

HENRY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
PRIMARY SIX PRELIMINARY EXAMINATIONS – 2006
ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
Booklet A

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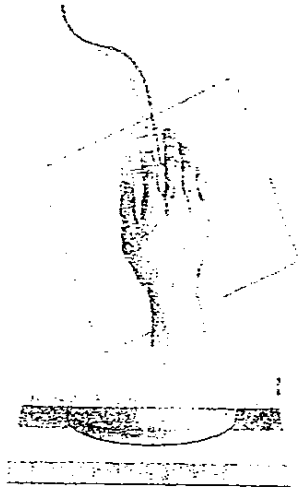
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Section	Marks
Comprehension (Graphic Stimulus)	5
Grammar MCQ	7
Punctuation MCQ	3
Vocabulary MCQ	5
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Comprehension MCQ	5
Total	30

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


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For each question from 1 to 5, four options are given. One of them is correct. 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. The "super-savers" package is not inclusive of _____.

- (1) a free modem
- (2) a free e-mail address
- (3) free e-mail space
- (4) free internet access

2. Mrs Lim signs up for the "super-savers" package for the first time. She will have to pay _____ for the first month.

- (1) \$14.90
- (2) \$17.90
- (3) \$19.90
- (4) \$22.90

3. Kelvin, from Henry Park Primary School, must _____ to qualify for the student discount.

- (1) show his student pass
- (2) show his discount card
- (3) sign up in his school uniform
- (4) sign up before 18 June 2006

4. You will receive _____ MB of free e-mail space if you sign up for the "super-savers package" on 19 June 2006.

- (1) 2
- (2) 3
- (3) 4
- (4) 5

5. An additional 3MB e-mail space will be given free should you sign up on _____.

- (1) 17 June 2006
- (2) 18 June 2006
- (3) 19 June 2006
- (4) 20 June 2006

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. All the managers except one _____ keen to try out our proposal today.

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

7. The kidnapers _____ with a ransom of more than twenty thousand dollars.

- (1) made by
- (2) made up
- (3) made off
- (4) made over

8. The album cover with all the cartoon characters _____ attractive.

- (1) look
- (2) looks
- (3) is looking
- (4) are looking

9. Shariffah used to hate these artificial flowers, _____ she?

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

10. "Remember to _____ the children home from school this evening," Mr Ng reminded his wife as he was leaving the house for work.

- (1) get
- (2) send
- (3) fetch
- (4) bring

11. We let the thief _____ whatever valuables he wanted because we were so afraid that he might harm us.

- (1) take
- (2) takes
- (3) took
- (4) taking

12. I am fortunate to have _____ someone as nice as you.

- (1) met
- (2) meet
- (3) meets
- (4) to meet

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)

The main cabin, again, yielded nothing in the way of a clue. There was a small piano (13) its cover raised as though it had been in recent use, and on the rack nearby was an open sheet of music. On the table was a sewing machine with a piece of cloth that might have been part of a child's dress fixed in it. There was also an unfinished letter, apparently from the mate of 'Mary Celeste', beginning (14) Fanny, my dear wife". The letter had got so far when somebody interrupted him. He wondered who that could possibly be (15)

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

- [>]
14. (1) [~~"]~~ (close inverted commas and comma)
(2) [,"] (comma and open inverted commas)
(3) [.""] (full stop and close inverted commas)
(4) [~~"]~~ (close inverted commas and full stop)

[. >>]

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

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. During the Second World War, the Gurkhas fought on the British side, not as allies, but as _____ . They were paid money for their services.

- (1) valets
- (2) orderlies
- (3) assistants
- (4) mercenaries

17. The tourists were filled with _____ when they arrived at the magnificent pyramids.

- (1) awe
- (2) envy
- (3) honour
- (4) attraction

18. The future looked _____ for the Lims after their father's retrenchment.

- (1) bleak
- (2) forlorn
- (3) bereaved
- (4) distraught

19. Many people turned up to watch the _____ of floats held annually.

- (1) show ..
- (2) parade
- (3) exhibition
- (4) procession

20. Since the _____ of the gifted education programme a few years ago, more than six hundred pupils at the primary level have benefited from it.

- (1) inception
- (2) operation
- (3) culmination
- (4) construction

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

Most people associate discipline with punishment. This happens when
(21)
mothers scold or cane their children for misbehaving, when school
(22)
disciplinarians punish students for breaking school rules or when law courts
give out corrective orders or even jail terms to those who have committed
(23)
offences. It is a matter of control being exercised over other people (or even
animals).

Can you imagine what life would be like without rules? Just take a look at
Singapore's past when racial riots were out of control and tension was high.
(24)
Without the enforced rules and discipline meted out by the authorities, Singapore
would forever be plunged into the black abyss of violence and civil unrest.
(25)

21. (1) link
(2) unite
(3) connect
(4) combine
22. (1) warn
(2) beat
(3) chastise
(4) reprimand
23. (1) issue
(2) produce
(3) publish
(4) submit
24. (1) wild
(2) raging
(3) rampant
(4) unchecked
25. (1) strife
(2) fight
(3) instability
(4) turbulence

Read the passage carefully answer questions 26 to 30.

After two weeks of being stranded in ice on Alaska's frozen north coast, two California gray whales were free in the open sea and heading along their migratory route. On their last day of captivity, the whales bobbed up and down in the holes, carved for them in the ice. Scientists said the whales appeared enthusiastic and keen to move on.

"They're just swimming really quickly. They look excited as if they know something's going to happen."

As Soviet ice breakers crashed through the Arctic ice to make escape channels for the whales, local Inuit people were out cutting more breathing holes. Scientists said the whales used the breathing holes to get as close to the ships as they could. At the end of each breathing episode, the whales would dive and then rise to spout from a new ice hole, closer to the open sea.

"The Russian icebreaker had arrived, the whales were on the move and the wind was blowing the right way, so everything turned out well. Satellite images show a large amount of open water southwest of here, which is the direction they should be heading, so I feel very optimistic. I think if they have any sense at all, they'll stop off in the northern Bering sea for a while and take a snack."

The whales are making this journey without one of their original group member⁵, the third whale, the smallest and the one that perhaps was ill, which failed to surface last Friday. It was presumed drowned. The three were discovered by local Inuit about two and a half weeks ago, at a tiny hole in the ice struggling to breathe. Within days, their fate became a worldwide cause, bringing hundreds of volunteers. If the rest of the whales' migration goes according to plan, they should manage about 130 km a day, which will put them in Baja California around the end of January, still in time for the winter season.

Adapted from CNN Television Report by Greg Lefevre, Oct. 1988 - Modified by F. Mechan

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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. How long were the whales trapped in ice?
(1) One week
(2) One and a half weeks
(3) Two weeks
(4) Two and a half weeks
27. How did the whales reach the open sea?
(1) They swam quickly.
(2) The scientists rescued them.
(3) The wind blew them out to sea.
(4) The Inuit people cut a channel through the ice.
28. It would be a good idea for the whales to stop for a while in the Bering Sea to _____
(1) have a rest
(2) eat some food
(3) explore a different place
(4) allow people to take photos of them
29. _____ first spotted the trapped whales.
(1) Scientists
(2) Russians
(3) Volunteers
(4) Inuit people
30. The whales were heading for _____
(1) Russia
(2) California
(3) the frozen North
(4) the Bering Sea



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Name : _____ (_____) Class : P6 _____

Section	Marks	
Grammar Cloze		10
Editing for Spelling and Grammar		10
Comprehension Cloze		15
Synthesis / Transformation		10
Comprehension Open Ended		20
Total		65

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) to	(B) with	(C) many	(D) by	(E) in
(F) however	(G) from	(H) is	(J) were	(K) that
(L) was	(M) are	(N) which	(P) come	(Q) of

Playing cards, also known as poker cards are very common in our households. There (31) _____ a lot of debate among scholars as (32) _____ where and when playing cards first appeared. It is believed to have originated in China, India or Arabia. It is generally agreed, (33) _____, that playing cards came to Europe (34) _____ Asia, likely to be brought (35) _____ migrating merchants or soldiers or both.

A wide variety (36) _____ card games also came into being. With (37) _____ came a wide variety of decks. (38) _____ different types of patterns and numbers. The French (39) _____ instrumental in coming up with the 52-card deck (40) _____ is considered the standard today.

Fascinating facts!

Adapted from 'Facts of Life', Readers Digest, May 2006

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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)

Researchers have found out that close contact with dolphins may be very therapeutic. It

(41)

may be even better than a good spell with rest and relaxation to treat depression. Thirty people

(42)

(43)

diagnosed with mild or moderate depression was recruited for a study.

(44)

(45)

Half of them were **selected** to swim, play and took care of bottlenose dolphins for two

(46)

(47)

weeks. The other half spent **kwallifi** time in the sun and sea and without the squeaking

(48)

companions.

(49)

(50)

The study find that measurable symptoms of depression decreased for all **praticipents**

but those in the dolphin group noticed twice the effect. Three months later, both groups still felt

better.

Adapted from 'Medical Updates', Readers Digest, May 2006

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

It was twilight. The sun was (51) _____ hidden behind the rooftops which formed a ghostly outline against the evening sky. In the (52) _____ shadows near the left bank of the river was a small (53) _____ making its way along the river. There were the (54) _____ of whispering voices and a faint splashing of water.

"It is (55) _____ turn to paddle now. I am tired," (56) _____ Suri, as he handed Rama the oars.

Rama began to (57) _____ wearily upstream. He felt like he had not rested for ages! He muttered something to Suri (58) _____ the boy was already asleep. With Suri sleeping, Rama was all alone. He was really (59) _____. He imagined the movements in the shadows were made by monsters and they were (60) _____ to attack him.

The poor boy almost (61) _____ coming for the canoeing test. Fortunately his courage returned. It was too late to (62) _____ now. This was the last lap of his test. Besides, he did not want to (63) _____ Suri who had agreed to accompany him throughout the test. With this in mind, Rama rowed with all his (64) _____. He reached the bank fifteen minutes later. He was (65) _____ tired that he fell asleep before the camp master could tell him that he had passed the test. What a day for the two boys!

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. If it does not rain tonight, we will go to the stadium to watch the football match.

Unless _____

67. We were excited that our paper aeroplanes flew very high.

Much _____

68. Paul enjoys reading thrillers. He enjoys watching horror movies even more.

Paul would rather _____

69. "Three prisoners broke out of jail last night," the police said

The police said _____

70. Although Jason knew he would get into trouble, he opened the letter without permission.

Despite _____

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16
17

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

A little boy was moving to a new apartment that did not allow pets. Not having a place for his pet spider Helen to stay, he decided to leave her in a box at the front gate of the zoo. Inside the box, the boy left a note asking the zookeeper to take care of her.

The next morning, when one of the zookeepers was entering the zoo, he saw the box. When he opened the box, however, Helen escaped and made her way to the lions' cage. Before the arrival of Helen, the lioness and her cubs were miserable as they were covered in flies from mane to paws. All that soon changed since Helen's favourite meal was flies. She set up her webs in the corner of the lions' cage and began to feast on the flies. Within a week, Helen had eaten all the flies in the lions' cage.

She then moved next door to the elephants' house and spun her webs there and made the elephants very happy too. This weekly migration of spinning, eating and moving on continued and the zoo soon became a peaceful, fly-free place for all. All was well until the zoo's management office received a notification and this harmony got broken.

The Mayor was going to visit the zoo for a tour. As it was an important official visit, the zookeepers decided that the whole zoo should be cleaned up for the upcoming inspection. They felt that all the cobwebs gave the place a dirty and unclean look and would give the Mayor the impression that they were not doing a proper maintenance of the place. One of the assistant zookeepers did feel that 'spider webs were supposed to be kind of useful' but he was ignored and a massive cleaning exercise was soon underway. The cleaners were told that all spider webs must go!

To avoid the cleaners, Helen disappeared into a crack in the wall of the camel's house and remained hidden there for several days. The zoo was soon spotless and free of webs. But unfortunately the balance among the flies, animals and Helen was broken. With Helen gone, the flies soon came back. Helen spun her web at night in the camel's house but did not travel to the other animals' cages for fear of being swept away by the zoo's attendants.

When the Mayor went on his tour around the zoo, he was surprised and a bit puzzled over why all the animals except the camel looked miserable. He remarked on this to the Chief Zookeeper, who had already noticed the change in the animals himself. As soon as the Mayor had left, the Chief Zookeeper issued a new rule to be implemented with immediate effect – BE NICE TO SPIDERS!

Adapted from 'A Systems-based Review of Graham's Be Nice to Spiders' by Linda Booth Sweeney

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. Who was Helen?

72. Explain why the boy could not keep Helen as a pet.

73. What did Helen do to make the elephants happy?

74. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as 'working together and being happy and peaceful'?

75. Why did the zookeepers feel it was important to clean up the zoo?

76. 'All that soon changed since Helen's 'favourite meal was flies.' What does the word 'that' refer to?

77. Do you think the little boy really loved Helen? How do you know?

78. Explain clearly the balance among the flies, animals and Helen.

79. Do you think the Mayor was impressed with the zoo when on his tour? What makes you say so?

80. Do you agree with the new rule 'BE NICE TO SPIDERS'? Why?

END OF PAPER

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Answer Sheets

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
1	4	1	4	1	2	3	2	3	3
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
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| 44 | selected | 49 | found | 54 | sounds | 59 | scared | 64 | might |
| 45 | take | 50 | participants | 55 | your | 60 | going | 65 | very |

66. Unless it rain tonight we will go to the stadium to watch the football match.
67. Much to our excited, our paper aeroplanes flew very high.
68. Paul would rather watch horror movies than read thrillers.
69. The police said that three prisoner had broken out of jail the night before.
70. Despite the fact that Jason knew the would got into trouble, he opened the letter without permission.
71. Helen was the boy's pet spider.
72. He could not keep Helen because the apartment did not allow pet.
73. The spider ate up all the flies in the elephant's cage.
74. The word is "harmony".
75. They did not want the Mayor to think they had not been do a good job in keeping the zoo clean.

- 76. It refers to the lioness and cubs being covered in flies from mane to paws.**
- 77. Yes, he brought Helen to the zoo and asked the zookeeper to take care of it.**
- 78. Both Helen and the animals were happy as Helen gets to peas and the flies while the animals were no longer infested with them,**
- 79. No, he was not impressed because he was surprised and puzzled over why all the animals except the camel were miserable.**
- 80. Yes, because spiders help prevent the animals from being infested with flies.**