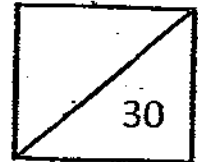




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2009
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Primary 6

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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 30 questions (Questions 1 to 30).
4. Answer ALL the questions and shade them in the correct ovals on the OAS provided.

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Study the advertisement below and answer Questions 1 to 5. (5 marks)

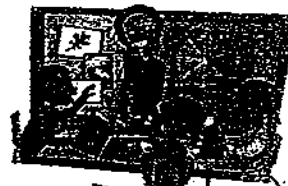
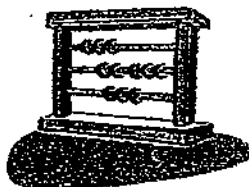
BRAINBUILDER OPEN PLAYHOUSE HOUSE



Join us from Friday to Sunday, from 3rd Jan to 5th at our
newest PRESCHOOL branch
Your kids will love taking their first steps towards formal education!!

Our enrichment programme for 2 ½ to 6 year olds fosters a safe, friendly and
stimulating environment which includes:-

- * language/phonics
- *Mathematics
- *Botany/Biology
- *Geography
- *practical life skills
- *creative art
- *music & movement



**WE ARE ACCEPTING
REGISTRATION
FOR CLASSES
STARTING 8th JANUARY 2009**

**FREE SCHOOL
STARTER KIT** - register
your child when you visit
us during the open house
and receive an attractive
school bag.

Location: 101 Cheshire Road
(near the Wilkie Walk and Penang Road intersection)
Time: 10 am to 5 pm

For more information on registration,
please call Susie Chong at 6123 4567
or visit our website at www://brainbuilder-playhouse.com (only after 24th Dec)



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. Brainbuilders Playhouse will be holding a _____ Open House.
 - (1) one-day
 - (2) two-day
 - (3) three-day
 - (4) four-day

2. "Preschool children" refers to children who _____.
 - (1) cannot read and write
 - (2) are healthy and physically fit
 - (3) enjoy enrichment programmes
 - (4) have not entered schools for formal education

3. Lessons on _____ will appeal to children who love nature.
 - (1) practical life skills
 - (2) biology and botany
 - (3) music and movement
 - (4) language and phonics

4. The school starter kit would be presented to _____.
 - (1) any pupil registering on 4th Jan
 - (2) all pupils reading the advertisement
 - (3) only selected pupils in the preschool
 - (4) all pupils from 2 ½ years to 6 ½ years of age

5. Which one of the following statements is true?
 - (1) Free gifts are given to all guests at the Open House.
 - (2) Susie Chong is registering on the Open House days.
 - (3) Brainbuilders Playhouse offers only preschool education.
 - (4) Interested parties can make enquiries through the website before mid-December.

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. Neither rainbows nor the moon _____ able to emit light on its own.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
7. In this recipe, the cheese, as well as, the tomato slices _____ not need to be grilled before serving.
- (1) do
 - (2) has
 - (3) does
 - (4) have
8. My father took my brother and _____ to the beach during the Good Friday weekend.
- (1) I
 - (2) me
 - (3) mine
 - (4) myself
9. Lydia had often heard the baby _____ softly after finishing his milk.
- (1) gurgle
 - (2) gurgles
 - (3) is gurgling
 - (4) had gurgled
10. In a pandemic, it is important for us to step _____ hygiene practices and remain alert at all times.
- (1) in
 - (2) on
 - (3) up
 - (4) out

11. _____ we renew her work permit, our domestic helper will be asked to return to her country.
- (1) As
 - (2) Since
 - (3) Unless
 - (4) Although
12. The little boy _____ knocked down by the taxi if the driver had not applied his brakes in the nick of time.
- (1) will be
 - (2) would be
 - (3) will have been
 - (4) would have been

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)

Without a doubt, the light was getting brighter and brighter. Nora's heart skipped a beat. She took a deep breath and called out (13) "Who's there?" Only silence answered her. Nora clenched her fists and this time, she demanded, "Tell me who's there (14) Suddenly, a blurred outline began to emerge from the glaring light (15) faint yet at the same time distinctly familiar.

13. (1) [: *] colon and inverted commas
(2) [, *] comma and inverted commas
(3) [. *] full-stop and inverted commas
(4) [! *] exclamation mark and inverted commas
14. (1) [;] comma
(2) [-] hyphen
(3) [? *] question mark and inverted commas
(4) [! *] exclamation mark and inverted commas
15. (1) [:] colon
(2) [,] comma
(3) [.] full stop
(4) [!] exclamation 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. It is impossible to discuss anything with you! There is a definite _____ in our communication.
- (1) breakout
 - (2) breakaway
 - (3) breakdown
 - (4) breakthrough
17. Craters on the surface of the moon are caused by the _____ of showering meteorites.
- (1) hit
 - (2) effect
 - (3) impact
 - (4) influence
18. The _____ in the examination hall advised the candidates to check their scripts thoroughly.
- (1) monitors
 - (2) inspectors
 - (3) examiners
 - (4) invigilators
19. The overpopulated city has resulted in slum areas where you can find many _____ who can no longer afford housing.
- (1) settlers
 - (2) tourists
 - (3) squatters
 - (4) occupants
20. Anne Sullivan used the manual alphabet to teach Helen Keller who was both blind and hearing-_____.
- (1) infected
 - (2) disabled
 - (3) impaired
 - (4) damaged

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)

What happened at the weekend flea market last week was beyond our comprehension. We were completely taken aback when one of the townsfolk suddenly fell to the ground, writhing in apparent agony. As the crowd gathered around him, he began speaking in a series of high-pitched notes. We also felt tremors in the earth below our feet. The crowd moved off in different directions quickly. It was not a moment too soon – a huge machine burst out from the ground at that point in time! As the dust settled, a little round door on the machine appeared right before us. We held our breaths as a little green creature emerged. Unperturbed by our watchful eyes, it raised and floated the victim towards the craft. Then, in a blink of an eye, the man, the creature and the spaceship disappeared together.

21. (1) coiling
(2) pulling
(3) twisting
(4) bending
22. (1) flocked
(2) clustered
(3) assembled
(4) accumulated
23. (1) evaded
(2) escaped
(3) dispersed
(4) dismissed
24. (1) arose
(2) came up
(3) cropped up
(4) materialised
25. (1) carried
(2) pushed
(3) levitated
(4) balanced

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

In 1989, at just seventeen years of age, young Michael Chang defeated world champion Ivan Lendl at the French Open tennis championship. With this feat, Michael shot to fame instantly throughout the world of sports. The match had lasted a gruelling four hours. His legs were so cramped that he could hardly walk. He was also hot and thirsty but his spirit and determination triumphed eventually.

Michael was born in 1972 to a couple who had earlier left their home in mainland China to look for greener pastures in America. While growing up, Michael showed a natural affinity for Science as both his parents were chemists. At the same time, Michael also enjoyed watching his father play tennis. When he was six years old, his mother suggested that he try the game. He did and from then on, he never looked back.

His father, Joe Chang, became his first coach. Joe would tirelessly teach his son to perfect his skills. Michael soon began entering competitions and he performed magnificently. The family then relocated to California where the warmer climate allowed Michael to play tennis all year round. When he was twelve and thirteen, he won important junior events in the country. Although Michael spent many waking hours training rigorously, not once had he ever neglected his studies. At fifteen, he became the youngest player at that time to win the prestigious US Junior Championships.

He became a professional tennis player after completing his high school education. He toured the world, competing in numerous tournaments to further challenge himself and sharpen his skills. His devoted mother, Betty, travelled with him as often as possible. After his French Open win, fate dealt Michael a severe blow when he fractured his hip during practice. He had to be out of competition for a long time owing to his injury. While he recuperated, Michael spent his time studying and reading the Bible. Once his hip healed, he began retraining hard to get back in shape.

Michael Chang is a determined person who does his best in his chosen sport. He has inspired many people all over the world to persevere towards achieving their dreams.

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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. In 1989, what happened to Michael Chang at the French Open tennis championship? He _____
- (1) suffered leg cramps that led to his hip injury
 - (2) played with a tennis champion for four hours
 - (3) gained fame because he was only seventeen
 - (4) was defeated by the world famous Ivan Lendl
27. Joe and Betty Chang _____
- (1) were refugees from mainland China
 - (2) disliked Michael's interest in Science
 - (3) became famous as they were brilliant chemists
 - (4) emigrated from their home country for a better life
28. The first few tennis tournaments that Michael competed in were the _____
- (1) US Open championships
 - (2) French Open championships
 - (3) junior tournaments in America
 - (4) junior tournaments in mainland China
29. What did Michael do after achieving the status of a professional player? He _____
- (1) relocated to California to play tennis all year round
 - (2) stopped training so vigorously to avoid further injury
 - (3) made his mother travel all around the world with him
 - (4) tested his limits through countless world tournaments
30. From the information given, the most suitable title for this passage is _____
- (1) Michael Chang – an Autobiography
 - (2) A Day in the Life of Michael Chang
 - (3) Perseverance – the Road to Achieving your Dreams
 - (4) Migrate, Sweat and Hard Work Pave the Way to Fame



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PAPER 2**

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BOOKLET B

Instructions to Pupils:

1. DO NOT open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Follow all instructions carefully.
3. This booklet consists of 50 questions. (Questions 31 to 80)

	Maximum	Marks Obtained
Booklet A	30	
Booklet B	65	
Total	95	

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

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There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) on	(D) that	(G) up	(K) which	(N) even
(B) a	(E) more	(H) as	(L) with	(P) down
(C) beyond	(F) whom	(J) when	(M) although	(Q) the

When Russell Ohneck handed in his scorecard at the Intramural Golf Tournament, it was not his score that had made such an impression. Instead, it was (31) _____ fact that he reported to the score table (32) _____ crutches and left the golf course on a three-wheel scooter.

Ohneck was born (33) _____ cerebral palsy, which is a chronic condition affecting body movements and muscle coordination. He does not let the disability slow him (34) _____ but, rather, it serves as a motivation. "As you grow up, you learn to adapt," he said. "It's something I've overcome."

Ohneck's disability limits his physical activities. (35) _____ he is confined to a wheelchair, he is an avid golf fan. His golf interest blossomed ten years ago (36) _____ he became involved with the Golf Buddies Program through a charitable group in Philadelphia. The program paired a disabled person up with a local golf professional who would teach his buddy how to swing from a wheelchair.

"Russell is a hard worker. By nature, he is a giver and he has a bubbly personality. He's a young man with a physical disability that can warm any heart," Ohneck's golf buddy, Doug Hendricks, said. Hendricks has given over 13,000 golf lessons, but none of them has been (37) _____ rewarding than his experience with Ohneck, (38) _____ he refers to as his "little brother". Their relationship was born on the golf course but exists way (39) _____ that.

Ohneck was excited to know that their team had succeeded and that they were (40) _____ competitive threat to other opponents. It is obvious that he is an inspiration to everyone around him.

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

Neil Armstrong's first space flight in 1966 was a disaster. He and his partner, David Scott, (41) were onboard their spacecraft, Gemini 8, when it spin wildly out of control when one of their (42) , (43) thruster rockets **melfuntioned**. They got it in control again, but had to return to Earth after only (44) seven orbits because they had use up most of their fuel.

(45) In 1968, Neil Armstrong was choose, along with Edwin Aldrin and Michael Collins, to be a (46) member of the Apollo 11 mission. It would be the first in history to **atemp** a manned landing on the Moon. Four days later, Apollo 11 went into orbit around the Moon. The lunar module, Eagle, with (47) Armstrong and Aldrin inside, was separated from the command module and **deesended** to the surface of the Moon.

On July 20, 1969, Neil Armstrong became the first human being to set foot on the Moon. (48) (49) The two astronots set up an American flag, collected rock samples and set up several **sceintifik** experiments on the lunar surface. They stayed out for about two and a half hours. The next day, they left the Moon and rejoined Collins in the command module. The trio returned home on July 24 (50) and are given a hero's welcome. They were honoured with a parade in New York City.

Fill in each blank with a suitable word. (15marks)

Squinting against the glare, I saw an object lying in a dry riverbed just ahead. The deer had been freshly killed and its (51)_____ had invited a crow to fly in for some scraps. The stench was nauseating.

Turning his (52)_____ slowly, Claudio, our expedition leader, nodded towards a dark shape approaching through the shadows. Suddenly, a beast (53)_____ from the jungle, its giant, grey-brown body raised from the ground with its long tail dragging behind. The monstrous, flat head was held high, and from its (54)_____ flickered a yellow 30-cm tongue. It was the Komodo dragon!

I had travelled thousands of kilometres (55)_____ this encounter, only now I felt (56)_____ like the hunted than the hunter. I dared not budge. Even the slightest movement could provoke him. Beads of perspiration ran down my face, but I (57)_____ the urge to wipe them away. Although this creature was over three metres long and weighed nearly 90 kilograms, it could outrun me for sure.

"Don't move," Claudio whispered. "It smells blood. If you (58)_____, it'll think you are prey." The Komodo dragon scampered across the trail before gripping the branches of a tree with (59)_____ five clawed toes on each foot. Then, nimble as a cat, it (60)_____ up the tree and settled on a branch.

Almost as agile as the komodo dragon, Claudio climbed the tree, grabbed the animal (61)_____ the snout and carried it down. Binding its jaws and legs with strips of tape, Claudio sliced a tiny slit on the tip of its tail. A sliver of flesh and a few drops of blood were eased into a test tube. Finally, he dabbed antiseptic on the (62)_____ unwrapped the bindings and gently set it down. Without a backward glance, the komodo dragon dashed off.

Claudio was (63)_____ of the many conservationists who were endeavouring to help this species survive. He drew blood and skin (64)_____ from these Komodo dragons to trace the generation of individual dragons. His findings will enable wildlife managers to select endangered species of komodo dragons for (65)_____. This will widen the gene pool and thus improve their chances of survival.

Adapted from 'Last Stand of the Komodo Dragon' by Brian Eads

For each of the questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s). (10 marks)

66. The chairman suddenly appeared at the meeting and caught us by surprise.

The sudden _____
_____ by surprise.

67. Jane and Ahmad did not eat the ice-cream.

Neither _____

68. Yang Liwei spoke to his family while in space. He also orbited the earth fourteen times in one day.

Not only _____

69. Tom is going for the Educational Immersion Tour. His classmates are also going for the tour.

_____ as well as _____

70. David was determined to do well for his test. In the end, he passed with flying colours.

As a result of _____

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

With snow whirling around him, Humar drove two ice axes into the frozen mountain face. Slowly, he hauled himself up another 25 centimetres. Beneath his spiked boots, a wall of ice and rock dropped almost three kilometres straight down. He still had about two kilometres to climb to the summit. Humar was on a solo attempt to scale the world's highest vertical rock face. Many had died on the 8 125-metre Nanga Parbat, thus it was known as the Killer Mountain. 5

Despite the cold, a warm monsoon wind was melting the ice. With snowslides coming down every few minutes, Humar knew he could not last long and needed to find protection. He reached a vertical ridge of snow and started hacking into it with his ice axe. Humar dug out a hole half the size of a fridge. He fixed a safety line at the back of the cave and clipped it to his harness and folded his knees under his chin. At least for now, he was safe. 10

Humar had sent radio calls pleading for help. At the base camp, two pilots, Rash and Khal, were sent to rescue him. They realised that the situation was worse than what they had imagined. The ice face was nearly vertical. With the helicopter's rotor blades jutting out 5.5 metres, how would they get close enough to even pass Humar a rope? Besides, vibration from the blades could also cause some snow above Humar to drop. This would hit the rotors and the helicopter might crash into the mountain. Nevertheless, the pilots went ahead. There was a hook under the helicopter. A sling was looped over the hook and the other end was tied to a bag filled with stones to keep it steady in the turbulent air. Humar's only chance was to grab the sling, clip it with the short rope attached to his harness and then, cut the safety line anchoring him to the ice-wall. 15 20

The next morning, the pilots took off. Rash circled in and hovered about 12 metres above Humar. From the cockpit, he saw Humar swinging his ice axe wildly to catch the sling but it was nowhere near him. Rash eased closer. Even when Humar leaned far out into space, he still could not grab the rope, as the bag of stones continued to swing outwards like a pendulum. 25

Taking over the controls, Rash flew the helicopter and stopped perilously close to the rock face. The bag of stones crashed into the snow. Humar grabbed the bag filled with stones and gripped it between his thighs. He clipped the hook of his harness over the helicopter's sling line. 30

Now that Humar was attached to the helicopter, he had to cut the safety line that anchored him to the ice-wall. But with his frozen fingers and the air from the rotor blades beating down on him, he dropped the knife. Fortunately, the safety line broke when Rash tilted the helicopter to prevent the blades from hitting the ice. Then they rose into the air.

Later, the helicopter hovered above the base camp and lowered Humar gently. Faint with relief, Humar saw the ground rise to greet him. Sobbing, he fell forward and buried his face in the grass. 35

Adapted from 'Courage at Killer Mountain' by John Dyson

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. From the 1st paragraph, which two-word phrase tells you that Humar was climbing the mountain alone?

72. According to the passage, what is the purpose of the safety line?

73. What does the word 'cave' (Line 10) refer to?

74. Give two reasons why the pilots knew that it would not be easy to rescue Humar.

75. Why was a bag of stones tied to one end of the rope?

76. Explain clearly why the pilots could not rescue Humar when they saw him.

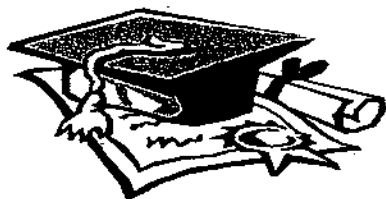
77. From Lines 22 to 30, which word shows that it was hazardous to fly too near to the mountain?

78. What had caused Humar to drop the knife?

79. How did Humar's safety line break?

80. Why did Humar bury his face in the grass when he reached the ground?

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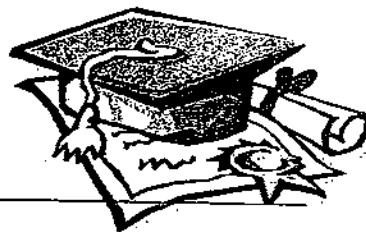


ANSWER SHEET

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Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
M	J	E	F	C	B

- 41)spun 42)malfunctioned 43)under 44)used
 45)chosen 46)attempt 47)descended 48)astronauts
 49)scientific 50)was 51)carcass 52)head 53)emerged
 54)mouth 55)for 56)more 57)resisted 58)move
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71) The two word phrase is "solo attempt".

72) Humar needed it to anchor himself to the mountain so that he would not fall off.

73) It refers to the hole that Humar had dug.

74) Vibration from the blades might cause the snow to fall hitting the rotors and possibly causing the helicopter to crash the helicopters rotor blades might hit against the ice wall and caused the helicopter to crash.

75) It was to help keep the rope steady.

76) They could not get near enough to pass Humar the rope.

77) The word is "perilously".

78) His frozen fingers and the air from the rotor blades caused Humar to drop the knife.

79) The safety line broke when Rash tilted the helicopter to prevent the blades from hitting the ice.

80) He was glad to be safe.