

871



## PRIMARY 6 MID-YEAR EXAMINATION 2017

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

Date: 3 May 2017

Class: Primary 6

Time: 10.30a.m. – 12.20p.m.

Duration: 1 hour 50 minutes

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

Marks: \_\_\_\_\_ / 95

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2 (BOOKLET A)

### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

1. Write your name, class and register number.
2. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Answer all questions.
5. Shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.



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

1. We might have to cancel our class party \_\_\_\_\_ we have insufficient time to prepare for it.  
  - (1) if
  - (2) until
  - (3) unless
  - (4) even though
  
2. There was no way he could escape when his arms and legs were so tightly \_\_\_\_\_.  
  - (1) bind
  - (2) binds
  - (3) bound
  - (4) binding
  
3. That man, \_\_\_\_\_ face bears a close resemblance to the famous actor, is pacing up and down the corridor.  
  - (1) who
  - (2) which
  - (3) whom
  - (4) whose
  
4. My brother always \_\_\_\_\_ his clothes on the bed before he takes a shower.  
  - (1) lie
  - (2) lay
  - (3) laid
  - (4) lays
  
5. "Peter could \_\_\_\_\_ me if he was not able to come to my party," Jason complained.  
  - (1) tell
  - (2) tells
  - (3) had told
  - (4) have told

6. Neither the lion nor the tigers \_\_\_\_\_ enough food to sustain themselves for the dry season that is approaching.
- (1) has
  - (2) had
  - (3) have
  - (4) having
7. Sue is pulling a long face. She really dislikes homework, \_\_\_\_\_ she?
- (1) -did
  - (2) does
  - (3) didn't
  - (4) doesn't
8. His foster parents loved him like he \_\_\_\_\_ their own.
- (1) is
  - (2) are
  - (3) was
  - (4) were
9. Please lend me your umbrella as I \_\_\_\_\_ mine at home.
- (1) left
  - (2) leave
  - (3) had left
  - (4) have left
10. I'm famished! The wide array of dishes \_\_\_\_\_ my mouth water.
- (1) make
  - (2) made
  - (3) makes
  - (4) had made

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

11. Having lost the previous two matches, our soccer team will have to \_\_\_\_\_ to qualify for the championship.
- (1) look before they leap
  - (2) throw caution to the winds
  - (3) pull something out of the bag
  - (4) keep their heads above water
12. Ali was not supposed to reveal the details of the investigation but he shared the \_\_\_\_\_ information with me.
- (1) contextual
  - (2) confidential
  - (3) coincidental
  - (4) consequential
13. The actor became famous after receiving a \_\_\_\_\_ television award.
- (1) striking
  - (2) distinctive
  - (3) noticeable
  - (4) prestigious
14. The pilot told the passengers and crew to \_\_\_\_\_ themselves for a rough landing.
- (1) settle
  - (2) brace
  - (3) steady
  - (4) support
15. Gopal was really pleased with his \_\_\_\_\_. His hard work had borne fruit.
- (1) feats
  - (2) stunts
  - (3) procedures
  - (4) accomplishments

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.  
(5 marks)

My life was very different from what it is today. When I was young, we lived in a run down wooden house on the outskirts of Sarawak. It stood on numerous wooden stilts and had a sloped roof of corrugated zinc sheets. Thus, the house was unbearably hot in the day and the tiny collection of rooms was barely enough for our ever-expanding family. We would run all over the house as we engaged in play and when we became too boisterous, the whole house shook. My mother would scold and frighten us with warnings that the house would collapse. Otherwise, she would throw us out into the eerie darkness. Then we would have to contemplate our actions.

- (16)
- (17)
- (18)
- (19)
- (20)
16. (1) rickety  
(2) shoddy  
(3) battered  
(4) decaying
17. (1) intolerably  
(2) involuntarily  
(3) unintentionally  
(4) unmanageably
18. (1) noisy  
(2) reckless  
(3) disorderly  
(4) mischievous
19. (1) fall out  
(2) fall over  
(3) fall apart  
(4) fall through
20. (1) queer  
(2) creepy  
(3) unnatural  
(4) gruesome

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



**SGSECURE**

STAY ALERT • STAY UNITED  
• STAY STRONG

SGSecure was launched in September 2016 to prepare the community against the impending threat of terrorism.

### EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS



8 Emergency Preparedness workshops have been organised. Look out for them!

- More than **350** Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) have been installed at lift lobbies of Housing & Development Board (HDB) Blocks.
- **2 000** residents trained in life-saving skills.

### A PREPARED CITIZEN IN EVERY HOUSEHOLD

34 000 households have been trained and are prepared for emergencies. Are you?



### THE SGSECURE APP

- ✓ The SGSECURE App has been installed on more than 210 000 devices since its launch.
- ✓ It allows members of the public to receive alerts, seek assistance, provide information to the police and learn how to stay safe in an emergency.

**Keeping Singapore Safe & Secure  
Every Time & Anytime!**

# SGSECURE

STAY ALERT • STAY UNITED • STAY STRONG

## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WORKSHOP

at **Begonia Ville Estate**

Guest of Honour: Mr Subra Maniam

Mayor, Begonia Ville Estate

### Highlights!



Learn simple life-saving skills.  
Hands-on CPR & AED demonstrations using our lifelike apparatus.

Fire Extinguisher Demonstrations



Learn fire-safety tips and how to use the fire extinguisher to put out small fires.

Don't miss our Exhibition Booths!

Read about life-saving skills at our exhibition booths. There are many fun-filled and state-of-the-art interactive exhibits for young and old!

Date: 1 May 2017

Time: 9.00a.m. – 1.00p.m.

Venue: Open Field next to Block 747 Begonia Ville

Complete the task card & stand a chance to win attractive SGSecure prizes.

**Hurry! Free Admission for All!**

Organised by:



**BVCC**

Begonia Ville  
Community Club

Prizes sponsored by:

Sharp Shooter

Handy First-Aid Manufacturers



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

21. Which of the adjectives best describe the tone of both posters?

- (1) serious and formal
- (2) serious and informal
- (3) light-hearted and formal
- (4) light-hearted and serious

22. Which of the following shows the success of the SGSECURE APP?

- (1) Every Singaporean has downloaded the app.
- (2) It has been installed on more than 210 000 devices.
- (3) More than 350 AEDs have been installed island wide in lift lobbies.
- (4) It allows members of the public to acquire new communication skills.

23. A resident would be able to effectively help someone with a heart attack if he had \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) downloaded the SGSECURE APP
- (2) read the instructions on the use of the AED
- (3) attended SCDF's emergency preparedness workshop
- (4) attended the SGSECURE APP launch in September 2016

24. The objective of the Emergency Preparedness workshops held at Begonia Ville Estate is to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) allow participants to win prizes
- (2) provide opportunities for people to get advice from the mayor
- (3) make people feel a sense of belonging to Begonia Ville estate
- (4) equip participants with the necessary skills to react in an emergency

25. What can participants do at the exhibition booths?

- (1) Learn simple first-aid and try out the activities.
- (2) Gain knowledge about life-saving skills and try out the activities.
- (3) Put out small fires using a fire extinguisher and view the exhibits.
- (4) Gain knowledge about life-saving skills and learn how to use a fire extinguisher.

26. Which of the following is **true** about the Emergency Preparedness Day at Begonia Ville?
- (1) The event is organised annually.
  - (2) The event will end in the evening.
  - (3) Participants can practise CPR on a partner.
  - (4) Participants must complete the task card so as to win prizes.
27. The prizes are provided by \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) Mr Subra Maniam
  - (2) Begonia Police Division
  - (3) Handy First-Aid Manufacturers
  - (4) Begonia Ville Community Club
28. The purpose of the exclamation mark in this statement "Free Admission for All !" is to \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) show how exciting the event will be
  - (2) impress the public with a wide variety of activities
  - (3) stress the importance of being prepared in the event of emergencies
  - (4) emphasise that one can take part without having to pay any charges

(Go on to Booklet B)



## PRIMARY 6 MID-YEAR EXAMINATION 2017

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 3 May 2017

Class: Primary 6

Time: 10.30a.m. – 12.20p.m.

Duration: 1 hour 50 minutes

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

Marks: \_\_\_\_\_ / 95

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2 (BOOKLET B)

### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

1. Write your name, class and register number.
2. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Answer all questions.
5. Write all your answers in this booklet.

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.**

---

(A) a	(D) by	(G) despite	(K) it's	(N) will
(B) although	(E) can	(H) for	(L) its	(P) with
(C) because	(F) could	(J) from	(M) the	(Q) would

---

The aim of the recent water price hike was to raise public awareness about Singapore's water demand and supply. For a generation that takes \_\_\_\_\_ (29) granted the bountiful water flowing \_\_\_\_\_ (30) the taps, the hike is a timely reminder that Singapore has no natural water resources of \_\_\_\_\_ (31) own.

Water talk flooded \_\_\_\_\_ (32) Budget Debate in Parliament. It then ended \_\_\_\_\_ (33) the government offering more details on the decision for the increase. The Minister for Environment and Water Resources explained that Singapore \_\_\_\_\_ (34) have to rely more on desalination \_\_\_\_\_ (35) it was more expensive than Newater, which is high-grade reclaimed water. This is \_\_\_\_\_ (36) there was a limit to the volume of water that Newater plants \_\_\_\_\_ (37) treat. Water would remain affordable for most households and businesses \_\_\_\_\_ (38) the higher prices. The price increase is unavoidable and we must do our part to save every drop of water.

*Adapted from The Straits Times*

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

Quah Zheng Wen had obtained approval to compete for the University of

(39)

California. After weeks at waiting, he finally received a positive outcome. At the

(40)

event, he swam with a qualifying timing of 1 minute 40.36 seconds. Beam proudly,

(41)

Zheng Wen said that he was very apretiative of the opportunity to compete in the

(42)

next season. He actually look forward to giving it his best shot.

(43)

Quah's coach hailed Zheng Wen as an immpresive swimmer. He added that

(44)

(45)

Zheng Wen had rise to the occasion as such an event was very, very compatative.

(46)

This was one of the reasons that the university decided at field him in the event.

(47)

(48)

The coach know that Zheng Wen could be competing against Joseph Schooling. The

lettar is the current champion. Nonetheless, Zheng Wen was determined to do his

(49)

(50)

best and attein his goal. The outcome of the competition would be highly anticapted.

Would Quah Zheng Wen emerge as the champion?

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

This year's Children's Festival was held at the Gardens by the Bay. Eleven multi-coloured life-sized dinosaur \_\_\_\_\_ (51) were installed at the Gardens to \_\_\_\_\_ (52) visitors to this popular place. The \_\_\_\_\_ (53) of them all was a blue sculpture of a Brachiosaurus. It towered over the others at 16 metres in \_\_\_\_\_ (54). The teams behind this project worked round the \_\_\_\_\_ (55) to ensure that the event was a huge \_\_\_\_\_ (56) as the sculptures took centre \_\_\_\_\_ (57). The dinosaurs were not stationary. Their \_\_\_\_\_ (58) could blink and their jaws and hands could \_\_\_\_\_ (59). The teams were confident that \_\_\_\_\_ (60) put a lot of effort into designing and producing the dinosaur sculptures, they would enjoy the \_\_\_\_\_ (61) of their labour.

Other highlights of the \_\_\_\_\_ (62) included prehistoric-themed activities such as a dinosaur egg hunt, \_\_\_\_\_ (63) by the Singapore Symphony Orchestra, carnival rides, as well as storytelling sessions. It was certainly well \_\_\_\_\_ (64) a visit to the Gardens. Not only children but also adults from all walks of \_\_\_\_\_ (65) enjoyed themselves tremendously. Organisers of the festival were really encouraged by the large crowds that turned out at the event.

*Adapted from Today*

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. A poor diet in childhood will result in health problems later in life.

\_\_\_\_\_ caused by  
\_\_\_\_\_

67. My mother asked me when I would be going to the clinic to get my prescription.

My mother asked, " \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_?"

68. A farewell speech was delivered by the valedictorian on her experiences as a Taonanite.

The valedictorian \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

69. The manager supervised the workers. The workers completed the project in less than a month.

Under \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

70. Mohan was able to overcome the odds as he worked hard.

Had it not been for his \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I was glad to hear from my Japanese teacher, Sensei, but his letter also worried me. It was 1945. The British had just returned to Singapore. Sensei and the other Japanese had become Prisoners of War (POW). Young Singaporeans were anxious and confused having had to move from one ruling party to another.

I was surprised that Sensei had not yet been sent back to Japan. In fact, I was happy to learn that he was still in Singapore. He was well-treated and classified as a civilian, not a possible war crime suspect. My worry was for myself. I had received a letter from the enemy! Although the enemy was detained, the letter could have still attracted the attention of our new rulers, particularly some special police department responsible for keeping secret information about people in their colony. What if I were barred from education and deprived of jobs? Surely they were now watching me – to see how I would respond to Sensei's letter. Indeed the envelope looked as if it had been opened and re-sealed. 5 10

The memories came flooding back as I read Sensei's letter. The last time I saw him was at his home in Cavanagh Road, the time when Singapore was known as Syonanto. He had said, "Take these shoes. They're new. They look too big for you but you're still growing and someday they'll fit. I don't mind going into the POW camp in my old sandals." 15

I felt sorry for Sensei. He had been teaching in a school in Japan when the Japanese Imperial Army forced him to teach the Japanese language to the conquered people of Southeast Asia. My friends and I soon found him different from all those arrogant and nasty soldiers who treated us like dirt and imprisoned individuals based on their whims. Sensei provided his students with precious food rations, and more importantly, found them jobs. He stuck his neck out to help them. He even took the risk of speaking up for his students and their relatives who had somehow offended the *Kempeitai*, the all-powerful Japanese Military Police. 20 25

I remembered vividly that when my neighbour's father was detained by the Japanese Military Police for kicking a Japanese flag, my neighbour, Keong, went to Sensei for help. In his shoes, I might have chickened out. However, Sensei went to the Japanese Military Police, and got Keong's dad released. After this incident, Sensei was a hero in our eyes.

Sensei must have been feeling desperately low in his detention camp. I owed it to him to visit him. Looking back, I wondered why he had given me his shoes. Sensei was not one to show favouritism towards his students and the shoes were too big for me. Yet, I wondered if I would get blacklisted if I went to visit him. 30

Much to my relief, my fears were groundless. When I eventually visited Sensei, I left the detention camp unscathed. During the visit, Sensei explained that he had given me the shoes as a sign of our friendship but I was filled with sadness as I could not reciprocate Sensei's kind gesture. As I left the prison, I wondered what I could do to help my teacher as he seemed to be so sad to see me go even though he was exuberant when I arrived. 35

*Adapted from The Shoes of my Sensei by Goh Sin Tub*



71. Who does 'the enemy' in paragraph 2 refer to? [1m]

72. Why was Sensei not sent back to Japan? [2m]

---

---

73. Why was the narrator worried about the special police department finding out about the letter? [2m]

---

---

74. Give two reasons from paragraph 3 that tell you why Sensei wanted to give the narrator his shoes. [2m]

1. 

---

---

2. 

---

---

75. Which two actions done by Sensei showed that he was a generous man? [2m]

---

---

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

- \_\_\_\_\_ Sensei was detained.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sensei taught the narrator Japanese.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sensei was teaching in a school in Japan.

77. 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
Sensei had volunteered to come to Singapore.		
The narrator was Sensei's favourite student.		
Initially, the narrator was in a dilemma about visiting Sensei in the prison.		

78. Choose words from paragraphs 1 and 2 which have the same meanings as the words below. [3m]

perplexed	
imprisoned	
especially	

79. The table below shows the problems faced by the narrator and his friends. Complete the table using information from the text. [2m]

Problem	Solution
Some people got into trouble when they offended the Japanese Military Police.	
	Sensei visited the Japanese Military Police and secured the release of Keong's father.

80. What value did the narrator display when he visited Sensei in the prison? Support your answer with a reason from the text. [2m]

---



---

END OF PAPER



YEAR : 2017  
 LEVEL : PRIMARY 6  
 SCHOOL : TAO NAN  
 SUBJECT : ENGLISH  
 TERM : SA1

**Booklet A**

Q1	1	Q5	4	Q9	4	Q13	4	Q17	1	Q21	2	Q25	2
Q2	3	Q6	3	Q10	3	Q14	2	Q18	1	Q22	2	Q26	4
Q3	4	Q7	4	Q11	3	Q15	4	Q19	3	Q23	3	Q27	3
Q4	4	Q8	3	Q12	2	Q16	1	Q20	2	Q24	4	Q28	4

**Booklet B**

Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
H	J	L	M	P	Q	B	C	F	G

Q39	of	Q48	latter	Q57	attention
Q40	Beaming	Q49	attain	Q58	eyes
Q41	appreciative	Q50	anticipated	Q59	move
Q42	looked	Q51	sculptures	Q60	after
Q43	impressive	Q52	attract	Q61	fruits
Q44	risen	Q53	biggest	Q62	festival
Q45	competitive	Q54	height	Q63	performances
Q46	to	Q55	clock	Q64	worth
Q47	knew	Q56	success	Q65	life

- Q66 Health problems later in life are caused by a poor diet in childhood.
- Q67 My mother asked, "When will you be going to the clinic to get your prescription?"
- Q68 The valedictorian delivered a farewell speech on her experiences as a Taonanite.
- Q69 Under the supervision of the manager, the workers completed the project in less than a month.
- Q70 Had it not been for his hard work, Mohan would not have been able to overcome the odds.

Q71

the Japanese

Q72 He was a prisoner of war.

Q73 He was worried that he would be barred from education and deprived of jobs.

Q74 1. Sensei's shoes were new.

2. Sensei did not mind going into the Prisoners of war camp in his old sandals.

Q75 He gave the writer his new shoes and also provided his students with precious food rations.

Q76 3 Sensei was detained.

2 Sensei taught the narrator Japanese.

1 Sensei was teaching in a school in Japan.

Q77

	True / False	Reason
Sensei had volunteered to come to Singapore.	False	The Japanese Imperial Army forced sensei to come to Singapore.
The narrator was Sensei's favourite student.	False	Sensei was not a teacher who would show favoritism towards his students.
Initially, the narrator was in a dilemma about visiting Sensei in the prison.	True	The narrator was afraid that he would get blacklisted if he visited Sensei.

Q78

perplexed	confused
imprisoned	detained
especially	particularly

Q79

<b>Problem</b>	<b>Solution</b>
<b>Some people got into trouble when they offended the Japanese Military Police.</b>	<b>Sensei spoke up for them.</b>
<b>The writer's neighbour's father was detained by the Japanese Military Police for kinking a Japanese flag.</b>	<b>Sensei visited the Japanese Military Police and secured the release of Keong's father.</b>

Q80 The narrator sincerity. He wondered what he could do to help Sensei even though he might be barred from education and deprived of jobs.

End

