

METHODIST GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)

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PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2014 PRIMARY 6 ENGLISH

PAPER 2 (BOOKLET A)

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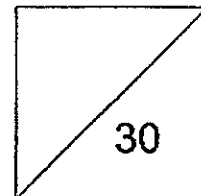
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This booklet consists of 10 printed pages including this page.

Study the poster below and then answer questions 1 to 5.

Rivervale National Day Fiesta!

Feel the Singapore Spirit!



28 August *Appreciating Our Neighbours*

National Day Potluck Party (1 p.m. - 5 p.m.)

You have to prepare a dish for the party.

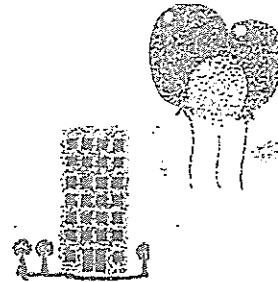
Venue: Multipurpose Hall, Block 117A, Rivervale Drive

Singapore flags for everyone who comes!

Flea for Charity (12 noon to 5 p.m.)

Residents who are interested to set up a

stall at the flea market are to sign up at www.rivervaleclub.com



29 August *Celebrating Our Nation's Birthday!*

National Day Sing-a-Long

by Riverdale Primary School Choir

(4 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.)

National Day Dinner

(6 p.m. to 8 p.m.)

Lots of prizes and vouchers to be won at the Lucky Draw event during dinner!

Venue: Void deck of Block 116A, Rivervale Drive



Prizes and
vouchers
sponsored
by
Rivervale
Residents'
Committee

30 August *Honouring Our Pioneers, Valuing their Contributions!*

Exercise for All

(7 a.m. to 7.30 a.m.)

Venue: Open field in front of Rivervale Plaza

Breakfast for Senior Citizens.

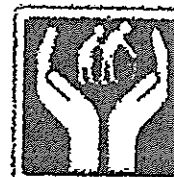
(8 a.m. to 9 a.m.)

Venue: KopiPlace@ Rivervale Plaza

Free Hair-cut for Senior Citizens

(8 a.m. to 11 a.m.)

Venue: Void deck of Block 116A, Rivervale Drive



Organised by Rivervale Town Council

Adapted from Good Neighbours, Sengkang Town Council

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- 1 The Rivervale National Day Fiesta is organised by _____.
- (1) Rivervale Plaza
 - (2) Rivervale Town Council
 - (3) Riverdale Primary School
 - (4) Rivervale Residents' Committee
- 2 Those who are keen to attend the National Day Potluck Party on 28 August have to _____.
- (1) contribute a dish
 - (2) bring along a senior citizen
 - (3) register with Rivervale Club
 - (4) be residents living in Block 117A
- 3 Mr Lim, a retired teacher, wants to take part in activities that are not strenuous. However, he is unavailable on 28 August. He should choose to participate in _____.
- (1) Exercise for All and Lucky Draw
 - (2) Flea for Charity and National Day Sing-a-long
 - (3) Potluck Party and Breakfast for Senior Citizens
 - (4) National Day Dinner and Free Hair Cut for Senior Citizens
- 4 Which of the following statements is true?
- (1) Only senior citizens will receive Singapore Flags during the Potluck Party.
 - (2) Breakfast will be provided for all residents living in Block 117A on 30 August
 - (3) Residents who wish to set up a stall at 'Flea for Charity' should sign up online.
 - (4) Riverdale Primary School Choir will be performing during the National Day Dinner.
- 5 According to the poster, what is the main reason for organising the various events on 30 August?
- (1) to raise funds for charity and the elderly
 - (2) to honour our pioneers for their contributions
 - (3) to celebrate National Day through food and music
 - (4) to appreciate the residents living in Rivervale estate

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 (OAS). (7 marks)

- 6 Mr Alvin Tan enjoys _____ in the park every morning to keep himself fit.
- (1) jog
 - (2) jogged
 - (3) jogging
 - (4) having jogged
- 7 The police gathered enough evidence from the crime scene yesterday and found the pickpocket who _____ Amy's wallet.
- (1) steals
 - (2) stealing
 - (3) has stolen
 - (4) had stolen
- 8 Mother gave Ravi and _____ some money to buy a gift for my grandmother.
- (1) I
 - (2) me
 - (3) my
 - (4) mine
- 9 Michelle, together with the other bowlers, _____ gone to the bowling alley to practise for the upcoming tournament.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) has
 - (4) have
- 10 The audience at the Esplanade Theatre was reminded to refrain _____ using their mobile phones during the concert.
- (1) at
 - (2) for
 - (3) from
 - (4) about

11 Meera hardly practises the piano, _____?

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

12 The girl _____ I was speaking to earlier has been nominated to be the next Head Prefect.

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

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 (OAS). (3 marks)

Kate and I thought that Dad was having a heart attack when he collapsed on the floor of a restaurant during a family reunion dinner last year. The waiter immediately called for an ambulance but Dad refused to go to the hospital (13) "I'll be all right," he said. He then instructed us to take him home and we did just that.

A few months later (14) he had a stroke. This time he had to be admitted to the hospital. After a thorough medical examination, the doctor gave him some advice.

"Do you smoke or eat too much fried foods?" the doctor queried. Dad had a smirk on his face and nodded. The doctor then advised Dad to cut down on unhealthy food and told him to stop smoking to maintain good health. Despite the doctor's advice, Dad headed straight to a fast food drive-through after the appointment.

"Dad, no more fast food for you (15) Kate said loudly. "Have you forgotten what the doctor had said?"

Adapted from Reader's Digest

- 13 (1) [.] full stop
 (2) [. "] full stop and inverted commas
 (3) [, "] comma and inverted commas
 (4) [" ,] inverted commas and comma
- 14 (1) [:] colon
 (2) [,] comma
 (3) [.] full stop
 (4) [?] question mark
- 15 (1) [, "] comma and inverted commas
 (2) [. "] full stop and inverted commas
 (3) [? "] question mark and inverted commas
 (4) [! "] exclamation mark 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 We were informed to dress _____ for the Primary 6 Graduation Party as we would be engaging in physical activities.
- (1) formally
 - (2) shabbily
 - (3) casually
 - (4) flamboyantly
- 17 The waitress accidentally _____ her hand while pouring some piping hot tea into a cup.
- (1) boiled
 - (2) charred
 - (3) scalded
 - (4) scorched
- 18 The trapeze's performance during the circus left everyone in the audience _____ in amazement.
- (1) giggling
 - (2) gasping
 - (3) snorting
 - (4) sneering
- 19 Amanda's _____ enabled her to emerge as the top student in the national examination despite the recent bereavement in her family.
- (1) flexibility
 - (2) resilience
 - (3) adaptability
 - (4) exuberance
- 20 A commotion _____ at the supermarket when the security guard wrongly accused a customer of stealing.
- (1) broke out
 - (2) broke into
 - (3) broke apart
 - (4) broke down

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)

The Gila Monster is found mostly in the southern parts of America and Mexico. It looks like a lizard and can grow to a full length of 55 cm. It has a stout body with a broad head and a stumpy tail. They are mostly black with bright patches which vary in colour from yellow to orange. There has been much interest in the monsters because they are the largest living lizards in America. They symbolise the fast disappearing wildlife of the world-especially in America.

Gila Monsters are very robust and formidable. An unusual feature is their sharp teeth that enable them to seize a prey at great speed. These reptiles are known to have a tenacious grip and a venomous bite. Their venom causes paralysis, difficulty in breathing and convulsions.

Poaching, human encroachment and natural disasters have driven the species to its endangered status both in America and in Mexico.

Adapted from <http://animals.nationalgeographic.com/animals/reptiles/gilamonsters/>

- 21 (1) lean
(2) bulky
(3) flabby
(4) scrawny
- 22 (1) show
(2) suggest
(3) resemble
(4) represent
- 23 (1) factor
(2) attribute
(3) condition
(4) character
- 24 (1) grab
(2) entangle
(3) embrace
(4) suppress
- 25 (1) durable
(2) persistent
(3) deliberate
(4) purposeful

Read the passage below and answer Questions 26 to 30.

Grandpa always had chicken rice and would constantly talk about how good the chef was in making the bite-sized morsels and fragrant rice. My sister and I have heard it so many times that he sounded like an old record.

A curled photograph preserved my oldest memory of Grandpa. A cigarette in his hand and an amused expression on his face, he cradled my two-year-old frame. Nevertheless, that was a long time ago. I now sit in tense silence. It was the first time I had been to the cafe without Grandpa. Usually by now, he would have made us the centre of attention. He would have spoken loudly, greeted all his coffee-drinking friends and fussed the waitress to wipe down the table. I realised how much I valued his embarrassing company.

Grandpa was gallantly eccentric. He would take chances by asking security guards at an art gallery what exactly that silk painting was supposed to be or ordering a McDonald's burger without the bun. He was the one who taught us how to fish with bamboo rods and live worms although he did not have a license to fish. Once, he cast a wormless hook into a storm water drain to demonstrate. But miraculously, he caught a fish that day and this 'magic' made him remarkable.

It was Grandpa who introduced us to the cafe. It was a cosy little place by the beach and Grandpa loved the food served there. I always ordered oyster omelette and Grandpa, the chicken rice. As we tucked in, I would relax and listen to Grandpa and his wisdom. I do not really remember what we talked about. Mostly I remember the moments, just sitting with Grandpa and simply enjoying his presence.

"We need to get moving" he would say at the end of our visit to the cafe before giving me a big Grandpa hug. A wonderful and unforgettable squeeze reassuring both of us. He always said he wanted to be remembered for spreading love and happiness.

My visit to the cafe this morning felt different. With no Grandpa, I could order a giant iced chocolate without getting a scolding from him. When the cold drink came, I took a sip but no smile of fulfilment came to my face. This time there was no conversation. Instead there was just stark and painful silence. The cafe was not the same without Grandpa. It all reminded me of him.

I was not hungry. But either out of habit or to escape the silence, I ordered food anyway. It was a re-enactment of what I always did with Grandpa and yet it felt so unfamiliar and hollow. I read the menu and ordered chicken rice. I did not quite know why I did it. It just seemed like the right thing to do.

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 According to line 3, the writer said that Grandpa sounded like an old record because he kept _____.
- (1) ordering the same food
 - (2) demanding good service
 - (3) talking to people at the cafe
 - (4) saying the same thing about the chef
- 27 According to paragraph 2, why did the author feel that Grandpa's company could be embarrassing?
He _____.
- (1) smoked at the cafe
 - (2) talked loudly at the cafe
 - (3) ordered the same food daily
 - (4) greeted strangers at the cafe
- 28 The main idea in paragraph 3 is about Grandpa being _____.
- (1) quirky and venturing out of the norm
 - (2) resourceful at fishing and silk painting
 - (3) a busybody and asking irrelevant questions
 - (4) a knowledgeable person with interesting perspectives
- 29 Based on paragraphs 6 and 7, which of the following statements is true about the writer's experience at the cafe alone?
- (1) He was relishing his iced chocolate.
 - (2) He was craving to eat his chicken rice.
 - (3) He was enjoying the stark silence at the cafe.
 - (4) He was recalling the times he had spent with Grandpa.
- 30 Which one of the following best describes what the passage is about?
- (1) Dealing with stress
 - (2) Food and happiness
 - (3) Coping with loneliness
 - (4) Family and relationships

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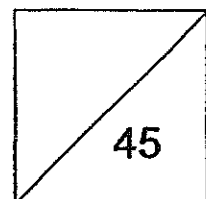
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There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.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

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) although	(D) have	(G) might	(K) this	(N) what
(B) forward	(E) in	(H) since	(L) up	(P) where
(C) has	(F) should	(J) these	(M) was	(Q) whereas

Paintings on the walls and ceilings of caves have been found all over the world. The term cave painting is generally used to refer to paintings done _____ prehistoric (31) times. Some of the earliest European cave art paintings _____ been dated to (32) more than 30,000 years ago.

Nobody can really know for sure _____ the purpose of these paintings (33) _____ However, several theories have been put _____ . It has been (34) (35) suggested that they were just decoration but _____ seems unlikely because (36) many of the paintings are in caves far away from _____ these ancient people (37) actually lived. Other theories proposed that the paintings _____ have been used (38) for the exchange of information or religious purposes.

_____ cave paintings are found in many different countries, there are (39) certain themes that are common to many of them. For example, large wild animals such as bison and horses are frequently depicted, as are the tracing of human hands. More abstract designs are often found in Australian paintings _____ human figures are more (40) common in African art. The form of cave painting varies according to which part of the world you are in.

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

(41)

Miss Jenny Lim did very well in her studies. She was offered a **skofership** that

covered her university fees to study in Britain for four years, a monthly allowance that

(42)

covered **akomodation** and other necessities.

(43)

Describe her undergraduate years as a very rewarding time. Miss Lim says the four

(44)

years overseas contributed to her open-mindedness and adaptable. As much as she enjoyed

(45)

the cosmopolitan culture of London, she also fell in love with the **qweint** city of Oxford and

found the city **chaming** and memorable. In between mugging for examinations, she even

found time to volunteer at a local community centre that organises after-school activities for

(46)

the less **preveledged** children.

(47)

(48)

On graduation in 2010, Miss Lim joined Kapland Corporation as a senior officer when

she was responsible for building houses for low-income families in several districts. Miss Lim

(49)

is glad that she had the chance to pursue her passion in architecture in **land-skairs**

(50)

Singapore. Her training and involvement in volunteer programmes have give her a better

appreciation of how she can help the needy. She is glad that she has the opportunity to apply

what she had learnt.

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Last October I was on a diving holiday in the Philippines with a friend. It was a sunny morning and after breakfast we _____ the boat with seven other advanced
(51)
divers. This was my fortieth dive, so I knew the drill. I put on the gear and dived off the boat, slowly sinking to about twenty metres.

After nearly forty-five minutes, the sound of my breathing was drowned
(52) _____ by a low rumble like an engine and I felt a powerful _____
(53)
as if a big boat with a propeller was passing overhead. I looked _____ but
(54)

could not see anything. The dive instructor's eyes were wide _____ confusion.
(55)

He did not know what was going on either _____ he had done thousands of dives
(56)

_____. We swam next to each other, staying close to the side of the reef. I could
(57)
not see my friend and the other divers. The situation felt sinister and dangerous.

Then we were enveloped by clouds of white sand that circled _____ us.
(58)

I thought with fear in my heart, " _____ it be an underwater bomb?" A giant
(59)

turtle raced _____ us and into the deep. Turtles _____ normally
(60) (61)

(Go on to the next page)

slow movers, so this was very weird behaviour. The vibration became so _____
(62)

that I could feel it in my bones, and the _____ turned into a deafening roar. I
(63)

could see waterfalls of sand pouring over the coral and on the sea floor, a few metres below

us. Cracks began _____ and the sand was sucked down. That was when I
(64)

_____ it was an earthquake. The noise was the sound of Earth splintering open
(65)

and grinding against itself.

Adapted from Reader's Digest "What it's like to scuba during an earthquake".

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 Several doctors have examined the patient when he was admitted to the hospital.

The patient _____

- 67 I was miserable after my cat died. Ali took me out for dinner.

Sensing my _____

- 68 The postman was negligent. The parcel was sent to the wrong address.

_____ due to

- 69 The receptionist told John, "Please do not come to Mr Tan's office tomorrow as he will be busy."

The receptionist told John _____

- 70 Everyone must eat as little as possible so that we do not run out of food.

Unless _____

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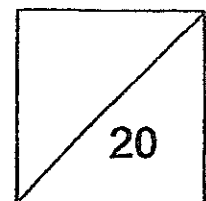
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Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

Like many 13-year-olds, my son, Clint, loved playing computer games. He could remain in his world of computer games and emerge only to be fed and watered. Recently, to reassure me that he was not addicted, he volunteered not to touch the computer for a week. I was worried. I kept a close eye on him for signs of withdrawal symptoms. Apart from the fact that he downloaded music of his favourite games to listen to them on his iPod, there was none. 5

On the other hand, my daughter, Jade, and I suffered as Clint's boredom increased. I had not realised how we had carried on with our lives without him. Suddenly, he was taking our places on the sofa, singing loudly to the music of his iPod to annoy us and flicking television channels in the middle of our favourite programmes. 10

Clint seemed to find nothing worthwhile to do other than playing computer games. Suggestions from me to go and read, swim or play badminton got a grunt. I guessed the adrenaline rush of moving up a level on "Minecraft" could not be compared with a gentle read or a few lengths in the pool. When I reminded him to spend less time on the computer, he would scowl at me. 15

Clint and I had compromised on two computer-free days a week and a half day at weekends. They were to be Mondays and Wednesdays but very often, I would get a telephone call from him after school, asking to swap days as he had got hooked into a game at a friend's house.

However, even on computer-free days, we had negotiated that he could use the computer for things that I considered creative or useful such as chess or for school projects. Nevertheless, he was constantly trying to expand these boundaries. He would innocently ask over dinner, "Mum, is "SimCity" a creative game?" When I agreed it probably was, as it required more than simply fast reflexes, he immediately demanded to play it on a computer-free day. This he did several times with other games. 20 25

It seemed a long time ago that I naively bought the family a computer for educational purposes, along with a couple of games for Clint and Jade to play between the mathematics quizzes. In the past, it was only on our annual holiday that they were exposed to the world of seemingly innocent computer games at the amusement arcades. These days, however, Clint and his peers seemed to have their earphones plugged into their ears all the time even while playing a hand-held game or at a computer terminal. While waiting for a game to load up, they would alleviate their boredom by watching the cartoon which was showing on television next to them. 30

I feared that these young people were not only becoming unfit from the lack of exercise but that the involvement in these games was so intense that it resulted in high levels of stress. I had occasionally found my son flushed and shaking after a tense game and particularly after competing against a friend. 35

I had explained to Clint on several occasions, my anxieties about his health and he appeared to understand this. The bottom line was, he had so much fun that his eyes came alive when he related the intricacies of a new game and his friendships seemed to be enriched through it. These days, it was not who the best player in the school team was but who the computer games king was and how my son was fighting for that crown. 40

Adapted from *The Guardian*

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71 How did Clint reassure his mother that he was not addicted to playing computer games?

72 What were two ways the writer and Jade "suffered" (line 7) as a result of Clint's boredom?

73 Which two words from the third paragraph tell us that Clint was unhappy with his mother's suggestions? (Each word is found in a different sentence.)

74 Explain clearly how Clint would "expand these boundaries" (line 22) with his mother.

75 Explain fully how computer gaming had changed in the writer's family experience.

76 What did Clint and his peers do while waiting for a game to load up" (line 33)?

77 In paragraph seven, what were the writer's two concerns over Clint's addiction to computer gaming?

78 What does "this" in line 40 refer to?

79 Quote the three-word phrase from the last paragraph which shows that Clint was excited when talking about a computer game.

80 What was the positive outcome of Clint's addiction to computer gaming?

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ANSWER SHEET

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Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
B	K	P	G	A	Q

41)scholarship 42)accommodation 43)Describing 44)adaptability

45)quaint 46)privileged 47)After 48)where 49)scarce

50)given 51)sailed 52)out 53)force 54)up 55)with

56)although 57)before 58)around 59)could 60)below

61)are 62)loud 63)sound 64)forming 65)realised

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70)Unless everyone eats as little as possible, we will run out of food.

71)He volunteered not to touch or use the computer for a week.

72)Clint would take their places on the sofa and would sing loudly to the music of his iPod.

73)The words are "grunt" and "scowl".

74)He would innocently ask whether the game was creative and if the writer said yes, he would immediately demand to play it on a computer-free day.

75)In the part, it was only on annual holidays that Clint and Jade were allowed to play computer games at the amusement arcade. However these days, there was no restriction to when they could play.

76)They would watch the cartoon which was showing on the television next to them.

77)The writer was concerned that the lack of exercise would make him unfit and that the involvement in these games was so intense the it would result in high levels of stress.

78)It refers to the writer's anxieties about Clint's health.

79)The phrase is "eyes came alive".

80)Clint's friendships seemed to be enriched through computer gaming.