



Angla-Chinese School (Junior)/
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PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2013
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2 (BOOKLET A)
PRIMARY SIX

Name: _____ ()

Class: Primary 6 _____

Date: 20 August 2013

Duration of paper: 1h 50 min

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. This question paper consists of 9 printed pages.
2. Do not turn this page until you are told to do so.
3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

Read the advertisement below and answer questions 1 to 5.

Eco Family Walkathon 2013

Back after the successful inaugural event at
Summervale Park in 2012!

Date & Time : 8 December 2013, 6.30 a.m.
Venue : Marine Gardens Park
Registration opens from 1 August 2013 to 1 December 2013.
Simply log on to www.ecofamily.com.sg and register. It is free!

This event is OPEN TO ALL!

Simply come down with your family members to Marine Gardens Park and be a participant!

All participants will receive a free t-shirt and water bottle from Mitsuko & Co.

Every participant will also receive a ticket for the Lucky Draw which will be held right after the walkathon. Winners will be announced on the spot and also notified by post.

Our lucky winners can look forward to the following prizes:

- 1) 3D2N cruise to Penang
- 2) A 2-night stay at Costa Ris Resort
- 3) 1 year's supply of isotonic drinks from Zero One.

Food and Games
Galore!

We have 30 food
and games stalls
which await you
after the walk.

Organised by

ECO FUN

Prizes Sponsored by

HAPPY CRUISE

ZERO ONE

From questions 1 to 5, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4).
(5 marks)

1. This event will take place at _____.

- (1) Penang
- (2) Costa Ris Resort
- (3) Summervale Park
- (4) Marine Gardens Park

2. This is the _____ Eco Family Walkathon.

- (1) first
- (2) only
- (3) final
- (4) second

3. To participate, you need to _____.

- (1) register online
- (2) pay the organiser
- (3) wear a t-shirt from Mitsuko & Co
- (4) be at Summervale Park on 8 December

4. Participants can look forward to _____.

- (1) staying at Costa Ris Resort
- (2) walking with a family member
- (3) playing games during the walk
- (4) winning a prize sponsored by Eco Fun

5. Which of the following statements is false?

- (1) Anyone can participate in the event.
- (2) Mitsuko & Co is sponsoring T-shirts and water bottles.
- (3) Lucky Draw tickets are only given to winners of the event.
- (4) The event will be held at Marine Gardens Park for the first time.

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 roadworks on the PTE expressway might take anything _____ three months to a year.

- (1) at
- (2) by
- (3) from
- (4) between

7 Nowadays, there are _____ people who do not own a mobile phone.

- (1) any
- (2) few
- (3) a little
- (4) much

8 "All the money _____ missing!" screamed Sally the moment she saw her empty wallet.

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

9 During the History examination yesterday, I saw a student _____ and alerted the teacher.

- (1) cheat
- (2) cheats
- (3) cheated
- (4) was cheating

10 _____ she was breathless, Amy continued running the marathon.

- (1) If
- (2) Since
- (3) Unless
- (4) Although

11 Devi planned to buy the Hello Kitty special edition soft toy, _____ she?

- (1) did
- (2) does
- (3) didn't
- (4) doesn't

12 Everyone but Nancy _____ to stay up to watch the results of the General Elections tonight.

- (1) decide
- (2) deciding
- (3) has decided
- (4) have decided

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)

I knocked on the door. I had rushed home from work (13) looking forward to playing with my new pet dog, Fuzzy.

"Who is it (14)" a familiar voice asked nervously.

A minute after my reply, the door opened a fraction. My wife stood at the door.

She looked pale. She has never looked this pale before. I sensed something was amiss.

"I need to tell you something," she said hesitantly (15) It looks like Fuzzy is missing."

I took a shuddering breath before tears started rolling down my cheeks.

Adapted from *Revelation* by C.J. Sansom

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

- 14
- (1) [,] comma
 - (2) [.] full-stop
 - (3) [?] question mark
 - (4) [!] exclamation mark

- 15
- (1) [, "] comma and inverted commas
 - (2) [. "] full-stop and inverted commas
 - (3) [? "] question mark and inverted commas
 - (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 Not wanting to _____ the agony, Ann decided to see the dentist at once to have her aching teeth attended to.
- (1) evade
 - (2) prolong
 - (3) elongate
 - (4) outsource
- 17 The ruthless king viewed his subjects as _____. To him, they were merely to be used and not valued at all.
- (1) expensive
 - (2) exhausting
 - (3) expendable
 - (4) extraordinary
- 18 Sally's account is _____ Josie's account of the incident. Who is telling the truth?
- (1) at length
 - (2) at present
 - (3) at odds with
 - (4) at a loose end
- 19 Jack _____ to June's story. He was miles away.
- (1) lent an ear
 - (2) from ear to ear
 - (3) listened with half an ear
 - (4) kept his ear to the ground
- 20 "Children, the programme will _____ once everyone is seated," the teacher instructed.
- (1) comment
 - (2) commend
 - (3) commence
 - (4) comprehend

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

Once upon a time, Truth went about the streets as naked as the day he was born. As a result, no one would let him into their homes. Whenever people caught sight of him, they turned away and fled. One day when Truth was sadly wandering about, he met Parable. Now, Parable was dressed in splendid clothes of beautiful (21) colours.

Parable upon seeing Truth, said, "Tell me, neighbour, what makes you look so sad?"

Truth replied (22) bitterly, "Ah brother, things are very bad – very bad. I am old – very old, and no one wants to acknowledge me. No one wants anything to do with me."

Hearing that, Parable said, "People do not run away from you because you are old. I too am old – very old. However, the older I get, the better people like me. I will tell you a (23) secret: Everyone likes things disguised and prettied up a bit. Let me lend you some (24) splendid clothes like mine, and you will see that the very people who pushed you aside will invite you into their homes and be glad of your company."

Truth took Parable's (25) advice and put on the borrowed clothes. From that time on, Truth and Parable had gone hand in hand together and everyone loved them. They made a happy pair.

Adapted from an old Yiddish tale.

- 21 (1) hues
(2) sizes
(3) texture
(4) shapes
- 22 (1) angrily
(2) blatantly
(3) resentfully
(4) unfeelingly
- 23 (1) yarn
(2) fable
(3) mystery
(4) password
- 24 (1) drab
(2) grand
(3) heroic
(4) gaudy
- 25 (1) policy
(2) wisdom
(3) thinking
(4) suggestion

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow it.

The two boys entered the classroom quietly. Casting furtive glances, they moved purposefully towards a desk in the centre of the class.

"Are you sure about this?" Ahmad whispered timidly.

"Yes and do not chicken out now. He has to be taught a lesson," Kumar hissed.

"Well, perhaps we should..." stuttered Ahmad but was cut short by a dismissive wave of the hand by Kumar.

"He cannot be allowed to get away with it," insisted Kumar again.

After this, there was no further argument. Ahmad stood outside the classroom, acting as a lookout while Kumar went back to the desk and started searching systematically through Ah Seng's school bag. He soon found what he was looking for – the latest Monterey Jack, Rodent Detective adventure graphic novel, 'Rats in Space'. It was the hottest graphic novel from America and all the boys in school were talking about it. Kumar was an ardent fan. He had bought every issue and this one, 'Rats in Space' was the latest and not even sold in local bookshops yet.

Kumar's mother frequently travelled to America on a business trip and always purchased a copy for him. However, just two days ago, his copy had gone missing! Ahmad then noticed Ah Seng reading 'Rats in Space' in secret. Kumar knew straightaway that he had stolen it as there was no way he could have bought it yet. It normally took a few months for the latest issue to go on sale here. It had to be his! Hence, Kumar hatched a plan to get it back and drafted a protesting Ahmad to assist.

Suddenly, he heard something that made his blood go cold. Ahmad was whistling 'Kumbaya'. A prefect was almost upon them and there was no way to escape unseen! As agreed, Ahmad walked off while Kumar hid under the teacher's table. The prefect walked agonisingly slowly and Kumar prayed that he would not enter the class.

Then he heard the door open. The prefect entered and looked around. Thankfully, he did not look under the teacher's table. He soon left and Kumar made a discreet getaway.

After recess, the class lined up outside the class. Ahmad and Kumar were pleased with themselves. They were also careful to hide the book. Just then, Marvin tapped Kumar on the shoulder. "Sorry I took it without asking. Hope you don't mind. I was absent yesterday and this is the first chance I have to return it to you," apologised Marvin.

To his horror, Marvin was holding a copy of 'Rats in Space' in his hand. His own copy. Kumar looked at Ahmad and Ahmad stared back. A new problem had arisen.

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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 In Line 7, "He" refers to _____
- (1) Marvin
 - (2) himself
 - (3) Ahmad
 - (4) Ah Seng
- 27 Which one of the following statements accurately describes Ahmad's behaviour?
- (1) He was eager.
 - (2) He obeyed Kumar without question.
 - (3) He was scared but supported Kumar.
 - (4) He wanted nothing to do with the entire affair.
- 28 Why was Kumar so sure that Ah Seng had stolen his graphic novel?
- (1) Ah Seng was a known thief.
 - (2) Ah Seng hated graphic novels.
 - (3) The graphic novel was too expensive for a student to afford.
 - (4) The graphic novel was the latest issue and not on sale locally yet.
- 29 The word "discreet" in line 24 means _____
- (1) with haste
 - (2) without haste
 - (3) without any noise
 - (4) without attracting attention
- 30 Which statement best describes the new problem that confronted Kumar and Ahmad?
- (1) They had made a mistake.
 - (2) They had been caught stealing.
 - (3) They had been seen taking the graphic novel.
 - (4) They had to think of a way to return Ah Seng's graphic novel.





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| 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 | |

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) a | (D) can | (G) from | (K) on | (N) were |
| (B) an | (E) could | (H) had | (L) to | (P) which |
| (C) at | (F) for | (J) is | (M) was | (Q) with |
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In nineteenth century England, sailors faced terrible dangers sailing on ships that carried nearly every type of cargo. Every year, hundreds of seamen lost their lives (31) _____ dangerously overloaded ships.

Unscrupulous ship owners, eager for greater profits, took terrible risks (32) _____ the lives of the sailors. Overloaded ships (33) _____ allowed to leave port, only to flounder at sea and sink. Such news would often be greeted with joy as it meant that they could claim the generous insurance from the loss of the ship. In 1873, hundreds of men lost their lives.

Sailors (34) _____ not refuse to sail in such ships. Once a man had signed up for a voyage, he was legally bound no matter how unsafe the ship. Ship owners had made it a crime for sailors to jump ship.

_____ became
This ~~became~~ Samuel Plimsoll's mission. He (35) _____ a simple but effective idea. Every ship was to have a load line, indicating the point to which a ship could be loaded. Plimsoll ran (36) _____ Parliament in 1868 and was elected. He immediately began campaigning to save the lives of British sailors.

He gave passionate speeches and wrote a book (37) _____ shocked the public by the exposure of the conditions that the sailors faced. Gradually he won over public opinion and shamed the government into taking action. The Unseaworthy Vessels Bill was passed in 1875 and the following year, a bill written by Plimsoll, which required a load line, passed. However, under pressure from vested interests, Parliament compromised. They allowed a ship's owner (38) _____ put the line wherever he desired.

Plimsoll fought on for another 14 years until laws were passed to make sure that the line was set (39) _____ a level that would ensure the safety of the ship. With the passage of time, his load line has become the international standard. On the hull of every cargo ship today, you will see the Plimsoll line, indicating the maximum depth to which a ship (40) _____ be safely and legally loaded. Plimsoll became known as 'The Sailor's Friend'.

Adapted from *Cultivating A Heart of Contentment*

For each word in **bold**, write the correct spelling of the word in the box. For each underlined word, write the correct grammatical form of the word in the box. (10 marks)

Is it the **smell**? Is it the taste? Or just simply the bright colours which catch your

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wunduhring eyes across the funfair? Cotton candy or commonly known as **candyfloss** had been a

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funfair favourite since festivities began and continues to please people of all **ajhers** even today.

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Candyfloss is made with pouring sugar in a machine. The prices of the sugar are known to vary

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kensiderebeli. The sugar is then spinned, using a stick which rotates within the machine.

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Recently however, candy floss stalls have begin leaning away from using sticks due to

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safety reasons. The sticks have been known to causes splinters, posing a danger for children.

Instead candy floss is now packed in small containers and can be found within the sweets and

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kenfecshenery sections of supermarkets. With a rainbow of colours out there to be picked from,

(50)

you will be sure to find something to please your palet

Adapted from *Candyfloss as Entertainment Brain Food*

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Have you noticed how oddly people behave when they are talking on the telephone? The police officer (51) _____ his hand in a salute when he addresses his sergeant on the telephone. The insurance salesman shakes an imaginary (52) _____ when he introduces himself by telephone to a new customer. Notice how your older sister sits (53) _____ a corner and hugs the telephone while talking to her boyfriend. Have you noticed too, how many people have an (54) _____ to doodle while engaged on the telephone?

Is there a reason for this peculiar (55) _____? Yes, there is, say the media experts. The telephone, they say, is a 'cool' medium. It involves the (56) _____ of mainly one sense, your hearing, and it therefore demands your fullest (57) _____. Since you cannot see the person at the other (58) _____ of the line, you often have to fill in incomplete pieces of conversation yourself (59) _____ being able to picture his facial expression or gestures. You also have to show that you are still there and (60) _____, so you have to ask questions, answer questions, confirm instructions or offer sympathetic grunts. All this means that you have to (61) _____ on the task.

Another unique (62) _____ of the telephone is that it demands instant attention. It will not let you rest even though you are (63) _____ your favourite television programme. The telephone makes you jump to answer it. You, on your part, are not sure whether it is the ringing sound that puts you (64) _____ edge or whether you have to know who is calling. The telephone also has the power to (65) _____ lives. Once, it saved a man from an industrial accident when he went back to his office to stop its incessant ringing.

Adapted from *The Cool Telephone* by Fleur Vaz

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 Jane spotted a stain on her new dress. It made her angry.

The sight _____

67 Mother realised that the guests had arrived. She started preparing snacks for them.

_____ upon

68 Mrs Lim reminded her pupils not to forget to bring their report books the following week.

Mrs Lim reminded her pupils, "

69 Sam saw the injured cat in pain. He took it to the vet.

Having _____

70 Mary will not take the injection. The doctor has to give her a sweet.

Unless _____

I have heard men say that seeing is believing; but I should say that feeling is believing; for as much I had ever seen before, I never knew till now the utter misery of a cab-horse's life. My life was now so utterly wretched that I thought that I might, like Ginger, drop down dead at my work; and one day my fear very nearly came to pass.

A very heavy train was expected to come in that morning. When it arrived, all the cabs were soon engaged, and ours was called for. There was a party of four: a noisy, blustering man with a lady, a little boy, a young girl and a great deal of luggage. The lady and the boy got into the cab, and while the man ordered about the luggage, the young girl came and looked at me. 5

"Papa," she said, "I am sure this poor horse cannot take us and all our luggage. He is so very weak and worn out; do look at him." 10

"Oh! He's all right, miss," said my driver, "he's strong enough."

The porter, who was pulling about some heavy boxes, suggested to the gentleman, as there was so much luggage, whether he could take a second cab.

"Can your horse do it, or can't he?" said the blustering man.

"Oh! He can do it all right, sir," said the driver, "send up the boxes, porter, he could take more than that," and he helped to haul up a box so heavy that I could feel the springs go down. 15

"Papa, Papa, do take a second cab," said the young girl in a beseeching tone; "I am sure we are wrong, I am sure it is very cruel."

"Nonsense, Grace, get in at once, and don't make all this fuss. And hold your tongue!"

My gentle friend had to obey; and box after box was dragged up and lodged on the top of the cab, or settled by the side of the driver. At last all was ready, and with his usual jerk at the rein, and slash of the whip, he drove out of the station. 20

The load was very heavy, and I had had neither food nor rest since eight in the morning; but I did my best, as I always had done, in spite of cruelty and injustice. I got on fairly well till we came to Ludgate Hill. I was struggling to keep on, goaded by constant chucks of the rein and use of the whip, when, in a single moment – I cannot tell how – my feet slipped under me, and I fell heavily to the ground on my side. The suddenness and the force with which I fell seemed to beat all the breath out of my body. I lay perfectly still. Indeed, I had no power to move, and I thought I was going to die. 25

Soon I heard a sort of confusion around me, loud angry voices and the getting down of the luggage, but it was all like a dream. I thought I heard that sweet pitiful voice saying, "Oh! That poor horse! It is all our fault." Someone else said, "He's dead. He'll never get up again." I could also hear a policeman giving orders, but I did not even open my eyes; I could only draw a gasping breath now and then. Then someone came and loosened the throat strap of my bridle, and undid the traces which kept the collar so tight upon me. Suddenly some cold water was thrown over my head and a little cordial poured into my mouth. I could then feel something like a blanket thrown over me. How warm that felt. I could not tell how long I lay there, but I found my life coming back, and a kind-voiced man was patting me and encouraging me to rise. After some more cordial had been given me, and after one or two attempts, I staggered to my feet, and was gently led to some stables which were close by. Here I was put into a stall and some warm gruel was brought to me which I drank thankfully. 30 35 40

When I was finally back at my master's stable that evening, he examined me and decided it more profitable to sell me off than nurse me to health. He barked some orders to the stable man and for the next ten days, I was well fed and cared for by the kind stable man. When the twelfth day after the accident came, I was taken to the sale, a few miles out of London. I felt that any change from my present place must be an improvement, so I held up my head, and hoped for the best. 45

Adapted from *Black Beauty* by Anna Sewell

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71 How did the author feel about his work as a cab-horse?

72 The girl used **two** arguments to persuade her father to use the second cab. What were they?

73 Which word in paragraph eight has the same meaning as 'pleading'?

74 From the way Grace spoke to her father, what can we tell about her character?

75 Which phrase in the passage means "to stop speaking"?

76 In line 20, who does "my gentle friend" refer to?

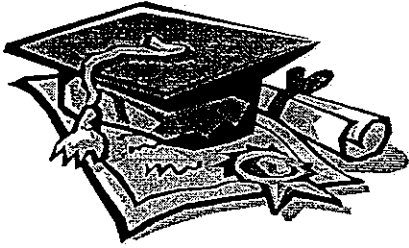
77 In paragraph eleven, why was the author not working at his best?

78 Write down the sentence in paragraph eleven that tells us that the author did not move at all when lying on the ground.

79 Help was given to the author after he fell. List two ways.

80 What does the phrase "more profitable" (line 43) suggest about the master's main concern?

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ANSWER SHEET

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- 41)wandering 42)has 43)ages 44)by 45)considerably
 46)spun 47)begun 48)cause 49)confectionery 50)palate
 51)raises 52)hand 53)in 54)urge 55)behaviour
 56)use 57)attention 58)end 59)without 60)listening
 61)focus 62)feature 63)watching 64)on 65)save
 66)The sight of a stain on her new dress made Jane angry.
 67)Mother started preparing snacks for the guests upon realising that they had arrived.
 68)Mrs Lim reminded her pupils, "Don't forget to bring your report books next week.

69) Having seen the injured cat in pain, Sam took it to the vet.

70) Unless the doctor gives Mary a sweet, she will not take the injection.

71) The author felt that his work as a cab-horse was miserable and unpleasant, and that one day he might die from the hard labour.

72) The horse was too weak (and tired) to take all the luggage and it was cruel of them to overload the horse.

73) It is "beseeching".

74) From the way Grace spoke to her father, Grace was a determined and sympathetic person.

75) It is "hold your tongue".

76) It refers to Grace.

77) He was very tired and hungry.

78) It is "I lay perfectly still".

79) The author's throat strap was slackened, allowing the author to breathe, and cordial was given to the author.

80) He was concerned about not losing money from keeping a weak and tired horse.