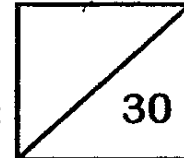




Rosyth School
Continual Assessment 1
2006
English Language Paper 2
Primary 6

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Date: 27 February 2006

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Booklet A

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 30 questions (Questions 1 to 30).
4. Answer ALL the questions and shade them in the correct ovals on the OAS provided.

* This booklet consists of 8 pages altogether.

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Study the advertisement and answer Questions 1 to 5. (5 marks)

▶ Over 5 000 different exhibits ▶ view the actual mummy of Tutankhamen ▶ identify the gods of ancient Egypt and their symbols ▶ Horus, the sky god ▶ Seth, the god of violence ▶ Re, the sun god ▶ Isis, divine mother ▶ Sobek, water god ▶ learn about the lives of the great Pharaohs of Egypt ▶ Cheops ▶ Akhenaten ▶ Tutankhamen ▶ Ramesses ▶ walk through a scaled-down replica of an actual pyramid, complete with chambers, mummies and gold. ▶

First-time exhibition of the seals of the Egyptian kings from 1503 - 1482 B.C.

▶ See Cleopatra VII's gold jewellery collection ◀

Plus a 3-D film of 'Land of the Kings'



A revelation of the mysteries of ancient Egypt like never before.....

Step back into the time of the gods and their hidden orders.....

Intriguing, mystifying, not to be missed.....

Special guest appearance by author of best-selling novel 'Lost in Egypt' on Tuesdays and Sundays.

(except for public holidays)

Exhibition Hall 1, AIMS World Trade Centre
Tuesdays to Sundays, 10.00 a.m. - 10.00 p.m.

13th May to 13th July

Adults : \$5.00 Children : \$3.00

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. What is "The Broken Seal" about? It is a / an _____
 - (1) a trip back to ancient Egypt
 - (2) promotion of tours to Egypt
 - (3) art exhibition about Egyptian history
 - (4) a film show on the mysteries of Egypt

2. According to the advertisement, which one of the following items has never been on display before?
 - (1) Cleopatra's jewellery
 - (2) The pyramid chambers
 - (3) Tutankhamen's mummy
 - (4) Ancient seals of Egyptian kings

3. Which one of the following items on display is not the original one?
 - (1) The Egyptian seals
 - (2) The pyramid chambers
 - (3) Tutankhamen's mummy
 - (4) The Statues of the Gods

4. Other than learning about the lives of the great pharaohs, you can also _____
 - (1) meet the gods of love and violence
 - (2) view the actual mummy of King Akhenaten
 - (3) identify the symbols of gods of ancient Egypt
 - (4) watch a film on Cleopatra VII's gold jewellery collection

5. There will be a special guest appearance by author of best-selling novel 'Lost in Egypt' on _____
 - (1) public holidays only
 - (2) Tuesdays to Sundays
 - (3) Tuesdays and Sundays
 - (4) Tuesdays, Sundays and public holidays

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. That girl has had a hard life. She had to start working for a living _____ the age of fifteen.

- (1) in
- (2) by
- (3) at
- (4) on

7. I shouted till my voice turned hoarse but _____ came to my rescue.

- (1) nobody
- (2) anybody
- (3) somebody
- (4) everybody

8. I used to enjoy _____ the birds fly by my window in the mornings.

- (1) watch
- (2) watched
- (3) watching
- (4) had watched

9. Last Saturday, my uncle gave my friend and _____ two tickets to the talk on Endangered Species .

- (1) I
- (2) me
- (3) mine
- (4) myself

10. She is a shy girl. She will not sing for anyone _____ you ask her to.

- (1) as
- (2) unless
- (3) before
- (4) so that

11. Last Sunday, I helped an old woman _____ her heavy bags up to her house.

- (1) carry
- (2) carries
- (3) carried
- (4) carrying

12. The lady, _____ dog you accidentally stepped on, is still angry with you.

- (1) who
- (2) whom
- (3) which
- (4) whose

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 was so nervous I thought I would faint. Beads of cold sweat were rolling down my forehead. Then I thought (13) If Dan can do it, why can't I?" If my little brother could be brave enough to look out the window of a small plane (14) so could I. I took a deep breath and opened one eye. I could see a lush green island with a white outline below. I opened both eyes and exclaimed, "Wow (15) All that sand!"

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

14. (1) [,] comma
(2) [-] hyphen
(3) [.] full stop
(4) [;] semicolon

15. (1) [!] exclamation
(2) [?] question mark
(3) [. "] full stop 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. Traffic is being _____ because the fallen tree is obstructing traffic.

- (1) altered
- (2) diverted
- (3) detoured
- (4) converted

17. The injured man _____ to the main road to call for help.

- (1) strutted
- (2) swerved
- (3) staggered
- (4) swaggered

18. The passenger pigeons were hunted _____ for sport and food.

- (1) chiefly
- (2) normally
- (3) accidentally
- (4) deliberately

19. In Singapore, there is a stiff penalty to deter anyone from _____ in wildlife trade.

- (1) engaging
- (2) involving
- (3) smuggling
- (4) participating

20. The hunter set a / an _____ trap to capture the bear.

- (1) risky
- (2) remote
- (3) ingenious
- (4) indigenous

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)

It was a rainy Sunday afternoon. Despite the cold weather, I was sweating all over. My nervousness was obvious. My hands were shaking uncontrollably, my teeth were chattering and my heart was beating as loudly as a drum. It was the finals of the national championship. Matilda, from Northwood School, and I were representatives for the North Zone in the 100-metre girls' race. There were three runners from the West Zone as they had done very well in the heats.

21. (1) fear
(2) phobia
(3) anxiety
(4) misgiving
22. (1) rattling
(2) vibrating
(3) throbbing
(4) trembling
23. (1) event
(2) audition
(3) endeavour
(4) competition
24. (1) envoys
(2) delegates
(3) competitors
(4) ambassadors
25. (1) excelled
(2) stood out
(3) surpassed
(4) outperformed

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

Long, long ago, there used to be nine suns in the sky. The world did not know what darkness was, as one sun rose when another set. Their heat charred the farms and burnt the trees. Men and animals died of thirst and hunger. Despite such circumstances, the Emperor Qin Shi Huang, continued to draft hundreds of thousands of young men to construct the Great Wall of China. The men, of course, could not withstand the heat of the nine suns. They died by the hundreds each day.

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One day, a deity, Er Lang Shen, saw the Earth from Heaven. He was shocked to see so many men suffering – having to work under the scorching sun while enduring the whipping and beating by their supervisors. Thus, he turned himself into an old man with a long beard. With the aid of a mass of clouds, he flew to a site at the Great Wall. There, he requested the supervisors to be lenient to the workers and promised to reimburse whatever losses they incurred.

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One of them looked scornfully at the thin and wrinkled old man and said, "Are you sure you can manage it? If there is any delay to the project, we will have you buried under the wall!"

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Er Lang Shen was glad to hear that, and so he leapt onto a stone and shouted, "Everybody, take a good rest! Drink some water to quench your thirst!"

The men were overjoyed. They threw down their poles, which were used to carry the baskets of rocks, and no sooner had they laid on the ground that they all fell asleep.

20

While the men were enjoying the long overdue nap, Er Lang Shen used a big and strong pole to carry two huge baskets, each containing a mountain, on both ends. Airborne by clouds, he chased the suns. He caught them and pressed them under the mountains in the huge baskets. Soon, eight of the suns vanished. Then Er Lang Shen reached out for the ninth sun. However, his pole snapped. The mountain in one of the baskets fell to the earth and buried the supervisors alive.

25

The sound of the snapping pole woke the sleeping men, who were startled to see the old man transform into the deity, Er Lang Shen, who quickly ascended to Heaven.

From then on, there has been only one sun. People were happy as the weather was good, and reports of bumper crops abounded. It has been said that the deity's broken pole could still be found half way up the mountain of Huang Zi Men, in Hebei province.

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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. The emperor Qin Shi Huang can be described as one who

- (1) loved challenges
- (2) was cruel and evil
- (3) enjoyed being tortured
- (4) wanted to be respected

27. Why did many men and animals die?

- (1) The heat was unbearable.
- (2) There was poverty everywhere.
- (3) The farms were reduced to ashes.
- (4) There was insufficient food to eat.

28. Why was Er Lang Shen shocked when he saw Earth?

- (1) There were sufferings and endless deaths.
- (2) The people did not know what darkness was.
- (3) The people could not withstand the heat of the nine suns.
- (4) Thousands of young men were constructing the Great Wall of China.

29. From the passage, we can tell that the workers were very tired as they

- (1) slept for a long time.
- (2) threw down their poles very quickly
- (3) had to endure the beating by their supervisors
- (4) fell asleep very quickly when they lay on the ground

30. What do you think would have happened if Er Lang Shen's pole had not snapped?

- (1) Many people would cease to suffer.
- (2) There would still have been nine suns.
- (3) The world would have been plunged into darkness.
- (4) The emperor would have continued to torture his subjects.

☺ End of Booklet A ☺

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

~~(A)~~ on ~~(D)~~ or ~~(G)~~ than ~~(K)~~ into ~~(N)~~ and
~~(B)~~ at ~~(E)~~ a ~~(H)~~ for ~~(L)~~ some ~~(P)~~ before
~~(C)~~ the ~~(F)~~ onto ~~(J)~~ near ~~(M)~~ with ~~(Q)~~ that

The Treetop Walk has drawn about 45,500 visitors in barely three months. It is nestled (31) _____ MacRitchie Reservoir Park in the lush Central Catchment Nature Reserve. However, (32) _____ visitors have complained that the ten kilometre trek there (33) _____ back is too tiring and difficult to navigate.

Others say they have to wait too long to get (34) _____ the bridge because only 30 people are allowed on it (35) _____ any one time. Then, there are those who ask for it to be opened earlier (36) _____ nine in the morning and want more informational signs. The 250 metre-long suspension bridge, built at (37) _____ cost of \$1.6 million, was opened in November last year. It attracts 2000 to 3000 each day (38) _____ weekdays.

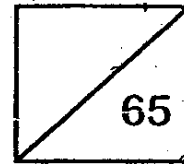
It is accessible via a five kilometre gravel nature trail (39) _____ starts at MacRitchie Reservoir Park. The return route takes visitors up and down a series of boardwalks. Most visitors come prepared (40) _____ the rugged terrain, decked out in T-shirts, shorts, hats and walking shoes with water bottles in hand.

*Adapted from an article from The Straits Times
30 January 2005 issue*



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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 50 questions (Questions 31 to 80).
4. Answer ALL the questions and write all the answers in this booklet.

* This booklet consists of 7 pages altogether.

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

One squat toilet and a bathroom consisting of a tap, a pail of cold water and a small scoop, all shared by 22 people. That was the life for Madam Habsah

(41)

Roheng, when she was grown up in her Kampong Lorong Buangkok home.

(42)

"If you have to get to work early, making sure you are the first to wake up.

Otherwise, you have to wait," she says, grinning. Over the years, most of her

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relatives have vecated the house but the 52-year-old still rises when the rooster

(44)

first crows despite no longer had to beat so many others to the toilet.

(45)

Her parents have since passed away and her cilblings and their families

have moved to Housing Board flats. However, she and her husband still live in the

(46)

kampong. In the 40 years since her father built the house, the koncreat door sills

(47)

have worn off, making the edges sharp and too painful to walk on, she explains.

(48)

Most of the carpets are from neighbours that have moved to more modern homes,

(49)

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as are the hephazerd mix of furniture, kitchen appliances and wooden wadroob

from soccer star Fandi Ahmad, whom Madam Habsah proudly declares as a

relative.

Adapted from an article from The Straits Times
1 November 2004 issue

Fill in each blank with a suitable word. (15 marks)

Prometheus looked down from Olympus and was saddened by what he saw. Men, women and (51) _____ huddled together in the dark caves they inhabited, desperately trying to keep (52) _____. Furthermore, they ate their food raw because they (53) _____ the means to cook it. "This state of affairs must be changed," he thought to (54) _____.

He believed that the gift of fire could (55) _____ the lives of the people on earth for the better. No (56) _____ would they be forced to dwell in cold darkness and consume (57) _____ food. Instead, they would have light and (58) _____, and they would be able to cook. Pleased with himself for (59) _____ up with a solution to their dilemma, Prometheus (60) _____ Olympus until he located Zeus. "Great Zeus, look at the world and bear (61) _____ to the crude state in which these mortals dwell. I wish to (62) _____ them with the gift of fire, that they might have light, heat and power," said Prometheus.

"Prometheus, you (63) _____ to see the whole picture. The humans are not unhappy with their lot. If you (64) _____ them to fire, you will only bring danger and worry to their trouble-free lives. Your kindness may be resented by the ones (65) _____ you seek to help. I forbid you to give it to them!" bellowed Zeus as he turned his back and walked away.

For each of the questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentences, using the words 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 Janet's baby brother cannot travel abroad. He does not have a passport.

_____ unless _____

67 "All of us helped to paint the classroom yesterday," the children said.

The children said _____

68 Auntie Sharon heard the bad news. She fainted.

Upon _____

69 Katherine is not cooking in the kitchen. Her sisters are not cooking in the kitchen.

Neither _____

70 The teacher made the pupils of 4A stay back after school

The pupils of 4A _____

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80. (20 marks)

The place is a dump but beauty thrives there, as nature lovers are set to discover on Pulau Semakau, Singapore's sole working landfill. From June this year, the Ministry for the Environment and Water Resources will embark on its proposal to allow nature lovers to walk through the island's mangrove mudflats that span twenty football fields and explore the teeming western and northern shoreline of the island. When the Environment and Water Resources Minister presented the plan to Parliament yesterday, he announced that it was part of on-going efforts to open up more areas for all citizens to enjoy the environment. 5

Fishing enthusiasts can also get hooked. There is sport fishing to be enjoyed at man-made salt-water ponds created for rubbish but which have not yet been filled up. The activities will be led by selected recreational and nature groups. Those keen must register with these groups to get there. This is because there are no regular ferry rides and they need to be guided to nicer parts of the island. 10

Although the main activity on the six-year-old landfill is the daily dumping of rubbish into its ponds, it is currently using less than half its available space. It is only expected to be completely filled up by the year 2040 when all eleven ponds are filled. Waste, such as treated sludge, non-burnable trash and ash from incineration plants, is dumped there. Once each pond is filled, a layer of soil is capped on top of the rubbish to allow vegetation to grow. More vegetation can be expected in future as more ponds are filled. 15 20

In its development, a concerted effort has been put in to make the island scenic and not smelly. Said the Minister, "Many people generally picture landfills as dirty and smelly places. Preliminary surveys conducted on Semakau have revealed a significant variety of flora and fauna, which makes this island unique." The Ministry's officials had done a study on the island in October last year after observing the island's pristine conditions. 25

Already, several groups approached have told the Ministry they want a piece of the action. These include the nature group, Wild Singapore, which wants to conduct biodiversity surveys, the Nature Society, which is keen on bird-watching and the Sport Fishing Association of Singapore. Others who have already been there on organised group visits include specially invited guests and officials. The idea of a landfill as a nature and recreational retreat is attractive, say the groups. 30

A member of the Sport Fishing Association who has visited the place said, "I can't think of anywhere else in Singapore where they have done something like this." An avid bird-watcher remarked, "Since 1998, mangrove vegetation was replanted on the western side of the island. This whole area now contains a lot of interesting bird species, such as the Great-billed Heron which is an endangered species. These can be spotted in the mangroves and rocky shores of the island and I am confident to see more rare species regularly in future." 35

Adapted from an article from *The Straits Times*
9 March 2005 issue

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. What evidence from the first paragraph indicates that Semakau is an island of contrasts?

72. What does 'the plan' (line 7) refer to?

73. Why must fishing enthusiasts register with recreational and nature groups before going to the island?

74. What was the original purpose of developing Semakau?

75. According to the passage, what types of rubbish are the salt-water lagoons meant to be filled with?

76. According to the Minister, in what way is Semakau unlike other landfills?

77. Which word in the passage suggests that the island is unspoiled?

78. What is the 'piece of the action' (lines 27-28) the nature groups are looking forward to?

79. What has contributed to the increase in sightings of rare bird species on Semakau?

80. Why is the bird-watcher confident more bird species can be seen in future?

☺ End of Booklet B ☺

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Answer Sheets

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| 45 siblings | 50 wardrobe | 55 change | 60 searched | 65 whom |

56. Janet's baby brother cannot travel abroad unless he has a passport.
57. The children said that all of them had helped to paint the classroom the day before.
58. Upon hearing the bad news, Auntie Sharon fainted.
59. Neither Katherine nor her sister is cooking in the kitchen.
60. The pupils of 4A were made to stay back after school by the teacher.
61. The evidence is that the place is a dump but beauty thrives there indicates that Semakau is an island of contrasts.
 2. It refers to allowing nature lovers to walk through Semakau's mangrove mudflats and explore the shoreline of the island.
 3. There are no regular ferries rides and they need to be guided to the nicer parts of Semakau.
 4. The original purpose of developing Semakau was to dump rubbish there.
 5. The rubbish was treated sludge, non-burnable trash and ash from incineration plants.

- 76. It has a variety of flora and fauna.**
- 77. The word is "pristine".**
- 78. The nature groups are looking forward to visit the island for nature activities.**
- 79. The replanting of mangrove vegetation on the western side the island.**
- 80. More bird species can be seen in future when more vegetation grows in the future all over the island.**