



## 2019 PRIMARY 6 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

Date: 13 May 2019

Class: Primary 6 ( )

Time: 10.30a.m. – 12.20p.m.

Duration: 1 hour 50 minutes

Parent's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2 (BOOKLET A)

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For each question from 1 to 10, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (10 marks)

1. I could not buy what I liked at the book fair as I had \_\_\_\_\_ money left.

- (1) few
- (2) little
- (3) less
- (4) some

2. She felt a surge \_\_\_\_\_ excitement when her team won the match.

- (1) of
- (2) in
- (3) for
- (4) with

3. My brother would not have got up late if he \_\_\_\_\_ to bed earlier.

- (1) goes
- (2) went
- (3) has gone
- (4) had gone

4. None of them answered the question correctly, \_\_\_\_\_ they?

- (1) did
- (2) had
- (3) didn't
- (4) hadn't

5. Mrs Muthu demanded that her son \_\_\_\_\_ her the truth.

- (1) tell
- (2) tells
- (3) told
- (4) telling

6. Ali, together with the rest of the athletes, \_\_\_\_\_ diligently for the competition since last year.
- (1) trained
  - (2) had trained
  - (3) has been training
  - (4) have been training
7. Students who have taken part in the art competition \_\_\_\_\_ a certificate at the upcoming assembly.
- (1) is receiving
  - (2) were receiving
  - (3) will be receiving
  - (4) would be receiving
8. "Please ring the bell \_\_\_\_\_ you need any help," the receptionist told me.
- (1) will
  - (2) shall
  - (3) would
  - (4) should
9. Knowing that her child has the habit of telling lies \_\_\_\_\_ unacceptable for Mrs Lee.
- (1) is
  - (2) are
  - (3) was
  - (4) were
10. Mary refused to attend the camp \_\_\_\_\_ Chloe came along as they had earlier agreed to go together.
- (1) unless
  - (2) except
  - (3) despite
  - (4) because

For each question from 11 to 15, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

11. Jason \_\_\_\_\_ with Keith as they could not agree on the theme of their Social Studies project.

- (1) fell out
- (2) fell back
- (3) fell apart
- (4) fell through

12. The student apologised to his teacher for his sudden \_\_\_\_\_ of anger.

- (1) outline
- (2) outflow
- (3) outcome
- (4) outburst

13. Mum will always \_\_\_\_\_ tend to her precious potted plants as gardening is her favourite pastime.

- (1) vigilantly
- (2) zealously
- (3) laboriously
- (4) consistently

14. Madam Norma is a very \_\_\_\_\_ parent who always gives her only daughter anything she wants even when it is not good for her.

- (1) indulgent
- (2) pampered
- (3) agreeable
- (4) extravagant

15. The students \_\_\_\_\_ uncomfortably during their learning journey under the scorching hot sun.

- (1) shifted
- (2) twisted
- (3) twitched
- (4) squirmed

For each question from 16 to 20, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.  
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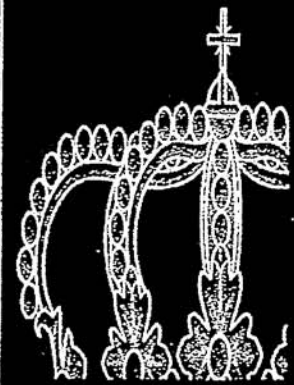
The long-awaited day finally came. Ben made his way to the boat waiting at the harbour to take him to a faraway island where he hoped to seek a job. A member of the crew beckoned to him to board the vessel. Soon the boat was out in the open sea. The weather was perfect and the sea was calm and peaceful. Unfortunately, by evening, dark clouds began to gather in the sky, warning him that a storm was imminent. Ben was worried that he could not make it to the island. He did not want to return to his village without securing a job and become a laughing stock. Just when Ben thought things could not get any worse, seven burly men clambered aboard. Ben sensed danger so he jumped into the sea without a second thought.

16. (1) gestured  
(2) proposed  
(3) explained  
(4) suggested
17. (1) steady  
(2) tranquil  
(3) relaxed  
(4) composed
18. (1) looming  
(2) uncertain  
(3) intimidating  
(4) unavoidable
19. (1) comical person  
(2) popular person  
(3) person others ridicule  
(4) person others do not take seriously
20. (1) scruffy  
(2) brawny  
(3) ruthless  
(4) powerful

Study this advertisement carefully and then answer questions 21 to 28.

### **Caught red-handed**

*Burglars stole a priceless eighteenth century diamond-studded crown from a museum in London last week. Detectives rushed to the scene to investigate the crime. However, the crafty burglars were clever to avoid all the closed-circuit cameras and security guards. Even their getaway vehicle was never found. Fortunately, they left behind one important clue: a single perfect fingerprint.*



### **Our fingerprints are very special**



You might have the same eye colour as someone else, the same shaped nose and, if you are an identical twin, you might even have a face that looks the same but not a single person on earth has the same fingerprints as you.

Fingerprints are the patterns on the pads of your fingers made by fine ridges in the outer layer of your skin. These ridges help you get a better grip on smooth objects. This is particularly important if you are climbing trees and swinging between branches.

### **Fingerprints don't lie**

Most importantly, fingerprints help solve criminals. For more than a hundred years, police have used fingerprints to identify people. Every time you touch something, you leave sweat and oil prints which are the same pattern as your fingerprints. Criminals often leave very clear fingerprints behind because the stress of carrying out a crime causes them to sweat more than usual. While these fingerprints are normally invisible, police can make them visible by dusting them with some fine powder or spraying them with fine chemicals. Once a fingerprint is developed, it can be compared with the images on police files.

**What do you want to be when you grow up?**

**If your response is 'a police officer', we have the camp just for you!**

**Kid Detective Camp** for children aged 10 to 12 is **back by popular demand!** From 1 to 5 June 2019, we guarantee that you shall have loads of fun at Violet Country Club where you will unleash your creativity and develop your potential to the fullest!

**Don't miss these camp highlights!**

**🔪 Day 1**

- Attend an informative talk by Mr Michale Tan, a detective for more than 20 years

**🔪 🔪 Day 2**

- Learn about the tools which detectives use to solve crimes
- Solve Fingerprint Puzzles
- Nature Walk around the country club

**🔪 🔪 🔪 Day 3**

- Treasure hunt - learn how to break codes
- Enter the world of code-making machines and find out how they work

**🔪 🔪 🔪 🔪 Day 4**

- Solve a simulated crime
- Pick up useful tips on how to make your witnesses tell the truth

*This camp is brought to you by Horizon Centre, and sponsored by ABC Advanced Lab and Edulearn Centre.*

Visit [www.horizoncentre.com](http://www.horizoncentre.com) or call 8882 3445 for more information.

For each question from 21 to 28, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (8 marks)

21. Why does the advertisement begin by describing the theft of a precious crown? It wants to \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) give an example of a famous crime
  - (2) emphasise how clever the burglars were
  - (3) provide a context for the information which follows
  - (4) arouse the readers' curiosity about who the burglars were
22. The colon in the paragraph under the sub-heading 'Caught red-handed' is used to \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) give an example of a clue
  - (2) show how shrewd the burglars were
  - (3) provide more details about the burglars
  - (4) inform the reader that the crime was eventually solved
23. What does "This" on page 6 of the text refer to?
- (1) climbing trees
  - (2) having tiny ridges
  - (3) the outer layer of your skin
  - (4) being able to grip smooth objects
24. Which one of the following statements about the advertisement is **not** true?
- (1) Our fingerprints are unique.
  - (2) Criminals' stress is caused by their perspiration.
  - (3) Police have their means of detecting fingerprints.
  - (4) Police have been solving crimes using fingerprints since time immemorial.
25. The camp is organised to attract children who \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) enjoy outdoor activities
  - (2) want to nurture their creativity
  - (3) aspire to become police officers
  - (4) love reading books on how to solve crimes



26. The phrase **Back by popular demand'** tells you that \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) the camp is conducted annually
- (2) many students will apply for this camp
- (3) a similar camp has been conducted before
- (4) attending the camp is a once-in-a-lifetime chance

27. The organiser of this camp is \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) Horizon Centre
- (2) Edulearn Centre
- (3) Violet Country Club
- (4) ABC Advanced Lab

28. Which of the following will be taught at the camp?

- (1) How to write codes.
- (2) How to simulate a crime scene.
- (3) How to gather information from witnesses.
- (4) How to make fingerprints visible using a magnifying glass.

(Go on to Booklet B)





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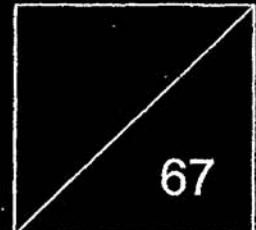
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## ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2 (BOOKLET B)



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There are 10 blanks, numbered 29 to 38, 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) a	(D) has	(G) its	(K) not	(N) their
(B) and	(E) have	(H) many	(L) on	(P) to
(C) but	(F) into	(J) most	(M) such	(Q) whether

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Many people today are worried that fruit are too high in carbohydrates, sugar and calories. They claim that "fruit are bad for you". It is true that whole fruit contain sugar \_\_\_\_\_ it is natural sugar. The sugar we ought to limit is added sugar, found in  
(29) regular soda and \_\_\_\_\_ highly processed food. When you eat fresh fruit, their  
(30) sugar comes from the fibre which slows the release of the fruits' natural sugar  
\_\_\_\_\_ your bloodstream. This will help to prevent \_\_\_\_\_ sugar spike  
(31) (32) Many fruit are rich in \_\_\_\_\_ only vitamins but also minerals.  
(33) Ditching fruit may mean missing out \_\_\_\_\_ some key nutrients. Hence, fruit  
(34) do not deserve \_\_\_\_\_ a bad reputation. So, how much fruit should you eat? That  
(35) depends on your age, gender \_\_\_\_\_ level of physical activity. The bottom line is  
(36) that fruit add pleasure, nutrition and variety \_\_\_\_\_ our meals. Go beyond plopping  
(37) some berries in your cereal. \_\_\_\_\_ an orange with your scrambled eggs or an  
(38) apple with your almonds. You will be happier and healthier.

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes. (12 marks)

I was lucky to get a copy of the latest Aka-aka comic. The author, Hiroshi, had

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received several priestigious awards for his excellent work. The social media had also

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sing praises about him when the book was launched. For this, I had decided to camp

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overnight at the Yada book store and waiting till 11 a.m. the next day. Though I was

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extremely exusted, it was all worth it! Expecting the queue to be long, I armed myself

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with some essantail items that would help me last the entire night and headed to the

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book store with my friend which favourite author was also Hiroshi. Looking at the

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snaking queue ahead, dissappointment engulfed me. I cried as it would be heartbreak

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for me to miss such a rare oppurtunnity. My friend comforted me and promised to keep

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me company throughout the night. As we were waiting patiently, a man tried to elbow

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(50)

his way between my friend and myself. Luckily, the alert security guard blow his whistle

and insisted that he join the queue. Ashamed, the man darted to the end of the line.

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

In a faraway village lived two brothers. Talented in drawing, both hoped to \_\_\_\_\_ their dreams of becoming an artist one day. However, living from \_\_\_\_\_ (51) \_\_\_\_\_ to mouth and never knowing where the next meal was coming from, (52) they simply could not \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the art school in town. Undeterred, (53) they \_\_\_\_\_ and saved but the money was only enough for one of them to (54) study at the art school. Left with no \_\_\_\_\_, the two brothers tossed a coin (55) to decide their fate. The \_\_\_\_\_ would find work in the coal mine to support (56) his brother. The winner would attend the art school \_\_\_\_\_ having to worry (57) about his school fees. In the end, the younger brother got to \_\_\_\_\_ himself (58) in the art school, much to his reluctance. The temporary \_\_\_\_\_ saddened (59) him as he would miss his brother immensely.

Two years later, the younger brother graduated and returned to his village to \_\_\_\_\_ his brother's kindness. "Thank you for all that you've done. Now, it's (60) my turn to reciprocate," he told his brother.

"Thanks but I can't," said the older brother. He then bent forward to \_\_\_\_\_ out for the glass of water on the table but it \_\_\_\_\_ out (61) \_\_\_\_\_ of his hand. "Toiling away at the mine has caused my hands to become so (62) \_\_\_\_\_ that I can't even lift a feather, what more hold a \_\_\_\_\_ (63) \_\_\_\_\_ to paint." he explained. Out of gratitude, he \_\_\_\_\_ his brother's hand. The (64) palms were pressed together and the fingers stretched skyward. The artist was Albrecht Durer and his famous painting is known as "Praying Hands". (65)

For each of the questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the words(s) provided. Your answers 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 police found Banu's explanation confusing.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ by Banu's explanation.

67. "What's your favourite pastime?" Susan asked her brother.

Susan asked her brother \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

68. Devi ruined Linda's drawings. Devi was envious.

Out of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

69. Henry drank the expired milk. Henry had a stomachache.

Having \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

70. Ahmad was very unwilling to meet his coach but he went to him.

It was with great \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I would never forget that eventful morning. I just knew that I had to hide from Mum so I crouched behind the chicken coop on our farm. Just as I had thought, Mum started looking for me shortly after breakfast. "Aki! Aki!" I could hear her calling.

How I dreaded that moment. Budi, my cousin, had told me all about it. How they made sure you could not run away. How they embarrassed you by staring at you and making you stand for a long time. Worst of all, how the blinding light suddenly appeared from nowhere. "The light sucks your soul away," warned Budi. "No one is ever the same after that. I've seen the people who walked groggily out of the room." 5

As I remained squatting behind the chicken coop, I saw a familiar pair of eyes staring curiously at me. It was Jewel, my dog. He sniffed at me. "Go away, Jewel!" I hissed. However, my **strange action** only made Jewel feel confused. Then, he started barking. "No, Jewel ..." I said in desperation. Seconds later, I could see my mother bending over and staring at me. 10

"Aki, I know that the chicks are adorable but you don't have to play with them now!" she chided. "You know your dad is fuming. He does not like to wait. Hurry! You've to change!"

"No Mum, don't make me go. Please!" I said, pleading with her as she dragged me out from behind the chicken coop. 15

"What's wrong with you? Are you sick?" Mum probed. "Look, your hair is such a mess. I've to comb it again."

Reluctantly, I entered the house with Mum, trying desperately to think of a way to get out of the dire situation. "Mum," I said suddenly. "I just remembered. I'm supposed to help Uncle Juro on his farm. I've promised him that I'll be there. Maybe I can go with you some other time?" I gushed quickly. 20

"Aki," Mum said, an edge of warning in her voice. I could tell she was aware that I was lying. "I just don't understand why you're behaving like this," Mum continued. If she only knew, she would merely laugh at my foolishness. 25

Eventually, we were ready. I had to **resign to my fate**. Disheartened, I walked with Mum and Dad to the bus stop. Shortly, we arrived at the city. Mum walked briskly and excitedly. Dad, as usual, wore a straight face. Nonetheless, I could tell that he was eager as he was wearing his smartest suit. I tried to put on a brave front when we arrived at our destination but I could stand it no longer and wailed uncontrollably. 30

"What is wrong, my dear?" Mum said, putting her arms around me. An old man popped his head out from behind a strange-looking machine, knitting his brows. He peered at me through his thick glasses. Dad looked a little embarrassed. "It's my husband's birthday today," Mum hurriedly explained. "We wanted it to be special. We've never taken a photo before."

"**Many children are like this,**" the man said. "They're very shy to get their photo taken. Don't worry, Madam. I can empathise fully." 35



71. Where did the writer and her family live? [1m]

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72. According to Budi, what would happen to Aki after the blinding light appeared?" [2m]

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73. What was the writer's strange action? (line 11) [1m]

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74. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the story. [1m]

\_\_\_\_\_ The writer burst out crying.

\_\_\_\_\_ The writer came up with an excuse not to go with her mother.

\_\_\_\_\_ Budi told the writer a piece of inaccurate information.

75. What did Aki's mother think Aki was doing when she found her behind the chicken coop? [2m]

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76: Based on the story, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

	True/False	Reason
<b>Aki's mother found Aki upon hearing her hiss</b>		
<b>Aki's father was looking forward to taking his family photograph</b>		
<b>Aki's mother believed Aki when she said that she had to help Uncle juro</b>		

77. Based on the information from the passage, fill in the blanks in the following table. [4m]

How Aki felt	What made Aki feel that way	What Aki did as a result
	Budi told Aki about what would happen if she stood in front of a camera	
Worried	Aki's mother dragged Aki out from behind the chicken coop	
Crestfallen		Took a family photograph with her parents.

78. Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right. [2m]

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer(s) to
resign to my fate (line 26)	
it (line 34)	

79. Which two of the words from lines 4-12 show that Aki was very reluctant to go to the city with her parents? The words are found in different sentences. [2m]

and

80. What did the old man mean when he said "Many children are like this"? (line 35 ) [2m]

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**Booklet A**

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2	1	4	1	1	3	3	4	1	1
Q 11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
1	4	2	1	4	1	2	1	3	2
Q 21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28		
3	1	4	2	3	3	1	3		

**Booklet B**

Q 29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
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Q39)	prestigious	Q43)	essential	Q47)	opportunity				
Q40)	sung	Q44)	whose	Q48)	throughout				
Q41)	wait	Q45)	disappointment	Q49)	me				
Q42)	exhausted	Q46)	heartbreaking	Q50)	blew				

Q51)	pursue	Q56)	loser	Q61)	reach
Q52)	hand	Q57)	not	Q62)	slipped
Q53)	afford	Q58)	enroll	Q63)	weak
Q54)	worked	Q59)	arrangement	Q64)	paintbrush
Q55)	choice	Q60)	repay	Q65)	held
Q66)	The police were confused.				
Q67)	Susan asked her bother what his favourite pastime was.				
Q68)	Out of envy, Devi ruined Linda's drawings.				
Q69)	Having drunk the expired milk, Henry had a stomachache.				
Q70)	It was with great unwillingness that Ahmad want to meet his coach.				

Q71)	The writer and her family lived in a farm.										
Q72)	It would suck her soul away and make her feel groggy.										
Q73)	The writer hissed at Jewel.										
Q74)	3 , 2 , 1										
Q75)	Aki's mother thought that Aki was playing with the adorable chickens.										
Q76)	<p>False --- It was only when Jewel started barking did Aki's mother find her.</p> <p>True --- Aki's father was eager to taking his family photogroph as he wore his smartest suit.</p> <p>False --- Aki's mother was aware that Aki was lying.</p>										
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