



RED SWASTIKA SCHOOL

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PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2009
ENGLISH LANGUAGE – PAPER 2
LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION
PRIMARY 6

Name : _____ ()

Class : Primary 6 / _____

Date : 24 August 2009

BOOKLET A

30 Questions

30 Marks

Duration of Paper: 1 hr 50 mins

Note:

- 1. Do not open this Booklet until you are told to do so.**
- 2. Questions 1 - 30 are to be done on the OAS provided.**
- 3. Read carefully the instructions given at the beginning of each part of the Booklet.**
- 4. Do not waste time. If a question is difficult for you, go on to the next one.**
- 5. Check your answers thoroughly and make sure you attempt every question.**

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

Science Enigma 2009

21 - 23 December

SINGAPORE SCIENCE CENTRE

All primary and secondary school students are welcome to join us in our fun-filled activities.

Ecogarden Nature Explorer

1 - 6 December

Discover the magnificent and intriguing world of plants by participating in hands-on activities in our ecogarden. Spot some of our animal inhabitants along the way too! Free Nature Explorer Activity Booklet worth \$2 for the first 30 students.

Science Film Festival

4 - 9 December

The Festival offers three exciting IMAX films: 'Dinosaurs Alive', 'Grand Canyon' and 'Coral Reef Adventure'. A total of 7 screenings per day will be done for the Festival. Each student will get a \$1 subsidy for the movie ticket during the Festival.

Fun with Magnets

6 - 8 December

Find out how strong a bar magnet is. Create a simple compass using a bar magnet. Have fun with your newly created compass!

Rocket Fair

2 - 3 December

'Create-a-robot' enables students to create a robot from the initial stage of construction right up to the programming of the robot. Free entry for all students.

Organised by:
Singapore Science Centre
Sponsored by:
Shell Pte Ltd

For more information:
Call us at 62358590 or
visit our website at
www.science.edu.sg

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 Science Explorama will be held _____ the month of December.

- (1) throughout
- (2) in the middle of
- (3) at the beginning of
- (4) towards the end of

2 Students to the Rocket Fair will _____.

- (1) be allowed free entry
- (2) receive a free Activity Booklet
- (3) get to take their compass home
- (4) get a \$1 subsidy off the entrance fees

3 John will learn how _____ if he attends the activity 'Fun With Magnets'.

- (1) fun magnets are
- (2) to make a compass
- (3) strong a compass is
- (4) to make a bar magnet

4 The activity, ' _____ ', allows pupils to explore flora and fauna.

- (1) Rocket Fair
- (2) Fun with Magnets
- (3) Science Film Festival
- (4) Ecogarden Nature Explorer

5 Based on the advertisement, which one of the following statements is true of the festival?

- (1) Movies will be screened for seven days.
- (2) The organiser of the event is Shell Pte Ltd.
- (3) The Science Explorama is targeted at students.
- (4) Registration of activities can be done through the website.

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 Last Saturday, Ali jogged in the park as usual. He certainly _____ in keeping himself fit and healthy.

- (1) believe
- (2) believes
- (3) is believing
- (4) has believed

7 All of us except Melvin _____ selected to take part in the Gymnastics Competition last year.

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

8 Janet was watching her favourite television programme when she heard someone _____ on the door.

- (1) knock
- (2) knocks
- (3) knocked
- (4) had knocked

9 Your mother hardly goes to restaurants for dinner, _____?

- (1) is it
- (2) isn't it
- (3) does she
- (4) doesn't she

10 _____ of Singapore's wealth comes from trade.

- ~~(1)~~ More
- ~~(2)~~ Much
- ~~(3)~~ Many
- ~~(4)~~ Plenty

11 The girl _____ James was talking to a while ago is my sister.

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

12 As Mrs Tan felt faint after a fall, she _____ down on the sofa to take a rest.

- ~~(1)~~ lay
- ~~(2)~~ lied
- ~~(3)~~ laid
- ~~(4)~~ had lain

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)

"Who needs muscles (13) I sneer as the others streak past us effortlessly.
Our walk slows to a crawl by the third lap of the field.
"You look as if you both need winding up," says Mr Lorrimer (14) jogging past.
"Come on, stride out, both of you (15) we'll try a little run."
Adapted from 'Vicky Angel' by Jacqueline Wilson

- 13 1 [,] comma and inverted commas
 2 [.] full stop and inverted commas
 3 [?] question mark and inverted commas
 4 [!] exclamation mark and inverted commas
- 14 1 [:] colon
 2 [,] comma
 3 [.] full stop
 4 [?] question mark
- 15 1 [-] dash
 2 [:] colon
 3 [,] comma
 4 [.] full stop

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 I told the jeweller to _____ my name on the bracelet which I had just bought.

- (1) cut
- (2) carve
- (3) record
- (4) engrave

17 Bats have highly _____ sense of hearing.

- (1) detailed
- (2) enlarged
- (3) expanded
- (4) developed

18 The sugar content of drinks sold in schools has been reduced and students are getting _____ to less sweet drinks.

- (1) adapted
- (2) adjusted
- (3) acclaimed
- (4) accustomed

19 Since the war started, the villagers have been _____ food and water.

- (1) deluded by
- (2) depleted of
- (3) deprived of
- (4) devastated by

20 The burglar _____ his gun under his coat so as to prevent the police from sighting it.

- (1) hoarded
- (2) conserved
- (3) concealed
- (4) preserved

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)

Mahuala came to an open grassland. There were plenty of wild animals there. Not far away, he saw some twenty to thirty deer. They were feeding on the leaves of some trees. He crept among the tall grass. He was careful not to let the deer catch his scent. Then he saw a leopard. It was creeping towards a big baboon. Mahuala was fascinated. He knelt to watch. Mahuala had forgotten about his own hunting. Suddenly, the leopard burst from its cover. It sped towards the baboon. The baboon screamed, turned and ran. Its scream alarmed the animals. They fled in all directions.

- 21 (1) moved swiftly
 (2) moved slowly
 (3) walked quickly
 (4) walked leisurely

- 22 (1) smell
 (2) odour
 (3) aroma
 (4) stench

- 23 (1) excited
 (2) pleased
 (3) delighted
 (4) captivated

- 24 (1) evolved
 (2) invaded
 (3) emerged
 (4) protruded

- 25 (1) angered
 (2) annoyed
 (3) surprised
 (4) frightened

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Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

A bit of drama in the sea off the Esplanade on Sunday evening has made an accidental hero out of a visiting Dutchman.

When information technology executive, Filip Lou, 34, saw a Caucasian woman leap into the waters near the Merlion statue that evening, he stripped down to his briefs and jumped in after her.

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By the time the police and the emergency-support vehicles turned up, he had already made it to the bank and was climbing out of the water with her.

Speaking to The Straits Times on the telephone yesterday, he said he was taking a leisure walk towards One Fullerton with his friends after dinner when he saw the woman perch on the railing. He said he yelled at her not to jump, but she did anyway.

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"So I grabbed the life buoy and threw it after her but she did not make any attempt to hold on," he recalled.

Mr Lou, who works with IBM in Sydney and is here for about a week for a work-related conference, passed his cellphone and wallet to his friends, took off his clothes and jumped in.

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He said the woman was neither on drugs nor drunk. She gave her name as Annika and let on that her boyfriend had just broken off their relationship.

Mr Lou said of the cuts he picked up while on the rough stone steps on the waters' edge, "I was not aware that my feet were bleeding and leaving bloody footprints on the sidewalk. I was more concerned with people photographing me in my underwear!"

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He said he and the woman were taken to the Singapore General Hospital where his wounds were cleaned, treated and bandaged. He was also given a tetanus shot. He was disappointed at being asked to pay \$90 for the treatment after risking his life to save a stranger.

Meanwhile, when Mr Lou leaves for home tomorrow, he will be carting an award for his act of bravery, which the Singapore Civil Defence Force will present to him today. Despite being out of pocket by \$90, his view on doing the right thing has hardly been dampened.

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Asked if he would do it again, given the same circumstances, he replied, "Definitely."

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Adapted from The Straits Times, 18 February 2009.

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 Why was Filip Lou disappointed?

- (1) The Caucasian woman wanted to die.
- (2) He had to risk his life to save a stranger.
- (3) He had to pay \$90 for his medical treatment.
- (4) He could not enjoy his holiday due to his injury.

27 The Caucasian woman leapt into the waters as she _____.

- (1) had drunk too much alcohol
- (2) was under the influence of drugs
- (3) had broken off with her boyfriend
- (4) wanted to take a dip in the water

28 What was Filip Lou doing when the incident took place?

- (1) He was taking a stroll after dinner.
- (2) He was walking towards the Esplanade.
- (3) He was going to One Fullerton for dinner.
- (4) He was on his way to attend a conference.

29 According to the passage, which one of the following statements is not true?

- (1) Filip Lou had his medical fees waived.
- (2) Filip Lou was rewarded for his heroic act.
- (3) Filip Lou was given an injection for his cuts.
- (4) Filip Lou would not hesitate to help another person.

30 Why do you think Filip Lou was not aware that his feet were bleeding?

- (1) His feet were numbed with cold.
- (2) He was too proud of his act of bravery.
- (3) He was worried for the woman's safety.
- (4) He was embarrassed to be photographed in his briefs.



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BOOKLET B

50 Questions
65 Marks

BOOKLET	OBTAINED	POSSIBLE
BOOKLET A		30
BOOKLET B		65
TOTAL		95

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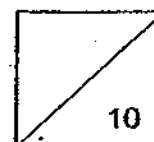
There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE

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|--------------|-------------|--------|----------|-----------|
| (A) although | (D) but | (G) if | (K) on | (N) to |
| (B) any | (E) from | (H) in | (L) only | (P) where |
| (C) as | (F) however | (J) of | (M) out | (Q) why |

This is one bizarre gourmet which we can label as 'food poisoning'. *Fugu*, also known (31) _____ pufferfish, is famous not only for its taste (32) _____ the danger element that appeals to many. It is estimated that six people die (33) _____ consuming this deadly fish each year and (34) _____ licensed chefs are allowed to prepare a *fugu* meal. When *fugu* is improperly prepared - the failure (35) _____ remove the poison from the fish - it will cause respiratory problems, loss of sensation to the tongue and lips, and eventually lead to death. (36) _____, people will still be willing to eat it. Better yet, customers will even pay an exorbitant price for it. For the Japanese folk, forking (37) _____ US\$100 or more for a full-course (poisonous fish) meal is definitely no cheap thrill. If prepared wrongly, this meal will put their lives (38) _____ the line. Though it is hard to comprehend (39) _____ anyone would take this deadly gamble, it can give a boost to a person's social ranking. They earn bragging rights of their death-defying meal, (40) _____ they survive.

Adapted from *Asian Geographic*
 "A delicacy to 'die' for", Issue 4/ 2009



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

Mr Tan was killed in a car accident. His wife, Ai Mei, was left to

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cope with brought up five children.

After her husband's demise, she worked as a cleaner. However, her

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earnings were insaficieant. Her youngest son, Choon Heng, was a

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sick child but she could not afford to give him the neccesery medical care.

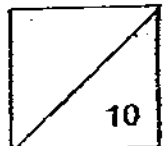
(45)
Her sister, who is childless, adopted Choon Heng. Although Ai Mei found her

(46) (47)
burden a little lighter, still she could hardly made ends meet. She chose to seperait

(48)
from her son for his own sake. Her eldest son, Joo Seng, took it upon themselves to

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help his mother support the family. Joo Seng worked at a vedgtible stall in the

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morning and gave tuisyen at night to supplement the family's income.



Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Storms wreaked havoc in the western part of Singapore yesterday, felling at least six trees as heavy rain drenched most parts of the island.

Police received more than 10 calls yesterday, _____ them of trees that came tumbling _____ in parts of Jurong as well _____ in Bukit Batok.

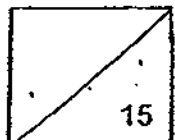
One of the worst-hit areas was Jurong East Street 13, _____ five trees near the Japanese Gardens were uprooted. Over at Jurong East Street 32, a _____ tree caused a traffic hold-up that lasted nearly an hour. The tree obstructed the two-lane _____

_____ some motorists were forced to inch their way back up the road, a double-decker had to offload its _____ as it could not go past the tree. Two police officers were roped _____ to redirect traffic so that the tree could be _____ from the road.

A student, Felicia, said it started raining _____ in the afternoon, causing the area to flood. It took about an hour to _____ the road of the obstruction. No one _____ hurt in any of the reported incidents.

According to _____ National Environment Agency, the heavy rains are not about to let up. The weatherman _____ showers with thunder over the next three days.

Adapted from *The Straits Times*, 16 March 2009



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 Jenny does not know how to operate the photocopier. Her brothers do not know either.

Neither _____ nor _____

67 Mr Tay cannot open the safe deposit box in the bank. He must sign in at the counter.

Unless _____

68 I did not want the bowl of noodles after eating my breakfast.

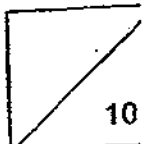
Having _____

69 "I have an early flight to catch tomorrow," Kenneth told his wife.

Kenneth told his wife _____

70 We were very disappointed that our school team did not win the badminton match.

Much _____



Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

When I was young, we lived in a dilapidated wooden house on the outskirts of Limbang, a small town in Northern Sarawak, Malaysia. It stood on wooden stilts and had a steeply sloping roof of corrugated zinc sheets, which made the ramshackle house **very hot in the day**. The tiny collection of rooms inside could barely contain all our family – Father, Mother and eleven children.

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I was the second eldest. We children often ran about, and when we got too **boisterous**, the whole house shook. "The house is going to collapse!" my mother would yell at us.

We seemed to live in **perpetual darkness**. The nearby trees formed a dense canopy. They blocked out much of the sunlight during the day. The nights were always a brooding, foreboding time. That was the 1950s and early 1990s, and we had no electricity. We lit kerosene lamps, which gave only dim light. The gloom was made worse by the superstitious fears Mother passed on to us. Raised in a traditional Chinese family where ancestor worship was practised, we believed in ghosts and malevolent wandering spirits.

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As little children, we were sometimes just afraid of the dark, and Mother would ask in a voice tinged with fear, "Why are you so afraid? What do you see?" Although we saw nothing, her questions made us even more frightened. **They** aroused in us feelings of apprehension and phobia. To me, there was nothing more terrifying than the prospect of meeting a ghost.

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Our friends, probably afraid of the dark, creepy appearance of the house, rarely came over to play. I once overheard one of my relatives telling her children that our house was haunted. My sisters, brothers and I preferred to play rounders and football in a big grass field in the centre of town. At dusk, we would reluctantly return home with a feeling of dread.

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By the time I was a teenager, my superstitious fears had been replaced by **feelings of discontent and anger**. I envied all my friends. They had nicer homes with proper plumbing. We did not even have a toilet! Instead, we used chamber-pots.

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If friends dropped by unexpectedly before the chamber-pots had been emptied, I would be overcome with shame. Although most of the time they were hidden away in the bedrooms, I was sure my friends could smell them.

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When I was thirteen, I sprained my ankle at school, and my principal, a Canadian named Mr Spark, drove me home. We arrived just in time to see my younger sister, Siok Kiat, emptying a chamber-pot. **The whole scene** unfolded in painfully slow motion - Siok Kiat walked over to the little stream that cut across the road in front of the house and tipped out the chamber-pot. I wished I could have been

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anywhere else at that moment. Although he did not say anything, I imagined him thinking "What an unhygienic and unrefined family!"

I admit that life was not always terrible. We had fun playing hide-and-seek around the house. The walls were splendid for climbing – the overlapping horizontal planks provided excellent footholds. We scaled the walls to our 'hideouts' to get away from the seeker. We also spent many exciting hours challenging one another to five stones. When I was in my mid-teens, we had electricity. A fluorescent tube lit the living room and the bedrooms and kitchen each had a light bulb. 40

Still, I could see nothing much to appreciate about my home. To me, it was ugly, rotten – an eyesore. 45

Then, when I was sixteen, some teachers from my school came to visit. We were celebrating Chinese New Year, and as was the custom of many Sarawakians, we had an open house. As my art teacher, Mr Ho, entered, he said, "Siok Hong, your home is situated in such a beautiful setting. I had to stop and admire it from the road. All those trees forming the backdrop make it look picturesque." 50

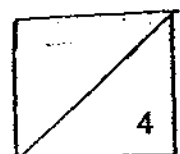
Suddenly, I saw my house in a different light – from Mr Ho's artistic point of view. I had not thought of it before.

*Adapted from 'In a Different Light'
Reader's Digest, March 2006*

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71 From paragraph 1, quote the two words which describe clearly that the condition of the writer's house was bad.

72 What caused the writer's house to be 'very hot in the day' (line 4)?



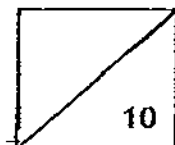
73 According to the passage, what was the writer's mother's **main** concern when her children 'got too boisterous' (lines 6 - 7)?

74 Give **two** reasons why the writer and her family were living in 'perpetual darkness' (line 9).

75 What does the word 'They' (line 18) refer to?

76 Line 27 mentions that the writer had 'feelings of discontent and anger'. Explain clearly why the writer felt so.

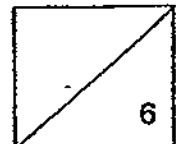
77 Would the writer's friends be able to tell if a chamber-pot had not been emptied without seeing it? Give a reason for your answer.



78 What does the phrase 'The whole scene' (line 34) refer to?

79 Name all the games the writer and his siblings played.

80 The writer states that she 'had not thought of it before' (line 53). What had the writer not thought of before?



END OF PAPER



ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2009

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41)bringing 42)insufficient 43)sickly 44)necessary

45)was 46)make 47)separate 48)himself 49)vegetable

50)tuition 51)informing 52)down 53)as 54)where

55)fallen 56)road 57)While 58)passengers 59)in

60)removed 61)heavily 62)clear 63)was 64)the

65)predicted

66)Neither Jenny nor her brothers know how to operate the photocopies.

67)Unless Mr Tay signs in at the counter, he cannot open the safe deposit box in the bank.

68)Having eaten my breakfast, I did not want the bowl of noodles.

69) Kenneth told his wife that he had an early flight to catch the following day.

70) Much to our disappointment, our school team did not win the badminton match.

71) The words are 'dilapidated' and 'ramshackle'.

72) The corrugated zinc sheets made caused the house to be very hot in the day.

73) The writer's mother's main concern was that the house might collapse if her children got too boisterous.

74) The nearby trees around the writer's house formed a dense canopy which blocked out most of the sunlight and the writer's house had no electricity.

75) It refers to the writer's mother's questions.

76) The writer felt that her friends had nicer homes with proper plumbing but her home did not even have a toilet but they had to use chamber-pots.

77) The writer friends would be able to tell if a chamber-pot had not been emptied without seeing it as they could smell the chamber-pot which were hidden away in the bedroom.

78) It refers to Siok Kiat, the writer's younger sister, walking over to the little stream and emptying a chamber-pot.

79) The games are football, five stones, hide-and-seek and rounders.

80) The writer had not thought that her house was situated in a beautiful and picturesque setting.