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Date : 18 August 2008

Class : Pr 6 _____

Duration : 1 h 50 min (Booklets A & B)

BOOKLET A

SECTION A: GRAPHIC STIMULUS COMPREHENSION (5 x 1 mark)
Study the following text and then answer questions 1 to 5.

Musical Festival 2008 Contest

The Straits Times Life! Presents Musical Festival 2008 @ The Esplanade

www.musicalfestival.com

8 December 2008 to 21 December 2008 (7 days a week!)

A TOTAL OF 84 PAIRS OF TICKETS MUST BE WON!
Limited door gifts from Isetan and Nike for each show!

| Performances | Details | Crew |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| The Wizard of Oz (Theatre W1) | Daily, Matinee and Evening shows | Starring Fann Ooi and other local artistes |
| Phantom of the Opera (Theatre W2) | Weekends only, Evening shows only | Watch our homegrown singers at their best! |
| Annie (Theatre W3) | Monday, Wednesday, Friday and the weekends, Matinee and Evening shows | Debut performance by local child star, Siti Amidah! |
| Matinee shows – 1.00pm / 3.30pm | | Evening shows – 7.00pm / 9.30pm |
| Adults \$20 / Child (12 & below) \$10 | | Adults \$25 / Child (12 & below) \$15 |

Simply answer 1 question for your chance to win! We have a pair of tickets for each of the 84 sizzling performances. So submit your entry fast!

Entry Form

Write the correct answer in the space provided. Fill in your particulars and mail your entry to The Straits Times Life! / Musical Festival 2008 Contest, Mc Rd, PO Box 2350, S'pore 913411. Closing date: 1 December 2008.

Question: Name one artiste performing at the Musical Festival 2008. _____

Name: _____ Gender: M/ F NRIC no.: _____

Address: _____

Contact No: _____ (Mobile) _____ (Home) Date of Birth: _____

Only original entry forms will be valid. Names of winners will be published in The Straits Times Life! on 4 December 2008. Draw will be held on 3 December at 1.00pm, News Centre.

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 OMR.

1. The Musical Festival 2008 is organised by _____
 - (1) Esplanade
 - (2) Isetan and Nike
 - (3) The Straits Times Life!
 - (4) Esplanade and The Straits Times Life!

2. A participant of the Musical Festival 2008 Contest must _____
 - (1) send in his entry by post
 - (2) wait for notification of the results by post
 - (3) submit the coupon before 8 December 2008
 - (4) know the name of an artiste performing in the musical *Annie*

3. Mr Tan wishes to purchase tickets for Phantom of the Opera for his fourteen-year-old son, James, and eleven-year-old-daughter, Shenna. He needs to pay _____ for the 2 tickets.
 - (1) \$20
 - (2) \$30
 - (3) \$40
 - (4) \$50

4. What information is **not** required when you fill in the entry form?
 - (1) gender
 - (2) address
 - (3) date of birth
 - (4) email address

5. Which of the following is **true** about the free tickets for the show?
 - (1) The number of people winning them is the same for each day.
 - (2) The most number of free tickets is given for *The Wizard of Oz*.
 - (3) A person stands to win only 2 tickets for each of the 3 musicals.
 - (4) A person who has sent in the correct answer early stands a higher chance of winning the tickets.

SECTION B: GRAMMAR, PUNCTUATION AND VOCABULARY (20 x 1 mark)

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 OMR.

6. "Information on school activities _____ available on the school website," the principal told the parents.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
7. His brother _____ in England since 2006 and he _____ next year.
- (1) studied ... graduates
 - (2) had studied... graduated
 - (3) is studying ... is graduating
 - (4) has been studying... is graduating
8. The panicky tourist (asked me if) _____ a green sling bag in the vicinity.
- (1) see
 - (2) had seen
 - (3) have seen
 - (4) would have seen
9. We would need Linda to stand _____ for the lead actress today. She has fallen ill.
- (1) in
 - (2) on
 - (3) by
 - (4) up
10. _____ I really want to adopt the puppy, I will not be able to talk my parents into allowing me to do so.
- (1) While
 - (2) Unless
 - (3) However
 - (4) Although
11. He barely touched the book, _____ he?
- (1) did
 - (2) had
 - (3) didn't
 - (4) hadn't

12. Neither you nor I _____ responsible for this mess but we have to do our part in cleaning up our classroom.

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

For each question from 13 to 15, choose the correct punctuation mark and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OMR.

Dave stood before the editor.

"Dave, your story falls between two stools (13) commented the old editor. Dave pondered over the words carefully. He felt ill at ease as he stood before the editor who kept the grim expression on his face.

"I am sorry," said Dave (14) but what do you mean by that, Boss?" The old man shook his head and then glared at Dave sceptically.

Now, what had Dave done wrong again (15)

Soon, the editor began, "You tried to present a serious story in a humorous way but it backfired. It's neither serious nor funny."

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

14. (1) [.] full stop and inverted commas
(2) [,] comma and inverted commas
(3) [,] comma
(4) [.] full stop

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

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 OMR.

16. Having been _____ a scholarship, Alexander no longer needs to worry about his education fees for quite a while.

- (1) paid
- (2) offered
- (3) appointed
- (4) contributed

17. All the students passed the fitness test because they had managed to complete the 1.6 km run within the _____ time.

- (1) allotted
- (2) restricted
- (3) estimated
- (4) stipulated

18. Despite paying a lot for the watch, he felt that it was good _____ for money.

- (1) cost
- (2) deal
- (3) price
- (4) value

19. Keith always _____. I like his straightforward manner.

- (1) draws the line
- (2) slings mud at people
- (3) calls a spade a spade
- (4) washes his dirty linen in public

20. This fashion magazine has gained much popularity lately. It enjoys a _____ readership now.

- (1) rich
- (2) wide
- (3) varied
- (4) diverse

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 OMR.

Steven used to be a rebel who spent years drinking and taking drugs before taming his demons to become a passionate and selfless volunteer.

"I am grateful to my friends who have helped me through my (21) crisis," he recalled. Fortunately for Steven, he had a couple of close friends who refused to give up on him despite his notorious ways. Convincing Steven to turn over a new leaf was no easy feat. He always had a (22) hostile look and turned his friends away. Their persistence and his failing health soon made him realise that he should nip the problem in the bud once and for all.

Since then, Steven had (23) devoted himself to voluntary work, helping delinquents cope with their drug addictions. He saw each case as a (24) test of his abilities to convince someone of the value of life. He wanted to make a difference in someone else's life, just like his friends had in his.

"I want to spend the rest of my life to help those who have (25) strayed from the main path of life," Steven once said. His self-sacrificing ways had earned praises from many people.

21. (1) ordeal
(2) trauma
(3) dilemma
(4) consequence
22. (1) frosty
(2) dismal
(3) hospitable
(4) pessimistic
23. (1) utilised
(2) spared
(3) managed
(4) committed
24. (1) trial
(2) hurdle
(3) mission
(4) challenge
25. (1) lost
(2) swayed
(3) deviated
(4) wandered

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

Scenes in the earthquake-stricken regions of China are that of devastation and despair. As rescue workers continued to clear the rubble piece by piece and dug up the children's bodies one after another, many parents were too horrified to look. Some bodies were left uncovered as there was not enough cloth. Despite not knowing the fate of her missing child, a cloth merchant decided to step in. She grabbed and offered all the red cloth she had in her shophouse. She felt the need to give these children one last shred of dignity.

In Yingxiu, only about 20 percent of the population of 12000 people had been found alive. The rescuers could hear people under the debris calling for help but no one could render help because there were no professional rescue teams. Outmoded infrastructures hindered rescue operations in these places. In Dujianyuan, about 50 km from Chengdu, rescue workers fought through the rain and mud and worked tirelessly to reach the ruins of Juyuan Middle School but the rescuers knew the chances of finding many survivors were low after so many days.

"There is no way anyone's still alive in there," a parent said. As many as 900 children were believed to have died beneath the rubble. Madam Zhou Xingrong, who had gone to the school to meet her 16-year-old son, Lu Qianliang's head teacher, managed to flee as she had been closer to a staircase when the grounds started shaking. Fearfully, she searched the sports grounds that had been turned into a makeshift graveyard where bodies were laid out in rows under a big tent.

In Sichuan, a police officer shouted, "Gao Ying! Gao Ying's parents, come here! This little girl is lucky!" The officer had held her limp hand and it jerked upwards – a sign of life.

Another officer, Mr Wang, had only one task - shine a torch up the noses of children to determine if they were still breathing. He carried on with his routine until a particular child was brought to him. Her keen-looking eyes were opened wide and she was biting her lips. She had been trapped for six hours under two large concrete slabs. Her right leg was twisted between a school table and chair, and further crushed by concrete. Earlier, as the rescuers worked on freeing her, a nurse had sat near her, cooing, "Don't use up your energy. We will get you out. Don't worry."

"Definitely alive! No need to check!" Mr Wang shouted excitedly when the girl was brought to him. A paramedic took over and said, "She fractured both legs - not a big problem! She is seriously dehydrated though!"

For many who made it, the worry was the weather. Fearing aftershocks, buildings that were still standing were evacuated. Thus, many residents remained on the streets. Huddled inside buses and under makeshift tents, they sought shelter from the rain and cold. The disaster had taken place in mountainous areas where it can get really cold in the mornings and evenings.

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 OMR.

26. The cloth merchant _____.
- (1) was too horrified to look for her child
 - (2) stepped in to help with the rescue work
 - (3) gave a shred of cloth to each child victim
 - (4) laid red cloths on the lifeless bodies of the children
27. In Dujianyuan, the chances of finding survivors were low because _____.
- (1) the rescue workers were tired
 - (2) it had been days since the earthquake struck
 - (3) no one knew how to use the modern equipment
 - (4) the rescue operation was slowed down by the rain
28. Why do you think Mdm Zhou Xingrong was frightened as she searched the sports grounds? She _____.
- (1) had not found her son
 - (2) did not want to find him there
 - (3) would never find her son's body
 - (4) believed that her son was still buried in the rubble
29. The girl who was brought to Mr Wang needed _____ most urgently.
- (1) food
 - (2) water
 - (3) treatment for her fractured legs
 - (4) comforting words from the nurse
30. Which one of the following statements is **true** about the survivors?
- (1) They left their homes in buses.
 - (2) They had to overcome the harsh weather.
 - (3) They were evacuated from the mountainous areas.
 - (4) They stayed on the streets as their homes were destroyed.

==== END OF BOOKLET A ====



Please remember to check your work thoroughly.





Maha Bodhi School
2008 Preliminary Examination
English Language (Paper 2)

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BOOKLET B

SECTION D: GRAMMAR CLOZE

(10 x 1 mark)

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.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE

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| (A) in | (D) on | (G) the | (K) after | (N) through |
| (B) an | (E) so | (H) and | (L) when | (P) however |
| (C) to | (F) at | (J) with | (M) where | (Q) nevertheless |

We hardly experience floods in Singapore now. This, (31) _____, was not the case many years ago (32) _____ floods were a common occurrence. The worst flood happened (33) _____ 2 December 1978. That day, it rained incessantly. Coupled (34) _____ a poor drainage system and high tide, water rose at (35) _____ alarming rate. Hundreds of people found themselves abandoning their vehicles and wading to safety (36) _____ driving into deep waters. The water, reaching one metre high at some parts of the island, made roads impassable (37) _____ traffic. Soldiers had to perform (38) _____ unusual task of evacuating residents (39) _____ tiffinies. They rowed from place to place, working (40) _____ the night. In Potong Pasir alone, they picked up two hundred villagers trapped in the swirling waters.

SECTION E: EDITING FOR SPELLING AND GRAMMAR

(10 x 1 mark)

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

Jack ran as his wet jeans flapped from side to side. By the time he reached the foot
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of the hill, he found it almost dry. Jack did not stop to take a rest. He had left Sue for

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too long and was **dasparate** to get back to her.

(43)

Sue's eyes were shut. Her **braifths** felt weak when Jack placed a finger under her

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nose. She did not response to his repeated calls. He had to give her a piggyback. He could

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not let his little sister which his father had entrusted him with died.

(47)

Jack felt his **konscions** prick him. He had, in his excitement, forgot entirely about

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his sister. She had **obidiantly** waited for him at the very spot he had asked her to while he

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went in search for water. He cursed himself for forgetting her.

The weight soon made Jack think he would not be able to make it, but he gritted his

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teeth and **persirveered**. Eventually, he got to the pool.

SECTION F: COMPREHENSION CLOZE

(15 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully and then fill in each blank numbered 51 to 65 with a suitable word of your own.

The door of the truck opened. The first sight that (51) _____ me was a patrol car a short distance away. (52) _____ it, the thug turned around and scurried towards (53) _____. He must have decided that his best chance of (54) _____ was to hold me hostage. Without averting my gaze, I (55) _____ around for something to use as a weapon. I had to try to hold him back (56) _____ help could reach me. If he threatened to (57) _____ me, would that be the end of me?

As I wondered, my (58) _____ closed around a tube. I held it out and squeezed it as (59) _____ as I could at the thug who lunged towards me.

(60) _____ the size of the tube, (61) _____ would guess that it would have any effect at all, but he swiped at his face, went down on his (62) _____ and roared in pain.

After snapping a pair of handcuffs round his wrist, the (63) _____ who finally arrived asked me what it was that I had used. I (64) _____ over the badly squashed tube and read the (65) _____ the same time he said it aloud. "Super-Glue! Oh, boy. That's going to require a trip to the hospital," he exclaimed.

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).

66. Trolleys and baskets are collected. Uncle Ali and Uncle Chan do that.

The collection of _____

67. Alvin believed he could not achieve the result. He gave up.

Believing that the result _____

68. He would only free the captive after he had seen the money.

Not until _____

69. He explained why he was late. I accepted it.

on why _____

70. "Did Mr Tan say he is taking his test today?" the doctor asked the nurse.

The doctor asked the nurse _____

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

You are encouraged to use comprehension strategies to help you understand the text better.

I had been reading kind of late. I got up to get a snack and saw a flicker of light behind the living room curtains of the house across the street. I stopped and peered more closely out of my bedroom window. There it came again, just barely showing where the curtains weren't pulled tightly together.

I put down my food and walked across the hall. "Jeff? You awake?"

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Jeff sat up. As he rubbed the sleep off his eyes, I related what I had seen. Jeff followed me to my room and leaned groggily on the windowsill. We had barely stood there a few seconds when a faint light swept across the room behind the curtains in the blink of an eye. My brother missed that. I had wanted to get Father out of bed but thinking that a light must be unwittingly left on while my neighbours hurried for the airport, my brother decided there was **no necessity to**.

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I felt extremely uncomfortable about his going alone. What if the Andersons hadn't left a light on? What if there's someone in there who didn't belong there? What if the someone had spotted me observing him? The image of a crook hiding behind the door and waiting to pounce on Jeff made me shake my head vigorously and sprint to the switch to turn off the light. "He won't be on guard. Jeff will make off," I assured myself. Returning back to my post, I noticed a truck on the street in front of the Anderson's place. The Andersons had left town, leaving their cars locked in the garage. Whose vehicle could that be? Why was it there? I thought Jeff wouldn't miss it and he didn't. I saw him cross the street and stop momentarily by the rear of the truck. Memorising the licence number, I decided. He needn't write it down. Compared to the long pages of concertos and sonatas he memorised for all his piano competitions, that was a **piece of cake**. Moments later, he disappeared around the other side of the truck.

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A slight breeze raised the hairs on my bare arms, or was it apprehension? The latter must be more likely. I blamed myself for not waking Father up.

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"Kaci? " Father's voice made me stop saying my prayers and swing away from the window, startled. "What's going on? I thought I heard voices."

Father listened to what I had to say and decided he had to go over, right after he had put on a shirt. As I wrung the curtains, I caught sight of three figures. They opened the back of the truck, put something inside and one of them climbed in. Another slammed the door and then went up the driver's seat while the third scrambled for the opposite door. They took off, leaving the door of the house behind them wide open. Alarmed, I turned towards the hall where Father was trying to put on his shoes.

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"Dad, whoever it was just left!" We heard the squeal of tires as the truck went around the corner of the street. "I don't see Jeff anywhere!"

"Call the police!" Father said as he bolted through the door.

For each question from 71 to 80, write your answer in the space provided.
ALL ANSWERS MUST BE BASED ON THE PASSAGE AND IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. Why did the author peer more closely out of the bedroom window? (line 3)

72. Give **one** reason why the author's brother missed the light which the author saw the third time.

73. What was it that the author's brother thought there was **no necessity to** do? (line 11)

74. Explain fully why the author turned off the light.

75. Explain fully why the author thought that memorising a licence plate number is "**a piece of cake**" for his brother (line 23).

76. What caused the hairs on the author's arm to stand? (line 25)

77. What made the author's father go to his room?

78. What two things did the author do to show us that he was worried?

79. Did the author regret letting his brother go alone to the neighbour's house? Which sentence tells you that?

80. In what manner did the truck leave the scene? Why did you say so?

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Please remember to check your work thoroughly.



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Primary 6 English SA2 Exam (2008)

Answer Keys

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| 41. them | 42. desperate | 43. breaths | 44. respond | 45. whom |
| 46. die | 47. conscience | 48. obediently | 49. of | 50. persevered |
| 51. greeted | 52. seeing | 53. me | 54. escaping | 55. felt |
| 56. till | 57. kill | 58. hands | 59. hard | 60. from |
| 61. nobody | 62. knees | 63. policeman | 64. handed | 65. label |

66. The collection of trolleys and baskets is done by Uncle Ali and Uncle Chan.
67. Believing that the result could not be achieved, Alvin gave up.
68. Not until he had seen the money would he free the captive.
69. I accepted his explanation on why he was late.
70. The doctor asked the nurse if Mr Tan had said he was taking his test that day.
71. He saw a flicker of light coming from the house across the street and he wanted to make sure that he was not imagining things.
72. It was faint and was over in the blink of an eye.
73. He thought that there was no necessity to wake Father up.
74. He was afraid that the person in the other house had spotted the author observing him and his brother.
75. His brother always had to memorize long pages of concertos and sonatas for piano and memorizing the car plate number was nothing to him.
76. Apprehension of the author's brother being harmed caused his hairs to stand.
77. His father hearing voices coming from the room made him do so.
78. He said prayers and kept a close watch on the Andersons house.