

**SINGAPORE CHINESE GIRLS' SCHOOL
PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2015
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY SIX**

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2

(BOOKLET A)

Total time for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

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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 The environment committee has _____ a comprehensive plan to minimise the use of paper.
- 1) put on
 - 2) put forth
 - 3) put along
 - 4) put against
- 2 The discipline master glared at the mischievous boy sternly with horn-rimmed glasses perched _____ the bridge of his nose.
- 1) on
 - 2) by
 - 3) for
 - 4) along
- 3 The dog leapt towards the door when it heard the latch of the gate _____.
- 1) click
 - 2) clicked
 - 3) had clicked
 - 4) was clicking
- 4 The people living in the quake-hit areas faced a bleak start to the new year. _____, the situation is under control.
- 1) Then
 - 2) Moreover
 - 3) Therefore
 - 4) Nevertheless
- 5 The dinner-and-dance event was organised by two people, neither of _____ has done it before.
- 1) who
 - 2) which
 - 3) whom
 - 4) whose

6 The teacher, ~~as well as her pupils~~, _____ singing for the senior citizens at the nursing home now.

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

7 John hardly attends lectures in school, _____ he?

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

8 _____ you produce a medical certificate, you will not be allowed to retake the examination.

- 1) Hence
- 2) Unless
- 3) Despite
- 4) Instead

9 Alan and Jenny _____ their options for their matrimonial home since the start of the year.

- 1) are exploring
- 2) was exploring
- 3) will be exploring
- 4) have been exploring

10 The rocky path meanders _____ the vineyard like an unbroken brown thread.

- 1) of
- 2) with
- 3) onto
- 4) through

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

11 Some countries have amassed enough nuclear weapons that could potentially _____ mankind and destroy the world.

- 1) summon
- 2) establish
- 3) annihilate
- 4) congregate

12 The mediator persuaded the warring couple to bury the _____ and make peace with each other.

- 1) mallet
- 2) dagger
- 3) cleaver
- 4) hatchet

13 Orchard Road is _____ with Christmas lights to welcome the festive season.

- 1) marred
- 2) blighted
- 3) entangled
- 4) festooned

14 Thousands of villagers were ill and _____ due to famine and drought.

- 1) rotund
- 2) corpulent
- 3) revitalised
- 4) emaciated

15 The two women exchanged glances and sniggered _____ when the villain fell into the pond.

- 1) solemnly
- 2) respectfully
- 3) ceremoniously
- 4) contemptuously

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For each question from 16 to 20, choose a suitable word to replace the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

Michael Jackson is widely known as the King of Pop and has been popular for over four decades. He was reared in Gary, Indiana, in one of the most acclaimed musical families of the rock era. His father, Joseph, shaped his sons into a dazzling group of child stars known as the Jackson 5. Sporting the loudest fashions, the largest Afros, the snappiest choreography, and a youthful disposition, the group became an immediate success. However, as Michael matured, family tensions arose, and a contract standoff ensued. The Jackson 5 was disbanded and Michael embarked on his solo career. It yielded the massive international hit singles such as "Don't Stop 'til You Get Enough" and "Rock with You". "Beat It," which featured a raucous solo with an inharmonious combination of sounds from famed guitarist Eddie Van Halen, also topped the pop charts. His distinctive singing style has influenced many artists of various music genres.

Adapted from Michael Jackson, Britannica School

- 16 1) edified
 2) raised
 3) adopted
 4) coached
- 17 1) nature
 2) buoyancy
 3) ebullience
 4) performance
- 18 1) followed
 2) preceded
 3) continued
 4) terminated

- 19**
- 1) achieved
 - 2) produced
 - 3) established
 - 4) inaugurated

- 20**
- 1) strident
 - 2) appalling
 - 3) delightful
 - 4) enchanting

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



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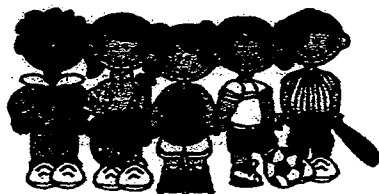
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2 June, Tue	4pm-6pm	Marsiling
5 June, Fri	1pm-3pm	Jurong Spring
5 June, Fri	3pm-5pm	Jurong Spring
8 June, Mon	2pm-4pm	Cheng San
9 June, Tue	2pm-4pm	Mountbatten
9 June, Tue	10am-12noon	Gek Poh Ville
10 June, Wed	10am-12noon	Hougang

Kids Athletics

An excellent opportunity for peer interaction, the Kids Athletics programme uses modified equipment to enable children to discover the basics of athletics whilst promoting health and education!

No. of session(s): 1 **Duration:** 2hrs
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Shoot & Run

Immerse yourself in the thrill of sports shooting in an enjoyable environment. Our activities will foster self-discipline, concentration and coordination!

No. of session(s): 1 **Duration:** 2hrs
Fees: \$25 (M); \$30-\$35 (NM)

Date	Time	*CC
18 Jun, Thurs	2pm-4pm	Cheng San
21 Jun, Sun	10am-12noon	Hougang

Tennis

It's an introduction to tennis like no other. With specialised coaching methods tailored for children, they will be masters in no time! Watch them learn to serve, rally and score.

No. of session(s): 1 **Duration:** 2hrs
Fees: \$25 (M); \$30 (NM)

Date	Time	*CC
8 Jun, Mon	10am-12noon	Hwi Yoh
24 Jun, Wed	10am-12noon	Hougang



Fencing



Calling all budding fencers! Let yourself be coached by our engaging and experienced instructors as you test yourself with a variety of fun and exciting exercises. With the use of plastic swords, it's all the thrill of fencing minus the danger.

No. of session(s): 1 **Duration:** 2hrs
Fees: \$25 (M); \$30 - \$35 (NM)

Date	Time	*CC
13 Jun, Sat	10am-12noon	Kim Seng
18 Jun, Thu	10am-12noon	Hwi Yoh
19 Jun, Fri	10am-12noon	Cheng San
19 Jun, Fri	2pm-4pm	Mountbatten
21 Jun, Sun	1pm-3pm	Pek Kio
25 Jun, Thu	2pm-4pm	Hougang
28 Jun, Sun	10am-12noon	MacPherson
28 Jun, Sun	1.30pm-3.30pm	Nanyang

WORLD OF CHAMPIONS

Judo With Tan Yi

With 27 years of experience under his belt, Tan Yi has won numerous championships! With his vast experience, let your child walk away feeling like the ultimate champion!

No. of session(s): 1 **Duration:** 2hrs
Fees: \$30 (M); \$40 (NM)

Date	Time	*CC
19 Jun, Fri	12pm-2pm	Cheng San
23 Jun, Tue	10am-12noon	Hougang

Silat With Sheik Alau'ddin

A talented athlete, two-time World Cham three-time winner of the Coach of The Year Award, meet Sheik Alau'ddin! Ranked as one of Singapore's 50 greatest athletes, join the Silat King as he shares his wealth of experience in Silat and what it takes to be a champion!

No. of session(s): 1 **Duration:** 2hrs
Fees: \$25 (M); \$30 (NM)

Date	Time	*CC
20 Jun, Sat	1pm-3pm	Jalan Besar
21 Jun, Sun	10am-12noon	Hougang



Sign up for new courses at <http://one.pa.gov.sg>

*CC - Community Club

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

21. Zhiming does not want to travel beyond Hougang. He has a total of _____ courses to choose from.

- (1) three
- (2) four
- (3) five
- (4) six

22. Which of the following statements is **not** true?

- 1) All the courses are available to children.
- 2) All the courses are open to both male and female participants.
- 3) All the courses will award all participants with limited editions of SEA Games merchandise.
- 4) All the courses will engage participants wholly as they combine their physical dexterity with their mental focus.

23. The course that allows participants to learn the basics of the sport without the possibility of being hurt is _____.

- 1) judo
- 2) tennis
- 3) fencing
- 4) shoot and run

24. To register for any of the courses, interested individuals can _____.

- 1) speak to any of the coaches
- 2) write in to People's Association
- 3) log on to the website <http://one.pa.gov.sg>
- 4) go to any one of the community clubs listed

25. Farhan is an ardent martial arts fan and he is planning to attend both courses under the "World of Champions" series. As he has yet to sign up as a member of Passion Card, he will make a payment of _____ in total.

- 1) \$55
- 2) \$60
- 3) \$65
- 4) \$70

26. Mrs Nayar is keen on enrolling her 5-year-old son in one of the courses. As they are only available in the late afternoons on weekends, the most suitable course is _____

- 1) Fencing
- 2) Kids Athletics
- 3) Shoot and Run
- 4) Silat with Sheik Alau'ddin

27. Mr Browne would like his twins to meet and be inspired by the judo master. They should be at _____ CC on _____ at _____

- 1) Cheng San...19 June...2pm
- 2) Jalan Besar...20 June...1pm
- 3) Hougang... 21 June...10am
- 4) Hougang...23 June...10am

28. The main purpose of the brochure is to _____

- 1) advise young Singaporeans to adopt a more active lifestyle
- 2) identify the next SEA Games medallist for the various events
- 3) invite potential athletes to sign up for the selection round for the various sports
- 4) encourage members of the public to engage in a physical activity during the holidays

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	Marks Obtained	Highest Possible Marks
Booklet A		28
Booklet B		67
Sub-total		95

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2

(BOOKLET B)

Total time for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

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- 1 Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
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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 in order to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) a	(D) and	(G) but	(K) it	(N) throughout
(B) above	(E) as	(H) from	(L) of	(P) was
(C) all	(F) beside	(J) her	(M) that	(Q) within

A decade ago, a highly contagious and deadly new illness shook the world. It sent people worldwide scrambling to cancel flights and holidays _____ schools closed and sales of surgical masks spiked. Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) was the first "new" disease of the 21st century to jump _____ an animal host to humans, then from one person to another. (29) (30)

The outbreak was contained _____ months with about 800 deaths, settling fears of a plague-like global wipeout. The most important lessons cited by experts include information sharing, rapidly raising the global alert _____ finding the outbreak source. (31) (32)

A lack of communication _____ the key criticism of the handling of the 2003 outbreak, with China accused of trying to cover it up. Since then, the world has adopted International Health Regulations, which obligate _____ countries to report any severe, new disease with spread potential. (33) (34)

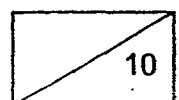
The first case was detected in China in November 2002 but information about it was not released until February 2003. On March 12 _____ year, the WHO issued a global SARS alert. By July, _____ declared the outbreak contained. (35) (36)

"Without substantially more attention and spending, the risks of a catastrophic global disease outbreak keep increasing," warned Olga Jonas, an economic adviser, who was sharing _____ views on the pandemic threat. (37)

The odds _____ a new outbreak multiply each year as more and more globetrotters are exposed to strange new pathogens before going home to crowded cities and towns where disease can spread quickly. There are viruses out there lying quiescent and every now and then, they will appear and cause trouble for people. (38)

*WHO- World Health Organisation

Adapted from Yahoo News



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

Wi-Fi allows people to stay connected with the world and it brings convenience to

(39)

them. Visitors to Chinatown must soon be able to access a free street-level Wi-Fi network.

(40)

They can search for information and interesting stories on the history of the presinkt,

landmarks and variety of offerings while on the go.

(41)

The free Wi-Fi is schedule for implementation on March 28 and the network will

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cover five areas in the popular tourist spots. With complement the launch of the Wi-Fi

network, STB (Singapore Tourism Board) will also be organising a tech brainstorm event to

solicit ideas for a programme or application that will enhance visitors' understanding and

experience of the Chinatown story.

(43)

(44)

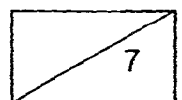
Visitors today are increezingly digital-savvy. They often plan their itinerarees on the

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move with their mobile devices. Have easy access to online travel sources via the free

Wi-Fi network will enable visitors to discover hidden gems and deepen their understanding

of Chinatown and its colourful heritage.



(46)



The free Wi-Fi network, operated by SingTel, ran at the speed of 360 mbps. It is

(47)



able to akomodate up to 2,000 wireless devices at any one point.

(48)



The Chinatown coLAB 2014, a tech brainstorm event organised on STB, will take

place over the weekend of March 28 to 30 in Chinatown. The event aims to bring together

some 100 participants from various backgrounds, including software developers and

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heritage enthuzeasts, to brainstorm solutions that can bring the stories and heritage of

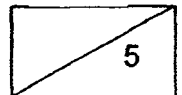
(50)



Chinatown alive. The teams will present their prototaips to a panel of judges comprising

travel industry partners and tech experts on the final day of the event.

Adapted from *news.asiaone.com*



I approached the bed slowly, feeling as though I was in the wrong room. He was _____ recognition as he did not look like the man whom I had grown up with. His
(51) beard had grown out far longer than what he ever had, and his hazel eyes protruded out of his skeletal face.

"Hey, you," I used the most generic term possible to _____ him. He turned to
(52) look at me with glassy eyes. He probably would not remember me as he had divorced my mother and _____ our family twenty years ago.
(53)

I had _____ to say to him. Words had failed me. In the _____,
(54) we used to discuss about history and technology. He seemed to have a _____ of
(55) knowledge on both. Our exchange would still be formal even when our conversations revolved around personal matters.
(56)

An _____ silence overwhelmed the room until he tried to reposition himself in
(57) the bed, causing a coughing fit. I poured some water into a styrofoam cup. My relief vanished when I saw that he had coughed _____ a sticky substance. I retched discreetly upon
(58) seeing that but I tried to conceal my _____. Slowly, I put the cup to his lips.
(59)

"I never did know what to say to you," I blurted. The words had barely left my mouth when tears blurred my vision. _____, he broke out of his trance. Turning to me, I could see
(60) in his eyes that he recognised me.

"Don't be scared," he told me. I did not know why he said that. I was not afraid of him. The doctor had assured me that his illness was not life-threatening or contagious. He reached out to _____ me. It felt strange and unnatural _____ he had never done so
(61) before. Given the situation, I felt that I should have been the one comforting him. I drew in a
(62) _____ breath and stood up, ready to do what I had to do.
(63)

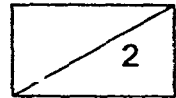
"Why did you leave us?" I finally mustered the courage to ask him the question that had been on my mind for the past two decades.

"I'm sorry. I know I shouldn't have..." his voice trailed off and his eyebrows lowered into a deep frown. As he calmed down, I stroked his _____ head and massaged his shiny scalp. The remorse in his eyes seemed to dissolve the hatred that I had towards him. _____ he had deserted our family, he deserved a second chance.

(65)

I clenched my fists tightly to summon the love that had lain dormant for years and whispered, "I love you, Dad. I forgive you."

Adapted from Last Rights by Michael Rohner



For each of the items 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 It is easier to learn a foreign language at a young age.

Learning _____

67 The residents from Hilary Hills are wealthy, whereas the villagers from Sunny Village are poor.

In contrast to _____

68 John complained to Sarah that his neighbours were very noisy.

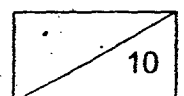
John complained to Sarah, "

69 He was a successful actor. He continued to be humble.

Despite _____

70 The magician suddenly disappeared. Everyone was amazed by it.

The magician's _____



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When Sultan Khan thought the time had come to find himself a second wife, no one wanted to help him. First, he approached his mother. "The one you have now will suffice," she said.

Then, he went to his eldest sister. "I'm fond of your first wife," she said. His other sisters replied in the same vein. Sultan needed help. It was unheard of for a suitor to ask for a girl's hand personally. Ancient Afghan custom dictates that one of the women of the family conveys the proposal and gives the girl the once-over to assure herself that she is capable, well brought-up, and suitable wife material. It was clear that none of Sultan's close female relations wanted to have anything to do with his potential second marriage.

Prior to the discussions with his female relatives, Sultan had considered his options and selected three girls he thought could fit the bill. His first choice was sixteen-year-old Sonya who possessed dark, almond-shaped eyes and shiny hair.

Having made up his mind, he made his way to her house. As a trusted family friend, Sonya's parents greeted him with open arms. Sultan was considered a generous man and a visit from him was always welcome. They reclined on flat cushions in the mud cottage and exchanged pleasantries until Sultan thought the time had come to make his proposal. "I come as the bearer of glad tidings. A friend of mine would like to marry Sonya," he told the parents.

It was not the first time someone had asked for their daughter's hand. Sonya was known as one of the most beautiful and virtuous girls in the village, but her parents thought she was still a bit young to be married so soon. More importantly, there were other practical considerations. Sonya's father was no longer able to work as an anonymous knife had severed some of the nerves in his back during a brawl. His beautiful daughter could be used as a bargaining chip in the marriage stakes, and the couple was expecting the next bid to be even higher.

"He is an affluent man in the same business as I am. He is well-educated and has three sons. Sadly, his wife is starting to grow old," Sultan elaborated.

"What's the state of his teeth?" the parents asked immediately, alluding to the friend's age and status.

"Like mine," said Sultan. "You can be the judge of that."

Old, the parents thought. However, age could be said to be an advantage in this case. The older the man, the higher the price he could offer for their daughter's hand in marriage. In their culture, a bride's price is calculated according to age, beauty, skill and status of the family.

When Sultan Khan had delivered his message, the parents said, as could be expected, "She is too young."

Anything else would be to sell their daughter short to this rich, unknown suitor whom Sultan had recommended so warmly. It would not do to appear too eager. As they well knew, Sultan would return for Sonya was young and beautiful.

Adapted from "The Bookseller of Kabul" by Asne Seierstad

71 What did Sultan Khan intend to do? [1m]

72 Which sentence from Paragraph 2 tells you that Sultan's family did not support his intention? [2m]

73 List two reasons why Sultan's female relatives were against his decision. [2m]

1. _____

2. _____

74 Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false. Give one reason why you think so. [3m]

	True / False	Reason
Sonya's parents were pleased that her suitor was an old man.		
Sultan's friend wanted to marry Sonya.		
Sonya's parents rejected Sultan's offer as they did not want their daughter to get married.		

75 Choose words from paragraphs 1 to 4 which have similar meanings to the words below. [3m]

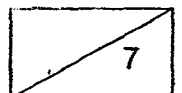
tradition	
inspection	
suit	

76 Why were Sonya's family members pleased to see Sultan? [1m]

77 Order the sentences below according to what had happened in the passage. Number the sentences (1, 2 and 3) in the boxes provided. [1m]

The female members of Sultan's family objected strongly to his plan.	
Sultan visited Sonya's parents.	
Sultan told his mother that he wanted a second wife.	

78 Why did Sonya's parents wish to know the condition of the suitor's teeth? [2m]

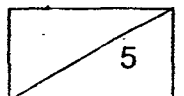


- 79 Based on the passage, state the corresponding effect for each of the causes listed in the table below. [2m]

Cause	Effect
None of Sultan's female relatives would help him in his plan to take a second wife.	
Sonya's father's hand ^{back} had been injured during a brawl.	

- 80 Do you think Sonya's family would be pleased to know that the mysterious suitor was Sultan? Support your answer with two pieces of evidence from the passage. [3m]

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3	4	4	4	4	2	1	1	2	1
Q 21	Q 22	Q 23	Q 24	Q 25	Q 26	Q 27	Q 28		
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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 will Q40 precinct Q41 scheduled Q42 To Q43 increasingly Q44 itineraries Q45 Having Q46 runs
 Q47 accommodate Q48 by Q49 enthusiasts Q50 prototypes Q51 beyond Q52 address Q53 deserved
 Q54 nothing Q55 past Q56 bit Q57 awkward Q58 up Q59 disgust Q60 Immediately Q61 touch
 Q62 as Q63 deep Q64 bald Q65 Although

- Q66. Learning a foreign language at a young age is easier.
 Q67. In contrast to the wealthy residents from Hilary Hills, the villagers from Sunny village are poor.
 Q68. John complained to Sarah, " My neighbours are very noisy."
 Q69. Despite the fact that he was a successful actor, he continued to be humble.
 Q70. The magician's sudden disappearance amazed everyone.
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 Q72. It was clear that none of Sultan's close female relations wanted to have anything to do with his potential second marriage.
 Q73. 1. They were fond of his first wife. Q73. 2. They thought that one wife would suffice.
 Q74. TRUE - The older the man, the higher the price he could offer for their daughter's hand in marriage.
 Q74. FALSE - Sultan wanted to marry Sonya.
 Q74. FALSE - They rejected Sultan's offer in order to get a better price for her hand in marriage.
 Q75. Tradition - custom Q75 inspection - once over Q75 suit - fit
 Q76. Sultan was a trusted family friend and was considered a generous man and a visit from him was always welcome.
 Q77. 1 - Sultan told his mother that he wanted a second wife.
 Q77. 2 - The female members of Sultan's family objected strongly to his plan.
 Q77. 3 - Sultan visited Sonya's parents.
 Q78. They wanted to know about the suitor's age and status.
 Q79. He met Sonya's parents himself. Q79. He was no longer able to work.
 Q80. I think Sonya's family would be pleased to know that the mysterious suitor was Sultan. Sultan was a trusted family friend and is also affluent.

THE END