



**HENRY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
PRELIMINARY EXAMINATIONS 2015
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY SIX
PAPER 2 BOOKLET A**

NAME : _____

CLASS : P6 _____

REGISTER NO : _____

TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 HOUR 50 MINUTES

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Follow all instructions carefully.
3. Answer all questions.
4. Shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

This booklet consists of 11 printed pages.

Parent's signature: _____

Booklet A : _____ / 28

Booklet B : _____ / 67

TOTAL : _____ / 95

Section	Marks	
Grammar		10
Vocabulary		5
Vocabulary Cloze		5
Visual Text Comprehension		8
Total		28

For each question from 1 to 10, 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. (10 marks)

1. Mee Fong graduated _____ Medicine from the National University of Singapore before practising at the Singapore General Hospital.
(1) in
(2) of
(3) with
(4) from

2. Mrs. Hamilah asked the porter, "My luggage _____ heavy. Could you help me carry the suitcases from the coach to the check-in counter please?"
(1) is
(2) are
(3) was
(4) were

3. At Singapore's first National Day celebrations at the Padang, the heavens _____ so the spectators took shelter where they could from the rain.
(1) had opened
(2) were opened
(3) were opening
(4) had been opening

4. Serjit must have trained very hard to _____ the record for the 200 metres so easily.
(1) break
(2) broke
(3) breaking
(4) have broken

5. "Can you please pass me _____ bag of rice there in the corner of the kitchen?" asked Mrs. Lim.
(1) this
(2) that
(3) these
(4) those

6. Please _____ with the delay. The movie will start once the projector has been fixed.

- (1) bear
- (2) to bear
- (3) bearing
- (4) is bearing

7. "My mother _____ dinner at this moment," said Fanny.

- (1) prepare
- (2) prepares
- (3) is preparing
- (4) will be preparing

8. Kenneth and Milly can't make it to the play, _____ they?

- (1) can
- (2) can't
- (3) could
- (4) couldn't

9. "You must wait for me by the school gate after school _____ I come to pick you up," Father told Timothy.

- (1) but
- (2) until
- (3) because
- (4) although

10. Mr and Mrs Tan _____ very happy if their son agrees to accept the scholarship.

- (1) is
- (2) was
- (3) will be
- (4) had been

For each question from 11 to 15, 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)

11. If you have plans to visit the museum, be sure to _____ at least an hour and a half for a complete experience.
- (1) put away
 - (2) put aside
 - (3) put behind
 - (4) put across ()
12. The _____ actress demanded a change of personal assistant when she felt her requests were not carried out quickly enough.
- (1) overbearing
 - (2) overzealous
 - (3) overpowering
 - (4) overwhelming ()
13. The Singapore rugby team is a strong _____ for the gold medal at the next South East Asia Games.
- (1) rival
 - (2) opponent
 - (3) candidate
 - (4) contender ()
14. Educardo Saverin has _____ a large fortune from the setting up of the social networking website *Facebook*.
- (1) forfeited
 - (2) amassed
 - (3) accredited
 - (4) surrendered ()
15. The usually well-behaved students of 6 Goodness _____ in class when their teacher called in sick last week.
- (1) smelled a rat
 - (2) blew off steam
 - (3) had a field day
 - (4) brought the house down ()

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)

Bangkok is a popular travel destination for many people. It either raises fond or (16) irate memories to the departing tourist. It is home to hundreds of shimmering gold-leafed Thai temples and an absolute shopper's delight. The (17) connoisseur will be delighted at its Thai cuisine, whether in the form of humble hawker dishes dished out at roadside stalls or the hot and spicy à la carte dishes served in the numerous restaurants. Thai food, with its (18) delectable and widely contrasting flavours of sweet and spicy blended together, is very popular. However, to savour this cuisine or pay a visit to the temples and shops, one may have to endure (19) stifling long traffic jams in busy streets with polluted fumes from countless vehicles. Tourists, on the day of departure, give themselves at least a two-hour head start to the airport as the traffic jams are (20) infamous. They do not want to be like the many others who have missed their flights.

16. (1) bad
(2) tiring
(3) impatient
(4) exasperating ()
17. (1) chef
(2) glutton
(3) gourmet
(4) consumer ()
18. (1) lavish
(2) beautiful
(3) tempting
(4) toothsome ()

19. (1) humid
(2) ridiculous
(3) sweltering
(4) suffocating

()

20. (1) popular
(2) appalling
(3) reputable
(4) notorious

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Study this advertisement carefully and answer questions 21 to 28.



28th SEA GAMES

The biggest sporting event in Southeast Asia is happening in Singapore from 5 to 16 June 2015!

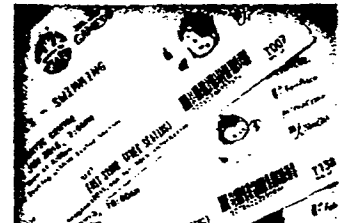
The biennial Southeast Asian Games will once again return to Singapore in 2015 in a 12-day fiesta in the month of June. Singapore's fourth time hosting the games is especially significant to the republic as it celebrates its 50th year of independence this year. This presents Singapore with the perfect opportunity to reinforce regional peace and celebrate friendship with its regional neighbours.

This year, eleven countries from Southeast Asia will be participating in the SEA games. These countries are Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia, Singapore, Philippines, Vietnam, Myanmar, Timor-Leste, Cambodia, Brunei and Laos. Timor-Leste is the addition to the SEA Games this year.




A whopping total of thirty-six sports and 402 events will feature in the 28th SEA Games Singapore 2015 with over 160 athletes participating. This is a stark contrast from the first games in 1959 where there were only twelve sports and 160 athletes and officials from the six founding countries. The SEA Games is the brainchild of Luang Sukhum Nayapradit, then Vice-President of the National Olympic Committee of Thailand, and was conceived as a means to help forge strong regional cooperation, understanding and unity within the South East Asian community.

Tickets for the opening and closing ceremony, as well as to all the sporting events, are available for sale. Tickets for the opening ceremony on 5 June 2015 are priced between \$14 and \$60. Interested spectators are to visit www.tickets.seagames2015.com to purchase their tickets through online payment. Tickets to the opening ceremony and popular sports such as basketball, wushu and table tennis are selling fast. Hurry! Get your tickets today!



NOTE: Those who do not manage to get tickets for the above will be able to enjoy the 28th SEA Games via live streaming on YouTube at <https://goo.gl/3JNOMm> or by downloading the 28th SEA Games phone application at <http://seagames/NA2ht>.

Adapted from: <http://www.seagames2015.com>



HAVE A PASSION FOR SPORTS? WE WANT YOU!

28th SEA Games 2015

Sports Reporters

We are building up a team of volunteer sports reporters to cover the 28th SEA Games in Singapore. It will be a wonderful way to learn, meet new people, experience the events live and support the sports community while having great fun!

To start you off on your journey, you will be trained by the chief sports reporter, Mr. John Graham, who is also the founder of RED SPORTS on 1 June 2015. John will show you the skills on how to interview spectators and athletes.

Spectator Service Officer

Volunteer as a Spectator Service Officer for the Opening and Closing Ceremonies and during games time from 5 to 16 June 2015!

There will be training conducted between September 2014 and January 2015 for all Spectator Service Officers to equip you with the skills and knowledge that you will need to facilitate the ticketing and ushering.

Performers for Opening Ceremony

Do you want to be a part of the SEA Games? Sign up to be one of our youth performers if you are:

- between 13 and 35 years of age
- eager to volunteer and make new friends
- able to attend Saturday trainings from 2 January 2015 to 30 May 2015

Having a dance background or experience is not a prerequisite. Register now!



**INTERESTED? FIND OUT MORE AT
WWW.SINGAPORESPORTSCOUNCIL.SG OR EMAIL
US AT ENQUIRY@SSC.COM.SG**



Adapted from: <http://sgvolunteer.com>

For each question from 21 to 28, 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. (8 marks)

21. The main purpose of the advertisement is to _____.

- (1) educate people about the 28th SEA Games
- (2) inform the public of the number of volunteers at the SEA Games
- (3) inform the schools on how to purchase tickets for the SEA Games
- (4) persuade members of the public to watch the SEA Games for free as a volunteer ()

22. Based on the advertisement, which of the following is true of the 28th SEA Games?

- (1) The SEA Games takes place every year.
- (2) The SEA Games helps participating countries to reinforce regional peace and friendship.
- (3) Spectators are able to pay for their booked tickets by cash on the day of the sporting event.
- (4) Singapore is chosen to host the SEA Games as it is celebrating its 50th year of independence. ()

23. According to the advertisement, what is the reason for which the SEA Games was conceived?

Luang Sukhum Nayapradit _____.

- (1) had a brainchild
- (2) wanted to re-create an event similar to the Olympics
- (3) wanted to forge regional cooperation and unity within the South East Asian community
- (4) wanted the best athletes in their country to compete against those from other countries ()

24. "We Want You!" is in a different font and font size from the rest of the advertisement to _____.

- (1) grab the attention of the readers
- (2) indicate the importance of volunteerism
- (3) ensure that the reader knows that it is a caption
- (4) convince the readers that they are wanted as sports reporters only ()

25. Mark will only be available for training from 1 to 16 June 2015 due to his busy travelling schedule. He can volunteer to help out as a _____.

- (1) photographer
- (2) sports reporter
- (3) Spectator Service Officer
- (4) performer for the opening ceremony ()

26. The Spectator Service Officer will _____.

- (1) help lost spectators find their seats
- (2) ensure the spectators are healthy and comfortable
- (3) sell tickets to those who wish to watch the games via YouTube
- (4) process refunds for those who downloaded the phone application ()

27. The word "prerequisite" under 'Performers for Opening Ceremony' means _____.

- (1) luxury
- (2) option
- (3) preparation
- (4) requirement ()

28. Which of the following statements is false?

- (1) There are prior training sessions for all the voluntary roles.
- (2) Enquiries should be directed to Singapore Sports Council.
- (3) There were eleven participating countries in the 27th SEA Games.
- (4) Tickets for the Opening Ceremony do not entitle you to watch other sports ()



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Section	Marks	
Grammar Cloze		10
Editing for Spelling and Grammar		12
Comprehension Cloze		15
Synthesis / Transformation		10
Comprehension Open Ended		20
Total		67

This booklet consists of 12 printed pages.

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) an	(D) as	(G) in	(K) of	(N) that
(B) and	(E) through	(H) more	(L) off	(P) to
(C) at	(F) up	(J) when	(M) on	(Q) between

The young Alexander Graham Bell loved to experiment. He never gave up until he got results. As a boy growing _____ in Edinburgh, Scotland, he

(29)

would spend hours gathering botanical specimens. He even collected the skulls _____ small animals for his 'museum'.

(30)

He was the second of three sons born _____ a Scottish Professor

(31)

Alexander Melville Bell and his wife, Eliza Grace. When he was twelve, his mother had started to go deaf. The family had to speak to Mrs Bell _____ her ear

(32)

tube – a horn-like contraption that amplifies speech.

Alexandra found his own way of reaching her, discovering that she could pick out low tones _____ he spoke very close to her forehead in such tones.

(33)



That set off his interest _____ acoustics, that is the study of the
(34)
physical properties of sound and the way people hear things. He even spent a

year devouring his grandfather's entire library _____
(35)

When he was nineteen, he wrote _____ impressive report on the
(36)
transmission of sound using tuning forks. He also turned to the study of electricity

and sought to transmit sound _____ multiple messages using musical tones
(37)
of several frequencies through repeated experiments.

By 9 October 1876, Alexander and his assistant, Watson, were able to talk by
telephone over a 3-km long wire and on 25 January 1915, they chatted over a
5500-km long wire _____ New York and San Francisco.
(38)

Alexander is successful because of his unshakeable determination.

Adapted from: Eureka! Great Innovators: Lessons from the News



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

The great American author, Richard Ford, gave a talk at a bookstore. After the (39) talk, a mida-age man in the audience stood up during the 'Question and Answers'

session and said, "Mr. Ford, I have been writing short stories and novels my entire (40) life. You and I are about the same age and we write about the same teerns. The only

difference is that you have become a celebrated great man of letters but I, despite (41) decades of effort, have yet to publish any of my works. This is heartbreak to me. I

have dedicated my life to writing, but with no reward. My spirit has been crushed by (42) all the rejection and disepoinmen. I wonder if you have any advice for me."

(43) Richard Ford said in reply, "Sir, I feel so sorry to you. I can't even imagine how discouraging that would be for you. You need to quit writing."

(44) The audience froze. What kind of enkouragment was that?

(45) Richard Ford went on. "I say this to you only because clearly writing was (46) bringing you no satisfraction. Our time on earth is short. Leave this dream behind and

(47) go find something else to do with your life, something you love that will brought you reward and peace." (47)

(48)

There was a long silens. Mr. Ford added, "However, if you should happen to

(49)

discover, before a few years away from writing, that there is nothing you have found

(50)

in the world that takes the place of writing in your life — nothing that inspire or moves

you to the same degree that writing did....well, then, sir, I'm terribly afraid you will

have no choice but to return to your labours...and to persevere."

Adapted from: <http://www.elizabethgilbert.com/a-story-about-perseverance-several-years-ago-my-uncle-nick-went-to-see-the/>

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

On a warm summer day, Joe took his son, Alex, to a wildlife refuge in Florida's Everglades. They had planned to (51) _____ the day canoeing through the huge swamp. It was their first time venturing into the muddy waters where alligators (52) _____ fanned to roam. Joe had researched on what to do if they (53) _____ with one — bang a paddle against the boat to scare it off, he had read. Just as Joe was standing in line to rent a canoe, he heard a splash, (54) _____ by a loud scream. Alex had slipped on snake-grass at the edge of the water and fallen in.

When Joe turned around to see what all the commotion was about, the (55) _____ that greeted him was nothing short of terrifying! His son's right arm was in the jaws of an alligator which he (56) _____ to be at least 2.4-metres long! Time seemed to stand (57) _____ as Joe ran towards his son. As Alex thrashed about (58) _____ screamed, Joe managed to wrap his arms around Alex's chest and began pulling him back towards the bank. With his right hand, Joe struck the snout of the alligator (59) _____ hard as he could, but the alligator did not flinch one bit.

A young man, who had seen what happened, yelled to Joe to pull his son out of the water. However, Joe feared what (60) _____ happen if he pulled Alex's arm too hard. He did not want to get into a tug-of-war (61) _____ the alligator.



Instead, he guided Alex up the embankment, pulling the alligator (62) _____ with him. The young man ran forward and gave the alligator several hard kicks before it released its (63) _____ on Alex and slithered back into the water.

It was a miracle that despite the ordeal, Alex escaped with only a few cuts and scrapes (64) _____ his wrist. Joe thought this incident would cause his son to be fearful (65) _____ alligators yet Alex has shown quite the opposite reaction. Inspired by his father and the young man's bravery, Alex now wants to learn more about alligators so he can work with them when he grows up.

Adapted from Reader's Digest Asia, "Man Punches Alligator Saves Son"



For each of the questions from 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 weather was so hot that the flowers withered.

_____ as a result of

67. Mrs Tan asked Ali if he had handed in the form the previous day.

"_____
_____?" Mrs Tan asked Ali.

68. She attended the ceremony. She was reluctant to do so.

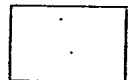
It was with _____

69. The doorman collects the ticket as Mr Lim enters the exhibition hall.

The ticket _____

70. The scouts were tenacious. They succeeded in the challenge.

Had it not been _____



Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

<p>Before the Second World War, when I was still quite young, my family had one of the first telephones in the neighbourhood. I was too little to reach the telephone but I used to listen with fascination when my mother talked into it. Once she lifted me up to speak to my father, who was away on an overseas business trip. Magic! Little did I know that there were more magical moments to come.</p>	5
<p>Then I discovered that somewhere inside that wonderful device lived an amazing person. Her name was "Information Please" and there was nothing that she did not know. For example, my mother could ask her for anybody's number or when our clock was not working, 'Information Please' immediately told her the correct time.</p>	
<p>My first personal experience with this genie-in-the-telephone came one day while my mother was visiting a neighbour. Amusing myself at the tool bench in the basement, I whacked my finger with a hammer. The pain was terrible but there did not seem to be much use crying because there was no one at home to offer sympathy. I walked around the house sucking my throbbing finger, finally arriving at the stairway. An idea struck me! Quickly I ran for the footstool in the room and dragged it to the landing. Climbing up, I unhooked the receiver and held it to my ear. "Information Please," I said into the mouthpiece just above my head. A click or two later, and a small, clear voice spoke into my ear, "Information."</p>	10
<p>"I hurt my fingerrrr!" I cried into the phone. The tears came readily enough, now that I had an audience.</p>	15
<p>"Isn't your mother home?" came the question.</p>	
<p>"Nobody's home but me," I blubbered.</p>	
<p>"Can you open your icebox?" she asked. I said I could. "Then chip off a little piece of ice, and hold it on your finger. That will stop the pain. And don't cry. You'll be all right."</p>	20
<p>After that, I knew that I could count on her for anything. I asked her for help with my Geography. And there was the time that my pet canary passed away. I called "Information Please" and told her the sad story. Another day I was on the telephone. "Information," said the now familiar voice. "How do you spell fix?" I asked.</p>	25
<p>At that instant, my sister, who always took delight in scaring me, jumped off the stairs at me with a loud shriek, "Haiyaaaaaaaaa!"</p>	30
<p>I screamed and fell off the stool pulling the receiver out of the box by its roots. We both stood aghast—"Information Please" was no longer there and I was not sure if I had hurt her when I pulled the receiver out.</p>	

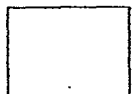
<p>Minutes later, there was a man on the porch. "I'm a telephone repair man," he said. "I was working at a home down the street, and the operator said there might be some trouble here." Looking at my desperate expression, he reached for the receiver in my hand and asked, "What happened?" I told him.</p>	35
<p>He fiddled around with his tools and then spoke into the phone. "Hi, Operator? This is Pete. You can stop worrying. Everything's under control at 105. The kid's sister scared him, and he pulled the cord out of the box. Here, you can speak to him yourself," he said, handing me the receiver.</p>	40
<p>"That's one unique and caring friend you have," he remarked before walking out of the door.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Adapted from Reader's Digest, "The Voice in the Box"</i></p>	

71. In line 5, what does the word "magic" refer to? (1m)

72. What was the "idea" that the narrator had in line 15? (1m)

73. Why did the narrator start crying into the phone? (2m)

74. Based on Paragraph 3, explain fully how the narrator managed to unhook the receiver. (2m)



75. Give two incidents from **lines 23-29** which made the narrator realise that he could count on his magical friend. (2m)

1	
2	

76. Choose words from **lines 29 to 34** which have similar meanings to the words below. (3m)

shrill scream	
shocked	
recognisable	

77. Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. (3m)

	True/ False	Reason
The narrator's sister scared him often.		
Pete rushed to the house upon hearing the children's cries.		
"Information Please" was worried about the narrator.		



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

_____ The narrator felt that the telephone was a magical device.

_____ "Information Please" became a dependable friend.

_____ The narrator thought that a person lived inside the telephone.

79. Why was "Information Please" a unique and caring friend? (2m)

Quality	Reason
Unique	
Caring	

80. How did the narrator feel after the scare that his sister had given him? Support your answer with evidence from the passage. (3 marks)

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2	1	4	2	3	4	3	4	4	4
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1	2	3	1	2	1	4	3		

PAPER 2 : BOOKLET B

Q 29	Q 30	Q 31	Q 32	Q 33	Q 34	Q 35	Q 36	Q 37	Q 38
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Q39 middle - aged Q40 themes Q41 heartbreaking Q42 disappointment Q43 for Q44 encouragement
 Q45 is Q46 satisfaction Q47 bring Q48 silence Q49 after Q50 inspires Q51 spend Q52 were Q53 met
 Q54 followed Q55 sight Q56 estimated Q57 still Q58 and Q59 as Q60 would Q61 with Q62 along
 Q63 grip Q64 on Q65 of

- Q66. The flowers withered as a result of the hot weather .
 Q67. " Have you handed in the form yesterday?' Mrs Tan asked Ali.
 Q68. It was with reluctance that she attended the ceremony.
 Q69. The ticket is collected by the doorman as MrLim enters the exhibition hall.
 Q70. Had it not been for the tenaciousness of the scouts., they would not have succeeded in the challenge.
 Q71. It refers to the thrill of speaking to his father through the telephone.
 Q72. It was to call " Information Please" for someone to offer sympathy to her.
 Q73. As the narrator did not have an audience to cry to but now that he an audience, tears came easily.
 Q74. The narrator dragged the foot stool in the room to landing, climbed up it and unhooked the receiver.
 Q75. 1. She helped him with his Geography. Q75. 2 - She helped him spell the word 'fix'.
 Q76. Shriek, against, familiar
 Q77. TRUE - The narrator's sister always took delight in scaring him.
 Q77. FALSE - Pete was working at a home down the street and the operator told him that there might be some trouble at the house.
 Q77. TRUE - Pete relayed the information to her that the boy was fine and that she did not need to worry.
 Q78. 1 - The narrator felt that the telephone was a magical device.
 Q78. 2 - The narrator thought that a person lived inside the telephone.
 Q78. 3 - "Information Please" became a dependable friend.
 Q79. Unique - she was unique because she was just a voice on the phone.
 Q79. Caring - She was caring because she was worried about the narrator and sought help for him.
 Q80. He was worried, " Information Please" was no longer there and he thought he had hurt her when the receiver got pulled out .

THE END