



**NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL
2008 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION
PRIMARY 6**

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2: BOOKLET A

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

Name: _____ () Pr 6 ()

There are a total of 80 questions – 30 MCQ and 50 open-ended questions.

Instructions to pupils:

- 1. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.**
- 2. Follow all instructions carefully.**
- 3. Answer all the questions**
- 4. Shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.**

Section A: Graphic Stimulus (5 x 1m = 5m)

Study the advertisement below and answer questions 1 to 5.

River Vale Community Club

OPEN HOUSE

cum River Vale Card Membership Recruitment Drive



Dates: 16 November 2008 (Sun)

Time: 10 am to 4 pm

Venue: River Vale Community Club

7, Riverside Lane (S) 756198

Guest-of-Honour:

Mr Kenny Wong

MP of North East CDC

Advisor to Riverside GRC

"Kick & Score" Contest

Stand a chance to win a pair of movie tickets when you score on our soccer pitch. Sign up as a 'father and son' team to enjoy extra perks.

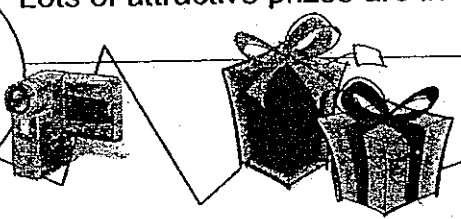


Sign up at the booth!

Please go to www.rivervale.org.sg/forms to register for this competition.

Other Programme Highlights

- Free health screening
- Magic show
- Funniest Family Video Competition
- Inflatable Bouncer by GleeLand Inc
- Balloon sculpturing
- Street magic performances



Traditional Kampong Games

Experience the good old days with a variety of traditional kampong games at the booths.

Lots of attractive prizes are in store!

Card Membership Recruitment:

Enjoy privileges of discounted rates for the following:

- club facilities (gym, pool, badminton courts, others)
- course fees
- shopping privileges

Sign up on 16 Nov to enjoy a special rate of \$45 (UP \$60) plus a \$50 Buffet Voucher from Happy Family Restaurant

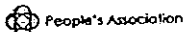
Stage Entertainment & Contests

Be entertained by our cultural shows and performances. Join our creative family contests for a memorable event for you and your family.

Register with your family at the entrance.

For more information on the activities, please call Mdm Halimah at 6738 9282 or email her at rivervale@cc.org.sg. You may also visit www.rivervale.org.sg

Jointly organised by:



Party World

Inc



Jointly supported by:



PABRS - PUNGOOL TOWN COUNCIL



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. This advertisement aims to inform the public about the _____.
 - (1) way to get to River Vale Community Club
 - (2) six sponsors from the various organisations
 - (3) everyday activities organised by River Vale Community Club
 - (4) open house and recruitment drive by River Vale Community Club

2. The organiser of the event is _____.
 - (1) GleeLand Inc
 - (2) Happy Family Restaurant
 - (3) River Vale Community Club
 - (4) Pasir-Ris Punggol Town Council

3. If Mr Wong wants to relive some childhood games with his family, he should take part in the _____.
 - (1) Kick and Score Contest
 - (2) Traditional Kampong Games
 - (3) Stage Entertainment & Contests
 - (4) Funniest Family Video Competition

4. Families that wish to take part in the Stage Entertainment & Contests should _____.
 - (1) sign up at the booth
 - (2) register at the entrance
 - (3) sign up as a card member
 - (4) register online at www.rivervale.org.sg

5. Which of the following statements is **false**?
 - (1) This event caters to both adults and children.
 - (2) Mr Kenny Wong is a joint sponsor for the event.
 - (3) Enquiries about the event can be made through email.
 - (4) People who sign up for the membership card can receive a free buffet voucher.

Section B: Grammar Discrete (7 x 1m = 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. Neither of the pupils _____ taking part in the competition next week.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
7. My neighbour _____ in Toa Payoh before he shifted to Pasir Ris last year.
- (1) live
 - (2) lives
 - (3) has lived
 - (4) had lived
8. _____ hard for the piano competition, Michael was confident that he would win it.
- (1) Practise
 - (2) Practising
 - (3) Has practised
 - (4) Having practised
9. The carnival will be held daily between 9 a.m. _____ 10 p.m. at East Coast Park.
- (1) or
 - (2) to
 - (3) for
 - (4) and
10. The lady, _____ dog was not on a leash, was given a stern warning by the restaurant manager.
- (1) who
 - (2) who's
 - (3) whose
 - (4) whom

11. Jane asked me what _____ to help.

- (1) she can do
- (2) can she do
- (3) she could do
- (4) could she do

12. Ian took the blame for Mary _____ it was not his fault.

- (1) while
- (2) since
- (3) because
- (4) although

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.

In today's society, more fathers are staying at home to care for their children. Men define themselves by the key role of bringing home the bacon. Without it, their sense of self and value plummets. If they no longer have this crucial role to play, what else is there for the men (13)

Perhaps they can be Stay-at-Home Dads? Most fathers turn weak at the thought of taking care of children the whole day.

Besides this, fathers are terrified of being blamed by their wives: "How could he allow them to eat this junk food?" (14) "You see! I knew this would happen when I left him alone with the kids!", "Why did he let them do this (15) These are just some remarks wives make about their husbands.

Adapted from *Weekend TODAY* 14-15 June 2008

13. (1) [,] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [?] question mark
(4) [!] exclamation mark

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

15. (1) [" .] inverted commas and full stop
(2) [. "] full stop and inverted commas
(3) [? "] question mark and inverted commas
(4) [" ?] inverted commas and question mark

Section D: Vocabulary (5 × 1m = 5m)

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.

16. The Land Transport Ministry wants all children to _____ the seat belts when they travel in school buses.
- (1) tie
 - (2) bind
 - (3) fasten
 - (4) anchor
17. Many countries had _____ support to the disaster-hit country.
- (1) pleaded
 - (2) pledged
 - (3) planned
 - (4) promised
18. After examining the evidence, the police _____ that the break-in was committed by the escaped convict.
- (1) deduced
 - (2) analysed
 - (3) proposed
 - (4) estimated
19. The company has _____ a sum of money to help lower wage workers cope with inflation.
- (1) put off
 - (2) put out
 - (3) put aside
 - (4) put down
20. The runner _____ consciousness after he had received first aid.
- (1) regained
 - (2) resumed
 - (3) recovered
 - (4) recognised

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

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.

What do you do when you meet a wombat? Stand very still and just watch. The bush is the wombat's home, so do not disturb it. You would not like a stranger to take a (21) peep at you while you were having your dinner or watching television at your house, so respect the wombat's privacy.

If you really want to take a closer look, start singing, reciting or (22) chanting very softly. It does not matter what you sing, as long as you keep singing. After about three minutes, start to (23) walk slowly towards the wombat, singing as you go.

If the wombat wants to say 'hi' or be scratched, it will come up to you. But even if the wombat decides to come up to you, be very careful and do not move suddenly. Never have a dog with you when you go towards a wombat – even a (24) well-trained dog may run after a wombat if it (25) races off. The dog's smell may scare the wombat too.

Adapted from *The Secret World of Wombats* by Jackie French

21. (1) peer
(2) peek
(3) glance
(4) glimpse
22. (1) chirping
(2) yodelling
(3) intoning
(4) whispering
23. (1) meet
(2) confront
(3) approach
(4) encounter
24. (1) meek
(2) tamed
(3) patient
(4) peaceful
25. (1) darts
(2) roams
(3) ambles
(4) staggers

Section F: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1m = 5m)

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

"Mary had a little lamb". Every school child has heard this rhyme, but did you know that there really was a Mary and she really did have a lamb? Here is the true story of this famous poem.

5 In 1806, Mary Elizabeth Sawyer was born in Sterling, Massachusetts, on a farm where her family raised many farm animals. One cold morning, she went to the barn with her father and found that two lambs had been born in the night. One had been abandoned by its mother and was nearly dead because of the cold and of starvation. She talked her father into letting her take the creature into the house. There she patiently warmed and fed the little lamb and by the next morning, it could stand up. 10 It learnt to drink milk and would follow Mary around everywhere. As the lamb grew, Mary regularly combed it and bathed it and treated it as much as a child would treat a favourite puppy. Since there were not many children around for playmates, Mary used to dress the lamb in clothes and play with it like a doll.

15 When Mary was about nine years old, she and her brother Nat decided to take the lamb to school. As always, the lamb followed close behind Mary. When they got into the classroom, Mary put the lamb under her chair and covered it with a blanket and it went to sleep. When the teacher called on Mary to go to the front of the classroom to read, there was a *clatter, clatter, clatter*, as the lamb rose to go with her. Mary was mortified! The teacher, Miss Polly Kimball, however, laughed out loud, 20 as did all of the children, but Mary was ashamed. The lamb spent the rest of the morning in a shed and Mary took it home at lunchtime.

A visitor to the school, John Roulstone, had been visiting the school that morning when he heard about the incident regarding the lamb. The next day, he arrived on horseback to give Mary a slip of paper that had the original three stanzas 25 of the poem he had written.

Mary's lamb lived for several years and was regularly sheered for its wool. Mary's mother had knitted a pair of stockings from the lamb's fleece and years after the poem became famous, Mary donated more of those stockings to a group that was raising money to preserve the Old South Church in Boston. On small cards, Mary 30 wrote, "Knitted yarn from the first fleece of Mary's Little Lamb", followed by her signature, Mary E. Sawyer, and the date. Those cards, together with Mary's personal retelling of her famous story, helped to raise hundreds of dollars to preserve the church.

35 Those cards can still be seen in museums such as the Henry Ford museum in Michigan, and can be purchased at special antique auctions. The fun of Mary's lamb's adventure at school still lives on for children today.

Adapted from *Mary and Her Little Lamb* by Mary Rose

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.

26. Why did Mary keep the lamb?

She wanted _____.

- (1) to preserve its life
- (2) a poem to be written about it
- (3) her mother to knit stockings from the lamb's wool
- (4) to use the lamb's wool to raise money for the Old South Church

27. Why did the lamb follow Mary everywhere she went?

- (1) She had helped the lamb to stand on its feet.
- (2) The lamb was attached to her as she had nursed it.
- (3) The lamb wanted to be combed and bathed all the time.
- (4) Mary made sure it followed her no matter where she went.

28. How did the other children react when they found out about the lamb?

- (1) They made fun of the lamb.
- (2) They were annoyed by its presence.
- (3) They kept it in a shed until lunchtime.
- (4) They found it amusing to have a lamb in class.

29. How was the money needed to preserve Old South Church raised?

- (1) The group sold the fleece and wool from Mary's lamb.
- (2) Mary had made her poem popular before using it to raise the fund.
- (3) Mary's signed cards and her retelling of her lamb's story helped raise the fund.
- (4) Cards were sold at special antique auctions at Henry Ford Museum.

30. Which one of the following statements is **true**?

- (1) Mary pretended that the lamb was a puppy.
- (2) Mary was ashamed of her lamb throughout.
- (3) Mary received the original poem which contained only three stanzas.
- (4) Mary wrote and signed on the cards so as to make her poem popular.



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PAPER 2: BOOKLET B

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

Name: _____

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Parent's Signature: _____

Booklet A	/30
Booklet B	/65
Total	/95

PAPER 1 - Writing	/55
PAPER 2 - Language Use & Comprehension	/95
PAPER 3 - Listening Comprehension	/20
PAPER 4 - Oral Communication	/30
TOTAL	/200

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

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40. 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	also	D	down	G	over	J	then	N	while
B	at	E	for	H	she	K	they	O	will
C	but	F	in	I	so	L	which	M	with

An old couple was having problems remembering things, so they decided to go to their doctor to make sure nothing was wrong with them. When they arrived (31) _____ the doctor's, they explained to the doctor about the problems they were having with their memory. After examining the couple, the doctor told them that they were physically fine (32) _____ advised them to start making notes to help them remember things.

Later that night (33) _____ watching TV, the old man got up from his chair and his wife asked, "Where are you going?" He replied, "The kitchen." She asked, "Then (34) _____ you get me a bowl of ice cream?" He replied, "Sure." She then asked him, "Shouldn't you write it (35) _____ so you can remember it?" He said, "No, I can remember that." She (36) _____ said, "Well I would also like some strawberries (37) _____ that. You had better take notes because I know you'll forget that too." He replied, "I can remember it all. You want a bowl of ice cream and strawberries." She added, "Well I would also like whipped cream on top. I know you will forget that (38) _____ please write it somewhere." With irritation (39) _____ his voice, he shouted, "I don't need to write that, I can remember everything." He then stormed into the kitchen. After about twenty minutes, he returned from the kitchen and handed her a plate of bacon and eggs. She stared at the plate (40) _____ a moment and said, "You forgot my toast."

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.

I wish I had more time. Time for me to do all the things I want.

(41)

The passing of time is really a strange **phanominon**. Whenever I find

(42)

myself enjoying something, it zips passed without a care. On other

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(44)

okassions when I am engaged in something I **absolutly** hate, it

endeavours to crawl slowly by.

(45)

Today, I am taking my examinations. My preparing has been rushed

(46)

and ill-prepared. It ended even before it had begin. In fact, I think that my

(47)

(48)

rivishen has been atrocious. In fact, I think that I will sure fail. In fact, all

(49)

I did, during the weeks **preseeding** this paper, was to reminisce about the

(50)

good old days when I was younger. Those were good times than now.

Oh, how I wish I had more time. Time for me to do all the things I want -

like finishing this examination!

Marks

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

In the following passage, there are 15 blanks numbered 51 to 65. Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

There is a story about a little boy's encounter with the Polish pianist Paderewski. In (51)_____ to interest the little boy who was (52)_____ to play the piano, his mother took him to a (53)_____ by the famous Paderewski. Both of them (54)_____ at the music hall early and soon the boy's mother got into a (55)_____ with one of her lady friends. (56)_____ the ladies were engrossed in speaking, the little boy wandered off to play on his (57)_____.

When it was (58)_____ the spotlights came on and the stage curtain opened. However, (59)_____ of Paderewski, there was that little boy (60)_____ at the piano innocently playing the children's song, "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star."

Paderewski came on (61)_____ and quickly moved over to the piano. "Don't stop. Just keep on playing," he whispered to the little boy. Then he leaned (62)_____ the boy, readied himself, and put his (63)_____ onto the keyboard right alongside the little boy's. The little boy kept on repeating and repeating "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star", while the genius was weaving (64)_____ kinds of new melodies around it, a different one (65)_____ time. The crowd was thrilled by this extraordinary partnership between a genius and an amateur.

Marks

Section J: Synthesis/Transformation (5 x 2m = 10m)

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).

66. I want to break the 100m record. I must train harder.

_____ as

67. Mary likes classical music. She does not like heavy metal music.

Mary prefers _____

68. The pupils are not listening to the announcement. Mr. Tan is not listening to the announcement too.

Neither _____

69. "Did all of you remember to submit your entry forms yesterday?" the teacher asked the class.

The teacher asked _____

70. Jason knows who stole the examination papers. He does not want to reveal anything.

Despite _____

Marks

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

Read the passage below carefully and answer questions 71 to 80.

"If you have your ATM card, you can use the machines right outside the door, the line is much shorter outside," the receptionist pointed.

He trotted out again, sweating. It was really hot in the bank. She was right, of course, there were only a few people in line, but he was starting to get really furious. He always withdrew money from the counter, ~~with~~^{from} a real person.

"This is all Annette's fault. Her stupid dress. All this for her silly dress. Why is it so important?" Chang growled silently to himself. Indignation filled him. He never liked Annette. "Why did my boy have to marry this woman anyway? All this trouble's her fault," he sighed.

He looked behind him, hoping no one would stand in line after him. Unfortunately, a man and woman joined the line. Chang rolled his eyes. Not only were they bigger than him, they were both locals. He kept turning around to look at them, feeling ill.

There were only three people ahead of him, then there were two, then one. It was his turn. He stared at the screen. "This is not in English!" he thought frantically. "I can't read it!" He then realized he was staring at the French greeting, in blue, and that the English greeting was above it, in red. He keyed in his pin code. He knew his pin code because it was the same one as the one he had used all his life for his ATM card in Singapore. But over here it was all different. This was a different ATM machine. And the people standing behind him were sighing.

He looked at the screen. "Why isn't it responding? I've already keyed in my pin code," he muttered in panic. Then the message came up. "Huh? Why would I want to cancel the transaction? I haven't got my money yet," he jabbed the buttons frantically. "No. No," he pleaded with the ATM. Then, he realized that he had forgotten to press "Enter" after keying in his pin code. He quickly entered it again, palms moist with sweat.

The selection screen came up. He stared, stupefied, at the screen. The text had arrows pointing to buttons for selection. However, the arrows on the ATM screen were not **synchronized** with the actual buttons on the machine, and he could not tell which button was for which selection. He guessed, and the machine made an angry buzz.

"That selection is not available, please try again," the screen flashed annoyingly at him.

He heard the man behind sighing again. From the corner of his eye, Chang saw the man turn and say impatiently to the woman behind him, "Goodness, don't you love these people?"

Hot tears came to Chang's eyes. Right there and then, he suddenly felt small and shrivelled. Finally, the cash whirred out from the machine. He grabbed it and tried to make a dignified exit.

Adapted from a story by Wena Poon

ANSWER IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. Why did Chang go to the bank to withdraw money instead of using the ATM?

72. What did Chang need money for?

73. How were Chang and Annette related?

74. What were the two things Chang did which tell you that he disliked having other people in the queue behind him?

75. What was it in particular that Chang disliked about the two people behind him?

76. What does the phrase "not synchronized" (line 28) mean?

Marks

77. How did the two people behind Chang feel? Give evidence to support your answer.

78. How do you know that Chang was nervous when using the ATM machine?

79. Who did the man refer to when he said "these people" (line 34)?

80. Which sentence in the passage indicates that Chang really hated his ordeal at the ATM machine?

Marks

End Of Paper

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Primary 6 English SA2 Exam (2008)

Answer Keys

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
4	3	2	2	2	1	4	4	4	3
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
3	4	3	1	3	3	2	1	3	1
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
2	3	3	2	1	1	2	4	1	3
Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
B	C	N	P	D	K	Q	J	F	E

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| 41. phenomenon | 42. past | 43. occasions | 44. absolutely | 45. preparation |
| 46. begun | 47. revision | 48. surely | 49. preceding | 50. better |
| 51. order | 52. learning | 53. performance | 54. arrived | 55. conversion |
| 56. While | 57. own | 58. time | 59. instead | 60. sitting |
| 61. stage | 62. over | 63. fingers | 64. all | 65. each |

66. I must train hard as I want to break the 100m record.
67. Mary prefers classical music to heavy metal music.
68. Neither the pupils nor Mr Tan is listening to the announcement.
69. The teacher asked the class if all of them had remembered to submit their entry forms the day before.
70. Despite the fact that Jason knows who stole the examination papers, he does not want to reveal anything.
71. He was used to with draw money with draw money from the counter form a real person.
72. He had to buy a dress for Annette.
73. Annette was Chang's daughter-in-law.
74. He looked behind him hoping no one would stand in the queue after him and when a man and a woman joined the line, Chang rolled his eyes.
75. They were bigger than him and they were both locals.
76. It means the arrows on the ATM screen did not open at the same time with the actual buttons on the machine.
77. They felt annoyed. The man behind Chang kept sighing and he turned and said to the woman behind him, "Goodness don't you love these people".
78. I know as his hand started sweating while he pressed the buttons.
79. He was referring to people who were slow.
80. The sentence is "Right there and then, he suddenly felt small and shriveled."