



Anglo-Chinese School (Primary)

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2008

P6 ENGLISH LANGUAGE - PAPER 2 (BOOKLET A)

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

The Sun Times
Family CAR-nival 2008

Rev up for the Race!

Sunday 10th August 2008
Singapore Exhibition Arena Hall 5

The much awaited CAR-nival is back!

We bring you the best bargains on car-related products and services. There will be exciting activities for everyone in the family. Sign up for the activities now to have a fun-filled time and a chance to win attractive prizes!

BABY CRAWLING RACE

If your baby is not older than 12 months and is able to crawl along a 5m track, he or she could win a baby hamper worth \$200 in this race!



RACE QUEEN SEARCH

We are looking for our very own Sun Times Race Queens. If you have the looks and the X-factor to rev up any engine, you might just walk away with \$1 000 cash. Sign up now –
<http://www.suntimes.com.sg/carnival/racequeen>



WHEELBARROW RACE

Do you have strong arms and legs? Form a team of two with a family member and create a human wheelbarrow to race through an obstacle course of car tyres and traffic cones. The top team stands to win \$400 worth of car-related products.

XBOX PROJECT GOTHAM RACE

Burn virtual rubber in one of the hottest racing games in town - Project Gotham Racing 5! Featuring - a great fleet of supercars and motorcycles on real-world tracks. The game will put your driving skills to the ultimate test! The winner drives away with an Xbox 360 Pro.



AMAZING DIGITAL RACE

Form a team of two with a family member and enjoy the fun of searching for clues as you capture images of your answers with your digital or phone camera. The winning team gets prizes worth more than \$1 000 (car-related products).



To participate in any of the activities, register your name, age, IC No., gender and contact number at www.suntimes.com.sg by 3rd August 2008. For team activities, please state your relationship with your partner. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Selected participants will receive a confirmation email from the organiser.

Sponsor: **Sunny Auto Accessories Trading**

Organiser: **The Sun Times**

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

1 According to the advertisement, everyone who takes part in any of the activities is promised _____.

- (1) a fun-filled time
- (2) to win attractive prizes
- (3) to be given car-related products
- (4) a special bargain on car-related services

2 To participate in any of the activities, you will need to _____.

- (1) form a team with your family members
- (2) register at the given website by 3rd August 2008
- (3) be sponsored by Sunny Auto Accessories Trading
- (4) be at the Singapore Exhibition Arena Hall 5 on 10th August 2008

3 In the Amazing Digital Race, _____.

- (1) each team is made up of 3 members.
- (2) the winning team will receive \$ 1000
- (3) you will be given a digital camera to work with
- (4) you will need to take photographs of your answers

4 Mrs Ravi wishes to go to the CAR-nival with her baby, Raj. Which of the following activities is not possible for either one of them to participate in?

- (1) Wheelbarrow Race
- (2) Race Queen Search
- (3) Baby Crawling Race
- (4) XBox Project Gotham Race

5 Which of the following statements is true about the CAR-nival?

- (1) The Race Queen must produce the X-factor and be able to rev up car engines.
- (2) You will get to drive a supercar on real world tracks in the Gotham Race.
- (3) Babies who are 12 months old are encouraged to take part in the Baby Crawling Race.
- (4) Only confirmed participants who have received emails from the organizer can take part in the activities.

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 The girls jog at Bishan Park every other day, _____?
- (1) do they
 - (2) don't they
 - (3) are they
 - (4) aren't they
- 7 If I _____ you, I would not act so rashly and punch him in public.
- (1) is
 - (2) am
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
- 8 All the participants but one _____ the training over the past three days.
- (1) attend
 - (2) attends
 - (3) has attended
 - (4) have attended
- 9 As Mr Tan was walking towards the lift, he heard the emergency bell _____.
- (1) ring
 - (2) rings
 - (3) rang
 - (4) had rung
- 10 Mr Leong _____ son had gone abroad to study bought a condominium recently.
- (1) who
 - (2) whom
 - (3) which
 - (4) whose
- 11 _____ Mrs Syed was busy with her work, she came to help out at the children's home last Saturday.
- (1) Unless
 - (2) Despite
 - (3) Although
 - (4) However

12 Ellen, together with several classmates, _____ voluntary work at the old folks' home every weekend.

- (1) do
- (2) did
- (3) does
- (4) have done

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)

Once the children wanted to play a game in which some of them had to be soldiers and take the others prisoners.

"And I'll be captain over the soldiers (13) shouted Carlo, hastily adding, "That's if you don't want to be, David."

David looked straight at him (14) "I will not play anything evil and horrible," he replied.

"You are a strange chap, David. What's wicked about that (15) Andrea said with some irritation.

David waited until he was sure his voice would not tremble.

Adapted from 'I am David' by Anne Holm

- 13 (1) ["?"] inverted commas and question mark
(2) [?"] question mark and inverted commas
(3) ["!] inverted commas and exclamation mark
(4) [!"] exclamation mark and inverted commas
- 14 (1) [:] colon
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [?] question mark
(4) [!] exclamation mark
- 15 (1) [?] question mark
(2) ["] inverted commas
(3) [."] full stop and inverted commas
(4) [?"] question 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 restaurant over there was shut down by the Ministry of Health when it was found to be _____ with cockroaches.
- (1) infested
 - (2) polluted
 - (3) infected
 - (4) contaminated
- 17 The gifted pianist's performance earned him a standing _____ from the audience.
- (1) ovation
 - (2) applause
 - (3) observance
 - (4) commendation
- 18 The three men who robbed a bank last week were arrested by the police after a _____ from a member of the public.
- (1) clue
 - (2) tip-off
 - (3) report
 - (4) warning
- 19 My trip to England was not as expensive as I had thought it would be as I saved on _____ by staying with my pen pals.
- (1) shelter
 - (2) housing
 - (3) residence
 - (4) accommodation
- 20 The shopkeeper gave me a discount on the ceramic jug I wanted as there was a _____ in it.
- (1) flaw
 - (2) blunder
 - (3) mistake
 - (4) complication

For each question from 21 to 25, choose the 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)

Street food is an integral part of the Malaysian and Singaporean experience.

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Hawkers provide freshly cooked food around the dock at budget prices. In pre-war days,

itinerant push-cart hawkers catered for every type of food, each signalling his arrival with a

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unique call. Many hawkers in Malaysia still use push-carts, but those assembled around

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coffee shops and hawker centres offer a larger choice of dishes.

- 21 (1) ethnic
(2) essential
(3) evaluative
(4) entertaining
- 22 (1) elderly
(2) licensed
(3) travelling
(4) unhygienic
- 23 (1) provided
(2) perfected
(3) packaged
(4) patronized
- 24 (1) imposing
(2) informing
(3) indicating
(4) improvising
- 25 (1) built
(2) found
(3) grown
(4) gathered

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow it

Triumphing over extreme cold, treacherous ice and people dismissing him as mad, Slovenian Davo Karnicar became the first person to ski non-stop down Mount Everest.

After a dramatic plummet over almost sheer cliffs of snow, boulders and ice, 38-year-old Karnicar emerged in his base camp after five hours of skiing. "I feel only absolute happiness and absolute fatigue," he said.

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At one stage he had to speed over stretches of ice that collapsed and broke underneath him and could have sent him tumbling into the deep crevasses that dot the mountain.

The descent had been seen by many as insanely dangerous. The Darwin Awards website, which documents foolhardy deaths, urged people to log on to Internet broadcasts of the attempt. "Keep your eyes peeled for a live Darwin Award," it said.

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However, the only body to make the news was the corpse of an unknown mountaineer which Karnicar zipped past as he descended, one of an estimated 120 cadavers, thought to litter the slopes.

"This mountain is always full of surprises. Seeing a dead man out there was a really shocking experience," he said.

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Thanks to strategically placed cameras on the mountain and one attached to his safety helmet, hundreds of thousands of people witnessed his descent on the Internet. During the run more than 650 000 hits were registered on his expedition website jamming it for a time as others tried to access the site.

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Weather conditions were so severe that Karnicar had to abandon plans to rest on the summit before attempting to descend. Instead, suffering from fatigue, as soon as he reached the top he put on his skis and flung himself back down the mountain.

Tackling the mountain had already cost Karnicar two fingers when a failed attempt saw him get frostbite as a fierce storm lashed the peak.

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Karnicar comes from an illustrious skiing family and took part in his first Himalayan skiing expedition in 1989. Since then, he has been tireless in raising funds and sponsorship for more expeditions, with Everest as the eventual goal.

Reading Extra by Liz Driscoll, Cambridge University Press

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 Davo Karnicar made history by _____.

- (1) skiing non-stop down Mount Everest
- (2) descending Mount Everest in 5 hours
- (3) filming his descent down Mount Everest
- (4) paragliding down the summit of Everest

27 Karnicar was shocked when he _____.

- (1) passed the body of a dead mountaineer
- (2) almost tumbled into a mountain crevasse
- (3) heard of the people who dismissed him as mad
- (4) experienced the speed of his descent down Everest

28 Karnicar decided not to rest on the summit because _____.

- (1) he was extremely fatigued
- (2) of extreme weather conditions
- (3) he had lost two fingers from frostbite
- (4) of the 5-hour limit he had given himself

29 According to the passage, which one of the statements below is true?

- (1) Karnicar had a history of mental illness.
- (2) Karnicar came from a poor Slovenian family.
- (3) This was not Karnicar's first attempt on Mount Everest.
- (4) In 1989, Karnicar made his first Himalayan climbing expedition.

30 Which of the following statements would be a good title for the passage?

- (1) Mad man skis down Everest.
- (2) Darwin Award for Davo Karnicar.
- (3) Extreme sports hero slides to a record.
- (4) Body of mountaineer found on Everest.

END OF BOOKLET A



Anglo-Chinese School (Primary)

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

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Name: _____ ()

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Date: 19 Aug 2008

Duration of paper: 1 h 50 min

	Maximum Marks	Marks Obtained
1. Composition	55	
2. Language Use & Comprehension	95	
2.1 OAS (Booklet A)	30	
2.2 Grammar Cloze	10	
2.3 Editing (Spelling & Grammar)	10	
2.4 Comprehension Cloze	15	
2.5 Synthesis & Transformation	10	
2.6 Comprehension	20	
3. Listening Comprehension	20	
4. Oral Communication	30	
Total	200	

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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.

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| (A) after | (D) before | (G) has | (K) the | (N) when |
| (B) and | (E) but | (H) is | (L) their | (P) which |
| (C) are | (F) had | (J) other | (M) those | (Q) who |

A number of studies have proven that seat belts do save lives. A group, consisting of parents and experts, _____ (31) calling on the Government to make it compulsory for minibus drivers to install seat belts in _____ (32) vehicles following the death of a young boy. Some said the belts are long overdue _____ (33) wondered why Singapore, unlike _____ (34) developed countries, had yet to make the law.

The calls came _____ (35) the death of eight-year-old boy _____ (36) was in a minibus on the way to school _____ (37) it was hit by two cars. The impact forced _____ (38) rear door open and hurled the boy onto the road.

The Land Transport Authority said it had already been studying the use of seat belts in small school buses _____ (39) the accident. Its study so far _____ (40) found that not all types of seat belts can be installed in buses here or improve a child's prospects in a crash. However, the National Safety Council president says it is time to make some sort of belt mandatory.

(Adapted from 'Safety First', Little Red Dot, 13 May 2008)



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

The invention of antibiotics was universally hailed as a breakthrough in man's battle against infectious diseases. In recent times, however, medical researchers have

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begin to detect new strains of viruses that are resistant in antibiotics, thus fuelling fears

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that these diseases will gradually make a comeback.

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A major medical breakthrough was made when Alexander Fleming discovers

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penicillin in 1928. It was amazing that a virus that proved invulnerable to penicillin made its

appearance only five years later. Since then, doctors and scientists have been

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waged a never-ending battle in developing antibiotics that are able to triumphed over

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stubborn bacteria. Sadly, it appears that the latter have yet to be effectively iradecated.

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What is perhaps even more of a konsern is the ability of some bacteria to resist

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antibiotics which they have never been axepozed to. This may be partly attributed to patients who

demand antibiotics for illnesses whief cannot be effectively treated by these.



Residents in Jurong are fighting like cats and dogs – over cats and dogs. The neighbourhood is the turf of stray dogs, many of which have been _____ (51)

by their former owners. They roam in _____ (52) of three to a dozen, usually

at night.

Dog lovers do not mind them, _____ (53) cat lovers are hoping that life

can be _____ (54) of a hazard for the neighbourhood felines. When

interviewed, a retiree said more than ten cats, _____ (55) strays and pets, have

been killed in the last three years. She believes that it was the _____ (56) of

stray dogs because of the puncture marks on the dead animals' bodies. She added that it

would be terrible if the dogs _____ (57) attacking people. So far, at least one

resident has _____ (58) to have been attacked. The victim said she was with

her cat and some neighbours near her flat when it happened. The dogs did not back

_____ (59) until a neighbour swung a plank at them. Her children have since

_____ (60) afraid of dogs. When they see a dog, they will try to find something

to throw at it to _____ (61) it away.

However, those in the pro-dog camp say this is _____ (62) what could be

provoking the canines. A resident who has been _____ (63) strays in the area



for a year said the dogs are actually afraid of people and are in _____ (64)

most of the time. They come out only when they _____ those who feed (65)

them. She is urging people to show them some compassion.

(Adapted from 'Jurong dogged by strays: Cat & dog lovers at odds', *The Straits Times*, 20 May 2008)



For each of the questions 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 Safim does not like rock-climbing. He does not like trekking either.

_____ neither

67 The Neo family made bookings for their holiday tour. Then they shopped for travel bags.

_____ after

68 The burglar heard the sirens of the police patrol car. He climbed out of the window and escaped.

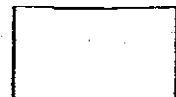
On _____

69 "I was caught in a heavy traffic jam on my way to the meeting yesterday," Mr Lee explained.

Mr Lee explained _____

70 The tourists did not enjoy the guided tour around the fish farm as much as they enjoyed the shopping trip at the flea market.

_____ preferred _____



Calvin Spender drained his coffee cup, wiped his mouth with the back of his hand, burped loudly and then proceeded to fill a pipe with coarsely shredded tobacco. He scratched a match across the top of the table and holding it to his pipe, he sucked noisily till billows of acrid smoke poured from his mouth. 1

Dora Spender sat across the table from her husband, her breakfast scarcely touched. She coughed lightly, and then, as no frown appeared on Calvin's brow, she said, "Are you going to dig in the well this morning, Calvin?" 5

Calvin fixed his small red-rimmed eyes upon her, and as if she had not spoken, said, "Get going at the chores right away. You're going to be hauling up dirt."

"Yes, Calvin," Dora whispered. Calvin cleared his throat, and the action caused his Adam's apple to move rapidly under the loose red skin on his neck. He rose from the table and went out of the kitchen door, kicking viciously at the tawny cat which had been lying on the doorstep. 10

Halfway between the house and the barn, a doughnut-shaped mound of earth surrounded a hole. Calvin went to the edge of the hole and stared down into it distastefully. Only necessity could have forced him to tackle this task, but it was either this digging or the hauling of barrels and barrels of water each day from Nord Fisher's farm half a mile down the road. 15

Calvin's herd of cattle was small, but the amount of water it drank was astonishing. For two weeks now, ever since his well had gone dry, Calvin had been hauling water, and the disagreeable chore was becoming more unpleasant because of neighbour Nord's hints that some kind of payment for the water would only be fair. 20

Several feet from the edge of the hole, Calvin had driven a heavy iron stake into the ground, and to this was attached a crude rope ladder. The rope ladder had become necessary when the hole had reached a depth well beyond the length of any wooden ladder Calvin owned.

Calvin hoped desperately that he would not have to go much further. He estimated that he was now down fifty or sixty feet, a common depth for many wells in the area. His greatest fear was that he would hit a layer of rock which would call for services of a well-drilling team. Both his funds and his credit-rating were far too low for such a team. 25

Calvin picked up a bucket to which was attached a long rope and lowered it into the hole. By the time he got to the bottom of the hole and had filled the bucket, Dora should be there to haul it up. If she were not there, she would hear about it. 30

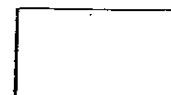
From the house, Dora saw Calvin prepare to enter the well and she worked with desperate haste to finish her chores. She reached the hole just as a muffled shout from below indicated that the bucket was full.

Summoning all her strength, Dora hauled the bucket up. She emptied it and then lowered it into the hole again. While she waited for the second bucketload, she examined the contents of the first. She was disappointed to find it had only the normal moistness of underground earth. No water seeped from it. 35

Adapted from 'Hey You Down There!' by Harold Rolseth

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71 Write down the word from the first paragraph which suggest that Calvin did not waste a drop of his drink.



72 In line 10, "... the action caused his Adam's apple to move...", what does the action refer to?

73 Where was the well that Calvin was working on?

74 Explain clearly why, in line 17, 'the amount of water it drank was astonishing'.

75 Why did Calvin decide to work on the well?

76 Why did Farmer Nord feel that Calvin was not being fair to him?

77 Why did Calvin have to use a rope ladder?

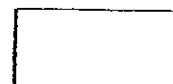


78 When would Calvin have to call for a well-drilling team?

79 Give one reason why Calvin was afraid that he would need a well-drilling team.

80 How would Dora know that it was time for her to haul the bucket up?

END OF PAPER



ACS Primary School

Primary 6 English SA2 Exam (2008)

Answer Keys

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
1	2	4	1	4	2	4	4	1	4
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
3	3	4	2	4	1	1	2	4	1
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
2	3	1	3	4	1	1	2	3	3
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| 41. begun | 42. to | 43. gradually | 44. discovered | 45. invulnerable |
| 46. wagging | 47. triumph | 48. eradicated | 49. concern | 50. exposed |
| 51. abandoned | 52. groups | 53. but | 54. less | 55. both |
| 56. work | 57. started | 58. reported | 59. off | 60. become |
| 61. scare | 62. actually | 63. feeding | 64. hiding | 65. see |

66. Salim likes neither rock-climbing nor trekking.
67. The Neo family shopped for travel bags after they had made bookings for their holiday tour.
68. On hearing the sirens of the police patrol car the burglar climbed out of the window and escaped.
69. Mr Lee explained that he had been caught in a heavy traffic jam on his way to the meeting the day before.
70. The tourists preferred the shopping trip at the flea market to the guided tour around the fish farm.
71. The word is "drained".
72. It refers to when Calvin cleared his throat.
73. It was halfway between the house and the barn.
74. Although Calvin's herd of cattle was small, it drank a huge amount of water.
75. He did not wish to haul barrels and barrel of water everyday from Farmer Nord's farm which was half a mile away.
76. Calvin was taking water from Farmer Nord without payments.
77. A rope ladder was necessary when the hole had reached a depth well beyond the length of any wooden ladder Calvin owned.
78. He would have to call for such a team if he hit a layer of rock.
79. His funds and his credit rating were far too low for such a team.
80. She would know when she heard a shout from Calvin.