



NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL
2018 CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT 1
PRIMARY 6

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Name: _____ ()

Class: Pr 6 _____

Date: 2 March 2018

Booklet A	/ 28
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TOTAL	/ 95

Parent's Signature & Date

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
2. Follow all instructions carefully.
3. Answer all questions carefully.
4. For Booklet A, shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

Booklet A

Section A – Grammar (10 marks)

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

1. Neither the curtains nor the furniture _____ delivered to our new house yesterday as promised by the interior designer.

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

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2. Sister had _____ the table for dinner by the time Mother came home from work.

- (1) lay
- (2) laid
- (3) lain
- (4) laying

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3. All the residents except one, _____ the upgrading of the estate at the management office now.

- (1) discuss
- (2) discusses
- (3) is discussing
- (4) are discussing

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4. Andrew rarely cooks his own meal; _____ he?

- (1) is
- (2) isn't
- (3) does
- (4) doesn't

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5. Had John _____ my advice earlier, he would not be in this sorry state.

- (1) heed
- (2) heeds
- (3) heeded
- (4) heeding

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6. I witnessed our school bully _____ abuses at a little boy during recess.

- (1) hurl
- (2) hurls
- (3) hurled
- (4) had hurled

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7. I thought the sky was going to clear up. _____, it began to rain.

- (1) In particular
- (2) For instance
- (3) On the contrary
- (4) As a consequence

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8. My grandparents took my sister, my cousins and _____ to the museum last Friday after school.

- (1) I
- (2) we
- (3) me
- (4) they

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9. The police were able to arrest a drug dealer after acting _____ a tip-off by a member of the public.

- (1) in
- (2) up
- (3) on
- (4) out

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10. Upon _____ the peak of the mountain, we were rewarded with a breathtaking view of the sunset.

- (1) reach
- (2) reaches
- (3) reached
- (4) reaching

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Section B – Vocabulary (5 marks)

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

11. The little village became _____ as the powerful earthquake had caused huge landslides which buried part of the village.

- (1) incomplete
- (2) unavailable
- (3) inaccessible
- (4) unapproachable

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12. All the pupils are not allowed to use their mobile phones in the classroom. This school rule has been strictly _____ since the beginning of the year.

- (1) enforced
- (2) approved
- (3) compelled
- (4) prescribed

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13. The employer tried to _____ the low-waged workers, who were unhappy with long working hours, by increasing their salary.

- (1) appal
- (2) appease
- (3) appreciate
- (4) apprehend

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14. After the team had lost three matches in a row, the coach met the players for a talk to _____ their morale.

- (1) guide
- (2) boost
- (3) boast
- (4) advise

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15. Without any dispute, all the school leaders _____ agreed on the expansion of the library and staffrooms.

- (1) critically
- (2) regrettably
- (3) persistently
- (4) unanimously

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Section C – Vocabulary Cloze (5 marks)

For each question from 16 to 20, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

Durians are regarded by many people in Southeast Asia as the "King of the Fruits".
(16) They are distinctive for their strong odour and thorny covering. The name "durian" is derived
(17) from the Malay word *duri* which means spike.

Some people like the sweet fragrance of durians, whereas others find the odour
(18) unpleasant. The odour of durians can persist for several days. Hence, durians are banned in
(19) hotels.

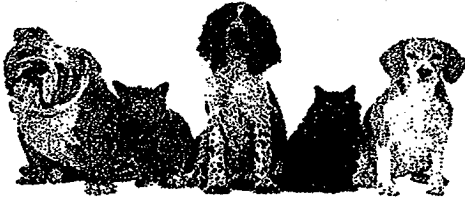
Though durians are native to Brunei, Indonesia and Malaysia, it is Singaporeans who
(20) are more obsessed with durians. This has led to a team of scientists in Singapore
attempting to create a new durian species which is low in sugar level, so that diabetics can
enjoy the fruit too.

Adapted from <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Durian>

16. (1) unique
(2) desirable
(3) notorious
(4) honoured ()
17. (1) evolved
(2) obtained
(3) received
(4) resumed ()
18. (1) delay
(2) linger
(3) spread
(4) persevere ()
19. (1) isolated in
(2) prohibited in
(3) protected from
(4) separated from ()
20. (1) addicted to
(2) tempted by
(3) absorbed in
(4) concerned about ()

Section D – Visual Text Comprehension (8 marks)
Study this flyer carefully and answer questions 21 to 28.

PET ADOPTION DRIVE BY SPS



A Gift for life ...
Give the rescued animals a second chance at life and they will give you unconditional love!

Adopt a Pet Today!
Venue: Greenvale Park
Date: 10 & 11 March 2018
Time: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

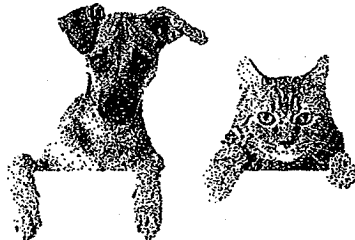


**Please adopt us!
Don't buy pets
from pet farms!**

ADOPTION IS FREE!

An SPS officer will visit the home of the adopter one month after the adoption to assess if any help is required.

HURRY! Come down and meet our furry animals!



Please Adopt Us!

We are great companions for you! We help to relieve your tension and fatigue. We will be good and love you always!

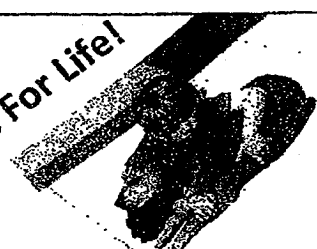
Adopt a Less Adoptable Pet



Though we have been abandoned, we are still very adorable. We may be old and different from others but we are faithful. We need you!

SAVE PETS SHELTER (SPS) is a non-profit organisation. Our priority is the welfare and future of the pets under our care.

A Pet Is For Life!



"Factors to Consider Before Getting a Pet" by Dr Vanessa, a veterinarian



Is your family agreeable to owning a pet?

Pets can help a family to develop closer ties by providing a common ground for family togetherness. It is important to make sure that all your family members agree to owning a pet before you get one to avoid family conflicts over a pet.

What type of pet best suits your lifestyle?

Different types of pets have different characteristics and require different levels of care. Dogs, for example, need more personal attention than cats so they are less suitable for people who often travel overseas or work long hours.

Do you know enough about the pet to care for it properly?

Different types of pets have different needs. Find out as much as you can about the pet, such as the type of environment, food and exercise the pet needs before getting one. This would go a long way towards ensuring that your pet is healthy and happy.

Do you know how long your pet may live?

Getting to know about the lifespan of your pet will prepare you for the expected commitment. Be committed to caring for your pet for its whole life.

Do you have the resources to own a pet?

Caring for pets can be demanding. They demand our time and attention. Money is required for cages, food, accessories and medical bills. Pets also require living space within our homes. A responsible pet owner needs to make sure that all these are provided for.

Are you up to it?

Pet owners have to be considerate by obeying licensing laws, sterilising their pets, cleaning up after their pets in public places and ensuring that their pets do not disturb other people.

Interesting facts about dogs and cats



1. Guide dogs assist visually impaired people to avoid obstacles, stop at curbs and steps and negotiate traffic. They are trained to obey their owners. If the guide dogs judge that it is unsafe, they will refuse to obey the command. This is called "intelligent disobedience". They know when they are
2. Dogs are long distance runners, not sprinters. Cats are just the reverse in this aspect.
3. Dogs' memory is only about five minutes long while cats can retain information for up to 16 hours.
4. Cats and dogs have 230 and 319 bones respectively, while humans only have 206 bones.
5. Dogs have 42 teeth, cats have 30 and humans have 32.
6. Unlike dogs, cats are not able to taste sweetness.

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

21. The main purpose of the flyer is to _____.

- (1) promote the love for rescued animals
- (2) advertise the sale of rescued animals
- (3) encourage people to adopt rescued animals
- (4) appeal for donations for the rescued animals ()

22. Based on the flyer, which of the following is false?

- (1) Owning a pet helps one to distress.
- (2) There is no condition attached to the adoption of pets.
- (3) The well-being of the pets is the main concern of Save Pets Shelter.
- (4) Save Pets Shelter takes in abandoned pets of various health conditions. ()

23. What does the gift in "A Gift for life" refer to?

- (1) a senior dog only
- (2) a disabled cat only
- (3) any of the animals at SPS
- (4) any of the abandoned animals on the streets ()

24. What is the purpose of the exclamation marks in some of the sentences on the first page of the flyer?

- (1) to warn people not to abandon animals
- (2) to add excitement to the pet adoption drive
- (3) to show admiration for the rescued animals
- (4) to attract attention of potential pet adopters ()

25. If one considers carefully before keeping a pet, which of the following situations would not have happened?

- (1) The pet being abandoned.
- (2) The pet being healthy and happy.
- (3) Family bonding being strengthened.
- (4) The pet having enough living space. ()

26. Mr Tan is a responsible pet owner because he _____.

- (1) lets his pet roam freely in public
- (2) provides all kinds of food for his pet.
- (3) travels overseas frequently for his work
- (4) ensures there is sufficient space in his house for the pet

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27: A guide dog shows "intelligent disobedience" when it _____.

- (1) knows when he is on duty
- (2) stops work at the right hour
- (3) follows its owner's instructions strictly
- (4) refuses to cross a busy road despite a command

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28. Which of the following statements about dogs and cats is true?

- (1) Cats are short distance runners.
- (2) Dogs have better memory than cats.
- (3) Dogs and cats know the taste of candies.
- (4) Cats have more bones and teeth than dogs.

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BOOKLET B

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Booklet B	167
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Total Time for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

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Section E – Grammar Cloze (10 marks)

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.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE

(A) although	(D) fewer	(G) how	(K) is	(N) this
(B) and	(E) from	(H) if	(L) or	(P) to
(C) are	(F) for	(J) into	(M) these	(Q) which

Your attitude is a form of self-expression. You can choose to be happy, positive and optimistic (29) _____ to be negative and pessimistic. (30) _____ you maintain a good attitude, you will find it easier to communicate and get along with others. Hence, you will encounter (31) _____ obstacles in your daily life.

Those people who are committed (32) _____ going the extra mile to help others and are appreciative are often recognised. (33) _____ are the signs which people look for in leaders.

When you expect positive outcomes, you can turn a bad circumstance (34) _____ a new opportunity. This gives you a chance to learn from your experience and explore new ideas on (35) _____ to make the situation better. In this way, you bounce back (36) _____ setbacks and develop resilience. One of the ways to improve the state of your mind (37) _____ to increase positive thoughts by making a conscious effort to refrain from criticising yourself and others.

Your attitude is the foundation (38) _____ every success and failure in your life. It will make or break you.

Section F – Editing for Grammar and Spelling (12 marks)

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

(39)

It was a cold winter night. Kate was strended on a heavily snow-filled road in

New York when her car ran out of petrol. As Kate had left her wallet at home, she did

(40)

not have some money with her to buy petrol so she could not get home. It was then that

Bob, a 45-year-old homeless man, approached her and offered to use his last twenty

(41)

dollars to buy her petrol. Kate was greatful beyond words. She promised to help Bob in

(42)

return after learning that he had lost his family and home to a destroy hurricane.

(43)

Kate eventually repayed Bob for his kindness. She devised a plan to raise money

(44)

for him to get back at his feet by setting up a "GoFundMe" page online, asking for

donations to help Bob.

(45)

"I truly belief that all Bob needs is one little push," Kate wrote. "Hopefully with

(46)

your assistat, we can be the ones to give Bob a new life."

(47)

Kate ended up raising close to \$400,000 within two months. Kate was overwhelmed

by the humanity displayed by compassionate strangers online. She said the

(48)

money would be suficiant for Bob to purchase an apartment and pay for his food,

clothing and transportation.

(49)

Now, Bob is glad that he did not need to be on the streets anymore. He wants to

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be a functioning member of society Bob is looking forward to having a roof over his

head. Kindness has transformed Bob's life! What goes around comes around!

<http://www.businessinsider.com/good-news-stories>

Section G – Comprehension Cloze (15 marks)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Dementia is an illness that affects the brain and its ability to function. It is not a normal part of ageing and is (51) _____ than forgetfulness. It is an illness that (52) _____ to the decline of the brain and its abilities in judgment, language, planning and behaviour. It can (53) _____ adults of any age, although it is more likely to occur in those above sixty years old.

There is no cure for dementia. However, being able to detect dementia from its onset and seeking the right help early can (54) _____ a positive difference in the lives of people with dementia and their family members. Moreover, early (55) _____ and treatment can slow down the progression of the condition and is important for the effective management of dementia.

People with dementia may ask a question (56) _____ because they cannot remember that you have given them the answer. They often (57) _____ things they have just been told or done. This kind of memory loss makes it hard for them to function on (58) _____ own. They can become lost and confused about how to get (59) _____ their own neighbourhood that they used to frequent.

A new study suggests that if one continues working into old age he can be protected against dementia. (60) _____ study looked at 400 people who had developed dementia. It assessed the time they (61) _____ in full-time education, the type of work they did and the point at which they retired.

The researchers found no connection (62) _____ the onset of dementia and education or occupation. However, they found that every extra year at work was associated with a six-week delay in dementia. They say work helps to keep the brain (63) _____.

They also acknowledge that the perception of retirement is changing. For some people, it may be (64) _____ intellectually stimulating as working. More people retire later in life to avoid financial hardship. However, it has (65) _____ benefit which is to lower dementia risk. Nevertheless, more research is needed in order to understand how to delay or prevent dementia.

Adapted from <https://www.healthhub.sg/programmes/74/understanding-dementia>

Section H – Synthesis & Transformation (10 marks)

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).

66. Every pupil has the opportunity to sign up for the exchange programme in June.

All _____

67. Alice was told by Mrs Lim to be punctual for school every day.

Mrs Lim _____

68. Lucas tore his worksheet accidentally. He was afraid to tell his teacher.

Having _____

69. "Which bag did you choose?" Ray asked his sister.

Ray asked his sister which _____

70. In seeking support from his friends, John showed his sincerity.

The way John _____

Section I – Comprehension Open-ended (20 marks)

Read the passage and answer questions 71 to 80.

Big Sister once told me resentfully, "If you had not been born, Mama would still be alive. She died because of you. You brought bad luck!"

She never forgave me.

I had another two younger siblings by our step-mother, Niang. These two siblings were already "special" from the moment they were born. They were superior in every way. Big Sister and I were given shabby clothes but my step-siblings had stylish outfits. They could eat whatever they desired at any hour of the day but we were only allowed three meals a day with congee and preserved vegetables for breakfast every morning. My step-siblings had their own rooms on the first floor of our large house and we were not allowed to be there without Niang's permission. Unlike them, we could only enter and leave our house through the back door like our servants.

One Sunday morning, Niang was attempting to entice her baby daughter with a candy to go to her. Rejecting the bribe, Little Sister ran away from her. Thoroughly exasperated, Niang gave a stinging slap across her baby's face. Deliberately and viciously, she continued landing blows on Little Sister. Everyone cowered. The grown-ups avoided looking at one another while we children shrank into our seats. I could not understand why Father, Grandfather and Aunt were making no attempt to stop the assault.

I knew I should remain silent but words choked me and I felt compelled to spit them out. Finally, I could no longer bear it. Quaking with terror, I blurted out, "Don't beat her anymore! She's only a baby!"

"How dare you!" Niang hissed.

For a few moments, I thought she was going to pounce on me instead. Everyone froze. Even the grown-ups dared not utter a word for fear of Niang. In those few moments, I had understood everything – not only about Niang, but also all the grown-ups. Now that Grandmother was dead, there was no doubt who was in charge.

Fuming with rage, Niang pointed her index finger at me. "Get out!" she snarled in a cold voice. "I shall never forgive you! Never! Never! Never! You had better watch out from now on! You will pay for your arrogance!"

The next morning, Niang called out for my siblings to give them pocket money. I felt a stab of anguish because I was the only one being excluded. Big Sister came in front of me to show off her money and counted her coins aloud, one by one.

After school, I saw Niang in the living room. "Good afternoon, Niang," I greeted her tremulously, fingering the coin in my pocket and wondering where to hide it.

"What is in your pocket? Come here!" she demanded.

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I approached her slowly, shaking like a leaf.

"Who gave you **this**? she thundered.

What could I tell her without implicating Aunt? My silence was infuriating her. She went into a rage and slapped me. I felt dizzy and my ears hummed but I continued to stare at her in petrified silence.

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"You little thief! You don't deserve to be housed and fed here. You should be sent away!" Niang bellowed.

Later, after Father returned home from work, he came into my room with a cane. I remained silent throughout my punishment.

"Unfortunately, your aunt is a bad influence. You two have to be separated!" Father roared.

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My heart felt heavy with the most excruciating pain.

Before long I was sent to a boarding school for girls in England. Though I missed Aunt terribly and felt lonely at times, it was a great escape for me. Aunt remarked that I was a Chinese Cinderella as I had defied all odds and garnered triumph through my own effort to graduate as a medical doctor. It was a dream come true!

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Adapted from Chinese Cinderella by Adeline Yen Mah

71. Why was Big Sister angry with the writer? (2m)

72. The table below shows the way Niang treated the writer and Big Sister, and the writer's step-siblings. Fill in the blanks using information from the passage. (2m)

	The writer and Big Sister	The writer's step siblings
Clothes provided		stylish outfits
Meals served	only allowed three meals a day	

73. Look at the table below. What do the word(s) 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) refers to
She (line 3)	Big Sister
the bribe (line 13)	
this (line 37)	

74. Which two phrases from lines 33 to 40 show that the writer was afraid of Niang? (2m)

four-word phrase	
two-word phrase	

75. The writer said, "I had understood everything..." (line 25). What do you think the writer had understood? (2m)

76. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the passage. (1m)

_____ Niang slapped the writer.

_____ Aunt gave the writer a coin.

_____ Father caned the writer.

77. How did Niang make the writer pay for her arrogance (line 29)? (2m)

78. Based on the passage, fill in the blanks below to show the purposes of the writer's reactions in the respective situations. (2m)

When Niang beat Little Sister \Rightarrow the writer broke her silence to _____

When Niang slapped the writer \Rightarrow the writer kept her silence to _____

79. 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 was wealthy.		
Big Sister shared her pocket money with the writer		
The most excruciating pain the writer felt was when her father caned her.		

80. Do you think the writer was happy to study in England? Support your answer with two reasons from the passage. (2m)

EXAM PAPER 2018(P6)

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TERM : CA1

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
3	2	4	3	3	1	3	3	3	4
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
3	1	2	2	4	1	2	2	2	3
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
3	2	3	2	1	4	4	1	L	H
Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38		
D	P	M	J	G	E	K	F		

- 39)stranded 40)any 41)grateful 42)destructive
43)repaid 44)on 45)believe 46)assistance 47)overwhelmed
48)sufficient 49)does 50)society 51)more 52)leads
53)affect /strike 54)make 55)discovery 56)again/frequenting
57)frequent 58)their 59)around 60)The/This/That
61)spent 62)between 63)active/heathy/other/stimulated
64)as 65)another
66)All the pupils have the opportunity to sign up for the exchange programme in June.

67) Mrs Lim told Alice to be punctual for school every day.

68) Having torn his worksheet accidentally, Lucas was afraid to tell his teacher.

69) Ray asked his sister which bag she had choose.

70) The way John sought support from his friends showed his sincerity.

71) The writer brought bad luck, their mother died after the writer was born.

72)

Shabby clothes	
	Could eat whatever they desired at any hour of the day.

73) the bribe (line 13) ----- the candy

this (line 37)----- the coin

74)

Four-word phrase	shaking like a leaf
Two-word phrase	petrified silence

75) The writer understood that the adults were afraid of Niang and Niang was in charge of the house.

76) 2, 1, 3

77) Niang did not give the writer any pocket money.

78) ---→ the writer broke her silence to save /help/defend Little.

---→ the writer kept her silence to protect Aunt.

79) True --- The writer's father house was big.

False--- Big sister came in front of the writer to show off her pocket money.

False---- The writer felt the most excruciating pain when she had to be separated from Aunt.

80) I think that the writer was happy to study in England. It was an escape from Niang and she could graduate as a medical doctor.

