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**ROSYTH SCHOOL
PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2021
ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
PRIMARY 6**

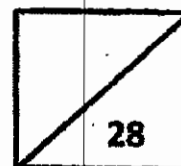
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TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 h 50 min

BOOKLET A

Instructions to students:

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

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For each question from 1 to 10, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(10 marks)

1. Neither Jason nor his brothers _____ to take a nap at the moment. They will go to bed earlier tonight.
 - (1) want
 - (2) wants
 - (3) wanted
 - (4) wanting

2. I wish to visit my uncle _____ I have not met for two years.
 - (1) who
 - (2) which
 - (3) whom
 - (4) whose

3. "Your grandparents hardly visited the zoo, _____ they?" Sarah asked me.
 - (1) do
 - (2) did
 - (3) don't
 - (4) didn't

4. A number of volunteers _____ coming forward to help this Sunday. They will take turns to patrol the neighbourhood.
 - (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were

5. My brother would have bought the bicycle if he _____ enough money.
 - (1) saved
 - (2) had saved
 - (3) would save
 - (4) would have saved

6. The monitor received _____ support from his classmates for his suggestions so he had to change the plan.
- (1) few
 - (2) little
 - (3) much
 - (4) many
7. _____ the spike in robbery cases, the vigilant villagers are taking turns to keep watch at night.
- (1) Owing to
 - (2) In spite of
 - (3) Apart from
 - (4) Regardless of
8. The actor and actress _____ their lines for the skit since 8 a.m. this morning.
- (1) are rehearsing
 - (2) had rehearsed
 - (3) had been rehearsing
 - (4) have been rehearsing
9. Sam saw a girl crying in the park. He helped her _____ for her parents.
- (1) look
 - (2) looks
 - (3) looked
 - (4) looking
10. Gopal has a good grasp _____ the current environmental issues. You can speak to him should you need any help.
- (1) in
 - (2) by
 - (3) of
 - (4) for

For each question from 11 to 15, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(5 marks)

11. Tom's plan to visit the outdoor camp _____ due to the heavy rain. He was upset.

- (1) fell in
- (2) fell for
- (3) fell out
- (4) fell through

12. In some countries, tough punishments are meted out to litterbugs because they serve as a _____ to would-be offenders.

- (1) restraint
- (2) deterrent
- (3) restriction
- (4) hindrance

13. Despite my grandmother's failing eyesight, she took pains to sew a scarf for me _____. I love the fine details on it.

- (1) intensely
- (2) profusely
- (3) adequately
- (4) meticulously

14. The investigators were determined to solve the crime. They _____ and combed the forest for clues.

- (1) called it a day
- (2) sat on the fence
- (3) covered their tracks
- (4) left no stone unturned

15. Mrs Lee lost her cool and shouted at the manager. He tried to _____ her in a soothing voice so that she would calm down.

- (1) allay
- (2) pacify
- (3) relieve
- (4) subdue

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. (5 marks)

Jimmy and Ahmad were watching a movie at Nax Shopping Mall. Suddenly, the fire alarm sounded. Without a second thought, many cinemagoers scampered towards the exits.
(16)

Some of them shoved their way in a frantic manner and shouted uncontrollably at the top of their voices. Soon, the lights came on and a staff announced that it was a false alarm. Just then, Jimmy and Ahmad chanced upon an elderly lady lying sprawled on the ground and went forward to help her.
(17)

Soon, the manager of the theatre rushed to the elderly lady apologetically and attended to her. Fortunately, she was fine. He also lauded Jimmy and Ahmad for their selfless act. The elderly lady thanked the boys and smiled with contentment. She was impressed by their kind act.
(18)
(19)
(20)

16. (1) Intuitively
(2) Hesitantly
(3) Cautiously
(4) Deliberately
17. (1) raging
(2) hurried
(3) confused
(4) hysterical
18. (1) barged
(2) charged
(3) stormed
(4) scrambled

- 19 (1) admired
(2) favoured
(3) endorsed
(4) commended

- 20 (1) warmth
(2) fondness
(3) satisfaction
(4) tenderness

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Study this poster and then answer questions 21 to 28.

TRAVELLING EYE CARE CARNIVAL BACK AT SERANGOON COMMUNITY CLUB!

Sunday, 24 October 2021

Venue: Serangoon North Community Club



Take good care of our eyes!

The biannual event hopes to educate residents in Serangoon about the importance of eye health. Launched in March 2021, the carnival is back for the second time. There was positive feedback from the residents, especially the elderly who benefited from the free eye-checks.

Highlights of the Carnival

- Bouncy castle for children aged 12 and below
- More than 20 interactive game stalls for all ages
- Lucky Draw – win attractive prizes!



Purchase your coupons from the Sales Office in the Community Club from 1 September to 24 October 2021. Coupons are sold at \$5 per booklet. All coupon booklets come with a free reusable bag and discount vouchers worth \$50 from our sponsors.

Talk for Parents

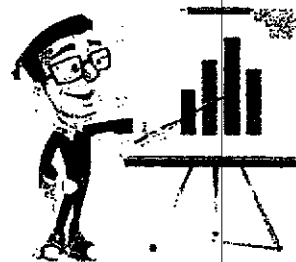
At this event, parents with young children can attend a talk on 'Childhood Myopia' and inculcate good eye care habits in their children.

Review

"Dr Tan is engaging. I learnt useful tips on what parents should do as poor eyesight in children is difficult to detect. My children have perfect eyesight and they take regular eye breaks when they use the computer. In my opinion, eye conditions can be corrected."

Mrs Cheryl Lee, mother of 3, who attended the talk

Presenter: Dr Tan Wei Ming



Time: 10am to 11am

Venue: Indoor Sports Hall

Sign up for the talk at www.eyecare.com at \$10 per person. Limited to 100 seats. All funds collected will go to the Eye Research Institute to raise awareness of eye diseases.



Recycle for Sight Project (RSP)

Do you have spectacles which you do not use? Please donate to the RSP organised by Eye Aid Optics. In 2020, we donated hundreds of pairs of spectacles to needy families in Singapore. We only accept spectacles that are in usable condition - no broken frames or missing lenses.

Be a volunteer to help collect the spectacles. Call Ms Lily at 61234567 if you have any queries about this project.

Collection Venue: Hibiscus Room

Eye-screening for Residents aged 55 and above



Ophthalmologist: Dr Vincent Ho
Venue: Orchid Room
 Time: 9am to 1pm

Ophthalmologist: Dr Lynn Samat
Venue: Rose Room
 Time: 11am to 3pm

Ophthalmologist: Dr Kumar Govin
Venue: Periwinkle Room
 Time: 2pm to 6pm

Free for eligible residents. Latecomers will not be admitted. Online bookings can be made from 1 September 2021 with any of the ophthalmologists. Collect your tickets at the reception counter on Level One on the day of the screening.

Dine-in-the-Dark Experience

How is it like to dine in the dark? Before the experience, all mobile devices must be handed over to the volunteers. Have a meal in a pitch-black setting with the visually-impaired. Your senses of touch, taste, smell and hearing will be intensified. After the meal, the venue will be lit up. The volunteer will present you with pictures and descriptions of what you have eaten. You can compare with your impressions and find out how many of your guesses were correct.

Venue: Tulip Room

- For enquiries about the Dine-in-the-Dark Experience, please email Mr Simon Loh at simonloh@dine.sg.
- To register for the experience, please call 67654321.

Sponsored by:

EYE-VISIONARY PTE LTD

OPTICS-NATIONAL PTE LTD

Organised by:

Serangoon community club

For each question from 21 to 28, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (8 marks)

21. What is the main purpose of the poster?
- (1) promote awareness of good eye health
 - (2) attract residents to donate used spectacles
 - (3) foster positive relationships among the residents
 - (4) encourage the elderly to receive free eye-checks
22. Why is an exclamation mark used in the heading, 'Travelling Eye Care Carnival Back at Serangoon Community Club'?
- (1) to show that the carnival is about eye care
 - (2) to draw attention to the venue for the carnival
 - (3) to emphasise that the carnival has been held before
 - (4) to convey excitement about the return of the carnival
23. Anyone who buys a coupon booklet will _____.
- (1) win attractive prizes
 - (2) enjoy a free eye check
 - (3) receive a free reusable bag
 - (4) get \$50 cash from the sponsors
24. According to the poster, which of the following is not true of Mrs Cheryl Lee?
- (1) Her children wear glasses.
 - (2) She benefited from the Talk for Parents.
 - (3) She believes that eye conditions can be rectified.
 - (4) Her children take eye breaks when they use the computer.
25. Mr Lim, aged 60, wants to get an eye-screening. What must he do?
- (1) turn up at Hibiscus Room anytime
 - (2) buy his ticket at the reception counter on Level One
 - (3) book his ticket in advance with any of the ophthalmologists
 - (4) visit any of the rooms between 1 September to 24 October 2021

26. Gopal wants to support the Recycle for Sight Project. He can _____.

- (1) be a volunteer to fix spectacles
- (2) donate a pair of old glasses which has a missing lens
- (3) call Ms Lily to enquire how he could volunteer his services
- (4) go to Orchid Room and hand his old spectacles to the volunteers

27. Residents who take part in the Dine-in-the-Dark Experience will _____.

- (1) email Mr Simon Loh to register
- (2) eat with a visually-impaired person
- (3) discuss what they will get to eat during the meal
- (4) keep their mobile phones with them during the meal

28. The sponsors of the Eye Care Carnival are _____.

- (1) Eye Research Institute and Eye-Visionary
- (2) Eye Aid Optics and Serangoon Community Club
- (3) Eye-Visionary Pte Ltd and Optics-National Pte Ltd
- (4) Serangoon Community Club and Optics-National Pte Ltd

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TOTAL DURATION FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 h 50 min

BOOKLET B

Instructions to Pupils:

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Read the questions and follow all the instructions carefully.
3. This booklet consists of 52 questions (Questions 29 to 80).
4. Answer **ALL** the questions and write all the answers in this booklet.

	Maximum	Marks Obtained	
Booklet A	28		
Booklet B	67		
Total	95		

Component	Question Numbers	Marks Obtained	
Comprehension Cloze	51 – 65		
Comprehension Open-ended	71 – 80		

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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.

(10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) about	(D) could	(G) one	(K) out	(N) was
(B) also	(E) instead	(H) or	(L) some	(P) were
(C) by	(F) of	(J) others	(M) that	(Q) yet

What do you think researchers have discovered in the Amazon? You will often think of rare birds, plants _____ different insect species. Although these can be discovered there, _____ of the most unusual languages in the world exist in the Amazon too.

Everett, a researcher from America, knows a lot _____ these languages. One day, Everett, together with a friend, _____ swimming in the river when a woman from a tribe threw part of a monkey carcass into the water near them. When the water began frothing, the men realised _____ they were actually sharing the river with the piranhas – a type of sharp-toothed, predatory fish. Everett also later found _____ that the river was filled with crocodiles too!

Everett learnt his lesson to be cautious before going for a swim and he also started to learn the language of the different tribes. It was an uphill task because none of the tribesmen _____ speak English. Everett plunged into the language _____ first learning the basics. He pointed at objects until a tribesman named _____ them for him. Then, Everett repeated the sounds the speaker had made until he got the pronunciation correct. Finally, he would confirm each new word he had learnt with _____ in the tribe.

_____ the tribe never considered him to be a true speaker of the language. To them, he was more like a very clever talking parrot who sounded like a real person.

Adapted from 'The Accidental Explorer' by Aimee Ogden

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes. (12 marks)

Exercise might seem like a chore to many. However, health experts have

(39)

emphasised that it is krutial to get up and move about regularly.

(40)

Many people often spend a lot of time sitting and stare at their computer screens.

(41)

In fact, most adolescents those days do not meet the standards for the ideal amount

(42)

of necessary physical activity. During puberty, the brain develops dramatically. Sadly,

(43)

the number of physical activities tends to decline since the children become

(44)

adolescents. Unlike younger children, most adolescents lead more serdanteri lives.

(45)

One reason is because many of them spends more time in front of computer screens.

This is rather unfortunate because exercise can be good for both the body and the

(46)

brain. Exercise is good for one's mucels and bones. Regular physical activity, coupled

(47)

with suffishent amount of sleep, helps adolescents grow up into adults with stronger

bones.

(48)

Exercise is also good for the brain. It increased the amount of oxygen and blood

(49)

that gets to the brain and even determines how the brain is struktured. Working out

(50)

can produce chemicals in our bodies that might also help in the prevent of depression.

Research has proven that a workout after learning something helps to form and retain

long-term memories.

Adapted from <https://www.sciencenewsforstudents.org>

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Almost one-third of all the food produced in the world goes to waste. This amount equals to more than a billion ton of food that is _____ away. It is equivalent to food that is enough to feed every undernourished person _____ earth.

Many environmentalists have cautioned that when we waste food, we also waste all the resources it takes to grow, transport and package the food. When food is wasted and ends up in the landfill to decompose, _____ produces methane — a greenhouse gas which is even more potent _____ to carbon dioxide. About six to eight percent of all greenhouse gas emissions could be reduced if we stop wasting food.

As the world's population gradually _____, our challenge is not to produce more food _____ to reduce food wastage. There are many ways to _____ the challenge. From delivering the leftovers _____ those in need, to freezing our food or being a smarter shopper, these are some small _____ to reduce our food waste.

The first solution is to _____ out a shopping list and buy only what we need. If we go to the supermarket without a plan, it can cause us to buy _____ than we require. By planning _____ of time and keeping to the list, we will not make redundant purchases.

Secondly, use your freezer well. Although there are many _____ of eating fresh food, their shelf life is short and many consumers end up discarding food that has turned bad. _____ to what many believe, frozen foods can be equally nutritious. If you cannot consume the _____ food quickly, you might want to consider buying frozen food instead. Frozen food stays edible for much longer and is a great way to avoid food wastage when it turns bad.

Adapted from <https://www.worldwildlife.org>

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. James cannot take part in the outdoor activity. He must ask his parents for permission.

_____ unless

67. "Is it time for the English lesson?" the student asked.

The student asked _____

68. Father felt that the watch was durable. He also felt it was affordable.

_____ not only

69. Tom was reliable. He was selected to be the class monitor.

Due to his _____

70. Jane forgot to bring her keys. She could not enter her house.

Having _____

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

The village school that I attended carried out a tradition every year. The School Board would award an academic medal to the graduating top student with consistent best grades in all six years.

My older sister, Ling, had won it a few years ago and I looked forward to receiving it too. I had been the top student for the past five years and I had also scored the highest in my sixth year. My parents could hardly make ends meet as the harvests from the farm was always limited. Hence, we could not afford the registration fees to participate in sports competitions. Therefore, even though Ling and I were very agile and athletic, we could never own a sports medal. This was our only chance.

A week before the graduation ceremony, Mr Li, the principal, called for me. He fidgeted apprehensively with the papers on his desk. "May," Mr Li eventually said, "The academic medal has always been free. However, the School Board has changed its policy this year. They will charge fifteen dollars to cover the cost of the medal." A loud cry escaped my throat and I started to sob. Mr Li added with a sigh, "If you are unable to pay for the cost of this, I will have no choice but to give it to the next highest scorer. Go home and discuss this with your family."

That day, I cried all the way home, thinking of how to ask my father for this **unforeseen expense**. I really wanted the medal. It represented six years of my hard work. I found him bent over the rice plants in the fields. I was so nervous because I knew our family could not afford to spend beyond our means. I clasped my hands behind my back so that my father would not see me shaking, "Father, I have a favour to ask of you. This year the academic medal is going to cost fifteen dollars. If I don't bring the money, it will be given to **someone else**." My last words came out in an eager rush.

My father looked out tiredly at the field. I waited, hoping he would say that I could have the money. He turned and asked me quietly, "What does the medal mean to you?"

I answered a little too quickly without realising the significance of my words, "It means that I have earned the medal by having the highest grades for six years."

It was too late. Father knew I understood that it was not about the money. He continued pulling the weeds before he spoke again, "Then if you pay for it, it means you have not earned the medal, does it? **One's success is not measured by a medal**. Tell your principal I will not pay the fifteen dollars."

In anger, I locked myself in the room that night. The Board's decision was infuriating. Why did they have to do this just when it was my turn? The issue was so unfair!

The next day, I dragged myself into the principal's office. I willed myself not to cry as I told him of my father's decision. The principal muttered something incomprehensible as he stared out of the window. I waited for him. "Why?" he finally asked.

"My father said it would not be an academic medal if I had to pay for it," I struggled to reply steadily. I could feel my heart pounding as I tried to maintain my dignity.

After a long while, Mr Li turned and looked me in the eye, "Go home, May. I will ensure that you receive your medal at no cost. I will also inform the Board."

I hardly believed what I heard. After school, I ran straight to the fields to look for my father. He did not ask me anything as I worked next to him. Finally, I stood up and said, "I told Mr Li what you said and he says I'm getting the medal after all."

Father simply smiled as he patted my head.

Adapted from "The Scholarship Jacket" by Martha Salinas

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. Which word in **paragraph 1** shows that the top student always had to maintain the highest grades for six years in order to receive the academic medal? [1m]

72. State **two** reasons why the narrator was confident she would receive the academic medal? [2m]

73. Fill in the following table by identifying the correct word(s) from lines 7 to 9. [2m]

Question	Word(s) from the passage
Which two words suggest that May and her sister were good at sports?	a). _____ b). _____

74. From paragraph 3, what did Mr Li do that showed he was not comfortable before he spoke to the narrator about the change in the academic medal policy? [1m]

75. From lines 4 to 17, state whether each statement in the table below is True or False, then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

	<u>True / False</u>	<u>Reason</u>
a) May was the only one in her family to win the academic medal.		
b) Ling and May have participated in many sports competitions.		
c) May was the first to be asked to pay for her academic medal.		

76. From lines 26 to 33, explain why May's father believed that she should not have to pay for the academic medal. [2m]

- a) _____
- b) _____

77. Based on the information from the story, fill in the blanks in the following table. [3m]

How the narrator felt	Why the narrator felt this way	What the narrator did as a result
sad	May had first learnt the news from Mr Li that she had to pay for the academic medal.	
nervous		May clasped her hands behind her back as she gathered her courage to ask her father for money.
	May felt that the School Board's change in its policy was unfair.	May locked herself in the room.

78. Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right. [3m]

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer(s) to
a) this (line 15)	
b) unforeseen expense (lines 18)	
c) someone else (line 23)	

79. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the passage. [1m]

_____ May requested for fifteen dollars.

_____ May completed her final examinations.

_____ May told Mr Li she would not pay for the academic medal.

80. "One's success is not measured by a medal." (line 31)
Do you think Mr Li agreed with the above statement? Support your answer with evidence from the text. [2m]

End of Booklet B

ANSWER KEY

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Q11	4	Q12	2	Q13	4	Q14	4	Q15	2
Q16	1	Q17	4	Q18	4	Q19	4	Q20	3
Q21	1	Q22	4	Q23	3	Q24	1	Q25	3
Q26	3	Q27	2	Q28	3				

BOOKLET B (PAPER 2)

Q29	H	Q30	L	Q31	A	Q32	N	Q33	M
Q34	K	Q35	D	Q36	C	Q37	J	Q38	Q

Q39	Crucial	Q40	Staring	Q41	These	Q42	Necessary
Q43	As	Q44	Sedentary	Q45	Spend	Q46	Muscles
Q47	Sufficient	Q48	Increases	Q49	Structured	Q50	Prevention

Q51	Thrown	Q52	On	Q53	It	Q54	Compared	Q55	Increases
Q56	But	Q57	Overcome	Q58	To	Q59	Ways	Q60	Work
Q61	More	Q62	Ahead	Q63	Benefits	Q64	Contrary	Q65	Fresh

Q66	James cannot take part in the outdoor activity unless he asks his parents for permission.
Q67	The student asked if it was time for the English lesson.
Q68	Father felt that the watch was not only durable but also affordable.
Q69	Due to his reliability, Tom was selected to be the class monitor.
Q70	Having forgotten to bring her keys, Jane could not enter her house.
Q71	Consistent
Q72	The narrator had been the top student for the past five years and she had also scored the highest in her sixth year.
Q73	a) Agile b) Athletic

Q74	Mr Li fidgeted apprehensively with the papers on his desk before informing the narrator about the change in the academic policy.
Q75	<p>a) False. May's elder sister, Ling, had won the academic medal a few years ago.</p> <p>b) False. May's parents could hardly make ends meet and could not afford the registration fees to participate in sports competition.</p> <p>c) True. The school board changed its policy that year when May was studying her sixth year.</p>
Q76	<p>a) May's father believed that if she paid for it, she had not earned the medal.</p> <p>b) May's father believed that one can be successful even without a medal.</p>
Q77	<p>Sad : She let out a loud cry and sobbed.</p> <p>Nervous : May knew that their family could not afford to spend beyond their means.</p> <p>Angry</p>
Q78	<p>a) The medal</p> <p>b) The fifteen dollars to cover the cost of the medal.</p> <p>c) The second highest scorer.</p>
Q79	2, 1, 3
Q80	Yes, Mr Li told May to go home and he promised her that she would get her medal without paying any money and he will also inform the Board.

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