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**SINGAPORE CHINESE GIRLS' SCHOOL
PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2017
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY SIX**

Name: _____ () Date: 22 August 2017

Class: Primary 6 SY / C / G / SE / P

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
(BOOKLET A)**

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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

- 1 Mrs Wong _____ unconscious on the road after she was knocked down by a truck.
- (1) lay
 - (2) lied
 - (3) laid
 - (4) lain
- 2 There was a time when women had to campaign _____ the right to vote.
- (1) at
 - (2) to
 - (3) for
 - (4) with
- 3 Swimming in the sea is challenging. Swimming _____ the current is more challenging.
- (1) with
 - (2) over
 - (3) above
 - (4) against
- 4 "Don't worry," he said to us. "Make _____ comfortable."
- (1) himself
 - (2) yourself
 - (3) yourselves
 - (4) themselves
- 5 Mr Lee Kuan Yew, _____ contributions to Singapore earned him the title of the 'Founding Father of Singapore', served as Prime Minister of Singapore from 1959 to 1990.
- (1) who
 - (2) whom
 - (3) whose
 - (4) where

- 6 Ali saw his brother _____ down the vase and rushed forward to see if he was hurt.
- (1) knock
 - (2) knocks
 - (3) knocked
 - (4) had knocked
- 7 If Jane had stayed up late, she _____ missed the flight. She always oversleeps whenever she goes to bed late the previous night.
- (1) shall have
 - (2) must have
 - (3) would have
 - (4) should have
- 8 There is hardly any soup left in the bowl, _____ there?
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) isn't
 - (4) aren't
- 9 All the girls in the class but one _____ the holiday assignment over the past two days.
- (1) complete
 - (2) completes
 - (3) has completed
 - (4) have completed
- 10 Devi and her sister have decided to go to the beach today _____ the weather does not permit.
- (1) yet
 - (2) still
 - (3) until
 - (4) unless

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

11 The two neighbours got into a _____ over the placing of a flower pot outside their apartments.

- (1) wrangle
- (2) conspiracy
- (3) controversy
- (4) wrongdoing

12 After much interrogation, Daveen _____ vividly the events leading to the fight in the canteen.

- (1) related
- (2) retrieved
- (3) rehearsed
- (4) recovered

13 Without much thought, Jolene did a _____ performance to welcome her father's guests from Australia.

- (1) fleeting
- (2) deliberate
- (3) charismatic
- (4) spontaneous

14 Ali hesitated when he heard the loud knocks on the door. He pushed open the door _____ and came face to face with a person wearing an ape mask.

- (1) bashfully
- (2) confidently
- (3) indefinitely
- (4) apprehensively

15 Kieng Hwee _____ the chance to overcome his fear of heights when he refused to bungee-jump with his friends during their last holiday together.

- (1) passed on
- (2) passed up
- (3) passed out
- (4) passed away

For each question from 16 to 20, choose a suitable word to replace the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

By 1205, Genghis Khan had vanquished all rivals, including his former best friend Jamuka. The following year, he called a meeting of representatives from every part of the territory and established a nation similar in size to modern Mongolia. He was also proclaimed Chinggis Khan, which roughly translates to "Universal Ruler," a name that became known in the West as Genghis Khan.

Having united the steppe tribes, Genghis Khan ruled over some 1 million people. In order to suppress the traditional causes of tribal warfare, he abolished inherited aristocratic titles. He also forbade the selling and kidnapping of women, banned the enslavement of any Mongol and made livestock theft punishable by death. Moreover, Genghis Khan ordered the adoption of a writing system. He also conducted a regular census, granted diplomatic immunity to foreign ambassadors and allowed freedom of religion well before that idea caught on elsewhere.

Adapted from <http://www.history.com/topics/genghis-khan>

- 16 (1) indifferent
(2) compelling
(3) comparable
(4) insignificant

- 17 (1) exactly
(2) infinitely
(3) succinctly
(4) approximately

18 (1) refrain
(2) contain
(3) sustain
(4) maintain

19 (1) pitiable
(2) palatable
(3) convictable
(4) contactable

20 (1) adornment
(2) annulment
(3) embracement
(4) embellishment

Study this flyer carefully and then answer questions 21 to 28.

Singapore My Home Public Art Competition

Organised by Home Singapore Association
(also the main sponsor of the competition)



CALLING ALL ART FANATICS!

Come express your love for Singapore as we celebrate yet another brilliant year on our little red dot. Show us why Singapore is your home. Tell us what it is about Singapore that makes it special in your heart. Be it a pencil sketch, a water-colour picture, an oil painting or even a sculpture, all entries related to our theme are welcome!

Need inspiration for the art competition? Join us for the exhibition!

19 August 2017

10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Venue: The Esplanade

Free Admission

Receive a **mystery gift** if you attend the exhibition with at least one family member.

*You do not need to be a participant of the art competition.
The exhibition is free for all to attend!

For more information about the exhibition, visit the website:
www.artexhibition2017.com.sg

What are you waiting for?

Attractive prizes await the top 50 entries, including the latest electronic gadgets, quality sports equipment, luxury holidays and a cash prize of \$20,000!

Thanks to our generous sponsors, the **first 200 participants** who register for the competition will each receive **two admission tickets** to Gardens by the Bay!

Judges for the art competition:



Historian –
Lina Fong



Renowned
Singaporean art
critic– Mohd Ismail



Eminent pioneers of the Singapore Arts
scene – Adrian Lee and
Kavitha Thomas

To find out more about the *Singapore My Home Public Art Competition*, call Khai at 62733445.

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- Better Technology
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- Freeze Productions
- Artist Animal Shelter
- Lovely Stationery Pte Ltd

No restriction on
the age of artist or
the number of
pieces submitted
per artist!

All entries must be submitted to:
Home Singapore Association
Customer Service Desk
145 Town Centre Road
Singapore 123456

Submission fee: \$15 per entry
Closing date: 15 November 2017
Do submit them early!

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

- 21 Why is the exclamation mark used in the text under the heading 'Calling All Art Fanatics'?
- (1) to shock the participants
 - (2) to highlight the details of the art contest
 - (3) to show admiration for the budding artists
 - (4) to rouse patriotic feelings in the participants
- 22 Pei Ling is interested to attend the exhibition. She will receive a gift if she _____.
- (1) attends it with her mother
 - (2) participates in the art competition
 - (3) registers for the exhibition before the closing date
 - (4) attends the interaction session between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.
- 23 What is the main purpose of the art competition? It is to _____.
- (1) allow people to appreciate art more
 - (2) celebrate the founding of Singapore
 - (3) allow budding artists to experiment with different art mediums
 - (4) provide people with a platform to show their love for Singapore
- 24 Which of the following is not a prize for the art competition?
- (1) cash vouchers
 - (2) luxury holidays
 - (3) electronic gadgets
 - (4) quality sports equipment
- 25 What is the main objective of the text in the section "What are you waiting for?"?
- (1) to promote Gardens by the Bay
 - (2) to emphasise on how generous the sponsors are,
 - (3) to remind participants to submit their art works early,
 - (4) to attract more people to participate in the competition

26 Each participant can submit _____ entry/entries.

- (1) 1
- (2) 15
- (3) 50
- (4) unlimited

27 To find out more about the art competition, one can _____.

- (1) call Khai
- (2) visit The Esplanade
- (3) visit www.artexhibition2017.com.sg
- (4) go to the Customer Service Desk at Home Singapore Association

28 Based on the flyer, which of the following is true?

- (1) The judges of the competition are all artists.
- (2) Home Singapore Association is one of the sponsors for the competition.
- (3) All entries for the competition must only be submitted on 15 November 2017.
- (4) People who attend the exhibition do not need to pay the submission fee for the competition

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	Marks Obtained	Highest Possible Marks
Booklet A		28
Booklet B		67
Sub-total		95

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
(BOOKLET B)**

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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- 4 Write your answers in this booklet.

There are 10 blanks, numbered 29 to 38, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

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|-----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| (A) among | (D) between | (G) have | (K) these | (N) while |
| (B) and | (E) despite | (H) in | (L) those | (P) who |
| (C) are | (F) had | (J) their | (M) to | (Q) whom |

Children who write for pleasure achieve significantly better results in writing, National Literacy Trust (NLT) research suggests. Those like writing outside class are seven times more likely to write above the expected level for their age. (29)

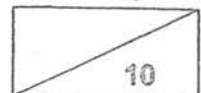
 the proportion of children writing for fun has risen, many are still not interested in the activity. More attention must be given "writing for fun" activities so that children will be able to improve their writing skills. (30) (31)

The results suggest girls are more likely than boys to enjoy writing, and this gap widens as children get older. Children aged eight and eleven generally exhibit a more positive attitude towards writing. They more likely to enjoy the activity very much compared to aged fourteen to sixteen, suggesting enjoyment of writing decreases as children grow up. (32) (33) (34)

Some obstacles that youngsters face stop them from putting their thoughts down on paper. Some have a hard time deciding on what to write, while others trouble with spelling and grammar. As a result, many of them do not enjoy writing. The National Writing Day is a good platform that actively encourages writing. It aims to encourage people to unleash own imagination when writing. (35) (36)

Reading is also a great way to improve writing. Comedian author, Charlie Higson, said, "There's been a big focus on reading as an aid to literacy, and there are many events, festivals and initiatives promoting it." The Young Readers Programme provides training and resources to help teachers to promote reading for enjoyment the United Kingdom. Through this programme, teachers will be better equipped to help their students improve their level of literacy. (37) (38)

Adapted from BBC NEWS, 2017



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

(39)

Imagine the year is 2065. Robots replace teachers, deliver lectures and soopervice students' work in the classrooms.

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The conventional model of education, where students passively resieve instruction from teachers and face the front of the class, no longer persisted. Instead, the students are seated in clusters and plugging into their mobile devices, while their teachers become guides on the side.

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The conventional way of teaching in classrooms has worked well for learners before the dawn of digital technology. Back in the day, when books were not ready available, the best way to acquire knowledge was through a teacher. Although, today, students, who are mostly digital natives, learn differently.

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In countries such as Japan, robots have become substitudes for teachers. Saya, a female humanoid robot, was initially created to work as an administrëiter in local companies but is now used in smaller schools which lack human teachers. By brown hair and pink lipstick, "she" closely resembles a human. She is a dilligernt worker and is able to express emotions such as fear and anger through programming actions.

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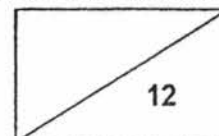
(48)

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Researchers are looking at incoperating augmented reality into lessons. History students, for instance, may soon be able to experience a historical moment recreated without stepping out of the classroom.

Adapted from *The Straits Times*, 2015



Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Like a hermit crab living in its protective shell, Mr Shukri was wary of the outside world. He would often retreat into his _____ after a long day at work. As a janitor, he had _____ contact with anyone and he preferred it that way.

(51)

Sitting on his grey couch, Mr Shukri _____ his body forward and rested his head on the window sill. He did not know how to spend his seventieth birthday. He had resolved to do something that he had not done before to celebrate every decade of his life. His _____ almost leapt out of his chest when he did bungee-jumping on his sixtieth birthday and the previous five times were equally as exciting and challenging.

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(53)

With a frown sealed on his forehead, Mr Shukri began drumming his fingers

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_____ his thighs, in an attempt to gather some ideas. Suddenly, he _____ an eyebrow and tried to muster a smile. "It's indeed something that I've not done. Today shall be the day," he declared as the faintest trace of a smile struggled across his face. Beaming with excitement, he could not wait to see how his neighbours would

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_____ Taking in a _____ breath, he stepped out of his house and greeted

(56)

_____ who crossed paths with him. Many of his neighbours had a _____ of surprise on their faces and could not believe what they had seen. "Oh hello, Mr Shukri! Wow, you're finally smiling!" Mr Lee, the butcher at the market, returned his greeting. Mr Shukri nodded his head in acknowledgement and _____ proceeded

(57)

(58)

to walk down the street. Mechanically, he followed through with his birthday plan for the rest of the day _____ heading home. Heaving a sigh of relief, he rubbed his aching cheeks. He had been smiling all day long and was _____ that it had finally come to an end.

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(60)

The next day, Mr Shukri continued with his _____ morning routine. He wore his usual grouchy face and left his house. _____ he was walking to the market, a

(61)

_____ voice startled him. "Hi, Mr Shukri!" Mr Lee greeted him. Mr Shukri stared at him for a second before turning away. "What is wrong with that man today? I thought he's changed!" Mr Lee scratched his head in puzzlement.

(62)

- teacher-created -

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 Jenna is immensely strong. She is able to carry the two bags on her own.

Due to her _____

67 No matter how long it takes, we are determined to solve this problem.

however _____

68 "Did you drink the cup of milk before leaving for school?" Mother asked me.

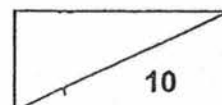
Mother asked me _____

69 Marlina was reluctant to study for her examinations. Salina was angry.

Marlina's _____

70 The discipline committee deals with the naughty children.

The naughty children _____



Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

I lifted my bottle and coated my dehydrated tongue with the last few drops of water. Panting furiously and resting my palm against every trunk, I continued my perilous journey through the dense forest. Despite heading in different directions, I was still held captive among the sea of identical trees. Armed with a chipped chalk, I left a mark on every tree that I passed by. That could be my only solution to escape from this endless labyrinth.

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A few hours had passed and my energy was depleting. I was angry with my father for suggesting that we go camping. I knew I had ventured into the wild on my own and I should only blame myself. However, no amount of reasoning could dispel my anger towards him.

The foliage next to my foot rustled gently and I froze momentarily. Fear was coursing through my veins as I hastened my steps. My water bottle was empty and I was only left with a packet of biscuits. Tears of despair wet my cheeks as I shone the torch through the canopy. That unknown creature did not seem to have left me even after I had walked what seemed like a few metres. Slowly and stealthily, I could feel it inching towards me. Suddenly, it sank its teeth into my boots. Shock seized my joints and my legs were locked to the ground. Thankfully, my combat boots were made of hardened leather. They could repel its massive fangs and I came through unscathed. Mustering the last of my energy, I flung my bag at the creature. Unfortunately, I missed it by a few inches. I lost my balance and landed on my knees.

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The long and merciless creature refused to retreat. I shone my torch at it and gasped at its enormity. Clenching my fists in defence, I quickly picked myself up and stepped backwards. My bag was lying next to it and I could not escape without my supplies. Exhaling despondently, I sank my nails into my palms to keep myself awake. I was facing imminent death and the snake was almost going to break through my non-existent shield.

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I quickly released my clenched fists and felt my pockets, hoping that I could find something to fight the war. Running my fingers into my pocket, I desperately twirled them in the emptiness. As my fingers descended deeper into my pocket, I felt something. I quickly fished it out and took a quick glance at it. I had brought it along to repel mosquitoes. Without a moment of hesitation, I aimed the spray at the snake's mouth and released as many squirts as I could. It stopped slithering towards me and was writhing its body. Swiftly, I grabbed my bag and ran in the opposite direction.

25

I won my first battle of the day. However, I knew I would eventually be defeated in the main battle. Just as I was about to concede defeat, I heard faint sounds from afar. My unruly eyelids were growing heavier by the second. I bit my bottom lip hard to prevent myself from sleeping. However, I could feel my consciousness gradually slipping away. Something was coming towards me again. I could not take it any longer and soon, my legs gave way.

30

"Jian Hao! I've finally found you!" a familiar voice exclaimed next to my ear. Slowly, I lifted my eyelids and was greeted by my father's tearful face. At that moment, I knew I had emerged victorious in the main battle.

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Guilt meandered through my heart as my eyes met my father's loving gaze. I knew that I was in the wrong. It was not his fault. Only an apology would be able to subdue my guilt.

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71 Which sentence in **paragraph 1** tells you that the writer was exhausted? [1m]

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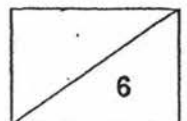
72 Referring to **lines 4 to 5**, why did the writer think that leaving a mark on every tree trunk that he passed by was his only solution to escape from the forest? [2m]

73 Write 1, 2, and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the story. [1m]

- _____ The writer fell down.
- _____ The writer left the campsite.
- _____ The writer shone the torch at the creature.

74 Choose words from paragraphs 3 and 4 which have similar meanings to the words below. [2m]

flowing	
dispiritedly	

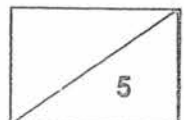


- 75 Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right. The first one has been done for you. [2m]

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer(s) to
the wild (line 7)	the forest
them (line 24)	
Something (line 33)	

- 76 Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false. Then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

	True / False	Reason
The writer's father caused the writer to be stranded in the forest.		
The writer was running out of food supplies.		
The writer had successfully hit the creature with his bag.		



- 77 The table below shows the causes and results of events in the passage. Fill in the blanks using information from paragraphs 3 to 5. [3m]

Cause	Result
The hardened leather prevented the fangs of the snake from piercing through the writer's boots.	
	The writer could not run away from the snake.
The writer found the mosquito spray in his pocket.	

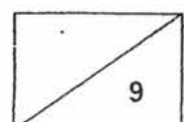
- 78 List two things that the writer did to keep himself awake. [2m]

- (i) _____
- (ii) _____

- 79 Why did the writer think that he had won the battle in line 30? [2m]

- 80 State two reasons why the writer felt the need to apologise to his father in the last paragraph. Support your answer with evidence from the text. [2m]

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Q2	3	Q6	1	Q10	4	Q14	4	Q18	2	Q22	1	Q26	4
Q3	4	Q7	3	Q11	1	Q15	2	Q19	3	Q23	4	Q27	1
Q4	3	Q8	1	Q12	1	Q16	3	Q20	3	Q24	1	Q28	2

Booklet B

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

Q39	supervise	Q48	diligent	Q57	react
Q40	receive	Q49	programmed	Q58	deep
Q41	persists	Q50	incorporating	Q59	those
Q42	plugged	Q51	home	Q60	look
Q43	readily	Q52	little	Q61	then
Q44	However	Q53	leaned	Q62	while
Q45	substitutes	Q54	heart	Q63	relieved
Q46	administrator	Q55	on	Q64	usual
Q47	with	Q56	raised	Q65	When

- Q66 Due to her immense strength / strongness, Jenna is able to carry the two bags on her own.
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- Q70 The naughty children are dealt with by the discipline committee.
- Q71 Panting furiously and resting my palm against every trunk, I continued my perilous journey through the dense forest.

Q72 He made the markings on the trees to ensure that he would not walk through the same path again to help him escape the labyrinth.

- Q73 2 The writer fell down.
1 The writer left the campsite.
3 The writer shone the torch at the creature.

Q74

flowing	coursing
dispiritedly	despondently

Q75

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer(s) to
the wild (line 7)	the forest
them (line 24)	the writer's fingers
Something (line 33)	the writer's father

Q76

	True / False	Reason
The writer's father caused the writer to be stranded in the forest.	False	The writer's father suggested that they go camping but the writer ventured into the forest by himself.
The writer was running out of food supplies.	True	The writer's water bottle was empty and he was only left with a packet of biscuits.
The writer had successfully hit the creature with his bag.	False	The writer flung his bag at the creature but unfortunately missed it by a few inches.

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Cause	Result
The hardened leather prevented the fangs of the snake from piercing through the writer's boots.	The writer came through unscathed.
The writer's bag was next to the snake and he could not escape without his supplies	The writer could not run away from the snake.
The writer found the mosquito spray in his pocket.	The writer aimed it at the snake's mouth and released as many squirts he could.

Q78 (i) The writer sank his nails into his palms.

(ii) The writer bit his bottom lip hard.

Q79 The snake that the writer was fighting stopped slithering towards him, allowing the writer to run away and escape.

Q80 The writer ventured to the forest on his own, so the writer's father had been looking for him everywhere.

End

