



CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2 (2013)
PRIMARY SIX
ENGLISH LANGUAGE

LISTENING COMPREHENSION

Name: _____ ()

Class: Pri 6 _____

2 August 2013

20 MARKS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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

Answer all questions.

For each question, choose the correct answer (1, 2 or 3).

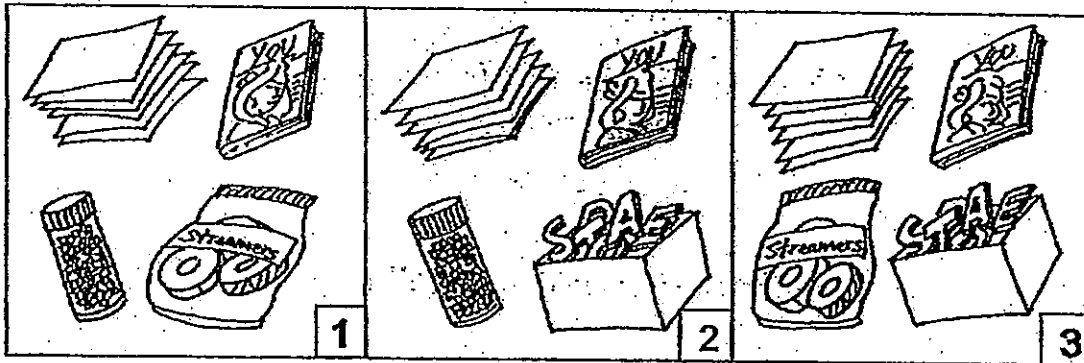
Then shade the correct oval (1, 2 or 3) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

This booklet consists of 5 printed pages excluding the cover page.

SHADE THE CORRECT OVAL (1, 2 OR 3) ON THE OPTICAL ANSWER SHEET.

Text 1

1. Which one of the following shows the materials that will be used?



Text 2

2. Which one of the following is Sam's water bottle?



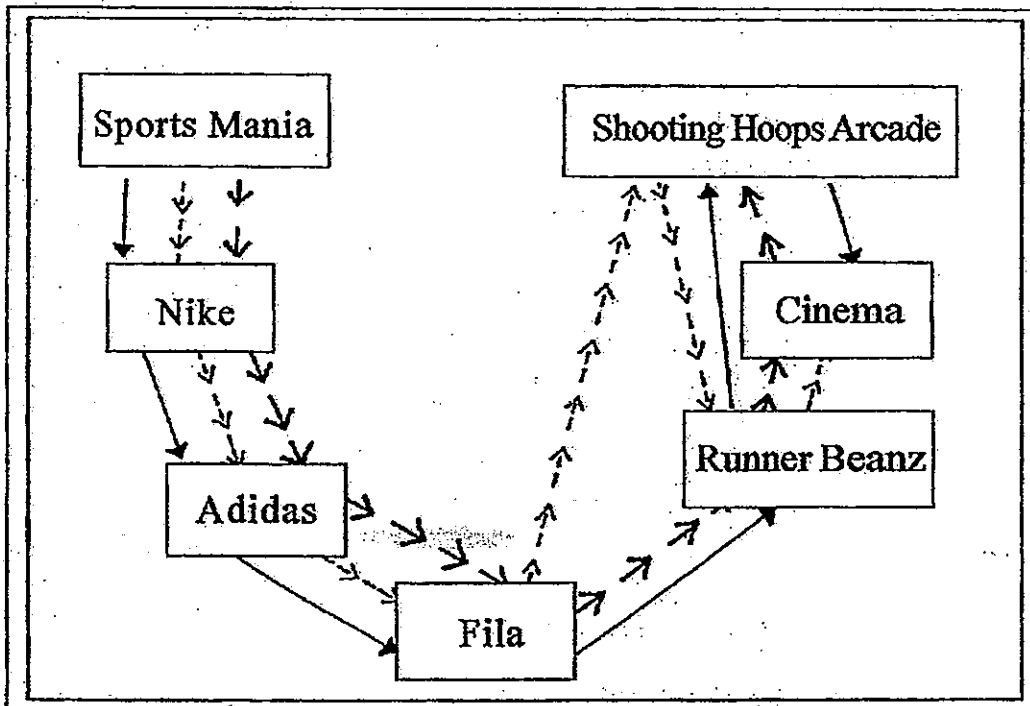
Text 3

3. Marcus will be having dinner at Power Point with his friends. Will they be able to watch the new movie about tennis stars?

- (1) Yes, if their dinner does not take too long.
- (2) No, the movie is showing only in the afternoons.
- (3) No, the movie is not showing at the cinema there.

4. Which of the following shows the route that Peter and Betty will take?

- (1) → → → → →
- (2) -> -> -> ->
- (3) —————→



Text 4

5. Who is the organiser of the study camp?

- (1) Fiona Tan
- (2) Aaron de Souza
- (3) Happy Learning Centre

6. What is "Smart Education" likely to be?
- (1) A TV series.
 - (2) A magazine.
 - (3) A storybook.
7. Vincent, a Primary 6 student, signed up for the camp in mid-August. How much did he pay?
- (1) \$120
 - (2) \$150
 - (3) \$180

Text 5

8. Where is Langkawi?
- (1) Northern Malaysia
 - (2) Northwestern Malaysia
 - (3) Northeastern Malaysia
9. Why are the beaches on Langkawi worth visiting?
- (1) Jewels can be found on some beaches.
 - (2) The sunset can be viewed from some beaches.
 - (3) Conservation areas are located on some beaches.
10. What does Gina's father want to do there?
- (1) He wants to go beach-hopping.
 - (2) He wants to visit the conservation areas there.
 - (3) He wants to visit the beaches and the Geopark.
11. How can Langkawi be reached from Singapore?
- (1) Via land and air.
 - (2) Via sea and air.
 - (3) Via land and sea or air.

Text 6

12. Do people do embroidery often nowadays?
- (1) No, not at all
 - (2) Yes, occasionally
 - (3) Yes, frequently
13. Which of the following cannot be used in the art of embroidery?
- (1) sequins and beads
 - (2) needle and thread
 - (3) chains and blankets
14. What is a satin stitch?
- (1) A decorative item with satin and sequins.
 - (2) A fundamental technique of hand embroidery.
 - (3) A special technique that is used only for stitching on satin.
15. Who were the owners of elaborately embroidered articles in the olden days?
- (1) rich and important people
 - (2) people in all Medieval households
 - (3) people who had mastered the art of decorating fabric
16. What are the narrow ribbons in ribbon embroidery used for?
- (1) Displaying different embroidery techniques.
 - (2) Manufacturing embroidery thread.
 - (3) Creating floral motifs.

Text 7

17. Who is Luciano Pavarotti?

- (1) A famous singer.
- (2) A famous actor.
- (3) A famous teacher.

18. Did Pavarotti enjoy his childhood?

- (1) No, his family had little money.
- (2) Yes, he spoke fondly of his childhood.
- (3) No, the four members in his family had to share a two-room apartment.

19. What was Pavarotti's first ambition?

- (1) To become an opera singer.
- (2) To become a voice-trainer.
- (3) To become a goalkeeper.

20. Where did Pavarotti teach in his teens?

- (1) In a primary school.
- (2) In an opera school.
- (3) In a music school.

-END OF PAPER-



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PAPER 1 (WRITING)

Name: _____ ()

Class: Primary Six _____

22 August 2013

55 marks

1 hour 10 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.

There are two parts to this paper - Part I and Part II.

Answer the question in Part I and one question from Part II.

This booklet consists of 4 printed pages excluding the cover page.

Part I: Situational Writing (15 Marks)

(1) Study the notes of a police report by Sergeant Lim carefully.

Rosewood Neighbourhood Police Post

Date of Incident: 18 August 2013, Sunday

Place where incident occurred: Playground at 45, Rosewood Drive

Time of Incident: 4.35 p.m.

Reported by: Gregory Tan

Contact No: 9001 0020

Notes:

- *Was at the playground with his friend, Peter Phoon*
- *Playing on the swings when a gang of 3 boys appeared*
- *The gang members were dressed in all black*
- *Shouted rudely and claimed that playground was their gang's hangout zone*
- *The biggest boy of the 3, pushed Peter off the swing and Peter landed awkwardly, dislocating his shoulder*
- *Gregory helped his friend up and gave a disapproving look at the gang but remained silent in fear*
- *The same boy, this time, pulled Gregory's wallet out of his shirt pocket*
- *The gang then left immediately with Gregory's wallet*
- *Wallet contained \$25 and a library card*

Recorded by: Sergeant Lim Ah Beng

Date/Time: 18 August 2013 / 8.10 p.m.

Your Task

Imagine you are Peter Phoon. Your friend, Gregory Tan, had just visited you at the hospital with a copy of the police report on what had happened the previous day.

Write a diary entry about what happened to both of you on Sunday.

You are to refer to the notes of the police report by Sergeant Lim on page 1 for your diary entry.

In your diary entry, include the following information:

- when and where the incident happened
- why the gang members confronted both of you
- what exactly happened to you
- how Gregory felt about what had happened to you
- what was taken from Gregory

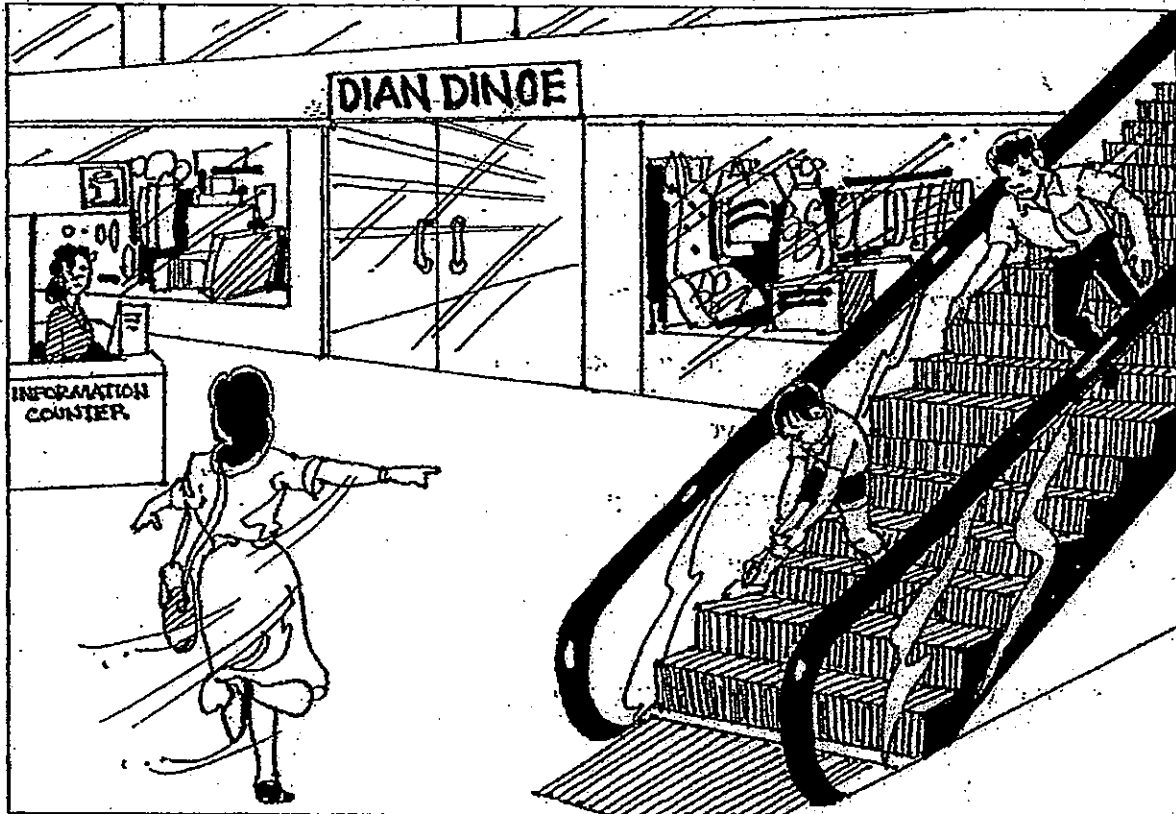
You may reorder your points. Write in complete sentences.

Part II: Continuous Writing (40 Marks)

There are two questions in Part II.

Answer only one of them.

- (2) Write a story based on the situation in the picture below. Your story should be at least 150 words long.



You must make use of the points below in your story:

- what had happened to the boy
- who the lady running was and why
- what happened in the end

You may reorder the points. You may also include other relevant points.

- (3) You were watching television in the living room one afternoon when, all of a sudden, you heard a shout.

Based on the above situation, write a story of at least 150 words.

You must make use of the following points in your story.

- who shouted and why
- what happened next
- what happened in the end

You may reorder the points. You may also include other relevant points.



**CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
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**PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)
BOOKLET A**

Name: _____ ()

Class: Primary Six _____

22 August 2013

30 Questions
(30 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.

This booklet consists of 9 printed pages excluding the cover page.

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



25 April 2013 to 12 May 2013
at DBS Arts Centre -
Home of the Singapore Repertory Theatre

Based on the book, *Rabbit Hole* by David Lindsay-Abaire
Reproduced and brought to you by Pangdemonium

Winner of the 2007 Pulitzer Prize, *Rabbit Hole* is a vivid, hopeful, honest and witty portrait of a family searching for hope in the most impossible of all situations.

Becca (Janice Koh) and Howie (Adrian Pang) are returning to their everyday existence after the shocking loss of their young child in a road accident. Howie lashes out and desperately attempts to find solace in a counselling group. Becca opens up to her opinionated mother and brash sister.

As lost as they are, the couple keeps trying to find some hope, laughter and happiness after the incident.

***TICKET PRICE (EXCLUDES BOOKING FEE)**

Preview on Thursday, 25 April 2013 at 8 p.m. - \$30

Tuesday to Thursday	Saturday & Sunday	Friday & Saturday
8 p.m.	3 p.m.	8 p.m.
\$45, \$35	\$45, \$35	\$50, \$40, \$30

Buy your tickets at www.sistik.com.sg or at the SISTIK outlets.

* 15% off tickets for Passioncard holders when they present their card at SISTIK outlets in person.

2 pairs of complimentary tickets are available for **RABBIT HOLE** on Sunday, 28 April, at 3 p.m. All you have to do is to send a personal email to the editor at editor@metropolitant.com with the subject stating "I want the tickets" by 20 April 2013.

Remember to include your NRIC and mobile numbers! Winners will be notified through email.

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

1. The play is presented by _____
 - (1) Pangdemonium
 - (2) DBS Arts Centre
 - (3) David Lindsay-Abaire
 - (4) Singapore Repertory Theatre

2. The play is about how _____
 - (1) one of the characters died
 - (2) the various characters deal with a tragedy
 - (3) the characters reach out to family members
 - (4) the characters find solace in counselling groups

3. Mrs Tan can only watch the play on a weekend afternoon. In order for her to get the best deal, she should _____
 - (1) present her Passioncard and get the \$30 ticket at any SISTIK outlet
 - (2) present her Passioncard and get the \$35 ticket at any SISTIK outlet
 - (3) use her Passioncard and get the \$30 ticket through the SISTIK website
 - (4) use her Passioncard and get the \$35 ticket through the SISTIK website

4. To obtain free tickets, you _____
 - (1) must first have an email account
 - (2) must email Singapore Repertory Theatre
 - (3) can write in your request any time before 28 April
 - (4) can email DBS Arts Centre your NRIC and mobile numbers

5. Which of the following statements is true?
 - (1) Becca and Howie are acting in the play.
 - (2) Rabbit Hole is directed by Pangdemonium.
 - (3) Rabbit Hole is a play that has won a distinguished award.
 - (4) You need to check the website to find out if you have won the free tickets.

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. Had I _____ I would fail my exams, I would have studied harder.
- (1) know
 - (2) knew
 - (3) knows
 - (4) known
7. The new vaccine is expected to be ready no sooner _____ next year.
- (1) than
 - (2) then
 - (3) after
 - (4) before
8. When the enemy attacked, they held _____ at the fort for six weeks.
- (1) on
 - (2) up
 - (3) off
 - (4) out
9. Javier is used to _____ all types of junk food at the fast food restaurant he patronises.
- (1) eat
 - (2) eating
 - (3) has eaten
 - (4) had been eating
10. You ought to help the blind man cross the road, _____ you?
- (1) can
 - (2) can't
 - (3) should
 - (4) shouldn't

11. A bouquet of flowers comprising roses, carnations and lilies _____
handed over to the bride in the church just now.

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

12. If I _____ you, I would not have left my wallet unattended on the table.

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

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)

A total of 90 minutes is all it will take to get from Kuala Lumpur to Singapore when a high-speed rail link is built between the two cities by 2020.

Currently, it takes about eight hours by train or five hours to drive the estimated 300 kilometres that separates the two cities.

Announcing the plan at the 4th annual Malaysia (13) Singapore Leaders' Retreat in February, Singapore's Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong said (14) It will change the way we see each other. It's the way people in London and Paris are able to -- think of it like twin cities where you can commute, go up there, do business, meet friends, have a meal and come back, all within maybe two-thirds of a day (15)

The high-speed rail link is just one of several economic projects that the two governments have in each other's country. These show the warm relationship between them.

Adapted from: Quick Connection between Neighbours, What's Up, March 2013

13. (1) [:] colon
(2) [,] comma
(3) [-] hyphen
(4) [;] semi-colon

14. (1) [*] inverted commas
(2) [,"] comma and inverted commas
(3) [."] full stop and inverted commas
(4) [!"] exclamation mark and inverted commas

15. (1) [,"] comma and inverted commas
(2) [."] full stop and inverted commas
(3) [."] inverted commas and full stop
(4) [!"] exclamation mark and inverted commas

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 movie's tragic ending put us all in a _____ mood.
- (1) dowdy
 - (2) ecstatic
 - (3) euphoric
 - (4) melancholic
17. A former lawyer who had admitted to _____ evidence to save his client in a court was put on trial.
- (1) fabricating
 - (2) formulating
 - (3) constructing
 - (4) counterfeiting
18. Located at the equator, Singapore has the ideal climate for _____ tropical vegetation.
- (1) exuberant
 - (2) exhilarating
 - (3) extravagant
 - (4) enterprising
19. Dad ordered a book from an online bookshop and it was delivered with the bill _____ for verification.
- (1) encoded
 - (2) enclosed
 - (3) endowed
 - (4) endorsed
20. The sales assistant is trying to _____ the angry customer and not antagonise him further.
- (1) allay
 - (2) pacify
 - (3) douse
 - (4) defuse

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

Police have arrested two 15-year-old male subjects in Taman Jurong. Between 24 and 26 December 2012, Police received several (21) detailed statements informing that the common areas at the void decks and upper floors of the HDB blocks in Kang Ching Road were spray-painted with (22) drawings and writing. Officers from Jurong Police Division carried out extensive (23) official examination of the facts and ground enquiries to (24) determine the identities of the culprits. On 2 January 2013, following an operation, the two suspects were arrested at Taman Jurong Housing Estate. Preliminary investigations indicate that the suspects are believed to be involved in at least 4 cases of (25) deliberate destruction of property committed in the vicinity.

Adapted from: <http://www.spf.gov.sg/index.html>

21. (1) reports
(2) testimonies
(3) verifications
(4) authentications
22. (1) graffiti
(2) scrawls
(3) curlicues
(4) squiggles
23. (1) recce
(2) scrutiny
(3) explorations
(4) investigations
24. (1) test
(2) attest
(3) check
(4) ascertain
25. (1) sabotage
(2) vandalism
(3) defacement
(4) disfigurement

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

<p>Deep in the Hoang Lien Mountains of north-western Vietnam, a day's walk from the nearest road, lay the H'mong village of Na Hang – fourteen barn-like houses of medieval simplicity almost lost among the trees. The forests sweeping up to the mountains beyond are home to the critically endangered western black-crested gibbon, one of the flagship species we are encouraging the H'mong villagers to stop hunting and help protect.</p>	5
<p>It was 5.30 a.m., almost time for the gibbons to start calling. The H'mong were also early risers, but this particular morning seemed even busier than usual. There was a party atmosphere. The place was full of hornets, in every stage of development – from shapeless grubs to fully-formed adults.</p>	10
<p>The previous afternoon, the eldest son of the household had discovered a hornets' nest, which the villagers had unearthed during the night. All ten storeys, each the span of a cartwheel, were stacked around the house and the floor was littered with hexagonal debris. A group of villagers sat around the fire, plucking grubs from their cells and tossing them into a pot. These grubs – which resembled Brazilian nuts when toasted – became breakfast.</p>	15
<p>Beside the door, a bulging sack of smoke-dazed adults gave off a rattling sound. This was the valuable part of the haul. While the grubs were a breakfast treat, the adults meant money. As with most wildlife in Vietnam, hornets are prized medicinally when steeped in local rice wine, known as <i>ruou</i>. To accompany the roasted grubs, our hosts produced a bottle, clouded by use, in which a number of suspended hornets revolved dreamily. <i>Ruou</i> is to the H'mong what wine is to the French, and no opportunity is lost in finding reasons to drink it. Given that our two-week training programme had been a success, there was good reason for celebration. Signus and I were not getting off lightly – each meal was accompanied by endless rounds of the stuff, and a polite refusal was not an option.</p>	20 25
<p>After dinner, two of our trainees, Lu and Sua, invited us to sample some "special" <i>ruou</i> at their dwelling. The brew appeared served in chipped porcelain cups, fashioned in miniature as if for a doll's house. This brew was apparently of an ancient vintage. It had a warm, reddish colour and tasted different. Sua, meanwhile, delivered a eulogy on its curative properties, claiming that it had thirty ingredients - thirty different animals to be exact.</p>	30

Before we could ask, Lu interrupted, "I promise it doesn't contain any gibbon."

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Adapted from BBC Wildlife, April 2006.

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. The writer was at the village to _____.
- (1) sample the roasted grubs
 - (2) convince the villagers to stop hunting animals
 - (3) encourage the villagers to create homes for the gibbons
 - (4) persuade the villagers to protect the endangered species
27. The "party atmosphere" (line 9) was caused by the _____.
- (1) early risers
 - (2) gibbons calling
 - (3) discovery of the hornets' nest
 - (4) visit of the writer and his friends
28. What does the word "This" in line 18 refer to? It refers to the _____.
- (1) rattling sound
 - (2) breakfast of grubs
 - (3) sack of adult hornets
 - (4) haul containing hornets
29. The writer and Signus did not refuse what was offered as _____.
- (1) there was a good reason to celebrate
 - (2) they did not want to offend their hosts
 - (3) the "special" *nuou* was prized medicinally
 - (4) they did not want to lose the opportunity to drink
30. Lu stressed that gibbon was not one of the ingredients of the special brew as he knew that the writer _____.
- (1) was a vegetarian
 - (2) would never harm any animals
 - (3) would never eat anything that contained gibbon
 - (4) wanted to try the special wine with curative properties



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PRIMARY SIX
ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)
BOOKLET B

Name: _____ ()

Class: Primary Six _____

22 August 2013

50 Questions
(65 Marks)

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

Components	Marks
Booklet A	30
Booklet B	65
TOTAL	95

Parent's
Signature: _____

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Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

Write your answers in this booklet.

This booklet consists of 7 printed pages excluding the cover page.

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) about	(D) had	(G) in	(K) or	(N) to
(B) and	(E) have	(H) may	(L) that	(P) up
(C) can	(F) however	(J) moreover	(M) the	(Q) with

Have you ever felt sick to your stomach during a test? Have you (31) _____ days when you were so loaded down with homework that you had trouble sleeping? Have you ever been so worried about something that you ended (32) _____ with a terrible headache? If so, then you know what it is like to feel stressed. Stress is what you feel when you are either worried (33) _____ uncomfortable about something. This worry (34) _____ give you a stomachache or a headache.

When you are stressed, you (35) _____ not feel like sleeping or eating. You may also sleep or eat too much, feel cranky or have trouble paying attention and remembering things.

(36) _____ stress can also be good. For instance, good stress might show up when you have to complete a project. Have you ever gotten butterflies in your stomach or sweaty hands? Those can be signs of good stress (37) _____ kind of stress that can help you to get things done.

Once you recognise (38) _____ you are feeling stressed, there are several things you can do. You can try talking about what is bothering you (39) _____ an adult you trust, like a parent or teacher. You can also use relaxation exercises (40) _____ get rid of stress. You can easily do this by inhaling slowly and deeply through your nose, and then exhaling slowly through your mouth.

Fill in the blanks with the most suitable answer. (15 marks)

Nathan Sawaya was just five years old when his grandparents gave him a Christmas present that would become his lifelong obsession: his very first box of LEGON bricks. For the rest of that Christmas morning, Nathan worked tirelessly at (51) _____ a LEGON house and soon he (52) _____ crafted his very own LEGON City, which was displayed behind his family's living room couch.

Even as an (53) _____ LEGON bricks were not far from Nathan's grasp as he found it to be a useful tool to blow (54) _____ steam after a hard day at the office. Eventually, Nathan took the biggest risk of his life by (55) _____ his high-flying career as a corporate lawyer to pursue his passion of being a full-time artist. Nathan's decision sparked off a range of reactions. While Nathan's parents were extremely supportive of his (56) _____, many tried to dissuade him and even forced their own opinions on him. Nathan lost many colleagues, friends and even his girlfriend, which caused him to question whether he had made the right career switch. (57) _____, Nathan persevered and channelled his energies into creating his pieces of art.

Initially, Nathan explored with traditional mediums (58) _____ clay and wire but quickly went back to his beloved LEGON bricks as he felt that everyone (59) _____ be able to recognise an ordinary toy and yet be amazed by its transformation (60) _____ meaningful pieces of art.

Drawing inspiration from every day (61) _____, people, places and personal experiences, Nathan never loses his motivation and (62) _____ empowered to create anything he sets his mind to. In time and with lots of practice, Nathan's sacrifices started to (63) _____ off; he became a LEGON Certified Professional; gained lucrative commissions; made many media appearances and his (64) _____ of art continue to be displayed in museums around the world. Nathan never dreamed that his artworks would have garnered him great success and (65) _____ acclaim. He also has the additional satisfaction of seeing children inspired to create their own pieces of art after viewing his works.

Adapted from: The Art of the Brick – Educator's Guide

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

41.

21 November 2012 was a school holiday. Nevertheless, **volanteers** from

schools across Singapore turned up **bright** and early at the reporting centres, all

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eager and ready to pick on their donation tins and KDF stickers to **kick-start** their

island-wide fundraising.

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Throughout the day, students stations themselves across various spots in

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Singapore **apeeling** to passers-by for donations. The heavy rain in the afternoon did

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not deter the students' determined to raise funds for the needy.

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Apart from students who willingly **sacreeficed** a part of their school holidays,

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there were also a few **spontainious** members from the public who stepped forward

to contribute to this event. The street collection was also an opportunity for KDF to

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spread the word about the work they have do for their patients. It was a mission

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beyond comb the streets to fill up the tins. Every dollar collected from the public

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meant more **finential** relief for the patients.

Adapted from: KDF Link; date unavailable

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. "Did you attend the morning training session yesterday?" my father asked.

My father asked _____

67. All the pupils are expected to submit their travel declaration to their teacher tomorrow.

Every _____

68. Grandma dislikes western food. Ali loves it.

_____ is not shared

69. Tom was witty. He was not popular in class.

In spite _____

70. Tanny was delighted. She had won the first prize in the lucky draw.

Much to _____

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

I worked hard picking that bouquet of wild flowers from the field at the back of Grandma's house. When I presented my gift to Grandma, she smiled and hugged me.

"Oh child, you warm the cockles of my heart," she said.

"You have cockles in your heart, Grandma?"

She laughed. Grandma smelled like vanilla and coffee. I remember the first time we made cookies from scratch. I thought one of the cups of stuff she put into the bowl was "scratch". She explained, "There are two kinds of cookies; store-bought and scratch."

Grandma had a secret recipe and it was magical because it did not matter if we put raisins or nuts or chocolate chips in the batter, the cookies always tasted like heaven. Grandma gave me her secret "scratch" recipe and I kept it in my wooden treasure box under my bed.

I also had a four-leaf clover, framed and kept in my box. We had spent two hours crawling around on our hands and knees in her backyard looking for that four-leaf clover. We held hands and danced in a circle when I finally spotted one. I ran forward and plucked the treasure from the base of its stem and held it aloft.

Grandma had what she called a "bottomless" candy dish - a little open glass dish stationed on a coffee table in her living room near a window with a flowing lace curtain. I could eat candy in the afternoon and after dinner in the evening. The next morning, the candy dish was full again. It was filled to the brim with mints of all colours that with minimum sucking would sweeten the palate and send a hand plunging inside for more. However, whenever I offered Grandma a mint, she would laugh and say, "Excessive sugar for a senior can turn a managed waistline into a glob of pullout fat in a short amount of time."

Grandma's porch swing was my favourite place in the whole world. I would lean against her and pour out my woes without a care in the world. This was my most treasured moment. Sometimes, we found pictures in the clouds as Grandma gave the swing a nudge once in a while with her foot.

Once Grandma told me, "Someday when I'm living with the angels, you look up into those clouds and say hi to your old grandma, okay?"

I was never worried about that day. That was two months ago. Mum and Dad were in the house packing Grandma's belongings. I sat on Grandma's porch swing and gave it an occasional push with my foot. The backyard was quiet and

there was no laughter.

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A white fluffy cloud moved across the sky, directly overhead. I looked up, remembering our "pictures in the cloud" game. The wind shuffled the cloud as I watched. I saw Grandma! There she was! Her wings were spread wide and her white dress was falling in folds around her feet. She had a happy smile on her face!

"Grandma, I love you," I called out. I knew she was there. She just did not need the old house and all the stuff in it anymore. I saw her gently wave. Smiling, I spread out on the porch swing to watch her as she floated across the sky.

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Adapted from: Rogers, N. (2000). *Grandma's Cloud Game - Chicken Soup for the Preteen Sou.*

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. Which 7-word phrase in the passage tells us that the narrator was able to make her grandma feel happy?

72. Explain clearly why the cookies baked by the narrator's grandma were so special.

73. How do we know the narrator valued her find in Grandma's backyard?

74. What does the word "treasure" in line 17 refer to?

75. What did the narrator's grandma do to ensure that the candy dish remained "bottomless" in line 18?

76. Explain fully why Grandma declined the narrator's offer of a mint from her own candy dish.

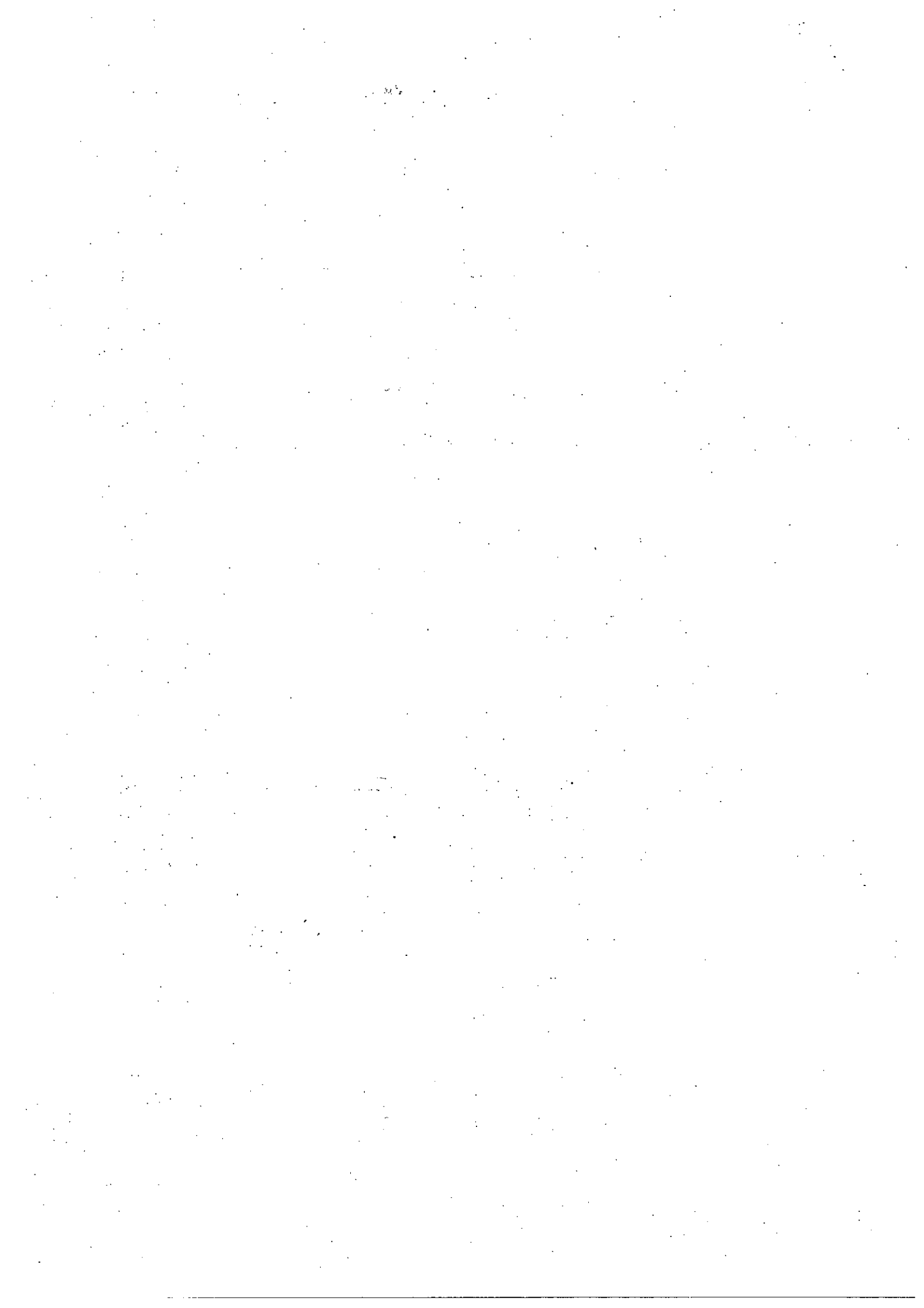
77. What does the word "This" in line 27 refer to?

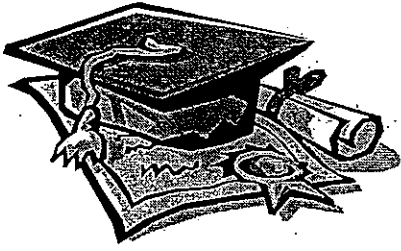
78. What does "that day" in line 32 exactly refer to?

79. What does "The backyard was quiet and there was no laughter" (lines 34-35) tell us about the impact that the narrator's grandma had on the narrator when she was alive?

80. State an adjective to describe the narrator's grandma. Support your answer with a reason.

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ANSWER SHEET

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59)would 60)into 61)life 62)feels 63)pay

64)works 65)international

66)My father asked me if I had attended the morning training session the previous day.

67)Every pupil is expected submit his travel declaration to his teacher tomorrow.

68)Ali's love for western food is not shared by Grandma.

69)In spite of the fact that Tom was witty, he was not popular in class.

70)Much to her delight, Tanny won the first prize in the lucky draw.

71)The phrase is "you warm the cockles of my heart".

72)The cookies were handmade and they were delicious as she made them using a secret recipe.

73)The narrator had placed the four-leaf clover in a frame and it was kept in his wooden treasure box under his bed.

74)It refers to the four-leaf clover.

75)She refilled the candy dish every night without fail.

76)She was old and having too much sugar would cause her to become fat and as a result she would be unhealthy.

77)It refers to the moment the narrator spent time with her Grandma on her porch swing where the narrator would lean against her and tell Grandma his woes.

78)It refers to the day that grandma would die.

79)Grandma had brought joy and laughter to the narrator's life.

80)She was a loving person. She baked cookies for the narrator and played with her.