



**HENRY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
2010 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATIONS
PRIMARY SIX
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2 BOOKLET A**

NAME : _____

CLASS : P6 _____

INDEX NO : _____

~~40~~³⁰ QUESTIONS

~~40~~³⁰ MARKS

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

Shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

Booklet A

Section	Marks	
Graphic Stimulus Comprehension		5
Grammar		7
Punctuation		3
Vocabulary		5
Vocabulary Cloze		5
Comprehension MCQ		5
Total		30

Booklet A : _____ / 30

Booklet B : _____ / 65

TOTAL : _____ / 95

Parent's signature: _____

Read the brochure carefully and then answer questions 1 to 5.



Overweight Pets



Importance of Nutrition

Eating too much food will cause your pet to become overweight. This increases the risk of breathing problems and it may also contract diseases.

Is My Pet Overweight?

All pets have an ideal weight for their size and breed. Your veterinarian will be able to tell you what this is.

If your pet is overweight, you may notice some of the following signs:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ribs cannot easily be felt when you touch your pet's side• Waist is not obvious• Collar needs loosening | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Difficulty in walking• Slow movement• Shortness of breath• Bad temper• Sleeping more than usual |
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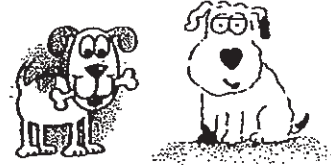
☞ CHECKLIST ☜



- ✓ Make an appointment with your veterinarian to check your pet's weight.
- ✓ Only feed the food recommended by your veterinarian.
- ✓ Divide daily food allowance into several small meals.
- ✓ Instead of scraps and tidbits, reward your pet with small amounts of food from the daily food allowance.
- ✓ Make sure your pet doesn't steal food.
- ✓ Always provide plenty of fresh, clean water.
- ✓ Increase your pet's level of exercise through play and regular walking.
- ✓ If your pet doesn't lose weight, contact your veterinarian.

How Can I Help My Pet To Lose Weight?

Weight problems are common in cats and dogs. They are usually caused by eating too much, especially when combined with lack of exercise. Combining a change in diet with increased exercise is the most effective way of achieving a healthy weight.



Exercise tips for cats:

- Encourage your cat to follow you when you move from room to room, particularly up and down stairs.
- Use toys to encourage your cat to play, or hide food and make him or her *hunt* for it.
- Shine a torch on walls for your cat to chase.

Exercise tips for dogs:

- Enjoy regular walks with your dog - walking at a constant pace will help.
- Take your dog for walks on different surfaces, such as sand or in water - this provides extra resistance.
- Encourage play in the garden and in the home.



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. (5marks)

1. The ideal weight for each pet will depend on its _____.
- (1) age and health
 - (2) breed and size
 - (3) eating habits
 - (4) exercise routines
2. If pets overeat, they may _____.
- ~~(1)~~ have difficulties in walking and sleep more often
 - ~~(2)~~ have breathing difficulties and die from diseases
 - ~~(3)~~ become breathless, slow and bad-tempered
 - ~~(4)~~ gain too much weight and have health problems
3. The best way to help overweight pets to lose weight is to _____.
- (1) give them more exercise and change their diet
 - (2) play with them as much as possible.
 - (3) go for long walks with them frequently
 - (4) take them to the veterinarian for weight checks
4. Based on the information given in the checklist, which of the following statements is true?
- (1) Reward pets with tidbits and scraps but only in small amounts.
 - (2) Keep pets happy by giving them extra little meals daily.
 - (3) Get pets to exercise more by taking them for walks and playing with them.
 - (4) Take pets to the veterinarian for monitoring when they start to lose weight.
5. This brochure would be most useful to pet owners who are interested in _____.
- (1) increasing their pets' level of exercise gradually
 - (2) managing the weight of their pets through food and exercise
 - (3) the causes and contributing factors of weight gain for pets
 - (4) the relationship between nutrition and their pets' health

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. "We must find the old man! He's one of three men who _____ where the treasure is hidden and the two other men are dead," shouted Ben urgently.
- (1) knows
 - (2) know
 - (3) has known
 - (4) had known
7. The resourceful child opened the door wide and wedged it firmly _____ a wad of newspaper so that it would not close.
- (1) in
 - (2) under
 - (3) beside
 - (4) with
8. "I _____ all the practice exercises you assigned me, Mum. May I do some more?" Min asked her astonished mother.
- (1) complete
 - (2) completed
 - (3) have completed
 - (4) had completed
9. When the private investigator saw the middle-aged woman _____ the casino after withdrawing some money, he contacted his client immediately.
- (1) has entered
 - (2) had entered
 - (3) enter
 - (4) entered

10. The new teacher's pupils may have a problem during her lessons as she speaks _____ than the other teachers.
- (1) softer
 - (2) softest
 - (3) most softly
 - (4) more softly
11. Officials of the mining company _____ the public yesterday that they had stopped all operations to focus on the search for the missing miners.
- (1) assure
 - (2) assured
 - (3) are assuring
 - (4) have assured
12. Dr Thomas had to admit that the new nurse's suggestions might help to reduce costs _____ they were rather unusual.
- (1) although
 - (2) despite
 - (3) unless
 - (4) nevertheless

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)

Mr and Mrs Teh left their dog, Bob, at a boarding kennel during the two weeks that they were away on holiday in Tokyo.

On their return, Mr Teh dropped his wife off at their home and drove on to the kennel to collect their pet. On the drive back, it barked continually and loudly.

"I don't know what's the matter with Bob (13) I had lots of difficulties calming him down," said Mr Teh when he reached home. "Do you think he prefers to be back at the kennel (14)

"Quite probably (15) said Mrs Teh. "You've got the wrong dog!"

13. (1) [,] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [, "] comma and inverted commas
(4) [. "] full stop and inverted commas
14. (1) [, "] comma and inverted commas
(2) [. "] full stop and inverted commas
(3) [? "] question mark and inverted commas
(4) [" ?] inverted commas and question mark
15. (1) [,] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [, "] comma and inverted commas
(4) [. "] full stop and inverted commas

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. Dad and I had to take a different route to Grandma's house as there was a traffic _____ along our usual way.

- (1) distraction
- (2) digression
- (3) disturbance
- (4) diversion

17. The bad weather and dense forest _____ the rescuers' efforts to search for survivors of the plane crash.

- (1) endangered
- (2) hindered
- (3) inconvenienced
- (4) opposed

18. Long-haired owls are _____; and difficult to photograph, because they are usually well-camouflaged and only come out at night to hunt.

- (1) elusive
- (2) imperceptible
- (3) obscure
- (4) secretive

19. Dwayne eyed his sister _____ when she approached him because he did not wish to be poked in his ribs again.

- (1) inquisitively
- (2) thoughtfully
- (3) speculatively
- (4) warily

20. A police spokesperson said that three football fans were injured in the fight that _____ after the favourite team lost to its rival.

- (1) arose
- (2) ensued
- (3) launched
- (4) resumed

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)

Some inventions start out as one thing, and then when an entrepreneur gets hold of it, it turns into something else (21) entirely.

First developed in the Philippines around 1500, the Yo-Yo was originally not a toy, but a weapon. It (22) consisted of a two-pound stone attached to a cord about six metres long.

Tribesmen used it in two ways. When hunting, they stood off to one side, held one end of the rope, and threw the rock towards the legs of their (23) quarry. The rope became tangled around the animal's legs and, with a tug, the hunter brought it down. When engaging enemies, the tribesmen would (24) lurk in trees until they passed directly below. Then they would drop the stones on their heads.

In 1927, an American named Donald Duncan, who was extremely (25) enterprising, saw a Yo-Yo and spent the next two years transforming it into a plaything and a million-dollar business.

21. (1) completely
(2) drastically
(3) gradually
(4) substantially
22. (1) complemented
(2) comprised
(3) contained
(4) constituted
23. (1) prey
(2) scapegoat
(3) pursuer
(4) victim
24. (1) ambush
(2) squat
(3) prowl
(4) hide
25. (1) resourceful
(2) knowledgeable
(3) brilliant
(4) shrewd

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30. (5 marks)

Many of us live in noisy surroundings where dangerously high levels of unwanted sound reach our ears all the time – traffic, construction sites, other people's music and conversations. Our brain has a mechanism for shutting out what we do not want to hear, but noise continues to affect our hearing and our health, even when we are not aware of it. 5

Noise is a little-acknowledged but potent health hazard. The level at which continued exposure can damage hearing is 80 decibels, the noise of an alarm clock or a busy office. Many everyday noises, such as a lorry passing close by or a food blender doing its job, are louder than this. 10

Lowering noise levels will reduce stress-related symptoms like headaches and backaches, and will save our hearing too. Children are especially vulnerable. By not exposing them to excessive loud noises, parents will reduce their stress level and protect their hearing. Lower noise levels will also enable us to hear pleasant, soothing sounds like birds singing and the wind in the trees. 15

Noise is one of the most widespread forms of pollution. Because many of us tend to take noise for granted, it is rarely considered a true form of pollution. As such, little is done to reduce it. In recent years, although house-builders and manufacturers of cars and electrical appliances have made much effort to reduce noise, there is still a long way to go. 20

26. In the first paragraph, the writer is saying that _____.

- (1) the noise in our environment may be dangerous to our health
- (2) many people have no choice but to live in noisy neighbourhoods.
- (3) the human brain is able to block out unwanted noises completely
- (4) people are suffering because of loud noises in their surroundings

27. We can protect our hearing from damage by _____.

- (1) stopping the spread of noise pollution x
- (2) living in calm and relaxing environments.
- (3) avoiding prolonged exposure to loud noises
- (4) reducing the number of lorries and food blenders x

28. As children are "...especially vulnerable" (line13), they _____.
- (1) are more likely to be affected by noise than other people
 - (2) will be able to hear well once noise levels are reduced
 - (3) should remind themselves to relax and avoid noisy places
 - (4) may have backaches and headaches when they are stressed
29. According to the writer, not enough is being done to reduce noise because _____.
- (1) it is not a genuine form of pollution
 - (2) it has been accepted as being widespread
 - (3) many people are used to having noise around them
 - (4) manufacturers and builders are already trying to reduce noise
30. Based on the passage, which of the following statements is true?
- (1) It is too late to do anything about noise reduction. x
 - (2) Many people are taking noise pollution seriously. x
 - (3) Noise pollution is common and can harm our hearing. x
 - (4) Noise levels in our environment are beginning to increase.

END OF BOOKLET A



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PRIMARY 6
PAPER 2 BOOKLET B**

Name: _____ () Class: P6_____

Total Duration of Paper: 1h 50 min

Section	Marks	
Grammar Cloze		10
Editing for Spelling and Grammar		10
Comprehension Cloze		15
Synthesis / Transformation		10
Comprehension Open Ended		20
Total		65

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.

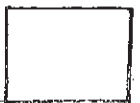
(10 marks)

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) as	(D) of	(G) or	(K) its	(N) and
(B) in	(E) if	(H) are	(L) when	(P) is
(C) was	(F) away	(J) from	(M) off	(Q) during

"Why do we dream?" When Barbara Hammond, a psychologist at Washington State University, was asked this question, the first thing she said was, "Who knows?" The function of dreaming (31) _____ not completely understood. Most psychologists still believe that a person's hidden feelings often surface (32) _____ dreams.

Dreaming, like ~~all~~ mental processes, is a product of the brain and (33) _____ activity. Whether a person is awake (34) _____ asleep, the brain continuously gives (35) _____ electrical waves. At most times during sleep, the brain waves are large (36) _____ slow. During the periods of fast brain waves, the eyes move rapidly (37) _____ though the sleeper were watching a series of events. This stage of REM (Rapid Eye Movement) sleep, is (38) _____ most dreams occur. During REM sleep, the pathways that carry nerve impulses (39) _____ the brain to the muscles are blocked. Therefore, the body cannot move (40) _____ dreams. If awakened during REM, the person is likely to recall details of the dream.



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

(10 marks)

During the Second World War, Guildford was responsible for conducting intelligence tests and personal interviews to select bomber pilots. He also assigned a

retired Air Force pilot without (41) psychology training to aid in the selection process.

Both had different selection (42) **kriterie** and it was soon discovered that the pilots

selected by Guildford (43) was shot down and killed more frequently than those

(44) choose by the retired pilot. Guildford, who (45) **conteplated** suicide upon

learning that he (46) can have indirectly caused their deaths, decided to find out the

root of the problem by studying the retired pilot's selection process. (47) **Candidites** were asked a simple question, "What would you do if your plane were shot by German

anti-aircraft?" Instead of hiring those who answered correctly according (48) by the manual, the retired pilot did otherwise. For him, following the manual meant acting in

a (49) **predikable** manner- a dangerous thing to do since the Germans could also

foresee those moves. Guildford realised that creative pilots (50) **suviere**d more often than those who, although intelligent, stuck by the rules.

It is a sad and familiar refrain that we often hear in big cities," Can you spare some change?" Usually when confronted (51) _____ that particular question, I am struck with indecision and experience twinges of guilt if I pass by without giving a coin (52) _____ two. My conscience was pricked once again in Venice (53) _____ I was on a tour. I had taken refuge (54) _____ the crowd in a quiet café. Outside, there was an old woman (55) _____ on the hard paving stones, begging. Steady streams of tourists were walking (56) _____ her. A lone young backpacker was observing the woman who had been kneeling motionless. Her flimsy shawl provided little (57) _____ against the cold.

A tourist group bustled along the street, glanced at the woman and walked on. (58) _____ group of tourists arrived and walked past the old lady. The backpacker watched as everybody else went on their way, (59) _____ on the sights around them. Then, as I was preparing to leave, I stopped at (the (60) _____ of the young backpacker stepping forward and placing some money in the woman's cup. He did this somewhat ostentatiously just (61) _____ the arrival of another tourist group. As I watched, the (62) _____ of the group stopped and put some money in the cup. Having been shown the way, the group of tourists followed suit and added (63) _____ more coins to the woman's cup.

The young backpacker (64) _____ the process in front of the next group of tourists going past. Once again, the subtle pressure worked (65) _____ the tourists who all added coins to the cup. His work done, the young man walked over to the old beggar woman, patted her on the shoulder and said, "I hope that helps a little."



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). (10marks)

66. Karen sings like an angel and dances like a fairy

_____ not only _____

67. I will let you drive my car if you pass your driving test.

Once _____

68. Despite my respect for his work, I cannot agree with him.

Much as _____

69. My mother reported the matter to the police. My aunt did not report it.

It _____

70. The hungry man needs some food.

What _____



When the money ran out, hunger began to cast a pall over their lives. It was stunning to Mariam how quickly alleviating hunger became the crux of their existence.

Rice, boiled plain and white, with no meat or sauce, was a rare treat now. They skipped meals with an increasing and alarming regularity. Sometimes Rasheed brought home sardines in a can and brittle, dried bread that tasted like sawdust. Sometimes a stolen bag of apples, at the risk of getting his hand sawed. From grocery stores, he carefully pocketed canned ravioli, which they split five ways, Zalmai getting the lion's share. They ate raw turnips sprinkled with salt. Limp leaves of lettuce and blackened bananas for dinner. 5 10

Death from starvation suddenly became a distinct possibility. Some chose not to wait for it. Mariam heard of a widow in the neighbourhood who had ground some dried bread laced with rat poison, and fed it to all of her seven children. She had saved the biggest portion for herself.

Aziza's ribs began to push through her skin, and the fat from her cheeks vanished. Her calves thinned, and her complexion turned the colour of weak tea. Zalmai lay around the house, eyes dulled or half closed, or on his father's lap limp as a rag. He cried himself to sleep, when he could muster the energy, but his sleep was fitful and sporadic. White dots leapt before Mariam's eyes whenever she got up. Her head spun, and her ears rang all the time. She remembered something Mullah Faizullah used to say, "Even the snakebitten man finds sleep, but not the hungry." 15 20

"My children are going to die," Laila said. "Right before my eyes."

"They are not," Mariam said. "I won't let them. It's going to be alright, Laila. I know what to do."

Mariam thought now of the letter her father, Jalil, had left her. She had kept it now for days, beneath her pillow, picking it up now and then, turning it over in her hands. She regretted her foolish youthful pride and wished she had accepted his help earlier. Now, for the sake of the children, she knew what she had to do. 25

Adapted from 'A Thousand Splendid Suns' by Khaleed Hosseini

71. What was the main problem affecting Mariam's family?

72. What was the punishment for stealing?

73. How many people were there in the family?

74. What does 'it' in paragraph 3, line 12 refer to?

75. Explain why Mariam's neighbour had ground bread laced with rat poison.



76. Why did Mariam's neighbour save the biggest portion for herself?

77. Explain clearly the phrase 'Even the snakebitten man finds sleep, but not the hungry' in paragraph 4, line 21.

78. What was Laila's fear?

79. Which sentence tells you that Mariam was a proud woman?

80. What was Mariam's plan to save the children?

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ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2010

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TERM : PERLIMINARY



Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
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Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
1	4	1	1	2	1	4	2	1	3	1	1	4	P	B	K	G

Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
M	N	A	L	J	Q

- 41)psychological 42)criteria 43)were 44)chosen
 45)contemplated 46)could 47)Candidates 48)to
 49)predictable 50)survived 51)someone. 52)or
 53)when 54)from 55)kneeling 56)past 57)protection
 58)Another 59)focused 60)sight 61)before 62)guide
 63)some 64)repeated 65)on
 66)Karen not only sings like an angel but also dances like a fairy.
 67)Once you have passed your driving test, I will let you drive my car.
 68)Much as I respect his work, I cannot agree with him.
 69)It was my mother not my aunt, who reported the matter to the police.
 70)What the hungry man needs is some food.

71) Mariam's family was running out of money and they did not have enough food to eat.

72) The thief's hand would be sawed.

73) They were five people in the family.

74) The word refers to their death of starvation.

75) She wanted to kill herself and her seven children.

76) She thought she needed more rat poison than her children in order to kill herself.

77) It means that the pain of hunger is worse than the pain of a snake bite.

78) Laila feared that her children would die.

79) The sentence is 'she regretted her foolish youthful pride and wished she had accepted his help earlier'.

80) Mariam would seek her father's assistance to solve their problems.