



**HENRY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
2011 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION
PRIMARY SIX
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2 BOOKLET A**

NAME : _____

CLASS : P6. _____

INDEX NO : _____

30 QUESTIONS

30 MARKS

TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLETS A & 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.

Shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

Booklet A

Section	Marks
Graphic Stimulus Comprehension	5
Grammar	7
Punctuation	3
Vocabulary	5
Vocabulary Cloze	5
Comprehension MCQ	5
Total	30

Booklet A	: _____ / 30
Booklet B	: _____ / 65
TOTAL	: _____ / 95

Parent's signature: _____

Study the following text and then answer questions 1 to 5.



FAMILY DAY OUT

FREE ADMISSION

26 JUNE 2011, SATURDAY, 9AM - 4PM
WATERFRONT PROMENADE @ MARINA BAY WISKE MARINA BAY SANDS

SWITCH n CLICK
by NATIONAL FAMILY COUNCIL... Experience being another family member for a day

Join us for a day of fun-filled activities at our Family Day Out Carnival. Guaranteed to entertain everyone in the family!

ADRENALINE RUSH
Get your adrenaline pumping at our Family Race Obstacle Course and get on-packed Giant Board Games!

GLAMOUR TIME
FREE "Glow At Any Age" Seminar for Mum and Daughter by Gliselle And Fifi Silverio designed for participants! (Limited to first 50 pairs, register via nfc2011@ntvmedia.org.sg)

PROTECT n PROVE
It's GAME TIME for the whole FAMILY with Kinect for Xbox 360! It also means FREEDOM to play the way you want! Show off your skills and stand a chance to win exciting prizes!

EXTRA GOODIE BAGGLES
Do not miss the Nestle - Happy Family Booth @ Family Day Out! Energise yourself with on the cold MILQ's Easy Cool, get a FREE family portrait (instantly taken courtesy of MILQ's) and have a bouncing good time at the "KOKO Goes Kung Fu" Bouncy Castle.

REUNITE n RECONNECT
Youth and their families are coming together to sell how and second hand items ranging from clothes to cosmetics and more! What better way to enjoy bonding between generations?

STAND A CHANCE TO WIN \$20,000 WORTH OF PRIZES IN OUR LUCKY DRAW!

Gather more than 50 people from your family, company or organisation and register via nfc2011@ntvmedia.org.sg to receive special goodie bags!

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. Family Day Out Carnival is organised by _____.

- (1) Tote Board
- (2) Switch 'n' Click
- (3) Waterfront Promenade
- (4) National Family Council

2. Which one of the following statements is TRUE?

- (1) The event is held at Marina Bay Sands.
- (2) There are three game stalls at the event.
- (3) Everyone will receive free Shiseido doorgifts if he/she takes part in the event.
- (4) Family Day Out Carnival is free and open to only those who come with their families.

3. Mrs Chan and her daughter, Valerie, are looking for an activity which they can have fun together at an all-ladies session. They should go to _____.

- (1) Project Xbox 360
- (2) Glow And Behold
- (3) Family Photo Fun with Milo
- (4) 'Flea, Fly, Family' Flea Market

4. Samuel has to _____ to get a special Family Day Out goodie bag at the:

- (1) register more than fifty names via the National Family Council website
- (2) register more than fifty names at the information counter during the event
- (3) be the first fifty to register for the event via the National Family Council website
- (4) be the first fifty to present the advertisement at the information counter during the event

5. The theme for this year's carnival encourages family to _____.

- (1) take a family photo as a family
- (2) participate in the lucky draws together
- (3) know more about their family members' daily roles
- (4) find out more about their family members' interests

For each question from 6 to 12, four questions 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. Benjamin (as well as his classmates) _____ excited to go to the Escape Theme Park for the upcoming school outing.

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

7. When Rachel and her sister _____ on their assignments, the telephone rang.

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

8. Alicia was cycling at East Coast Park with her family when she saw her classmate, Susan, _____ a picnic with her family.

- (1) has
- (2) had
- (3) have
- (4) is having

9. My uncle, _____ car has just passed us, is a renowned artist.

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

10. Neither Aisha nor her brothers _____ going to bed even though the clock had just struck twelve in the night.

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

11. He told you he was a professional football player! I can't believe you fell _____ that. You are so gullible.

- (1) in
- (2) on
- (3) for
- (4) into

12. Banking hours in Singapore _____ to accommodate to customers' differing schedules.

- (1) has changed
- (2) have changed
- (3) has been changed
- (4) have been changed

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)

The children and their parents stared at the little grey strip lying in the drawer.

"You mean that's all (13)" said Mike Teavee, disgusted.

"That's all," answered Mr Wonka, gazing proudly at the result (14) "Don't you know what it is?"

There was a pause. Then suddenly, Violet Beauregarde, the silly gum-chewing girl, let out a yell of excitement. "By gum, it's gum!" she shrieked. "It's a stick of chewing-gum!"

"Right you are (15) It's a stick of the most amazing and fabulous and sensational gum in the world!" cried Mr Wonka, slapping Violet hard in the back.

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

14. (1) [; "] comma and open inverted commas
(2) [. "] comma and close inverted commas
(3) [. "] full stop and open inverted commas
(4) [. "] full stop and close inverted commas

15. (1) [,] comma
(2) [;] semi colon
(3) [?] question mark
(4) [!] exclamation mark

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. The tenants were _____ from their homes for not being able to pay their rent.

- (1) ousted
- (2) evicted
- (3) dismissed
- (4) retrenched

17. Police have _____ the case involving the Indonesian maid whose body was found in the water tank of a HDB flat as murder.

- (1) issued
- (2) assigned
- (3) specified
- (4) classified

18. Jason has always been _____ in his approach to his studies as he constantly displays a lack of interest and effort.

- (1) sedate
- (2) pathetic
- (3) indifferent
- (4) cumbersome

19. I need to get a driving licence which is _____ locally before I can drive here.

- (1) certified
- (2) received
- (3) presented
- (4) established

20. Wilson _____ a story to get himself out of trouble when he was questioned by Mrs Dee.

- (1) twisted
- (2) compiled
- (3) produced
- (4) fabricated

For each question from 21 to 25, 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)

Singapore and Malaysia have agreed to open a rapid transit rail service to connect the city-state with the southern Malaysian city of Johor Bahru by 2018.

Yesterday, a 20-year wrangle over the Malayan railway land that had dogged ties (21) between Singapore and Malaysia came to a close after both sides put pen to paper and agreed on the implementation details of a landmark land swap.

This was hailed as a deal that would take the relationship between the (22) neighbours to a new level. Among the major components of the deal is a (23)

Rapid Transit system (RTS) link that will allow for speedy commutes between Johor Bahru and Singapore. This is finalised after months of negotiations between officials from both countries.

In a joint statement, both PM Lee and Datuk Seri Najib said the collaboration would pave the way for both countries to explore new areas of (24) cooperation. They also reiterated their desire to further strengthen ties. Malaysian (25) Prime Minister Najib Razak has in fact described the recent agreement reached with Singapore over Malayan Railway land and the Tanjong Pagar train station as a 'major breakthrough'.

Adapted from The Straits Times, 28 June 2011

21. (1) clash
(2) fight
(3) dispute
(4) argument

22. (1) greeted
(2) signalled
(3) recognised
(4) acknowledged

23. (1) bargain
(2) contract
(3) arrangement
(4) understanding

24. (1) probe
(2) search
(3) discover
(4) investigate

25. (1) wish
(2) need
(3) craving
(4) yearning

Read the passage and answer questions 26 to 30.

(5 marks)

The Seoul Times Sunday 4 August 1998

The Sampoong Department Store was a scene of horror with hundreds feared dead after the six-storey building collapsed. The tragedy began at about 6pm when the popular store was packed to the brim with shoppers. Suddenly, the ceiling of the second last floor came crashing down, causing the floors beneath it to buckle under the weight. 5

It is thought that about 1200 people were in the building at the time and that few were able to escape. As rescuers and bulldozers sift through the rubble for survivors, eighty people have already been found dead, with hundreds more injured or missing.

Some of the hardest to get to are the people who had been eating dinner in the basement food area where the entire building caved in on top of them. 10

When Sampoong Department Store was built in 1987, it was originally designed to be an office building with four floors. But Mr Lee Joon, the building's owner, decided he wanted to turn it into a department store instead. This meant removing support columns to make room for escalators. When the construction company refused to make the changes, Mr Lee sacked them and hired another one. 15

He also decided to add a fifth floor to accommodate an ice skating rink which Mr Lee later replaced with eight restaurants. Once again, the builders advised him against it, stating that the structure could not support an additional floor. Again, he fired them and found another company to replace it. 20

The store finally opened three years on and became a hit; about 40 000 people walked through its doors every day, attracted by more than 550 upmarket shops and restaurants catering to Seoul's well-to-do. 25

But in April in 1995, cracks began to appear in the ceilings —

moving from one floor to the next. Not wanting to lose money, Mr Lee and the building managers moved some stores from the top floor to basement, thinking that this would solve the problem. 30

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. At which level ^{of} Sampoong Department Store did the problems start?

- (1) Sixth
- (2) Fifth
- (3) Fourth
- (4) Basement

27. It was necessary to remove some of the important columns which held the building in place because the developer _____.

- (1) wanted to build more restaurants
- (2) wished to create more room for more shops
- (3) needed to create more space for escalators
- (4) had to accommodate to the huge number of shoppers

28. Based on Paragraphs 4-5, which adjective given below best describes Mr Lee Joon?

- (1) coward
- (2) vindictive
- (3) obstinate
- (4) possessive

29. What does the word "it" in line 21 refer to? It refers to _____.

- (1) constructing a restaurant
- (2) building an ice-skating rink
- (3) tearing down an existing floor
- (4) adding another floor to the current building

30. Which ONE of the following is TRUE about the article?

- (1) Sampoong Department Store admitted only Seoul's well-to-do customers.
- (2) Sampoong Department Store held an ice skating rink, shops as well as restaurants.
- (3) Mr Lee Joon had never faced any glitch in the development of Sampoong Department Store.
- (4) The owner of Sampoong Department Store's decision to move some stores from the top floor to basement when he saw signs of trouble proved costly.



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PAPER 2 BOOKLET B**

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TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 HOUR 50 MINUTES

Section	Marks
Grammar Cloze	10
Editing for Spelling and Grammar	10
Comprehension Cloze	15
Synthesis / Transformation	10
Comprehension Open Ended	20
Total	65

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 blanks. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

(A) with	(D) over	(G) from	(K) out	(N) for
(B) by	(E) to	(H) an	(L) up	(P) then
(C) during	(F) the	(J) since	(M) at	(Q) before

Since he was eight years old, Mr Izharul has been selling bread on wheels. He first started out from his bicycle (31) _____ switching to his motorbike when he was in his mid-twenties. He took (32) _____ the business from his father who, prior (33) _____ the Japanese Occupation, had sold bread (34) _____ a basket balanced on the top of his head.

It has been (35) _____ usual sight seeing Mr Izharul doing his rounds in the eastern part of Singapore (36) _____ the past thirty years. He used to work the whole day but he has (37) _____ shortened his working hours as age has caught up (38) _____ him. He now starts at about two in the afternoon and finishes (39) _____ eleven at night.

Although business is slower, (40) _____ holidays and rainy days, he still manages to earn an average of \$1000 a month selling everything from kaya bread to curry puffs. He will continue to run his business for as long as he can.

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

Rice dumplings, or 'zong zi', are available all year round. However it is a

(41)traditional to eat them during the Dragon Boat Festival, which (42)fall on the

fifth day of the fifth (43)looner month.

There are different stories to the origins of the festival but the widely

accepted one is that it (44)cormemoretēs the death of Qu Yuan. He was a

patriot, in the fourth centry BC, who had (45)drown himself in protest against

(46)corupsion. Qu Yuan was a very influential and charismatic man. He was

(47)respected by the people, who went in boats to search for his body.

This became the origin of the Dragon Boat race. When they failed to

(48)found his body, they placed rice in the river as a (49)sacrefice. The rice was

wrapped in bamboo (50)leaf to prevent the fish from eating it. This has evolved

into today's rice dumplings.

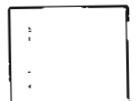
Fill in each blank with the most suitable word.

(15 marks)

The tiny humming bird gets its name from the sound it makes when it flaps its wings.

This colourful bird flaps its wings fifty to sixty (51) _____ a second. To many people, this is quite an amazing feat. How (52) _____ can you click or snap your fingers in a second? By rapidly beating its wings, the humming bird can remain in the same position, fly backwards and even rise (53) _____ a helicopter.

The humming bird feeds on the nectar of flowers and little insects while hovering in air. Its long thin beak and hairy tongue (54) _____ especially suited to prod and probe the hearts of flowers. This bird is also known for its (55) _____ of red, blue and green coloured feathers. Although it is the smallest bird in the world, it will fearlessly attack crows and hawks that (56) _____ its territory and nest. The cup-like nest it (57) _____ is an architectural wonder. A mass of grasses, mosses and fibres are woven together (58) _____ strands of cobwebs, to form a tiny nest about the (59) _____ of a walnut shell. The nest is big enough to hold two snow-white eggs. In fact, ornithologists (people (60) _____ study birds) believe that these are the (81) _____ birds' eggs in the world. When the eggs are hatched, the mother feeds (62) _____ fledglings by thrusting her bill down their (83) _____. Then, vibrating her body, she regurgitates the sweet nectar (64) _____ her stomach. The pretty humming bird is found in the tropical regions (65) _____ North and South America and in Cuba. They are also common residents in northern Mexico.



For each of the questions from 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. Tim is afraid of the dark. He does not want to sleep alone.

Fearing _____

67. The hunter does not have a licence. He is not allowed to hunt in this area.

_____ unless

68. The thief crept into the house stealthily so that he would not be detected.

_____ to avoid

69. Edward studied very hard for his examination. His results were disappointing.

No matter _____

70. Many people are afraid to go near hospitals. There has been an unknown virus spreading in hospitals.

_____ because of

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

It was a sparkling clear December morning. The land around was flat, much of it parched and open. A few rice fields were fenced and bordered with coconut and palm trees. Kevin and I were watching with fascination as our two companions stalked silently.

Itu walked with his eyes on the ground, missing no clues. His ten-year-old son, Raja, tiptoed along behind. We moved closer when Itu stopped to study a rat hole. The moist clay bore the perfect impression of a snake's belly. "It's a medium-sized cobra," said Itu. "Probably a female. It was out at night, probably hunting and entered the hole before dawn." We were impressed but not surprised at all.

Itu used a crowbar to dig. The instant he saw the snake's tail, he grabbed it and stepped back with one quick motion, hauling out a metre-long cobra, its neck flared in fright. The hunter pinned the hissing head to the ground with the steel bar, then gently slipped his prize into a bag. It would not do to injure the snake. It was destined for the Snake Park.

Such was the lifestyle of Itu, who was from the tribe of the Iralus. Unfortunately, this lifestyle is being eroded, bit by bit. Urban sprawl, the conversion of forests into land for housing, and pollution are both making it more and more difficult for Iralus to survive as hunters. Kevin and I were interested in the tribe's plight and wanted to help them find ways of adapting to their changing environment.

Another trip out with Itu and Raja in search of snakes yielded an unexpected bonus. Raja climbed up a tree and came down with a honeycomb, which we all shared. The Iralus ate the baby bees as well as the honey. Later we waded through a weed-choked canal to watch Raja hunt water snakes. He used a stick to tickle a crab hole in the muddy embankment until a fat water snake dived out. Raja snatched up the thrashing reptile and was bitten on the hand. Although the bite was not poisonous, it was painful.

Like all Iralu snake catchers, Itu disdained hospitals and modern medical treatment. Instead, he placed his trust in his herbal mixture called "veley", a greenish tea which he prepared himself from bark and herbs and gulped it down. The Iralus believed the potion was an antidote for snakebite. Itu had used the antidote and had survived ten cobra bites. Itu's way of curing poisonous bites by using bark and herbs might seem useless to a Westerner but to an Iralu, this is the only cure, the most effective one.

(Extracted from National Geographic June issue 2001)

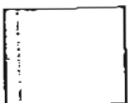
71. Which phrase in the first paragraph tells us that the people were moving quietly?

72. What did the narrator mean when he said Itu 'walked with his eyes on the ground' (line 5)?

73. How did Itu know the snake was hiding in the rat hole?

74. In Line 17, the writer says "Unfortunately, this lifestyle is being eroded," explain what 'this lifestyle' refers to.

75. After catching the snake, why do you think Itu was careful not to injure the snake?



76. What do you think Itu did for a living?

77. Explain clearly how "urban sprawl" (line 17) affected the lives of the Iralus drastically.

78. What was the "bonus" mentioned in line 23? Explain clearly why it was considered a bonus.

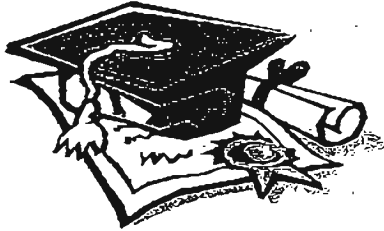
79. The narrator states that Itu disdained hospitals and modern medical treatment (line 29-30). Describe how Itu treated cobra bites.

80. How do we know that the antidote Itu used could cure snakebites?

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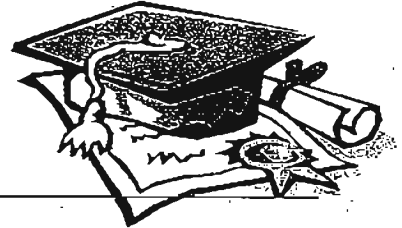


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TERM : PRELIMINARY



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Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
F	N	J	A	M	C

41)tradition 42)falls 43)lunar 44)commemorates 45)drowned

46)corruption 47)respected 48)find 49)sacrifice 50)leaves

51)times 52)fast 53)like 54)are 55)myriad

56)invade 57)builds 58)with 59)size 60)who

61)smallest 62)its 63)throats 64)from 65)of

66)Fearing the dark, Tim does not want to sleep alone.

67)The hunter is not allowed to hunt in this area unless he has a licence.

68)The thief crept into the house stealthily to avoid being detected.

69)No matter how hard Edward studied for his examination, his results were disappointing.

70)Many people are afraid to go near hospitals because of an unknown virus spreading in them.

71)The phrase is "stalked silently".

72)He examined the ground carefully so as to miss any clues.

73)There was a perfect impression of a snake's belly on the moist day.

74)It refers to the Iralus being hunters and making their livelihood from hunting.

75)The snake was to be sent to the Snake Park.

76)He hunted snakes for a living.

77)The conversion of forest into land for housing and pollution made it difficult for the Iralus to survive as hunters because animals were kill.

78)The "bonus" was the honey comb. They did not expect to find the honeycomb as they were out hunting for snakes.

79)He treated cobra bites by drinking a greenish tea called "veley" which he prepared himself using bark and herbs.

80)He had used that antidote to treat tea cobra bites and he survived each bite using that antidote.