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2008 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1

English Language – Paper 2

Name : _____

Class : Primary 6/ _____

Date : 5 May 2008

BOOKLET A

30 Questions

30 Marks

Duration of Paper : 1 hr 50 mins

Note:

1. Do not open this Booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Questions 1 - 30 are to be done on the OAS provided.
3. Read carefully the instructions given at the beginning of each part of the Booklet.
4. Do not waste time. If a question is difficult for you, go on to the next one.
5. Check your answers thoroughly and make sure you attempt every question.

Study the following text and then answer questions 1 to 5.

The Sunday Times/Tourism Australia "Expect the Unexpected Australia Adventure"

Three 'Expect the UNEXPECTED AUSTRALIA Adventure' Packages for 2 must be won! 3 instant travel correspondents will each get to explore the surprising side of Australia with their partners together with Radio 94 FM Deejays Jeanie Austin & Maggie Tan (The Morning Show) and Ronny Henry & Andre Lim (The Unmarried Guys)! This is your chance to discover Australia and share your adventures with Singapore on 'live radio'.

UNEXPECTED SYDNEY

Enjoy the romantic side of life by catching a seaplane to lunch or enjoy a close encounter with nature at the Blue Mountains.

UNEXPECTED MELBOURNE

Romance along the Great Ocean Drive or indulge in the soothing Peninsula Hot Springs at Mornington Peninsula.

UNEXPECTED CANBERRA

Go back in history on a paranormal tour with Tim the Yowie Man or pump up your adrenalin at the beautiful Snowy Mountains.

UNEXPECTED PERTH

Learn to fly a helicopter or savour gourmet food and fine wine at Margaret River.

UNEXPECTED QUEENSLAND

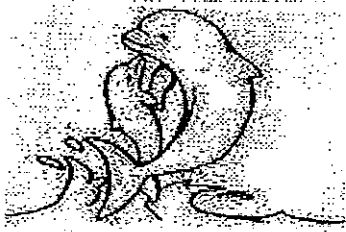
Live it up the celebrities' way at the lavish Palazzo Versace or get close to the marine wonders at the Great Barrier Reef.

UNEXPECTED TASMANIA

Experience a once-in-a-lifetime "Wilderness & Wine" flight or pamper yourself at an alpine spa at Cradle Mountain.

UNEXPECTED ADELAIDE

Dive into nature and swim with the dolphins or drink to the good life and create your own blend at the famous Penfolds.



How to Enter

- Choose one of the "Expect the Unexpected Australia Adventure" featured in this advertisement.
- Tell us why you deserve to win this adventure in the most creative way via a blog entry OR a homemade video posted on YouTube, MySpace, Facebook or your blog/website.
- Login to www.asiaone.com/unexpectedaustralia & send us the link to your URL.
- 7 finalists will be picked and the public will vote for the top three who will win their desired 'Expect the Unexpected Australia Adventure'.

Organiser: The Sunday Times
Sponsor: Tourism Australia
Official Radio Station: Radio FM 94

Contest closing date: 29 May 08. Winners will be notified via email on 12 Jun 08. Winners must be committed to travel between 21 Jun – 19 Jul 08, or else other winners will be picked. The length of travel is about 10 days.

For each question from 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. Which is the most important contact detail you should provide if you wish to be informed that you are one of the winners for the "Expect the Unexpected Australia Adventure" contest?
 - (1) Email Address
 - (2) Telephone Number
 - (3) Home Address
 - (4) Mobile Phone Number

2. Other than the four deejays, how many people will be going to explore the surprising side of Australia?
 - (1) 6
 - (2) 2
 - (3) 3
 - (4) 10

3. The duration of the travel could possibly be from _____.
 - (1) 29 May 08 to 12 June 08
 - (2) 12 June 08 to 21 June 08
 - (3) 1 July 08 to 11 July 08
 - (4) 21 June 08 to 19 July 08

4. Timmy has just got married and wishes to win the contest to visit Australia as part of his honeymoon. Which one of the "Expect the Unexpected Australia Adventure" packages featured should Timmy choose to romance his wife?
 - (1) Unexpected Queensland
 - (2) Unexpected Tasmania
 - (3) Unexpected Melbourne
 - (4) Unexpected Canberra

5. In which way will you be expected by the organiser to share your adventures in Australia?
 - (1) Write a creative article via a blog entry.
 - (2) Post a homemade video on YouTube.
 - (3) Login to www.asiaone.com/unexpectedaustralia.
 - (4) Report your adventures on 'live' radio.

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. Edwin looks _____ to his brother a lot and tries to be as good as him in all areas.
- (1) down (2) up
(3) out (4) in
7. I cannot help you any further. _____, I will ask my colleagues if they can give you more information.
- (1) Since (2) However
(3) Furthermore (4) Moreover
8. It is very dangerous to drive _____ the influence of alcohol.
- (1) on (2) with
(3) under (4) in
9. Mother _____ peanut butter and jam on the bread for Jimmy yesterday.
- (1) spread (2) is spreading
(3) spreads (4) was spread
10. Of all the subjects I took last year, the one I liked _____ was English.
- (1) better (2) good
(3) best (4) more
11. Linda hardly ever goes to the movies, _____ ?
- (1) does she. (2) isn't she
(3) doesn't she (4) is she
12. Christopher Marlowe was a famous playwright _____ plays have been studied widely.
- (1) whom (2) which
(3) who (4) whose

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)

In addition to the porcelain vase which had belonged to her grandmother (13) Claire's gold pin was missing.

"Are you sure you didn't wear it (14) Are you sure you didn't lose it somewhere?" James asked her.

"I'm positive. The pin was right here."

"No one has touched this (15)" Gently, James took out his revolver from the drawer. Spinning open the cylinder, James unloaded the revolver and held out the bullets. He then reloaded it, clicked shut the cylinder, and put the revolver back in the drawer.

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

For each question from 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. Mrs Tan lost her _____ and sent the insolent pupil down to see the discipline mistress.
- (1) mind (2) endurance
(3) patience (4) touch
17. The boarding school has a / an _____ to accommodate overseas students.
- (1) barrack (2) dormitory
(3) chalet (4) inn
18. "Do not _____ your eyes. Sit in front if you cannot see clearly," said Miss Teng.
- (1) squint (2) squirm
(3) squeeze (4) squirt
19. Martin is known to be the school's most _____ bully.
- (1) obnoxious (2) despicable
(3) unbearable (4) brusque
20. Koon Meng and Ahmad decided to _____ and become friends again.
- (1) burn the candle at both ends (2) save their own skin
(3) tie the knot (4) bury the hatchet

For each question from 21 to 25, 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)

Both sisters are completely opposite in nature. Paula is straightforward and simple-minded whereas Pamela is a very complex girl.

(21)

Paula has such a nice disposition. She will never get angry or raise her voice at anyone. In fact, she can make friends with just anyone! You should hear her laughter. It is really contagious. Every time she starts laughing, people around her cannot help but laugh together with her too.

(22)

Compared to Paula, Pamela is withdrawn. She is always deep in thoughts and often keeps to herself. She is normally cold and unfriendly. With hardly any friends, I can understand why she feels left out by the children at school.

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(25)

21. (1) complicated (2) compulsive
(3) compromising (4) competitive
22. (1) transferable (2) infectious
(3) passable (4) communicable
23. (1) an extrovert (2) a sadist
(3) a pessimist (4) an introvert
24. (1) remote (2) solitary
(3) complacent (4) aloof
25. (1) banished (2) eschewed
(3) exiled (4) ostracised

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

Introduction

In survival situations, the will to survive is all important. Ultimately, your mind controls your body, and when the mind gives up, the body will fail to survive. Without doubts, the most important aids to survival are the abilities to remain calm and optimistic, and to concentrate the mind and adapt to the new situation.

Preparation

- In survival circumstances at sea, it is better to retain clothing when in the water. Before abandoning a ship or an aircraft, take whatever warm clothing is available.
- Wrap a towel around your neck (to prevent heat loss) and take a torch if one is available. Do not jump into the water with an inflated life jacket, as the impact may be dangerous.
- If time allows, fill containers with clean water and stow them on the lifeboat or life raft. A person can last for more than a week without food, but without clean water to drink, your life expectancy is measured in days.

Signalling with light

Light

If you are using signal lights, send 6 flashes in one minute, then allow one minute's pause. Then send 6 more flashes, and so on. A green light from an aircraft will mean that the message is understood.

Fire

Three fires in a triangle is an internationally recognised distress signal. They can also be in a straight line with a 25-metre gap. It is difficult to maintain three fires over a long period, so if necessary have one burning and two more ready to light if required.

Mirror

Signals from a mirror or similar reflective materials are very effective and can be easily seen from the air. You can use a suitably burnished shiny object, like the inside of your survival tin, or even an old compact disc. Don't flash it too long into the cockpit of a nearby aircraft, as it can blind the pilot. Always practise signalling before you need it – better to get it right the first time!

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. The "impact" mentioned in the passage is between two objects. What are they?
- (1) The water and the inflated life jacket
 - (2) The towel and the neck
 - (3) The torch and the water
 - (4) The towel and the inflated life jacket
27. According to the information, which is the most important factor to ultimately determine whether you live or die?
- (1) Survival Knowledge
 - (2) Training Tips
 - (3) Mental Attitude
 - (4) Basic Survival Skills
28. Which one of the following has the closest meaning to "optimistic"?
- (1) To expect good things to happen
 - (2) To use the mind to control the body
 - (3) To make strong opinions
 - (4) To take a chance
29. The clause, "Don't flash it too long into the cockpit of a nearby aircraft", tells us that the writer is _____.
- (1) asking a question
 - (2) stating a fact
 - (3) giving a command
 - (4) offering an opinion
30. These excerpts are most likely to have come from a book called _____.
- (1) Best Uses of Lights
 - (2) Survival Tips
 - (3) How to Start a Business
 - (4) First-Aid Course



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BOOKLET B

50 Questions
65 marks

MARKS

	OBTAINED	POSSIBLE
BOOKLET A		30
BOOKLET B		65
TOTAL		95

Parent's Signature :

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.

(A) the	(D) as	(G) a	(K) were	(N) among
(B) at	(E) of	(H) was	(L) on	(P) off
(C) for	(F) from	(J) in	(M) an	(Q) between

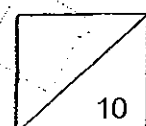
So who has a higher chance of developing heart problems? Males or females? Dr Ng concedes that both genders are (31) _____ a level playing field.

“(32) _____ terms of heart size and weight, men have larger hearts because they are generally bigger in size than women but the strength of contraction (33) _____ both is equal.” Thus, the risk of developing heart problems is equal for both genders.

The findings (34) _____ the Heart Awareness Survey during the National Heart Week / World Heart Day 2007 showed that Singaporeans had a good awareness that heart attacks and strokes are a result (35) _____ multiple risk factors. Many were confused regarding the relationship (36) _____ blood pressure and cholesterol levels and cardiovascular diseases. (37) _____ significant 54.8% of those who were surveyed believed that lowering their blood pressure (38) _____ enough to reduce their risk of heart attack or stroke. A similar number believed that controlled blood pressure would ensure controlled cholesterol levels.

The Singapore Heart Foundation, formerly known (39) _____ the Singapore National Heart Association, has activities aimed (40) _____ promoting heart health. For now, heart diseases continue to be the second major killer in Singapore, after cancer.

Adapted from Health Times, March 2008 Edition



Correct each word in bold for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box.

I have a pen-pal from America. His country has the four seasons. Thus, he

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has the luxury of enjoying winter sports. If only I could enjoy skiinnng here in

Singapore. I really envy my pen-pal. During the winter, he enjoys snowboarding and

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always doing high-speed stunts. He even sent me pictures of his daredevil stunts. I

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have been trying to conwinse my father to visit a country which will allowed me to

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expierince winter. However, for the pass two years, he has only took me to the

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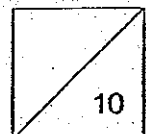
neighbour countr~~ies~~ like Malaysia and Thailand. Though I do somewhat enjoy the

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holidays in these foreight lands, I still wish that in the near future, I will have the

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golden opprotrunity to touch real snow.



Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Police found a badly decomposed body under the overhead bridge off Lornie Road on 23 January 2008. The investigators (51) _____ off the area for about three hours to carry (52) _____ investigations. The forensic scientists were deployed to (53) _____ whatever evidence they could find at the scene of the (54) _____.

The investigators worked long and (55) _____ to study the evidence that they had gathered on that day. As the evidence was insufficient, the investigators went round the vicinity of the crime to question the people (56) _____ lived within 50 kilometres from where the body was found. The interviews shed some light for the police. They found out that three days ago, a woman by the name of Lim Sim Min, aged 30, was reported missing (57) _____ her father, Lim Seng Meng. (58) _____ to Mr Lim's statement, his daughter who was a factory worker (59) _____ to return home from work. After 48 hours, Mr Lim decided to go to the neighbourhood police station to file a report of a missing person.

A month later, the police (60) _____ able to confirm that the decomposed body was that of Miss Lim Sim Min. Through the investigation, it was found that Miss Lim was burnt to death. Four suspects have already been brought in by the police for questioning. The police spokesperson refused to (61) _____ the names of these suspects, but promised that they would work towards (62) _____ the case and bringing the murderer to (63) _____ soon. At the same time, the authorities are (64) _____ to the public for help. If anyone has seen the victim on 23 January between 9 pm (65) _____ 12 midnight, kindly call the police hotline at 1800-222-2222.

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. William is very fat. He can run very fast.

_____ yet

67. Mabel said to me, "Don't make fun of my hair."

Mabel warned me _____

68. Yi Heng caught a cold. He played in the rain yesterday.

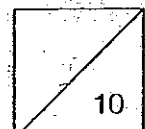
_____ after

69. I would rather eat a chocolate cake than drink a cup of strawberry milk.

_____ prefer _____

70. To pass your examinations, you need at least sixty marks for each subject.

A minimum _____



Growing up in Singapore in the 1940's, amid the deprivation brought about by the war, the idea of keeping a dog was never a consideration. So, when my daughter, then eleven years old, asked me if we could have a dog when we were based in New York, the answer was no. The reason was that I knew that she would tire of the animal soon and that I would be responsible for looking after it. As this was not a reason which could resonate with an eleven year old, I had to refuse on the grounds that the streets of New York were too dangerous for a child her age to walk a dog.

Alas, when we returned to Singapore in the mid-1990s, this reason was no longer credible. As such, there was a half-hearted agreement to look for a suitable Labrador retriever. One day, after lunch in Upper Thomson Road, we made a detour to a pet shop nearby. There was no intention to buy anything. It was just an attempt to mollify a young girl and to put off to a future date any idea of buying a dog.

Needless to say, it did not work out as I had planned. After several minutes of looking around, we came across a rascally little collie that would not stop licking and nibbling our fingers. We fell in love with him instantly. Penni, my wife, like all women, was more firm. She came up with all the practical reasons a collie, with its long and thick mane, would be unsuitable in Singapore's hot weather. But it was one against three and before we knew it, I was at the counter paying for the puppy and all the paraphernalia that apparently was needed to look after it.

Back home, the work of raising a puppy began in earnest. First, we had to come up with a name for it and it turned out to be more difficult than I had anticipated. Common names were not acceptable to my daughter. She eventually came up with "Shakespeare", a name which would amuse strangers wherever we went. There was much to learn about raising a puppy. We tried without too much success in the first weeks to house-train him, and soon the garden had become a veritable mine field of dog poo.

Then, there were the crazy antics of this little fur ball. He would dash around blindly and without any real aim until stopped by some immovable object. Once, he ran into the glass sliding door and we discovered that dogs, too, have a set of milk teeth. Two of these fell off much to our distress and the vet had to be woken up close to midnight.

Shakespeare is one of the most gentle, friendly and attentive dogs around. When we have visitors to stay, he will, once he gets used to them, put his head on their lap and look up longingly at them, imploring them to play with him. His gentle nature has over the years convinced many friends to have a dog as pet. He is attentive to people and can make them feel welcome. Family members, in particular, have been greeted, each time they come and see us after an absence even of several years, with a long spell of barking.

All these years, Shakespeare has been a constant and faithful companion to me. If I have hardly any complaints about my health, this is largely due to the long walks which we took every morning without fail.

*Adapted from The Bard's Last Bite
The Straits Times, 12 August 2007*

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

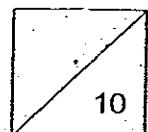
71. What was the excuse the writer gave his daughter when she first asked to have a pet dog?

72. What was the writer's actual reason for rejecting the idea of having a pet dog for his daughter when they were in New York?

73. Which sentence tells us that the writer was still reluctant to buy a pet dog when his family was back in Singapore?

74. Explain clearly why the writer's wife mentioned that a collie would not be suitable as a pet.

75. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as "pacify"?



76. Why was Shakespeare taken to the vet close to midnight?

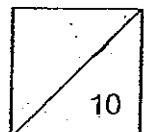
77. What does the word "three" in paragraph 3 refer to?

78. What was the family's first obstacle in raising a puppy?

79. How would Shakespeare show that he was comfortable with the writer's visitors?

80. What did the writer attribute his good health to?

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Answer Keys

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
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Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
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Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
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Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
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41. skiing 42. does 43. convince 44. allow 45. experience
46. past 47. taken 48. neighboring 49. foreign 50. opportunity
51. cordoned 52. out 53. gather 54. crime 55. hard
56. who 57. by 58. According 59. failed 60. were
61. reveal 62. solving 63. justice 64. turning 65. and
66. William is very fat yet he can run very fast.
67. Mabel warned me not to make fun of her hair.
68. Yi Heng caught a cold after he had played in the rain yesterday.
69. I prefer eating a chocolate cake to drinking a cup of strawberry milk.
70. A minimum of sixty marks for each subject is needed to pass your examination.
71. The excuse was that streets of New York were too dangerous for an eleven year child to walk a dog.
72. The actual reason was that the writer knew that his daughter would soon be tired of the dog and he would be responsible for looking after it.
73. The sentence is, "As such, there was a half-hearted agreement to look for a suitable Labrador retriever".
74. She mentioned that a collie would not be suitable in Singapore's hot weather as it has a long and thick mane.
75. The word is "mollify".
76. Two of his milk teeth fell off when he ran into the glass sliding door.
77. It refers to the writer, his daughter and the puppy.
78. It refers to name the puppy.
79. He would put his head on the visitors' lap and look up longingly at them, Imploring them to play with him once it was comfortable with them.
80. He attributed his good health to the long walks that he took with Shakespeare every morning without fail.