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**CHRISTIAN BROTHERS' SCHOOLS
FIRST SEMESTRAL EXAMINATION
2012
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE AND COMPREHENSION)
PRIMARY 6
BOOKLET A**

NAME : _____ ()

CLASS : PR 6 _____

**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.

An Optical Answer Sheet is provided for answers to Questions 1 to 30.

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

Concerts for Children

Performed by City Symphonic Orchestra
Booking Hotline: 6866 7475

More information at www.cso.com.sg or email info@cso.com.sg

Peter and the Wolf

Date: 21 July 2012

Time: 8p.m.

Venue: Young Musician's Society
Concert Hall

Tickets: \$20 (adults)
\$15 (children)



A classic composed by Prokofiev. This interpretation by City Symphonic Orchestra will surely delight the senses of those between 4 and 12 years old.

Organ Fun with Bach

Date: 18 August 2012

Time: 3p.m.

(Pre-concert talk starts at 2.30pm.
Audience to be seated by 2.20pm.)

Venue: DBS Auditorium

Tickets: \$10 (adults and children)



Bach is well-known for his organ music. Learn about the different styles of organ music during the talk and be entertained by local organ soloist, Serene Low. This concert is suitable for children who are 8 years old or older.

Debussy Children's Classics

Date: 8 September 2012

Time: 7p.m.

Venue: Redhill Community Club

Tickets: \$15 (adults)
\$12 (children)



Debussy was a French composer who lived in the early 20th century. Suitable for children above 6 years old. Concert-goers can look forward to listening to Debussy's *Children Corner Suite* which was dedicated to his daughter.

Proudly presented by
Allegro Arts Management

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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 concerts are organised by _____.
 - (1) Red Hill Community Club
 - (2) Allegro Arts Management
 - (3) Young Musician's Society
 - (4) City Symphonic Orchestra

2. To book tickets to any of the concerts, one must _____.
 - (1) call 6866 7475
 - (2) fax to 6866 7475
 - (3) go to www.cso.com.sg
 - (4) email to info@cso.com.sg

3. The concert that is most suitable for Liying who is 5 years old is _____.
 - (1) Peter and the Wolf
 - (2) Organ Fun with Bach
 - (3) Children Corner Suite
 - (4) Debussy Children's Classics

4. Those attending the pre-concert talk for 'Organ Fun with Bach' are requested to take their seats by _____.
 - (1) 2.20 p.m.
 - (2) 2.30 p.m.
 - (3) 3.00 p.m.
 - (4) 7.00 p.m.

5. Which of the following statements is true?
 - (1) There is one concert per month from July to September 2012.
 - (2) The cheapest concert for a child to attend is 'Debussy Children's Classics'.
 - (3) 'Peter and the Wolf' is the most suitable concert for those who enjoy organ music.
 - (4) Those attending 'Organ Fun with Bach' should go to Redhill Community Club on 18 August 2012.

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. This pair of trousers _____ altered by Mrs Leong last week.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
7. Debbie has to hand _____ this form to participate in the contest.
- (1) in
 - (2) out
 - (3) over
 - (4) down
8. Uncle Gary brought my brother and _____ to the theme park.
- (1) I
 - (2) me
 - (3) mine
 - (4) myself
9. Atiqah is seldom on medical leave, _____ she?
- (1) is
 - (2) isn't
 - (3) does
 - (4) doesn't
10. Take a closer look at _____ books in my hands. They are too good to be thrown away.
- (1) this
 - (2) that
 - (3) these
 - (4) those

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11. Either Durga or her parents _____ going to the chalet later.

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

12. Randy was exhausted as he _____ a marathon the previous day.

- (1) run
- (2) has run
- (3) had run
- (4) had been running

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 looked curiously at the array of animals at the Science Learning Centre.

"Look (13) the chameleon is running up the tree trunk!" Karen squealed excitedly as she pointed at the frantic lizard.

Across the room, Imran gingerly picked up a yellow ball of fur.

"What an adorable chick (14) Imran examined the chick closely as it struggled to escape from his strong grip.

"Please handle the animals with care (15) Mdm Tan advised, as the children explored the centre freely.

13. (1) [:] colon
(2) [,] comma
(3) [.] full stop
(4) [;] semi-colon
14. (1) [. "] full stop and inverted commas
(2) [" .] inverted commas and full stop
(3) [! "] exclamation mark and inverted commas
(4) [" !] inverted commas and exclamation mark
15. (1) [. "] full stop and inverted commas
(2) [" .] inverted commas and full stop
(3) [, "] comma and inverted commas
(4) [" ,] inverted commas and comma

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. Tears welled up in Joshua's eyes when he heard about the _____ of the children living in poverty.
- (1) plight
 - (2) status
 - (3) condition
 - (4) hardship
17. Mr Vikram, a motivational speaker, is a positive _____ on those who attend his talks.
- (1) thrust
 - (2) impulse
 - (3) influence
 - (4) disposition
18. Due to their _____ rescue efforts, the emergency rescue team found the three children who were lost in the woods.
- (1) infinite
 - (2) undying
 - (3) stringent
 - (4) relentless
19. The businessman _____ every word on the contract before signing it.
- (1) viewed
 - (2) observed
 - (3) scrutinised
 - (4) contemplated
20. Unsure of their whereabouts, the campers _____ aimlessly through the camp-grounds.
- (1) strutted
 - (2) marched
 - (3) staggered
 - (4) meandered

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

(5 marks)

Wild Sumatran elephants are now in a critical situation. They face extinction in less than 30 years

unless immediate actions are taken to stop the destruction of the animals' habitat. The International

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Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) has also changed its classification of the Sumatran elephant

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from "endangered" to "critically endangered" on its list of threatened species. The declining population

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is largely attributed to its habitat being deforested and converted into agricultural plantations.

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Eighty-five percent of the elephants' habitats are not safeguarded. These habitats are not secured by

Indonesian laws.

Adapted from Sumatran elephant faces extinction in 30 years: WWF, Straits Times, 25 January 2012

21. (1) rapid
(2) prompt
(3) sudden
(4) essential
22. (1) cluster
(2) regulation
(3) arrangement
(4) categorisation
23. (1) failing
(2) dwindling
(3) worsening
(4) deteriorating
24. (1) altered
(2) switched
(3) transformed
(4) interchanged
25. (1) saved
(2) shielded
(3) protected
(4) defended

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Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

I can smell the garbage dump before I see it. Wearing rubber boots, shirts and trousers that we will dispose later, I climb up the mountain of garbage with Scott Neeson. The smell is overpowering: a mixture of sulphur, rotting flesh and excrement. I choke back nausea as I breathe in thick acrid smoke from the hundreds of small fires that are constantly burning.

I see scores of garbage pickers through a smoky haze. There are some adults but many are children. Amazingly, they are bare-footed. All have skin blackened by the sun and the filth. Everyone has a sack slung over a scrawny shoulder for recyclables. 5

As we walk, Neeson greets numerous scavengers, asking if everything was fine. Children run up to him and shout, "I want to study. Take me to school!"

Scott Neeson is well-known here. He visits this place several times a week and has placed over 400 children from here into the care of the charity that he had founded, the Cambodian Children's Fund (CCF). 10

How Scott Neeson came to be rescuing children, abandoned to live like rats among garbage reads like a movie script, an irony that he can certainly appreciate. In 2003, Neeson was a high-powered movie executive dubbed "Mr Hollywood". He had all the Hollywood trappings: a million-dollar salary, a Beverly Hills mansion, a Porsche 911 and a yacht. However, even with all the fame, something was missing. He wanted to do more than just make movies. The trip he took to Cambodia, a beautiful country with gentle and soft-spoken people, was an eye-opener. One day, while sight-seeing, he saw a group of garbage pickers sieving through toxic piles for recyclable glass, metal or paper, hoping to earn enough to eat. That was a turning point in his life. 15 20

In 2004, Neeson started CCF with over \$100 000 of his own money. To keep costs down, he slept on the couch in his small office and travelled around the city on a scooter. He had planned to house, feed and educate 45 children. By the end of the first year, he had early 100 children. There's the bright-eyed Kunthea, orphaned at three, who had lived at the dump almost his entire life. Today, after learning English at CCF, he works as a chef at a trendy café. Nine-year-old Eang was covered with sores when Scott found her. Now, she is healthy, attends a public school and hopes to be an English teacher. 25

For his efforts, the Harvard School of Public Health honoured him recently, describing him as a man of courage. After five years of working in Cambodia, Neeson admits that his work is only just begun. At the end of my interview, he said, "This is my life work now. I'm committed to these kids." I felt grateful for the opportunity to feature this man in my newspaper. 30

Adapted from *Great Scott* by Robert Kiener, *Reader's Digest* March 2010

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 garbage dump to _____.
- (1) assist Neeson in his endeavor
 - (2) select suitable children to receive funds
 - (3) witness the plight of the garbage pickers
 - (4) collect glass, paper and metal for recycling
27. Which of the following was not the reason Neeson founded the Cambodian Children's Fund?
- (1) He was moved by the Cambodian children's suffering.
 - (2) He wanted to feature the Cambodian children in a movie.
 - (3) He wanted to do something more meaningful in his life.
 - (4) He realized that there was something missing in his Hollywood life.
28. What does 'that' in line 21 refer to?
- (1) visiting a beautiful country
 - (2) seeing the scavengers at work
 - (3) interacting with gentle Cambodians
 - (4) observing how recycling of glass was carried out
29. Neeson kept his expenses to the minimum when he started CCF by _____.
- (1) living in his office
 - (2) educating only 45 children
 - (3) renting his own apartment
 - (4) using only \$100 000 of his own money
30. Neeson claims that 'he has only just begun' in lines 30-31 because he _____.
- (1) intends to continue his good cause
 - (2) has only received one form of recognition
 - (3) wishes to travel and see more of Cambodia
 - (4) wants to impress the reporter from the newspaper



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ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE AND COMPREHENSION)
PRIMARY 6
BOOKLET B**

NAME : _____ ()

CLASS : pr. 6

**50 Questions
65 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.

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This booklet consists of 11 printed pages

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 to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

A) and	D) by	G) have	K) so	N) though
B) are	E) for	H) in	L) or	P) which
C) but	F) has	J) into	M) to	Q) with

Swordfish are large predatory fish characterised by a long flat bill. These fish are found widely (31) _____, tropical and temperate parts of the Atlantic, Pacific and Indian Oceans.

The swordfish is a skillful predator. One-third the length of the body, its long, pointed and sharp sword-like bill is not used to spear (32) _____ slash at prey. As they move (33) _____ schools of fish, they thrash their bills to kill their prey (34) _____ then quickly turn to consume their catch. Swimming at a top speed of eighty kilometres per hour, few can threaten them, (35) _____ the exception of large sharks and sperm or killer whales.

Though the swordfish are easily frightened by small boats, they allow large vessels to draw near. This makes them easy harpoon targets. When harpooned (36) _____ hooked, swordfish have been known to dive (37) _____ quickly that they pierce their bills (38) _____ the sea bed, right up to their eyes.

To prevent rapid cooling and damage (39) _____ the brain as a result of extreme vertical movements, the swordfish has a built-in 'brain heater' - a large bundle of tissue associated with one of the eye muscles, (40) _____ insulates and warms the brain.

Swordfish are caught by boats from China, Taiwan and Korea and sent to Singapore for processing and export. This magnificent fish commands a premium for its nutritious meat.

Adapted from The New Paper 20 March 2011 and Wikipedia.org

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

That snake provided me with one of the most dreadful experiences of my **life**. It was
(41)

a little after midnight when it came. It was a dark night. I had lay restlessly on my bed in the
(42)

little room, bare-bodied **acsept** for a Malavan sarong. The night was so still that I could
(43)

hear the rhythmic breath of Togo, my dog, as he lay asleep in the other room. All other
(44)

sounds came to me isolated one from another **and distink**. Suddenly, I heard a slight
rustling on the mats on the floor of the other room. I threw up the mosquito-net, took my
(45)

gun, lit the gas and stepped to the open doorway, guessd ~~what~~ what had caused the rustling.

I had only a glimpse of the other room, for the gasometer was empty, and there was
(46)

only a breath of gas in the pipes, but the flicker of light was **suficient**. Right in the middle
of the floor, making straight for the sleeping dog, was a carpet-snake, a full two metres long.
(47)

I shouted, and Togo **awake** at once, barking and snapping. Then, the gas gave its final
flicker and went out but not before I saw the snake make for the wall and up towards the
roof.

(48)

I made a bonfire of matches on the table which occupied the centre of the room. To

recharge the gasometer would have taken too much time and the snake would have

(49)

(50)

disappeared before I had finished. The bonfire of matches gave away enough light and I

discovered the snake lying along one of the ceiling beams. I shot it and it slid down till it

hung, dangling over the table like a mighty rope.

Adapted from *My Crowded Solitude* by Jack McLaren

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Most children plug into the world of television long before they enter school.

According to the Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF), two-thirds of infants and toddlers _____ into a screen an average of two hours a day. Also, according to the (51)

KFF, children and teens _____ nearly four hours a day in front of a (52) television screen and two _____ hours on the computer outside of (53)

schoolwork.

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends that children

_____ two years of age should not watch any television and that (54)

those older than two watch no more than one to two hours a day of quality programmes.

The first two years of life are considered a critical _____ for brain (55)

development. Television and other electronic media can get in the _____ (56)

of exploring, playing, and interacting with others, which _____ learning (57)

and social development.

As children get older, too much screen time can interfere with activities such as being physically _____ reading, doing homework, playing with (58)

friends and spending time with their families.

Of course, watching television in moderation can be a good thing. Preschoolers can get help learning the alphabet on public television. School-going children can learn

about wildlife from documentaries and parents can keep up with current _____
(59)

on the evening news. No doubt about it, television can be an excellent _____
(60)

and entertainer.

Despite its _____, too much television can be
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detrimental. Research shows that children who consistently spend more than four hours
a day watching television are more _____ to be overweight. Research
(62)

also shows that those who view programmes with _____ acts are more
(63)

likely to show aggressive _____. They also fear that the world is scary and
(64)

that something bad will happen to them.

That is why it is important for parents to _____ the content of
(65)

programmes viewed by their children.

Setting a limit to the number of hours their children spend watching television can
be a good start.

Source http://kidshealth.org/parent/positive/family/tv_affects_child.html

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 Their Mathematics results are better than their Science results.
_____ are not as

67 The pianist is skilful and creative. He earned the highest accolades.

The pianist's _____

68 Ali asked John, "Did you go to China during your holidays?"

Ali wanted to know _____

69 Isaac's mother insisted, so he went for a holiday.

If it had not been for _____

70 The robber ran away when he saw the police officer.

On _____

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

Annie Lim was a tomboy. Unlike girls her age, she liked climbing trees and playing soccer with the boys.

One day, there was a soccer game between Annie's school team and a team from their rival school, Belmont, across the road. The players from the Belmont team were renowned for their skills in dribbling and shooting. Their captain was none other than Francis Lee, the best soccer player in Belmont School. When he came onto the field to warm up, everyone felt a little nervous and wondered if the rumour was true. Francis was even more muscular than he had been when they last saw him. Had he been working out in the school gym every afternoon?

"Huh!" said Annie to a member of her school team, Rahim, when she saw Francis. "Don't worry about that buffalo. He'll never make it through the second half. All that weight on him will slow him down. Soccer is a game for deer, not buffaloes."

During the first half of the game, Francis Lee was superb. He played brilliantly and scored two of three of the goals for his team and without apparently tiring at all. Annie's team had also scored three goals and she was hoping that "the buffalo" would slow down. "Make him chase you! Make him run! Tire him out! We need one more goal!" Annie shouted at her team-mates.

They tried again and again but they could not score that winning goal. About halfway through the second half of the game, Siva, the top scorer for Annie's team, fell and was in great pain. He lay on the field groaning and had to be carried off on a stretcher.

Mr Sundram, Annie's coach, said to his players, "I need someone to take Siva's place and Annie is the best substitute. No argument from you boys, please! Annie is going to play in Siva's place. Go, Annie. Now is your chance to show the buffalo what the deer can do!" The boys muttered something under their breath but nobody dared to go against the coach.

Rahim saw Francis standing in the middle of the field, his hands on his hips, looking at Annie with a wide devilish grin on his face. However, the grin was not there for long. Annie was darting between Francis and his team-mates, slippery as an eel, as she dribbled the ball back and forth between her feet. Francis gave chase but he was lumbering like a buffalo behind a deer.

With two minutes to go and the score still equal, one of the Belmont players kicked the ball across the field to Francis but Rahim beat him to it. Rahim passed the ball to Annie. Francis came at her. Annie aimed for the goalmouth. There was no one in front of her but Francis was coming up fast from behind. Annie ran towards the goalpost. She pulled away from Francis and kicked. The goalkeeper did not have a 35 chance — the ball found its way into the upper left hand corner of the net.

Just then, the whistle went. Rahim ran up and grabbed both her hands. Francis approached them. "Congratulations! Good goal," he said to Annie, "I thought I had you there but when you ran like a deer, I couldn't keep up with you. You're a good dribbler too! If any of these boys tease you about playing soccer because you are a girl, come 40 and see me."

"Thank you, Francis," said Annie in a whisper. Rahim could not believe his ears! He had never heard the tomboy speak so gently before.

source: *Primary English Thematic Series, Ministry of Education*

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71 Why was Annie Lim a 'tomboy'?

72 What was the 'rumour' mentioned in paragraph 2?

73 Explain clearly what caused the others to be nervous when Francis came onto the field to warm up. (lines 7-8)

74 Explain clearly what Annie meant when she said soccer is a "game for deer, not buffaloes." (line 13)

75 What was Annie's strategy for slowing down Francis?

76 Explain why Siva 'had to be carried off on a stretcher' (lines 21-22).

77 'No arguments from you boys, please!' (line 24) What would the boys probably argue about?

78 When was Annie's winning goal scored?

79 Which phrase in paragraph 7 tells you that Annie could not be caught?

80 Explain clearly how Francis' attitude towards Annie changed at the end of the game.

END OF PAPER

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Semestral Assessment 1 – 2012
Answer Key for P6 English Language

1)	2	6)	3	11)	2	16)	1	21)	2	26)	3
2)	1	7)	1	12)	3	17)	3	22)	4	26)	2
3)	1	8)	2	13)	2	18)	4	23)	2	28)	2
4)	1	9)	1	14)	3	19)	3	24)	3	29)	1
5)	1	10)	3	15)	3	20)	4	25)	3	30)	1

31)	H	33)	N	35)	Q	37)	K	39)	M
32)	C	34)	A	36)	L	38)	J	40)	P

41)	lain	46)	sufficient
42)	except	47)	awake
43)	breathing	48)	occupied
44)	distinct	49)	disappeared
45)	guessing	50)	out

51)	stare
52)	spend
53)	more
54)	below
55)	time
56)	way
57)	encourage
58)	active
59)	events
60)	educator
61)	advantages
62)	likely
63)	violent
64)	behaviours
65)	know

66. Their Science results are not as good as their Mathematics results.
67. The pianist's skill and creative earned him the highest accolades.
68. Ali wanted to know if John had gone to China during his holidays.
69. If it had not been for his mother insistence, he would not have gone for a holiday.
70. On seeing of the police officer, the robber ran away.
71. She liked climbing trees and playing soccer with the boys.
72. The 'rumour' was Francis going to the school gym every afternoon to work out.
73. Francis was Belmont School best player and was even more muscular than ever, causing others to be nervous.
74. Annie meant that criteria to excel in soccer depend on ones fast-reaction instead of by looking at ones muscular appearance.
75. Annie's strategy was to make Francis tired down by running around the field chasing them for the soccer ball.
76. Siva was injured so he had to be carried off on a stretcher.

77. The boys were arguing about not letting Annie played in the soccer match as she is a girl and they thought that it was inappropriate to let a girl play in a soccer match with them.

78. Annie's winning goal was scored just before the whistle went.

79. The phrase is 'slippery as an eel'.

80. At first, Francis did not think that Annie could not play soccer but in the end, he was impress by her skill.