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ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
PAPER 2  
PRIMARY 6

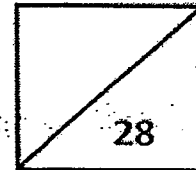
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## BOOKLET A

### 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 28 questions (Questions 1 to 28).
4. Answer ALL the questions and shade them in the correct ovals on the OAS provided.

**\* This booklet consists of 11 pages altogether (including this page)**

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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. \_\_\_\_\_ from Leonard, no one knows the reason why Ali did not turn up for soccer training.

(1) Apart  
(2) Other  
(3) Besides  
(4) Contrary

2. Mrs Shanker was certain that she saw Jim \_\_\_\_\_ the handphone.

.....  
(1) take  
(2) took  
(3) takes  
(4) taken

3. Jessie takes \_\_\_\_\_ her mother. They look alike.

(1) to  
(2) on  
(3) over  
(4) after

4. No sooner had I arrived at the railway station \_\_\_\_\_ the train arrived.

(1) and  
(2) than  
(3) that  
(4) when

5. "All the campers but one \_\_\_\_\_ to the base camp after the hike, the camp leader reported.

- (1) return
- (2) returns
- (3) has returned
- (4) have returned

6. "You \_\_\_\_\_ lose your English notes if you do not keep them neatly in a file," warned Mrs Lina.

- (1) may
- (2) shall
- (3) must
- (4) should

7. Nelson Mandela had many friends: some of \_\_\_\_\_ were Presidents from North American countries.

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

8. "Mark is never late, \_\_\_\_\_ he?" asked Miss Salmah.

- (1) is
- (2) was
- (3) isn't
- (4) wasn't

9. Fifty dollars \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of money to me. I cannot believe I misplaced it!

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

10. Jason dislikes sports. He would \_\_\_\_\_ watch television \_\_\_\_\_ play badminton.

- (1) either ..... or
- (2) prefer ..... to
- (3) neither ..... nor
- (4) rather ..... than

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

11. "Please \_\_\_\_\_ from smoking in the MRT station," the security guard reminded a man who was about to light his cigarette.

- (1) resist
- (2) refrain
- (3) retreat
- (4) restrain

12. It is illegal for a driver to hold any type of mobile device while driving in Singapore. The new law has been \_\_\_\_\_ since 1 February 2015.

- (1) imposed
- (2) enforced
- (3) improved
- (4) abolished

13. Mr Tan \_\_\_\_\_ his students with an account of his close encounter with a pride of lions in the safari.

- (1) enthused
- (2) engrossed
- (3) enthralled
- (4) enraptured

14. Mrs Devi was horrified when she found that her house was \_\_\_\_\_ with cockroaches after she came back from her holidays.

- (1) infected
- (2) infested
- (3) invaded
- (4) invested

15. Many people were relieved when the Prime Minister \_\_\_\_\_ the surgery.

- (1) pulled up
- (2) pulled off
- (3) pulled away
- (4) pulled through

For each question from 16 to 20, 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)

I needed a good break after my examinations. I was window-shopping along Orchard Road when an energetic crowd repeated over and over again, "Go Singapore Go!".

(16)

They sang the National Anthem too. I realised that many Singaporeans had gathered to cheer our sportsmen on for the upcoming South East Asian Games. Feeling patriotic, I cheered and danced, with relish, along with many others. That rejuvenated my body from

(17)

(18)

all the shopping. After a few minutes, I suddenly remembered that my mother was waiting for me outside a store where we had agreed to meet.

Without hesitation, I pushed my way forcefully through the crowd back to the store.

(19)

Embarrassed, I apologised to my mother for acting impulsively and straying off. I thought

(20)

she would be angry with me. To my surprise, my mother smiled and encouraged me to join in the fun.

Adapted from [www.seagames2015.com](http://www.seagames2015.com)

16. (1) nagged

(2) ~~chanted~~

(3) hollered

(4) stammered

17. (1) interest  
(2) concern  
(3) pleasure  
(4) concentration

18. (1) renewed  
(2) rekindled  
(3) revitalised  
(4) regenerated

19. (1) shoved  
(2) nudged  
(3) dragged  
(4) propelled

20. (1) subtly  
(2) passively  
(3) impetuously  
(4) uninhibitedly

## Visual Text Comprehension

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

# NKF Children's Art Competition

## 6 June 2015

Venue: National Library Building, The Plaza

Time: 1.30pm to 4.00pm

The annual National Kidney Foundation (NKF) Children's Art Competition is back! This year, children aged between 6 and 12 can choose between 2 themes to illustrate the importance of taking good care of our kidneys. The themes are:



### Theme 1: Life is beautiful!



AND

### Theme 2: Always there for you! (Mascot Creation)



#### First Prize

Vouchers worth \$300

#### Second Prize

Vouchers worth \$200

#### Third Prize

Vouchers worth \$100

For registration, visit [www.nkfs.org/loveyourkidneys](http://www.nkfs.org/loveyourkidneys)

For enquiries, call 6299 0200 or email [art@nkfs.org](mailto:art@nkfs.org)

#### Note:

Participants must abide by the rules of the contest.  
All decisions of the judges will be final and binding.

Sponsored by: LE CHAMP Nice Foodstuff

Jointly organised by: National Kidney Foundation Radio 93.6



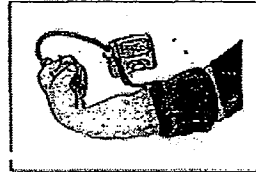
Here are some things which everyone can do to take care of their kidneys. You may like to make use of these ideas for the Art Competition.

### Keep fit and active!



- Keep fit by doing at least 30 minutes of exercise five or more days a week.
- Do things that help you relax and reduce your stress levels.
- Ask a friend to join you. Go for a jog, swim or roller-blade and sweat it out!

### Monitor blood pressure!



- Adults should go for regular blood pressure checkups.
- High blood pressure is especially likely to cause kidney damage when associated with other factors like diabetes, high cholesterol, and Cardio-Vascular Diseases.

### Eat healthily!



- Eat lots of fruits, vegetables, grains and lean meat.
- Keep a healthy weight. Reduce your salt intake. The recommended sodium intake is 5-6 grams of salt per day (around a teaspoon). Refrain from snacking in between the main meals.
- In order to reduce your salt intake, try and limit the amount of processed and restaurant food and do not add salt to food.

### Drink sufficient water!

- Drink enough water throughout the day.
- What you eat also provides a significant portion of your fluid needs. On average, food provides about 20 percent of total water intake, while the remaining 80 percent comes from water and beverages of all kinds.
- Kidneys are not able to function without water. Each kidney filters the blood every 2 minutes.
- Kidneys remove wastes and extra fluid from our blood. Kidneys help the body make red blood cells. Drinking sufficient water will help keep the kidneys healthy.

### Did you know?

1 in 10 people worldwide is affected by chronic kidney disease. The number is alarming! Do you know that four people lose the use of their kidneys in Singapore daily? Many of them, young or old, show symptoms which include swollen ankles, fatigue, decreased appetite and foamy urine. Read more about kidney disease from *Kidney Wonders*, a quarterly newsletter which reaches out to thousands of students under 12, and learn to take care of our kidneys.

For each question from 21 to 28, choose the most appropriate option (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade on the Optical Answer Sheet. (8 marks)

21. How often is the NKF Children's Art Competition held?
- (1) every year
  - (2) every two years
  - (3) every three years
  - (4) every four years
22. The focus of the 2015 NKF Art Competition is to \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) provide an avenue for children to display their artistic talents
  - (2) introduce children to the importance of taking care of their kidneys
  - (3) stress the importance of having healthy kidneys through illustrations
  - (4) inform children kidney disease can affect people of all ages and races
23. Every participant of the Art competition will have to \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) create a mascot
  - (2) complete both themes
  - (3) email [art@nkfs.org](mailto:art@nkfs.org) to register
  - (4) accept all decisions of the judges
24. The NKF Children's Art Competition is run by \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) Nice Foodstuff and Radio 93.6
  - (2) Le Champ and Nice Foodstuff
  - (3) Le Champ and National Kidney Foundation
  - (4) National Kidney Foundation and Radio 93.6

25. What does the word 'them' under the subheading **Did you know?** refer to?

- (1) the people who have swollen ankles
- (2) the four people who have kidney disease
- (3) the people who take good care of their kidneys
- (4) the people who have lost the use of their kidneys

26. *Kidney Wonders* newsletter is published for \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) adults
- (2) children
- (3) the public
- (4) kidney patients

27. According to the brochure, one must avoid snacking between meals so as to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) maintain a healthy weight
- (2) relax and reduce stress levels
- (3) remove wastes and extra fluid from the body
- (4) reduce the need for regular blood pressure checkups

28. Which one of these statements is **not** true?

- (1) Kidney disease can affect both children and adults.
- (2) If a person has foamy urine, he may have kidney disease.
- (3) ~~Children must take less salty food in order to prevent kidney disease.~~
- (4) Participants who win the NKF Art competition will be given cash prizes.

End of Booklet A





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## 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 the instructions carefully.
3. This booklet consists of 52 questions (Questions 29 to 80).
4. Answer ALL the questions and write all the answers in this booklet.

	Maximum	Marks Obtained
Booklet A	28	
Booklet B	67	
Total	95	

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

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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) within | (D) off    | (G) but   | (K) it   | (N) of     |
| (B) beyond | (E) they   | (H) their | (L) out  | (P) except |
| (C) the    | (F) beside | (J) a     | (M) more | (Q) and    |

In February 1891, the whaling ship) *Star of the East* was cruising (29)\_\_\_\_\_ the Falkland Islands in the South Atlantic when (30)\_\_\_\_\_ lookout shouted, "There she blows!" Ahead rose the spout of a giant sperm whale. Instantly, the ship put on more sail and gave chase. Two rowboats were lowered and once the first had reached (31)\_\_\_\_\_ striking distance, a harpoon with an explosive charge, was launched into the giant.

The whale rolled and twisted in (32)\_\_\_\_\_ agonies of death (33)\_\_\_\_\_ thrashed the water into heaving mountains of foam. An upward lash of the mighty tail caught the second boat, which was tossed into the air like a matchstick. The men spilled out, stunned (34)\_\_\_\_\_ helpless. By then, the whale had done its worst. Seriously wounded, it was quickly killed. The crew of the first boat rowed over to rescue (35)\_\_\_\_\_ comrades in the water. All were accounted for (36)\_\_\_\_\_ two. One man had been seen to drown. The other, James Bartley, had simply disappeared. Aboard the *Star of the East*, Captain Wedderman noted the missing men in his logbook and wrote "Drowned" (37)\_\_\_\_\_ both names. After all, there was no other way to explain the loss of James Bartley, he reasoned.

On the deck, a sailor who was removing blubber from the carcass, yelled suddenly and pointed to the whale's stomach—to a spot that moved with the slow, steady rhythm (38)\_\_\_\_\_ breathing. After a cut was carefully made in the tissue, a shoe appeared, and then a leg. Inside was the missing sailor, James Bartley! What an extraordinary find it turned out to be.

Adapted from *In the Belly of a Whale* by Donald J Sobol

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes, numbered 39 to 50. (12 marks)

*Michael Jordan* is one of the greatest professional basketball players of all time. He was even considered to be the one who made the National Basketball Association

(39)

(NBA) popular over the world in the 1980s and 1990s.

(40)

*Michael* apparently already axeselled at sports from an early age. In his second year of high school, he tried out for the university basketball team at Laney High School in

(41)

Wilmington, North Carolina. Since, at 1.8 metres tall the coach believed that

(42)

*Michael* was too short to played at that level, so he was left out of the team.

(43)

(44)

*Michael* didn't let this obstike defeat him. In fact, it pushed him to work even hard.

(45)

He trained veegeresly and grew another 10 centimetres the following summer.

When *Michael* finally made it into the university team, he went on to become a star

(46)

player for the guidance of North Carolina head basketball trainer, Dean Smith.

(47)

From making spektakuleri unimaginable shots, to winning slam-dunk contests, the

(48)

high-flying *Michael* soon became the most popular ethlit in the world.

(49)

He was regularly seen in numerous kemmersheris endorsing products by Nike,

(50)

Gatorade, Haines, McDonalds, etc. He even won an Olympic gold medal for one of

the captains of America's "Dream Team" in the 1992 Games. In 2015, *Michael Jordan*

became the first sports person in history to become a billionaire.



..... For each of the questions 51 to 65, fill in each blank with a suitable word. (15 marks) .....

Have you ever wondered what the secret is to learning a new language? What makes some people able to speak multiple languages, whilst most of the world will only ever be able to communicate in their mother tongue? Is it possible to master a (51)\_\_\_\_\_ in only a few months?

Benny Lewis has discovered the simple trick to speaking several languages so (52)\_\_\_\_\_ that he is regularly mistaken for a local. He is just an ordinary person (53)\_\_\_\_\_ he is able to speak seven languages perfectly! The most amazing part is that it will only (54)\_\_\_\_\_ Benny a few months to become comfortable in a new language. He is a polyglot, which is the formal word for someone (55)\_\_\_\_\_ of speaking several languages, mastering complex vocabularies and grammar in only three months!

Imagine the possibilities of speaking seven languages. Where would you go? What would you see? And how would you experience the world, being treated as a local (56)\_\_\_\_\_ you went, instead of being treated like just another (57)\_\_\_\_\_? Starting his adventures in Spain, Benny has studied and mastered Spanish, Gaelic, Irish, French, Italian, Portuguese and Esperanto and is (58)\_\_\_\_\_ living in Berlin, fast becoming fluent in German too! Benny has indeed transformed his (59)\_\_\_\_\_, going from a mundane existence as a qualified engineer to travelling all over the (60)\_\_\_\_\_ translating technical documents and blogging about his adventures. Apparently, Benny has a method (61)\_\_\_\_\_ easy anyone can apply it. One does not need a (62)\_\_\_\_\_ talent for languages as his unique scientific approach helps anyone to learn any language (63)\_\_\_\_\_ a matter of months.

Speaking new languages has (64)\_\_\_\_\_ up so many new doors. Benny has been able to travel the world, supporting (65)\_\_\_\_\_ as a professional language translator. Are you keen to pick up new languages and follow in Benny's footsteps?

Adapted from 'Stories from extraordinary people to...' on [www.richieinterview.com](http://www.richieinterview.com)

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For each of the questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentences, 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. Josh helped us. He was being kind.

\_\_\_\_\_ out of

\_\_\_\_\_

67. The player had an injury. He had to leave the field.

..... Due to \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

68. Leo found the game interesting. He decided to play again.

\_\_\_\_\_ so \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

69. She is an artist. I am quite familiar with her work.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

70. Maria said, "I went to the library with my sister yesterday."

Maria said \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

..... Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80. .... (20 marks) .....

The records of natural history contain many astonishing examples of the ability of animals to find their way home after making long journeys. Salmon, for example, are born in freshwater streams but they swim down to the sea to grow and mature. A few years later, they swim back upstream to breed and sometimes, even to die. Hence, the particular stream in which they die in is almost always the same one in which they were born.

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What underwater signposts can these fish possibly follow? Biologists have discovered that the salmon, like many other fish, has an acute sense of smell and is able to remember slight differences in the chemical composition of water. It remembers the distinctive "fragrance" of its native stream so that as it moves upstream and meets with dozens or hundreds of streams along the way, it is still able to make the correct choice each time until it finally arrives home.

10

Long-distance migration is especially common in birds, because many species must make yearly journeys between their nesting sites and prime feeding areas far away. Each year, over 100,000 sooty terns, a seabird, travel from the west coast of Africa all the way across the Atlantic to a tiny island near the tip of Florida in the United States. Here they build their nests and breed. Once the young can fly, they all fly back over the Atlantic. Why do they migrate at all? Isolated islands tend to provide protection from predators like cats and foxes. Therefore, like many other seabirds, making the trans-oceanic voyage to reach one such haven is better than nesting on the nearby African shores.

15

A somewhat different reason lies behind the north-south migration of birds in the temperate areas. In spring, birds like geese, ducks and robins make their way north into the countryside where large quantities of food are becoming freshly available. Without delay, they quickly rear one or more broods of young. As winter approaches and the food supply declines, all fly south again.

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Human beings could never make such journeys unaided by maps and navigational instruments. How do birds do it? A large part of the answer lies in their ability to use celestial clues. They use the position of the sun or stars in the sky to guide them. Experiments have been conducted where a type of bird called indigo bunting attempt flights under the artificial night sky of a planetarium. The birds would use the position of groups of stars in the planetarium sky to guide their flight.

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Migrating birds not only can figure out the compass directions, but they also exhibit the ability to determine their position on the surface of the earth with reference to the position of their intended destination. They can sense the earth's magnetic field, which varies in an orderly way from point to point over the earth's surface and that then enables a bird that is using it to travel home even over unfamiliar terrain and great distances.

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*Adapted from Life on Earth*

71. Which word in paragraph 1 tells you the writer thinks it is amazing that animals are able to find their way home after having travelled far away? (1m)

72. After becoming mature, where do salmon swim back to breed? (2m)

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73. What does the salmon rely on to help it swim its way home? (2m)

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74. Why do sooty terns fly from Africa to an island near Florida to breed and nest? (2m)

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75. Which 3-word phrase from lines 10 -15 refers to the main places where food can be found? (2m)

..... 76. Based on paragraphs 1 and 5, state whether each sentence in the table below is .....  
 True or False. Then give one reason for your choice. (3m)

1. Statement	True / False	Reason
Salmons journey down to the sea to die.		
Migrating birds that fly at night navigate by the shape of the land.		
The experiment on the indigo bunting was carried out indoors.		

77. Find a word from paragraphs 5 and 6 which have a similar meaning for the words in the table. (3m)

Words to replace	Answer
heavenly	
not assisted	
systematically	

78. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the passage. (1m)

\_\_\_\_\_ The birds fly south to escape starvation and the cold.

\_\_\_\_\_ Food becomes available when it is spring.

\_\_\_\_\_ The birds fly north to feed and breed.

79. What does 'that' in line 38 refer to? (2m)

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80. In paragraph 6, what are two things birds are able to do in order to find their way home from a distant and completely unfamiliar place? (2m)

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1	1	4	2	4	1	3	1	1	4
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
2	2	3	2	4	2	3	3	1	3
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
1	3	4	4	4	2	1	4	D	J
Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38		
A	C	K	Q	H	P	F	N		

- 39)around/round      40)excelled      41)However      42)play  
43)obstacle      44)harder      45)vigorously      46)under  
47)spectacularly      48)athlete      49)commercials      50)as  
51)language      52)fluently      53)yet      54)take      55)capable  
56)wherever/anywhere/everywhere      57)foreigner/tourist  
58)now/currently/presently      59)life      60)world      61)so  
62)special/unique      63)in      64)opened      65)himself

66) Josh helped us out of kindness.

67) 1) Due to the fact that the player had an injury, he had to leave the field.

2) Due to an injury, the player had to leave the field.

3) Due to the fact that he had an injury, the player had to leave the field.

68) 1) Leo found the game interesting so he decided to play again.

2) Leo found the game so interesting that he decided to play it again.

69) She is an artist whose work I am quite familiar with.

70) Maria said that she had gone to the library with her sister the previous day.

71) astonishing

72) After becoming mature, salmon swim upstream, back to their birth place to breed.

73) The salmon relies on its acute sense of smell and is able to remember slight differences in the chemical composition of water and the distinctive 'fragrance' of its native stream to swim its way home.

74) Isolated islands tend to provide protection from predators like cats and foxes and for sooty terns, making the trans-oceanic voyage to reach one such haven is better than resting on the near-by shores.

75) prime feeding areas



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**76)False / Salmon swim down to the sea to grow mature not to die.**

**False / The birds would use the position of groups of stars in the planetarium sky to guide their flight.**

**True / It was an experiment carried out under an artificial night sky.**

**77)celestial**

**unaicded**

**orderly**

.....

**78)3 , 1 , 2**

**79)It refers to the earth's magnetic field, which varies in an orderly way from point to point over the earth's surface.**

**80)The birds can not only figure out the compass directions, but also exhibit the ability to determine their position on the surface of the earth with reference to the position of their intended destination, this two things allow the birds to find their way home from a distant and completely unfamiliar place.**

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