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**SINGAPORE CHINESE GIRLS' SCHOOL
PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2009
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY SIX**

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Booklet A	
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PAPER 2

BOOKLET A

50 questions

65 marks

Total time for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

DO NOT OPEN THIS BOOKLET UNTIL YOU ARE TOLD TO DO SO.

FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.

ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS.

Study the following advertisement and answer questions 1 to 5.

Healthy Cooking with Olive Oil

Learn to cook delicious dishes with this flavoursome oil.



With 20 years of culinary experience, Chef Chris Choo will bring you up close and personal with this nutrient-rich oil. Also, discover how you can use *Le Borges* cast iron cookware to whip up wholesome recipes. Using *Hunter's* olive oil and *Chef Valley* stewed tomatoes, Chef Chris will serve up Stewed Chicken Thigh with Tomatoes, Baked Rice with Salmon, Stir-fried Pasta with Baby Prawns and Spinach Carrot Roll. The cooking session will end with a demonstration on how to bake Chef Chris' special Olive Oil Chocolate Cake and some food tasting.

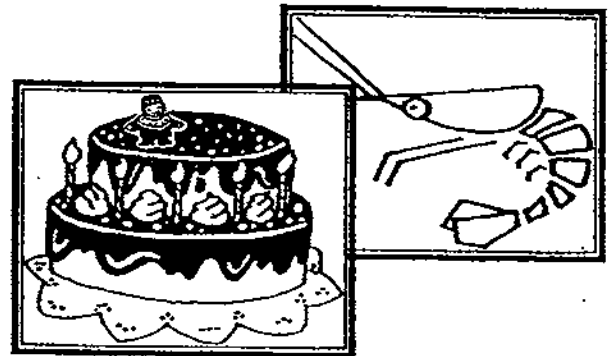
Date: Saturday, 14 November 2009

Time: Session 1 (10 am – 12 noon)
Session 2 (1 pm – 3 pm)
Session 3 (4 pm – 6 pm)

Venue: Bayshore Cooking Studio
2 Rusden Road
#01-07 Burwood Centre

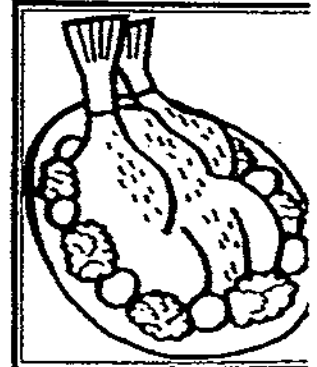
Registration Fee: \$15 per person

Closing Date: 7 November 2009



Venue Sponsor
Bayshore Cooking Studio

Product Sponsors
Le Borges, Hunter's, Chef Valley



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. According to the advertisement, olive oil is _____
 - (1) close and personal
 - (2) healthy and delicious
 - (3) delicious and flavoursome
 - (4) flavoursome and nutrient-rich

2. Chef Chris Choo is a highly competent chef because he _____
 - (1) is world-renowned
 - (2) is warm and friendly
 - (3) shares his culinary skills willingly
 - (4) has 20 years of culinary experience

3. If you were a vegetarian, you would be interested in learning to cook _____
 - (1) Spinach Carrot Roll
 - (2) Baked Rice with Salmon
 - (3) Stir-fried Pasta with Baby Prawns
 - (4) Stewed Chicken Thigh with Tomatoes

4. Your mother works six mornings a week. If she wants to attend a cooking session, she should register for _____
 - (1) Session 1 only
 - (2) Session 2 only
 - (3) either Session 1 or 2
 - (4) either Session 2 or 3

5. _____ is not a product sponsor of the cooking session.
 - (1) Hunter's
 - (2) Le Borges
 - (3) Chef Valley
 - (4) Bayshore Cooking Studio

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. If Mr Mohan had known that the situation would worsen, he _____ his travel plan
- (1) will cancel
 - (2) had cancelled
 - (3) will be cancelled
 - (4) would have cancelled
7. He was jolted from his nap in the barber's chair by the cold shampoo that trick _____ his neck.
- (1) out
 - (2) from
 - (3) down
 - (4) between
8. Faisal saw Maria _____ the glass of apple juice.
- (1) drink
 - (2) drank
 - (3) drunk
 - (4) drinks
9. The expedition to the south pole will be abandoned _____ the funds are sufficient
- (1) for
 - (2) due
 - (3) unless
 - (4) despite
10. "If you ever _____ any of our secrets, you will be banned forever from our group," the leader reminded all at the meeting.
- (1) give in
 - (2) give up
 - (3) give off
 - (4) give away

11. I found out that the soup that I had ordered _____ served to the old lady at the table about ten minutes ago.

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

12. The average-looking man _____ the waiter is attending to used to be award-winning director.

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

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 noticed a rice sack in the corner next to some herbal medicine and folded clothes.

"Why are you packing, Mother?"

Without answering me, she led me to the stool and raked her hard-toothed comb through my hair. As each stroke yanked at my scalp, pain shot through my mosquito (13) chewed body. I clenched my teeth, not wanting to cry out. Then, I felt something cold on my scalp. "I hope this works," Mother whispered (14) as claimed on the bottle. Her comb scraped against my raw scalp.

I could not bear the pain and the itch for any longer. "You are hurting me (15)" I shouted.

Adapted from *Revolution Is Not A Dinner Party* (2007) by Ying Chang Compestine

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

For each question from 16 to 20, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Mark your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

16. The cub looked so adorable, _____ as it is against other cubs.

- (1) rustled
- (2) nestled
- (3) bustled
- (4) wrestled

17. Unwilling to draw any attention to herself, Lana made her exit through the side door as _____ as possible.

- (1) intrepidly
- (2) invariably
- (3) unrelentingly
- (4) unobtrusively

18. The public has been urged by the health authorities to maintain a balanced diet and exercise regularly to improve their _____ to influenza.

- (1) hesitance
- (2) resistance
- (3) reluctance
- (4) compliance

19. The comment by the speaker caused measurable _____ among the pupils and teachers alike, their laughter reverberating throughout the auditorium.

- (1) mirth
- (2) duress
- (3) juncture
- (4) anticipation

20. As the sky continued to darken, it became obvious that a storm was _____.

- (1) eminent
- (2) imminent
- (3) prominent
- (4) incontinent

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

I became what I am today at the age of twelve. It was a frigid overcast day in the winter of 1975. I remember the precise moment, crouching behind a crumbling mud wall, peeking into the alley near the frozen stream. That was a long time ago. Looking back now, I realise I have been peeking into that deserted alley for the last twenty-six years.

One day last summer, my friend Rahim Khan called from Pakistan. He asked me to see him. Standing in the kitchen with the receiver to my ear, I knew it was not just Rahim Khan on the line. It was my past of unatoned sins. After I had hung up, I went for a walk along the lake.

The early-afternoon sun sparkled on the water where dozens of miniature boats sailed, propelled by a crisp breeze. Then, I glanced up and saw a pair of kites soaring in the sky. Suddenly, Hassan's voice whispered in my head, "For you, a thousand times over."

Adapted from *The Kite Runner* (2003) by Khaled Hosseini

21. (1) cold
(2) balmy
(3) frippery
(4) scorching
22. (1) bowing
(2) kneeling
(3) squatting
(4) prostrating
23. (1) sea
(2) canal
(3) creek
(4) ocean
24. (1) unrepentant
(2) unattainable
(3) unapologetic
(4) unredeemed
25. (1) pried
(2) pitted
(3) pillaged
(4) powered

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 26 to 30.

Undoubtedly, Ranga physically dwelt in the town but his thoughts were always centred around his home in the village. There, his daughter was growing up under the care of his rather difficult wife. He managed to send home some money every month for their maintenance, particularly to meet the expenses of his daughter's schooling. He was proud that his daughter went to a school, the very first member of his family to take a step in that direction. His wife, however, did not favour the idea, convinced as she was that a girl was meant to make herself useful at home, marry and bear children. However, Ranga rejected this philosophy, especially after the schoolmaster had told him, "Your child is very intelligent. You must see that she studies well and send her to the mission school later."

Originally, Ranga had set up his grinding wheel next to the village blacksmith under the big tamarind tree where peasants from the surrounding areas, bringing in their tools and implements for repairs, congregated all day. One or other in the crowd would get an idea to hone his scythe, shears or weeding blade when he noticed Ranga and his grinding wheel. However, the blacksmith was greedy, claiming a portion of every dollar that Ranga earned and kept watch on the number of customers Ranga got each day. They quarrelled when the time came to settle the accounts and he also frequently demanded a drink at the tavern across the road. This meant that Ranga would have to drink too and face his wife's tantrum when he reached home. Once, he took a bottle home and coaxed her to taste it but she retched at the smell of it and knocked the bottle violently out of his hand.

Since then, Ranga decided to avoid the blacksmith and try his luck as a travelling grinder. Carrying his grinding gear, he left home early one morning after a simple breakfast. After giving up his association with the blacksmith, he noticed an improvement in his wife's temper. Until one day, when he emptied his day's collection into his wife's lap and she snapped, "Only two dollars! Didn't you go to the weekly market?"

At this, Ranga felt upset and let out such a deafening yell that she jumped and cried, "Are you crazy? What has come over you?"

Adapted from *Malgudi Days* (1972) by R K Narayan

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. Currently, Ranga is _____
- (1) living on his own in the town
 - (2) drinking with the blacksmith at the tavern
 - (3) calling out to potential customers at the market
 - (4) sitting with the other peasants under the tamarind tree
27. Ranga was more determined to see his daughter through school after _____
- (1) sending money home for her expenses
 - (2) hearing the schoolmaster's comments of his daughter
 - (3) his daughter made history by being the first to go to school
 - (4) winning the argument with his wife regarding the importance of education
28. The blacksmith agreed to allow Ranga to set up stall under the tamarind tree with him _____
- (1) because he welcomed his company
 - (2) as he saw him as another customer
 - (3) in order to get free drinks at the tavern
 - (4) to tap on his expertise to attract more peasants with their tools
29. Ranga's "deafening yell" (line 25) reflects that he was _____
- ~~(1)~~ tired of his wife's frequent complaints
 - ~~(2)~~ frustrated by the need to avoid the blacksmith
 - ~~(3)~~ shocked by the change in his wife's behaviour
 - ~~(4)~~ upset by his wife's suggestions of his lack of trying
30. The main idea of this passage is Ranga _____
- (1) believed strongly in the value of education
 - (2) did not have a good day at the weekly market
 - (3) stopped befriending the blacksmith to please his wife
 - (4) had to go through many trials and tribulations to support his family

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PAPER 2

BOOKLET B

50 questions

65 marks

Total time for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

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 in order to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE

(A) a	(D) from	(G) by	(K) are	(N) before
(B) has	(E) of	(H) was	(L) have	(P) to
(C) were	(F) is	(J) that	(M) when	(Q) for

Entering a ward at the Communicable Disease Centre (CDC), Albert Teo stops by a patient's bed and offers a cheery greeting (31) _____ snapping on his disposable rubber gloves and retrieving a small bottle of lavender oil (32) _____ his bag.

What follows (33) _____ the patient is half an hour of bliss as Albert rubs, kneads and massages his stick-thin legs. Flashing a smile and a thumbs-up sign, the patient, who (34) _____ HIV-positive, quips, "After Albert's massage, my legs do not feel so sore when I walk, and I sleep better. I look forward (35) _____ Saturdays."

Every Saturday afternoon for the past seven years, Albert (36) _____ visited HIV/AIDS patients. The National University of Singapore Business School professor gives massages, picks up hawker meals and provides (37) _____ friendly ear to patients as part of his volunteer work at the CDC's Patient Care Centre.

"Massages, for these patients, (38) _____ not about technique but physical touch," he explains. "Patients are ostracized and discriminated against, and some of them are abandoned (39) _____ their families. So the fact (40) _____ volunteers who are complete strangers come forward to touch them and offer them friendship and emotional support is very healing."

Adapted from "Lending a Hand" by Michelle Bong

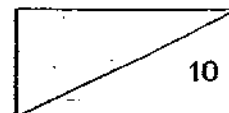
Correct each word in bold for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box. (10 marks)

He turned towards the black interior of the shed and stepped into the
 (41)
 cool, musty dimness, **momenterály** blinded. He stood perfectly still, waiting,
 (42)
 listening. He heard the soft pad of feet, the dry rustle of straw, **the ratel** of a
 (43)
 chain. A heavy body **brushes** against him, almost upsetting him. The next
 moment, the paper bag was **almost tipped** from his hand.

(44)
 His explored hand touched coarse fur, a broad head, a pair of stubby
 (45)
 tulip-shaped ears. When his eyes became **akustommed** to the gloom, he
 made out the great blocky shape of the bear. He put both his arms around its
 (46)
 huge neck, and murmuring, "I sure am glad to see you, Ben."

Ben padded to the open doorway. It was a warm day, and sky and land
 (47)
 were so bright as a new belt buckle. Ben blinked his little eyes at the bright
 (48)
 sunlight. He swung his big head right and left as his **deliket** nostrils eagerly
 (49)
sampling the fresh spring air. Ben was not yet a full-grown brown bear, but
 (50)
 even so, he was a **tremandoes** animal with great ropes of muscles rippling
 sinuously under his golden coat.

-adapted from *Wildlife Wonders 2007 Vol 6-*



Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

A typical day at work for Cesar Millan includes taking a four-hour jog with 40 dogs, large and small, young and old, and none of them on leashes. (51) _____ most of these dogs belong to him, the rest are troubled dogs sent to Millan to learn good behaviour. Obviously, Millan has a special gift (52) _____ working with these animals.

Growing up on a farm in Mexico, Millan knew he (53) _____ to work with dogs. His first (54) _____, at age 15, was helping a veterinarian. He was so good at calming scared dogs and (55) _____ all kinds of situations, people started calling him 'the dog boy.' Since then, he has built a rewarding career around his (56) _____ animal.

Studying dogs on the farm where he grew up, Millan realised they need a lot of exercise to be calm. He explains his (57) _____ "Exercise and discipline first, and then affection!" He says a lot of people get it (58) _____ because they do not realise what dogs really need. Millan does not just train dogs; he trains owners to understand that their pets (59) _____ rules. He has helped celebrities (60) _____ Oprah Winfrey and Will Smith and everyday people too.

At his Dog Psychology Centre in Los Angeles, California, Millan also works with dogs whose dangerous behaviour has (61) _____ them from finding homes. He (62) _____ them to be loving, gentle pets. Viewers can actually see the (63) _____ in dogs with troublesome behaviour on Millan's TV show *The Dog Whisperer*.

To find the right job, Millan (64) _____ kids to do what they enjoy. Millan offers this advice, "You can always find a job. But I find that happiness comes when you follow your (65) _____." Success followed me because I was following my dream of being the best dog trainer in the world.

Adapted from an article published online at <http://www.kids.nationalgeographic.com>

For each of the items 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 Mrs Tan said to her daughter, "I have arranged for someone to tutor you tonight."

Mrs Tan told her daughter _____

67 Our class monitor signals to us. It is a warning that our teacher is coming.

_____ so as to

68 Jill is too young to watch a horror movie with her parents.

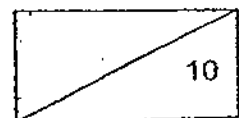
Jill is not _____

69 Andrew is happy. His mother bought him a new computer game.

_____ his mother.

70 It is tiring to study all day long with no breaks.

_____ without



Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

I lay shivering on the floor, listening for my sister's voice and glancing around for my mother even as my head throbbed. When I reached up to touch the crown of my head, I felt ridges of broken bones beneath solidified blood. My stomach heaved: it was shattered pieces of my skull against the surface of my brain. It was then that Gustavo broke the sad news to me.

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Panic and grief exploded in my heart but a lucid, detached voice said, *Do not cry. Tears waste salt. You'll need salt to survive.* I was astounded. Not cry for my mother, for the **greatest loss of my life? I'm stranded, I'm freezing, my sister may be dying, my skull was in pieces. I should not cry?** I heard the voice again: *Do not cry.*

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"There is more," Gustavo said. "Panchito is dead. Guido too."

Sobs gathered in my throat but before I could surrender, the voice spoke once more: *They are gone..Look forward. Think clearly. You will survive.*

I now had an urgent desire to reach my sister. I rolled onto my stomach and started dragging myself on my elbows. When my strength gave out and my head slumped to the floor, someone lifted me.

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And there, lying on her back, was Susy. Traces of blood were on her brow, her face had been washed. My friends helped me to lie down beside her and as I wrapped my arms around her, I whispered, "I'm here, Susy. It's Nando."

She turned and looked at me with her caramel-coloured eyes but her gaze was so unfocused that I could not be sure she knew it was me. I wrapped myself around her to protect her from the cold and lay with her for hours. In the chaos of that broken plane, stranded in the Andes, there was nothing else I could do. I thought of my father's old advice to me: "Be strong, Nando. Be smart. Make your own luck. Take care of the people you love."

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I told Susy, "Don't worry. They will find us. They will bring us home."

In those early days, all of us believed that rescue was our only chance of survival. We had to believe it. As the afternoon wore on, the frigid air took on an even sharper edge. Soon the darkness was absolute and the cold closed in on us like the jaws of a vice. I suffered through the night, frozen to the core. When I felt I could not stand it any longer, I drew Susy closer. The thought that I was comforting her kept me sane.

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Five days later, on our eighth day in the mountain, I was lying with my arms around my sister when I saw the worried look fade from her face. Her breathing became shallow until I could hear no more. My chest **heaved with sobs.** But I did not cry. *Tears waste salt.* I made a silent vow to my father whom I knew was waiting for me. *I will struggle. I will come home.*

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Adapted from "I am Alive" - Reader's Digest
Sept 2006

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

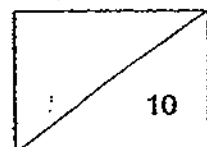
71. With reference to **Paragraph 1**, how do we know that the writer was concerned about his sister's safety?

72. Which **three-word** phrase in **Paragraph 2** tells us that the writer was not only feeling fearful but was in anguish too?

73. Who was the writer referring to when he said the "greatest loss of my life" (line 9)?

74. What did the writer do to show that he had great difficulty in getting to Susy?

75. What tragedy had happened to put the writer and his friends in such a dire situation.



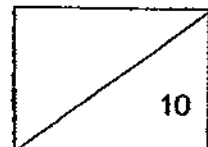
76. Referring to Paragraph 7, what was the main factor that enabled the writer to continue to have hope of surviving?

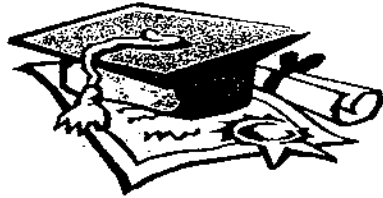
77. Explain what "it" in line 31 refers to.

78. According to the passage, how many people had died by the end of the eighth day?

79. Explain clearly why the writer's chest "heaved with sobs" (line 35).

80. In the last paragraph, the writer said, "I will struggle. I will come home". What does this tell you about the writer's personality?





ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2009

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Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
P	B	A	K	G	J

- 41)momentarily 42)rattle 43)brushed 44)exploring
- 45)accustomed 46)murmured 47)as 48)delicate
- 49)sampled 50)tremendous 51)Although 52)in
- 53)had 54)job 55)handing 56)favourite 57)belief
- 58)wrong 59)need 60)like 61)kept/derived
- 62)trains/teachers 63)changed 64)advises/tells/urges
- 65)heart
- 66)Mrs Tan told her daughter that she had arranged for someone to tutor her that night.
- 67)Our class monitors signal to us so as to warn us that our teacher is coming.

- 68) Jill is not old enough to watch a horror movie with her parents.
- 69) Andrew is happy that a new computer game was bought for him by his mother.
- 70) It is tiring to study an day long without any breaks.
- 71) He listened for his sister's voice even though his head throbbed.
- 72) The phrase is "panic and grief."
- 73) The writer was referring to his mother.
- 74) He rolled onto his stomach and started dragging himself on his elbows.
- 75) A plane crash had occurred and the writer and his friend were in the plane.
- 76) He remembered that his father had advised him to look forward and think clearly.
- 77) It was the cold air that they encountered.
- 78) Four people had died by the end of the eighty day.
- 79) His sister had died and he was sad but could not cry as tears waste salt, so he cried in his heart.
- 80) The writer is a strong and determined person who does not give easily and persists for his survival.

