



ROSYTH SCHOOL
PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2011
ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
PRIMARY 6

Total Marks:

30

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BOOKLET A.

Instructions to Pupils:

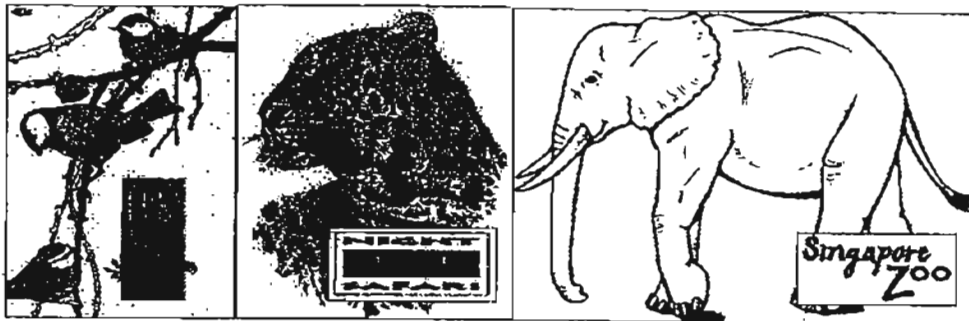
1. **DO NOT** open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Read the questions and follow all the instructions carefully.
3. This booklet consists of 30 questions (Questions 1 to 30).
4. **Answer ALL the questions and shade all the answers in the OAS provided.**

* This booklet consists of 10 pages altogether (including this cover page).

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Study the following text and answer questions 1 to 5.

Enjoy unlimited access to our three parks all year



Wildlife Unlimited Plus

Member: W2XXXX
Expiry Date: 31-12-2012



Peter Ong
XXXXX1
Wendy Ong
XXXXX2
Ethan Ong
Jane Ong

Your privileges with **Wildlife Unlimited Plus** for parents and their children*

- Free Admission to Jurong Bird Park, Night Safari and the Singapore Zoo
- Free Tram Rides/ Panorail Rides** (Not valid on weekends and public holidays)
- 10% discount at participating retail and Food & Beverage outlets
- Email updates on the latest news and promotions
- Free quarterly Wildlife Wonders magazine worth \$24 for 12 months
- Free weekday parking at the Singapore Zoo and Night Safari only

For more information or enquiries, email us at: membership.zoo@wrs.com.sg
or call the zoo's membership department at: 6360 8568

**Return trips on Panorail rides are only available at Jurong Bird Park.
#Terms and conditions apply

*Age of child applicant/s: 3 to 12 years old. Children below 3 years enter parks for free. Parents are allowed to apply the card for up to 3 children only.

For each question from question 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 "Wildlife Unlimited Plus" is meant mainly for families with _____.

- (1) only three children of 3 to 16 years old
- (2) only three teenagers all above 12 years old
- (3) not more than three children of 3 to 12 years old
- (4) not more than three children all below 3 years old

2. Those who apply for the card will receive the "Wildlife Wonders" magazine _____.

- (1) four times a year
- (2) four times a month
- (3) once every fortnight
- (4) once every four months

3. Members taking the panorail rides at the Jurong Bird Park can take _____.

- (1) a return-trip on weekdays
- (2) a one-way trip on weekends
- (3) the rides for free on weekends
- (4) the rides on public holidays only

4. The main advantage of applying for the 'Wildlife Unlimited Pass' is to enjoy _____.

- (1) free parking at all times
- (2) endless visits to any of the parks
- (3) unlimited tram rides all year round
- (4) free entry for children aged three and below

5. According to the advertisement, which of the following is not true for members of "Wildlife Unlimited Plus"?

- (1) There is a 10% discount for all retail and Food and Beverage outlets.
- (2) Free parking is available at the Zoo and Night Safari from Mondays to Fridays.
- (3) The entry fees to the Zoo, Night Safari and the Bird Park are waived.
- (4) Card holders are constantly given the latest news and promotions of the parks.

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. Miss Tan, together with her pupils, _____ for the exhibition next Saturday.

- (1) is going
- (2) has gone
- (3) are going
- (4) have gone

7. The mayor congratulated the national tennis team _____ their achievement at the US Open.

- (1) in
- (2) on
- (3) to
- (4) with

8. Janet was certain that she saw Matt _____ her purse.

- (1) take
- (2) took
- (3) takes
- (4) has taken

9. Mark was so exhausted after his soccer training yesterday that he _____ on the floor and fell asleep.

- (1) lie
- (2) lay
- (3) lied
- (4) laid

10. Winnie went to the salon yesterday, _____ she?

- (1) didn't
- (2) hadn't
- (3) hasn't
- (4) doesn't

11. Neither the captain nor his men _____ attending the function this evening.

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

12. _____ the flight to Egypt is confirmed, ~~I will go to London.~~

I will not go there

- (1) As
- (2) Since
- (3) While
- (4) Unless

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)

I wish Mom would hurry up. I wonder how long it takes to pay for the firewood (13) I had been waiting there for fifteen whole minutes, according to my pale pink watch. I watched as the second hand ticked its way slowly around the face of the clock and finally decided that I had waited long enough.

"Mom (14) I hollered, poking my head through the door of the shop, "I'm going back by myself. I'm tired of waiting for you!" Without a second glance, I turned on my heel and sprinted down the dusty trail (15) the gravel crunching beneath my feet. As I ran, the cool autumn wind blew through my long hair and I breathed in the rich, sharp scent of pine needles.

13. (1) [,] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [?] question mark
(4) [!] exclamation mark
14. (1) [, "] comma and inverted commas
(2) [. "] full stop and inverted commas
(3) [? "] question mark and inverted commas
(4) [! "] exclamation mark and inverted commas
15. (1) [.] full stop
(2) [;] semi-colon
(3) [,] comma
(4) [-] hyphen

For each question from question 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. After a long day at school, I arrived home to the very pleasant _____ of my mother's cooking.

- (1) scent
- (2) odour
- (3) aroma
- (4) fragrance

17. The spoilt child was throwing such a tantrum in the supermarket that all the shoppers _____ at him in amazement.

- (1) stared
- (2) gazed
- (3) squinted
- (4) glowered

18. Wendy has been very _____ lately. She must be staying up late to do her revision for the upcoming examinations.

- (1) dull
- (2) lazy
- (3) lethargic
- (4) indifferent

19. Rex is suffering from indigestion after his meal because he _____ himself on fried food during the buffet.

- (1) fed
- (2) dined
- (3) gorged
- (4) feasted

20. If you meet with an aggressive dog, try not to _____ it and walk away without making eye contact.

- (1) offend
- (2) provoke
- (3) exasperate
- (4) ~~exacerbate~~

exacerbate

For each question from 21 to 25, choose the correct 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)

Kelvin climbed over a fence and was immediately startled, because he could not see very far ahead. Up the field, the mist was quite thick. But he was familiar with this first mile (21) or so. He adjusted the length of his bag's strap, and set off over the long grass. The wet grass, moistened by the morning's dew, brushed against his legs and made his jeans damp (22) very quickly. The path was perilous too, so he had to watch his footing. Down in the grass, the dandelions shone like gold. (23)

He came to a deeper rut, and realised that it was the place where he had fallen before. After walking for a distance, he turned again, and looked back. He could no longer see the house at all, the mist had shrouded it almost completely. (24)
(25)

Adapted from "I'm the King of the Castle" by Susan Hill

21. (1) suitable
(2) seasoned
(3) acquainted
(4) enlightened
22. (1) altered
(2) aligned
(3) adapted
(4) arranged
23. (1) risky
(2) insecure
(3) dangerous
(4) threatening
24. (1) remarked
(2) recognized
(3) reminisced
(4) remembered
25. (1) veiled
(2) masked
(3) guarded
(4) concealed

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

After tying the family's two dogs to the vehicle, Jeff and Ruth set up their chairs. Their children hurried to the sea with their surfboards. Their view of them was blocked by the breakwaters but the couple was reassured as Ann's squeals of delight rang through the sweltering air.

Ann and her brother, Sam, were just a metre apart and in waist-high water when Sam suddenly felt a pain as though his left ankle and knee were being stabbed by glass. He reached down and pulled off a jelly-like mass. Before he could react to the pain, he was jolted by the sight of his sister's flailing arms and sound of her hysterical screams. Sam quickly hauled Ann up onto his surfboard and propelled her towards the shore. 5

"Get this fish off me!" Ann screamed. Sam dragged his sister to the water's edge where an elderly couple had rushed to help. 10

Ann's left leg was almost entirely wrapped in tentacles. Tentacles were also wrapped around her right thigh, stomach and left arm. Without thought for her own safety, Ruth frantically tried ripping the stingers off but they held firm. Then Ann stopped screaming.

"It's a box jellyfish! We need some vinegar," said the elderly woman, hurrying to her campervan. 15

The woman returned with vinegar and paper towels. As Ruth poured vinegar over the tentacles, they released their grip on her daughter's skin. Ruth grabbed large handfuls of the jellyfish using the paper towels, but any relief was short-lived. Ann was slipping into unconsciousness. 20

Sam sprinted to his father who was hurrying down the beach with more paper towels. "Get the car!" he yelled. By the time Jeff returned with the vehicle, Ann's body had developed purple swollen marks where the tentacles had been and her face was drained of colour.

Shortly into the journey to meet the ambulance at the crossroads, panic set in. Ruth shouted, "She's not breathing!" As Ruth took over the wheel, Jeff held onto Ann's neck to find her pulse. He could not find it. He supported Ann's back and neck and performed cardiopulmonary resuscitation. 25

Near the crossroads, the paramedics from the wailing ambulance rushed to take over. Ann's face and limbs were blue, a sign she was not receiving enough oxygen. A paramedic applied an oxygen mask to ventilate his casualty. Moments later, he found a weak pulse. Soon, Ann's pulse strengthened and slowed. By the time they arrived at the hospital, Ann was showing signs of regaining consciousness. 30

Adapted from 'Assassin in the Water' by James Knight

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. From the **first paragraph**, Jeff and Ruth were not worried about their children's safety because _____.

- (1) their children had their surfboards
- (2) their children were near the shore
- (3) they had their family dogs with them
- (4) they could hear Ann's gleeful laughter

27. Why was Sam not able to attend to his own pain?

- (1) He heard his sister scream.
- (2) He was immobilised by the pain.
- (3) He needed to propel his sister forward.
- (4) He was watching his sister's flailing arms.

28. Why was Ruth's relief 'short-lived' (Line 19)?

- (1) Ann lost consciousness.
- (2) Ann stopped screaming.
- (3) The tentacles released their grip on Ann.
- (4) The tentacles caused Ann's body to be swollen.

29. In Line 26, 'it' refers to _____.

- (1) Ann's neck
- (2) Ann's pulse
- (3) Ruth's wheel
- (4) The back seat

30. Why did Ann's condition worsen?

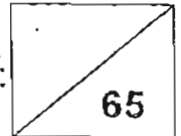
- (1) Her lungs had failed.
- (2) Her neck was broken.
- (3) She did not have enough oxygen.
- (4) She did not get proper help from the paramedics.



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Total Duration for Booklets A & B: 1 h 50 min

BOOKLET B

Instructions to Pupils:

1. DO NOT open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Read the questions and follow all instructions carefully.
3. This booklet consists of 50 questions. (Questions 31 to 80)
4. Answer ALL the questions and write all your answers in this booklet.

	Maximum	Marks Obtained
Booklet A	30	
Booklet B	65	
Total	95	

Component	Qn Numbers	Marks Obtained
Comprehension Cloze	51 – 65	
Comprehension Open-ended	71 – 80	

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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) to | (D) on | (G) has | (K) should | (N) with |
| (B) of | (E) have | (H) when | (L) would | (P) that |
| (C) the | (F) onto | (J) are | (M) and | (Q) as |
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Addictions to Internet games, particularly massive multiplayer online role-play games, have emerged as a threat to public health—a new epidemic. Although they pose no direct physical danger, they take a toll (31) _____ the mental well-being of players. This 'disease' is as equally debilitating as an addiction (32) _____ drugs or alcohol. Consequently, such addictions have ruined lives (33) _____ they disrupt family life, distract students and compromise jobs.

Some video games provide benefits to society. (34) _____ used as a tool to engage children in classrooms, the positive impact of these programs are negated as soon as one considers (35) _____ potential damages. Proper use of games requires the responsibility of the gamers and the marketeers. Software developers (36) _____ reveal the potential dangers associated (37) _____ the games, like how the games have a possible addictive nature. Perhaps these programs need to have labels that warn users (38) _____ possible health consequences.

The most realistic solution to combat gaming addiction is to raise public awareness on the topic. A nationwide campaign via television, radio and Internet (39) _____ prove useful in alerting parents, children, teenagers, and adults to the hazards of excessive gaming.

The up and coming epidemic of online video gaming addiction is spreading fast. Many other countries in Asia, where video gaming is prevalent, (40) _____ opened up treatment centres for computer addiction. They offer tips on how addicts can quit and where they can find counselling offline.

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

An 8.9 magnitude earthquake hit Japan early Friday, March 11, approximately 400
(41)

Kilometres northeast of Tokyo, sparking a tsunami that caused major **destrukshen** in northern
(42)

Japan. According by the news reports at the end of March, many thousands of lives were lost,
ten over thousand people are still reported missing and more than one thousand people are
(43)

living in shelters. Japan still continues to be hit by multiple strong aftershocks and faces rise
(44)

food, water and fuel shortage. Many Japanese are **deverstated** by the tragedies and
overwhelmed with the Fukushima nuclear plant crisis.

(45)

Two months after the earthquake and tsunami in Japan, the task of clearing up the **rekage**
(46) (47)

has barely begin. Towns along the coast have been left clogged with vast amounts of **debree**
and local authorities are struggling to find places to put it. So great is the extent of the disaster in
(48) (49)

Ishinomaki as it is difficult to know where to start. The centre of the city is now dominated with a
(50)

gigantic stinking mound of splintered wood, clothes and metal. But it is only a **temperery**
measure; no one wants to live with a mountain of waste. A permanent way of disposing of it will
have to be found.

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

The marketplace was crowded with women in sarongs and head cloths, haggling over piles of tropical fruits and dried fish. However, a much rarer commodity caught Smith's (51) _____ that day on the island of Borneo.

"Good morning, Mister," a vendor called out, thrusting a wooden cage into the biologist's face. "In (52) _____ the wooden slats of the cage, I saw these horribly sad eyes," Smith recalled. They (53) _____ to a young emaciated orangutan. As Smith moved on, he could not shake the feeling that a red-haired child, ill and abused, needed his help.

That night, he returned to look for her. He found the little orangutan (54) _____ of dehydration on a garbage heap, where the vendor had tossed her after (55) _____ to find a buyer. Back home, Smith fed her with diluted milk and when she was out of danger, Smith named her Uce.

Orangutans are now classified as an (56) _____ species. Their lives are (57) _____ by poachers who capture them (58) _____ the black-market pet trade and by diners who consider orangutan meat a (59) _____ a dish only served as a special treat. Shopkeepers sell the animals' skulls to tourists as (60) _____.

Orangutans are our closest evolutionary cousins, sharing similar traits (61) _____ humans and they are like us in many ways. They make tools and use sticks to crack (62) _____ fruits. They can be trained to model (63) _____ humans in their speech. Baby orangutans live with their mothers for eight years, learning to (64) _____ between harmful and useful plants. Babies, when tickled, react (65) _____ laughing gently.

"Protecting orangutans, Smith tells anyone who will listen, "is the same as protecting people."

Adapted from 'Jungle Rescue' by Kenneth Miller

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. The manager was negligent. The construction worker was seriously injured.

Due to _____

67. The tourist did not know the way to the library so he asked the guide.

Not _____

68. All the children are interested in attending the overseas immersion programme. John is not interested.

All _____

69. I visited May at the hospital yesterday although it was raining heavily.

In spite of _____

70. The referee blew the whistle when the striker scored a goal.

No sooner _____

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

Waves pounded on the sides of the ship relentlessly, throwing the large craft off course. My uncle regained his footing on the drenched deck and forcefully guided the ship through the tormented sea. His black hair whipped around his face and his lips were set in a hard, thin line. Around me, crates of life vests slid around the ship. I sidestepped one but lost my footing. Above, lightning arched across the stormy skies. I scrambled to my feet and spotted my cousin, Trent, twenty metres away. I quickly ran up and helped him pull a long rope, trying to steady the sails from losing control in the wind. It was like playing tug-of-war with a tall building; I firmly planted my feet on the deck and pulled with all of my strength. It was useless. We both let go, defeated. I studied my cousin's face in the blinding mist. He looked worse than me. His entire body was flushed from strain and his eyes told me that he was on the verge of fainting.

Just then, the boat lurched and dipped, threatening to turn over. A mountainous wave swelled next to the ship and was higher than the deck. The tension of foresight tightened my chest as the wave crashed down onto the deck. I was flung, powerless, from my cousin, tumbling through the churning wave. I fought to gain control but it was to no avail. When the wave receded, I found myself lying face down near my uncle, who was clinging to the wheel.

"Go!" he shouted through the howling wind.

"Wha – ?" I started to say but then saw what my uncle meant. Trent was hanging on for his dear life to the mermaid statue that was protruding out over the water from the front of the ship. It did not look like he was going to be able to hold on for much longer. I raced to the bow, slipping more than once. With no energy left, I hoisted myself up onto the mermaid statue and promised myself not to look down. I then crawled slowly towards my cousin. He was holding onto the statue, arms wrapped round her neck. I prayed I would reach him in time; everything on the wooden ship had become so slippery it was a wonder he was still with us. I moved slowly out over the water. I could not help looking down, despite my promise. Fear gripped me in a choke hold. My stomach seemed to be trying to throw itself up, stuffing itself in my throat.

Then a second tidal wave hit the craft and I lost my grip, slipping off the statue. Instinctively, I swung my arm backward for support and managed to grab the ship. Digging my fingers in the wet wood, I used the side of the boat to support myself and swung my foot over the railing. When I was safely on the deck my next thought was about Trent. There was no way he could have made it. I stared into the crashing sea and knew what I had to do. I rushed over into the emergency rescue boat. Then I took a life vest and secured it on my shoulders. However, before I could lower the boat into the waters, the force of another wave snapped the ropes suspending the rescue boat and sent the boat I was in plummeting down into the violent sea.

I soon spotted Trent a few metres away in his yellow shirt. I paddled the lifeboat furiously but the waves, which now seemed to have tripled in size, spun me off course. Blinded by fatigue, I gave one final push before I reached him. I extended one hand out to pull him toward the lifeboat, but realized I had no strength left. I barely had enough to breathe. No, I told myself, neither one of us is going to die.

Adapted from 'Lost' by Simon Brake, Stone Soup Sept/Oct 2010

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. Which word in the first paragraph has the same meaning as 'distressed'?

72. In the first paragraph, what did the narrator do to help his uncle get the ship under control?

73. Explain why the two boys gave up at trying to control the sails in paragraph 1?

74. Quote the three-word phrase from paragraph 2 which tells you that the narrator felt that something terrible was going to happen.

75. Explain clearly why the narrator's uncle instructed him to go to his cousin's rescue immediately.

76. Explain why it was a 'wonder' that Trent was still on board in line 23.

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77. Which sentence in **paragraph 4** shows you that the narrator was so scared that he could not react to the situation?

78. What two actions did the narrator take **immediately** after realizing that his cousin had been washed off the ship?

79. What were the two difficulties the narrator faced in trying to rescue his cousin?

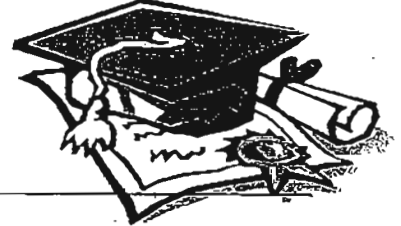
80. What evidence from the **last paragraph** tells you that the narrator was **determined** to rescue his cousin in the last paragraph?



ANSWER SHEET

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Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
3	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	2	4	2	4	3	3	1

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
3	3	2	3	1	3	4	1	4	1	1	2	3	D	A	Q	H

Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
C	K	N	B	L	E

- 41)destruction 42)to 43)rising 44)devastated 45)wreckage
 46)begun 47)debris 48)that 49)by 50)temporary
 51)eye 52)between 53)belonged 54)dying 55)failing
 56)endangered 57)threatened 58)for 59)delicacy 60)souvenirs
 61)with 62)open 63)after 64)differentiate 65)by

66)Due to the negligence of the manager, the construction worker was seriously injured.

67)Not knowing the way to the library, the tourist asked the guide.

68)All the children are interested in attending the overseas immersion programme except John.

69)In spite of the heavy rain, I visited May at the hospital yesterday .

70)No sooner had the referee blown the whistle than the striker scored a goal.

71)It is "tormented".

72)He helped his cousin to pull a long rope to prevent the sails from losing control in the strong wind.

73)The two boys gave up trying to control the sails because the wind was too strong./They did not have enough strength because of the strong wind.

74)It is "tension of foresight".

75)The narrator's cousin was hanging on to the mermaid statue at the front of the ship but he would probably lose his grip and fall into the sea, causing him to drown.

76)Despite the fact that everything on the ship was slippery, yet he was able to hold on to the statue.

77)It is "Fear gripped me in a choke hold".

78)The narrator rushed into the emergency rescue boat and put on a life vest.

79)The narrator had to contend with the huge waves/choppy waters/ship consistently being spun off course and he was also overcome by extreme tiredness/exhaustion/fatigue.

80)He was determined to rescue his cousin for he pressed on in his attempts despite the odds stacked against him/difficulties.