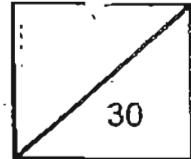




Rosyth School
Semestral Assessment 1
2011
English Language Paper 2
Primary 6

Total Marks:



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Date: 10 May 2011 Parent's Signature: _____

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 10 pages altogether.

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

Rid Your Home of Household Pests

The best-selling pest control system in the U.S.A.



CHARGER

GET ONE NOW!
Charger kills all pests
all year round.
Each pack contains 12
bait discs



Take charge of your house now!

Rid your house of cockroaches, termites, mosquitoes and many more!

CHARGER – The only long-term solution for your home!

- ◆ Put it in the cupboard, in the drawer, under the table, behind the bookcase, in the kitchen, in the living room... Anywhere, everywhere!
- ◆ It kills pests which are resistant to other insecticides.
- ◆ It kills pests 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- ◆ No pests can escape CHARGER. In no time, your house will be absolutely free of household pests.
- ◆ CHARGER is easy to use for most consumers. It is 100% safe, hygienic and odourless.

HOW TO USE CHARGER

Just place a bait disc in any affected areas and replace it with a new one every three months. It's as easy as that!

MONEY BACK
GUARANTEE

PROMOTION!

\$2 off with any purchase at all NTUC outlets.

Offer valid till 31st May 2011

Special Promotion: The first 500 customers who purchase CHARGER at the Bedok NTUC outlet will each receive a pack of 6 bait discs. Absolutely Free! So hurry!

Sole distributor: ABC Singapore Pte Ltd. 33, Ubi Road, S(234567)

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. The advertisement _____
 - (1) educates the public on how to kill pests
 - (2) deals with the removal of dead insects
 - (3) encourages the extermination of cockroaches only.
 - (4) promotes the use of an effective pest control system.

2. Each bait disc is effective _____
 - (1) all year round
 - (2) for three months
 - (3) only for seven days
 - (4) for up to 24 hours after being put to use

3. CHARGER is guaranteed to be _____
 - (1) absolutely edible
 - (2) harmless to humans
 - (3) easy to use for all consumers
 - (4) effective on pests which are resistant to other insecticides

4. The first 500 customers who purchase CHARGER at the Bedok NTUC outlet will get _____
 - (1) to shop for free
 - (2) a \$2 discount for groceries
 - (3) only a \$2 discount for any purchase
 - (4) an additional pack of 6 bait discs free

5. Which one of the following statement is true?
 - (1) CHARGER does not give off any smell.
 - (2) CHARGER can be placed in the garden to kill the pests.
 - (3) CHARGER kills pests 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, all year round.
 - (4) CHARGER can be bought at a \$2 DISCOUNT only at Bedok NTUC.

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. Let's forget about the show. We will not be on time _____ we take a taxi there now.

- (1) until
- (2) since
- (3) even if
- (4) because

7. Billy heard the little girl _____ for help last night but he did not dare to go to her rescue.

- (1) shout
- (2) shouts
- (3) shouted
- (4) was shouting

8. Uncle Bobby has decided to take my sister and _____ to Universal Studio this weekend.

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

9. Freda, _____ we were talking about, is walking up the flight of steps now.

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

10. All the contestants, including Johnny, _____ early for the second round of the audition yesterday.

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

11. I wish I _____ to my parents and concentrated on my studies, instead of spending so much time on the computer.

- (1) listen
- (2) listened
- (3) had listened
- (4) have listened

12. My mother was worried that the door would slam shut on its own so she wedged it firmly _____ a wad of newspaper.

- (1) in
- (2) with
- (3) under
- (4) between

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)

Recently, as I was putting bags of groceries in my car (13) I discovered a greeting card I had not paid for. I was angry with my own carelessness. I ran back to the cashier, apologised profusely and paid for it. A man behind me quipped (14) It's only a greeting card! Weren't you silly to have come back?" I replied with a smile, "Should you ever lose your wallet, I think you'll hope that someone silly like me finds it (15) The man was clearly embarrassed by my response. He blushed and complimented me for my honesty instead.

13.
 - (1) [-] hyphen
 - (2) [,] comma
 - (3) [.] full stop
 - (4) [;] semicolon

14.
 - (1) [: "] colon and inverted commas
 - (2) [, "] comma and inverted commas
 - (3) [? "] question mark and inverted commas
 - (4) [. "] full stop and inverted commas

15. ~~(1)~~ [.] full stop
~~(2)~~ [!] exclamation mark
~~(3)~~ [,] comma and inverted commas
~~(4)~~ [.] full stop 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. Sue's parents were relieved when the doctor said that their child would _____ the operation.

- ~~(1)~~ pull up
~~(2)~~ pull off
~~(3)~~ pull across
~~(4)~~ pull through

17. In Singapore, a stiff penalty will be imposed on anyone found to have been _____ in wildlife trade.

- ~~(1)~~ enrolled
~~(2)~~ engaged
~~(3)~~ smuggled
~~(4)~~ performed

18. He parked his car illegally by the roadside and was issued a summon for _____ traffic.

- ~~(1)~~ altering
~~(2)~~ diverting
~~(3)~~ swerving
~~(4)~~ obstructing

19. Louis Braille _____ the Braille alphabet which enabled many blind people to read and write.

- ~~(1)~~ shaped
~~(2)~~ created
~~(3)~~ produced
~~(4)~~ concocted

20. The cleaner was badly _____ by the white tiger when he fell into the enclosure. He is lucky to be alive.

- ~~(1)~~ mauled
- (2) mobbed
- ~~(3)~~ stormed
- ~~(4)~~ devoured

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)

(21)

I was on tenterhooks even before the race began. My nervousness was obvious to those around me. My heart was pounding so quickly I was sure it was loud and clear from a distance. The doctor had reminded me that taking part in the competition would mean a worsening of my condition but I was adamant to represent my school in the race as it was my only chance. When I heard the starter gun, I took off like a deer pursued by its hound. Then what the doctor feared most happened; my kneecap yielded to the pressure. "No, please, no!" I cried to myself. The gnawing pain grew. My legs weakened and I collapsed. When I came to, I was unable to walk and my movement was restricted.

(25)

However, I was undaunted.

21. ~~(1)~~ anxiety
(2) phobia
(3) reservation
(4) apprehension

22. ~~(1)~~ vivid
~~(2)~~ lucid
~~(3)~~ audible
~~(4)~~ discerning
23. ~~(1)~~ depletion
~~(2)~~ degradation
~~(3)~~ depreciation
~~(4)~~ deterioration
24. ~~(1)~~ complied
~~(2)~~ concurred
~~(3)~~ succumbed
~~(4)~~ surrendered
25. ~~(1)~~ unfazed
~~(2)~~ uncertain
~~(3)~~ unresolved
~~(4)~~ unflinching

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

"I'm coming!" cried Johan as he rushed to the living room. "Why am I talking to a telephone?" he asked himself, bemused, as he picked up the receiver. "Hello? Johan? Why did you take so long to answer?" came a voice from the other end of the line. "I was in the kitchen and it was so noisy. Mum was grinding some spices. What's up, Raju?" Johan replied.

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Five minutes later, Johan was rushing out of the house with his brand-new kite in hand as he called to his mother, "I'm off to the park to meet Raju. He invited me to join him there." Before Johan's mother could say a word, he had already slammed the door and was running down the street in the direction of Woodbridge MRT Station. "I hope the park is not crowded at this time," Johan thought. Before long, he was on the train and heading towards the park.

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As Johan entered the park, he felt a strong breeze. "Perfect. Raju picked the right day for us to meet." Raju was already waiting for him under the shady tree where they usually met. After exchanging greetings, both boys headed for the nearby open field, with their kites in hand. The lines were quickly unreeled as they ran happily around the field. Soon, they were looking skywards, admiring the two colourful kites soaring high.

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"Let's see whose kite can fly higher," Raju challenged Johan as he suddenly sped up. Not wanting Raju to gain an advantage, Johan followed closely behind, trying to match his friend's pace. As Johan tried to outrun Raju, he failed to notice a rock on the ground and tripped over it. He momentarily let go of the line as he tried to break his fall. As he lost grip of the line, a strong gust of wind carried his kite towards a huge tree nearby. He was speechless as the kite disappeared among the thick foliage. "Are you alright?" asked Raju, as he helped his friend to his feet. "Yes, but I'm not too sure about the kite. Let's have a look," gasped Johan.

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As they stood under the huge tree, Johan could just about make out a familiar red, yellow and blue patch among the leaves. "Good thing I did not get a green one," he joked as he started to climb. "Be careful," Raju called as Johan slowly made his way up. With Raju's encouragement, Johan reached the branch where the kite and line were entangled in no time. He sat on the branch and carefully crawled to reach the kite. He looked down and was suddenly overcome with nerves upon realising he was quite high up. Just as he was about to reach for the kite, he lost his balance. He tried to grab the branch but it was too late. He screamed as he plunged to the ground.

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When he next opened his eyes, Johan saw his mother and Raju standing beside the hospital bed. "Do not worry, son. Fortunately, you only received a slight concussion. No broken bones," Johan's mother said. He smiled and replied, "That's good news, Mum, but how's my kite?"

35

26) In the first paragraph, Raju called Johan because he wanted to

- (1) know what Johan's mother was doing
- (2) know what Johan was doing in the kitchen
- (3) ask why Johan had taken so long to answer
- (4) ask Johan to meet him at the park to fly kites

27) Why did Johan's kite disappear "among the thick foliage"?

- (1) He tripped over a rock.
- (2) The gust of wind had ceased.
- (3) He had lost grip of the kite line.
- (4) There was a huge tree nearby.

28) What enabled Johan to spot his kite in the huge tree?

- (1) The branch was visible.
- (2) The huge tree had thick foliage.
- (3) The colours of the kite and leaves contrasted.
- (4) The kite and line were entangled on a branch quite high up.

29) What happened to Johan when he was crawling to reach the kite?

- (1) He became nervous.
- (2) He realised he was about to fall.
- (3) He received a slight concussion.
- (4) He tried to plunge to the ground.

30) Which one of the following statements is true?

- (1) Johan's mother did not allow him to go to the park.
- (2) Johan tripped over a tree root when he was running after Raju.
- (3) Johan had been knocked unconscious after he fell from the huge tree.
- (4) Johan felt it was not a suitable day for kite flying as a strong breeze was blowing.

☺ End of Booklet A ☺



ROSYTH SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1, 2011
PRIMARY 6
STANDARD ENGLISH
PAPER 2

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Date: 10th May 2011

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BOOKLET B

Instructions to Pupils:

1. DO NOT open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Follow all instructions carefully.
3. This booklet consists of 50 questions. (Questions 31 to 80)

	Maximum	Marks Obtained
Booklet A	30	
Booklet B	65	
Total	95	

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

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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) with	(B) into	(C) but	(K) of	(H) so
(D) against	(E) by	(L) above	(T) from	(P) more
(Q) than	(F) is	(J) for	(M) has	(R) in

In 1271, Marco Polo set out from Venice with his father and uncle on a journey across Asia. Marco's account (31) _____ his 24-year odyssey, boldly entitled 'The Description of the World', revealed places never before described in Europe. Did Marco fake the whole thing? A whiff of suspicion (32) _____ lingered over him ever since he wrote his book. Even now, it is argued that Marco ventured no further (33) _____ Greece or the Black Sea and had copied tales (34) _____ the more adventurous Arabs and Persians.

I am a Marco Polo fan and have been following 9 700 kilometres of his travels for four years now, in the company of my photographer, Mike. In the city of Kerman, Iran, the Polos had probably joined a caravan and traded their horses (35) _____ camels, better suited for the arduous journey that lay ahead. They would have to carry food for at least eight days, (36) _____ I can imagine them loading animals with bread, dried fruit, salted meat and many goatskins (filled) (37) _____ water.

At the desert's edge, we checked (38) _____ at a police post and for the rest of the journey, we were escorted (39) _____ five armed men in a truck.

Ahead, the terrain grew (40) _____ hostile and was almost bare of plants. The most arduous part of our journey lay ahead in the towering mountains to the north.

Adapted from 'Tracing Marco Polo's Footprints' by Mike Edwards

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

A space shuttle crew landed on Newcastle, United Kingdom, to tell their story to

(41)

thousands of school children. Five **estronots** from Discovery STS119 visited Gateshead

(42)

International Stadium on a two-day **edukayshional** trip to encourage youngsters to study Science, Engineering and Mathematics.

More than 5,000 youngsters were expected from schools across Gateshead to see the

(43)

crew arrive in helicopter that day.

The mission commander and his crew flew to the International Space Station in

(44)

March, 2009, carried out assembly work on board and completing three space walks.

(45)

Dressed in their blue mission jump suits, the team talked with their experiences of space travel

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and scientific **eksplorayshen** via two giant video screens. It was said to be a once-in-a-lifetime

(47)

oportunity for schoolchildren and teachers across Gateshead to meet some of the world's leading

(48)

saientists.

(49)

These people are true motivational and, on a practical level, they help pupils understand

(50)

the important of science and technology. Rarely does one get the chance to meet someone who has travelled to space.

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

My life as a little person is filled with stories. Many curious children like to ask me questions and I have to (51) _____ to them why I look different from their parents. It has taken many years of developing my confidence to be able to (52) _____ that. It takes only (53) _____ glance to see my uniqueness. I am now 47 years old and I stand 114 centimetres (54) _____.

When I was born, my mother was told that I was a dwarf. Not knowing much about dwarfism, my mum's main concern was my health. Our doctor put her mind at (55) _____ when he told her I would not need any major surgery.

When I was growing (56) _____, my parents encouraged me to do all the things the kids around me did. When my neighbours got their two-wheel bikes, I got a two-wheel bike. When they roller-skated, I roller-skated.

I did not realise how short I was (57) _____ I started school. There, a few kids (58) _____ on me calling me names. After that, I began to hate the (59) _____ day of school each year; I did not know who was new and would gape as I struggled to (60) _____ the school bus stairs. "You're a midget!" some shouted.

As time went on, I just tried to smile and accept the fact that I was going to be noticed my whole (61) _____. I was determined to make my uniqueness an advantage rather than a (62) _____. What I lacked in height, I made up for in personality – my ability to laugh, even (63) _____ myself.

Up till today, the stares have not diminished. People ask my friends if I (64) _____ in a doll house. It is the children's questions that make my life special. "Why are you so short? How old are you? Are you a mummy?" When I talk with children, they leave satisfied that their questions have been (65) _____. My hope is that in taking time with them, I will encourage them to accept their peers, whatever size and shape they come in, and treat them with respect.

Adapted from 'Standing Tall' as told to Mary Green.

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. The refreshments had been arranged before the guest-of-honour arrived.

By the time _____

67. Annie and her friends did not sing at the party.

Neither _____

68. Passengers at the airport approached the counter and found out that their flights had been delayed.

_____ only to

69. "Did you do your homework last evening?" Mother asked my sister.

Mother asked _____

70. There was an accident on the expressway. It caused a massive traffic jam.

_____ resulted in.

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

Rob Oaklands hurriedly jumped into his jeep. He felt a stab of anxiety as he bounced down the gravel road to get a better look at the wildfire in the distance. Hundreds of wildfires had raged across the area. Forests were dry from lack of rain and soaring temperatures. The fire hazard was extreme.

He stopped at a junction where a group of police and forestry workers were peering at a nearby ridge. The fire had smouldered undetected under layers of dry leaves. It now burned in a valley which was inaccessible. Fire crews had tried to reach the fire but it was difficult to do so. "The wind seems to be holding it in," Rob thought.

Back home and not willing to take chances, Rob had his boys to help gather sprinklers and hoses. Then, he rigged up a fire pump in the lake behind their wooden house. His sons, Brett and Dylan, grabbed the hoses to soak the house and surrounding trees. They had planned to water everything down until the last possible moment. Then, they would make a dash to the lake and escape in a boat they had kept anchored there. They would then head for the other side of the lake where there was a road out.

Moving firewood away from his home, Rob looked up and was shocked to see flames leaping from treetop to treetop, hungrily consuming new fuel. Everyone moved in a blur of action. They rigged up extra pumps and manned hoses, wetting down the house and nearby trees. Anything flammable was moved away. Sticks and ash rained down as they worked. Too busy to be scared, Rob's wife, Grace, crouched at the edge of the lake, cleaning out the pump filters to keep them from clogging up.

On the next hill, a blaze burst back to life at a deadly speed. The fire crews struggled to battle the rapidly spreading fire. Fearing imminent danger to the residents, fire officials ordered an evacuation of the area. Looking up, Rob saw a gigantic plume of smoke mushrooming a hundred metres into the sky and it was coming over the hill. As they worked, a police car roared in. The officer handed Rob an evacuation order but he had no intention of leaving. If there was a chance to save his house, he would stay.

For a while, the fire stayed up on the hill. Then the Oaklands could see it moving down towards the house. Still, no one panicked as they hustled to get things done. They loaded their truck with bucketfuls of water and drove it up to the house. Brett then splashed water on their porch. Dylan carried a canister, watering down bushes and trees near the barn and cabins. Rob used a rake to drag away a gas tank.

Suddenly, a huge fiery ball raced down the hillside. The sky had turned a yellow-orange hue. Rob felt a blast of heat. Flying dirt and debris pelted on his face. An earthy roar assaulted his ears. "It's time to get out!" Rob yelled. Everyone ran for the lake.

Adapted from 'Caught in a Cauldron of Fire' by Lynne Schuyler

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. What were the causes for the fire hazard to be 'extreme' (Line 4)?

72. From the second paragraph, which word tells you that the fire crews could not reach the fire?

73. Why did Brett and Dylan need to soak the house and nearby trees?

74. Which sentence from the third paragraph tells you that the Oaklands would not give up easily?

75. Explain what Grace was doing at the edge of the lake.

76. What was the 'imminent danger' (Line 22) posed to the residents?

77. What does 'it' (Line 24) refer to?

78. Which four-word phrase tells you that the fire did not die down?

79. State the two things which the Oaklands did to their house when the fire was seen heading in their direction.

80. Did Rob eventually abandon his house? Explain why.

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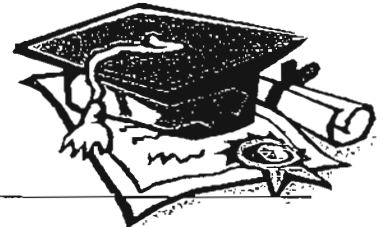


ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2011

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- 41)astronauts 42)educational 43)by 44)carrying 45)about
46)exploration 47)opportunity 48)scientists 49)truly 50)importance
51)explain 52)do 53)one 54)tall 55)rest
56)up 57)until 58)picked 59)first 60)climb,ascend,descend
61)life 62)disadvantage 63)at 64)live, stay 65)answered
66)By the time the guest-of-honour arrived, the refreshments had already been arranged.
67)Neither Annie nor her friends sang at the party.
68)Passengers at the airport approached the counter only to find out that their flights had been delayed.
69)Mother asked my sister if she had done her homework the previous evening.
70)There was an accident on the expressway which resulted in a massive traffic jam.
71)They were lack of rain/dry weather and soaring/high temperatures.
72)They wanted to prevent the fire from burning down their house.

73) They had to soak the house and the nearby trees so that the fire would die down when it reached their house and their house would not be burnt so badly.

74) The sentence is 'They had planned to water everything down until the last possible moment'.

75) Since Rob, Brett and Dylan were using the water from the fire pump, Grace and to clean pump filters at the edge of the so that lake they would not run out of water just because the pump filters were clogged up.

76) It was the rapidly spreading of the fire to the locals/residents.

77) It refers to the gigantic plume of smoke which was mushrooming a hundred metres into the sky and coming over the hill.

78) The phrase is "burst back to life".

79) Brett splashed water on their porch while Dylan used a canister to water down bushes and trees near the barn and cabins.

80) Yes, he did. There was too much for them to put out.
Yes, he did. He did it to save himself and his family.