom | 61) trailed | 72) It was to prevent him from skidding. |
| 42) obtained | 62) experience | 73) She saw a spray of water fanning up into the air less than a 100 feet ahead of her. |
| 43) stated | 63) finding | |
| 44) interested | 64) pulling | 74) Theresa still had the complete hiking gear at the end of the slide. |
| 45) each other | 65) full | |
| 46) clippings | 75) The phrase is 'halt her descent'. | |
| 47) comes | 76) It was to warn Ruth and Doug so that they would not fall into the waterfall. | |
| 48) airport | 77) They were experiencing cold environmental conditions. | |
| 49) photograph | 78) They did not want to fall into the waterfall. | |
| 50) recognise | 79) The word 'her' in line 42 refers to Ruth. | |
| | 80) They would tie their bandannas together to make a signal flag and take turns to shout for help. | |

THE END.
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