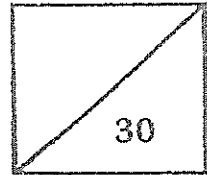




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CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT 1, 2014  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2  
PRIMARY 6



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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. Answer **ALL** the questions and shade them in the correct ovals on the OAS provided.

\* This booklet consists of 9 pages altogether.

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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. The main purpose of this advertisement is to \_\_\_\_\_
  - (1) boost the sales of the Family Pass
  - (2) promote Singapore's heritage sights
  - (3) promote the open-top double-decker bus
  - (4) encourage tourists to hop on and hop off the bus
  
2. What is an advantage of buying a Family Pass?
  - (1) Cost saving
  - (2) Travel at one's own pace
  - (3) Family travelling together
  - (4) Tour around the heritage routes
  
3. How do customers abroad purchase their passes?
  - (1) Call the hotline
  - (2) Log on to the website
  - (3) Walk into any City Tours offices
  - (4) Walk over to any of the hotels nearby
  
4. What can one look forward to when riding on the open-top bus?
  - (1) Visiting the heritage sites
  - (2) Being entertained by a guide
  - (3) Listening to a live commentary on Singapore heritage
  - (4) Enjoying a panoramic view of the city's top attractions
  
5. Which of the following statements is false?
  - (1) Each pass allows one to travel at his own leisure.
  - (2) Online booking is made available to all overseas guests.
  - (3) An open-top bus tour takes people to all tourist attractions.
  - (4) A family of three with a toddler is entitled to purchase a Family Pass.

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. She has three brothers; two of \_\_\_\_\_ were adopted.

- (1) who
- (2) which
- (3) whom
- (4) whose

7. When the cleaner \_\_\_\_\_ the classroom, the pupils walked in.

- (1) swept
- (2) has swept
- (3) had swept
- (4) will be sweeping

8. As the lion approached the hunter, he \_\_\_\_\_ on the ground and pretended to be dead:

- (1) lie
- (2) lay
- (3) has lain
- (4) was lying

9. Mr Tan insisted on going to work \_\_\_\_\_ having a fever.

- (1) due to
- (2) despite
- (3) although
- (4) however

10. The principal congratulated the team \_\_\_\_\_ their achievement at the competition.

- (1) in
- (2) on
- (3) by
- (4) for

11. The boy felt his dinghy \_\_\_\_\_ and panicked as he was not a strong swimmer.

- (1) sink
- (2) sank
- (3) sunk
- (4) sinks

12. All the pupils but one \_\_\_\_\_ the consent forms for the newspaper subscription.

- (1) submit
- (2) submits
- (3) has submitted
- (4) have submitted

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)

Father Berrade spotted one of the church staff screaming and crying uncontrollably. "Father," she said (13) "our church is sinking!"

He took her by the shoulders. "Be calm (14) he shouted "Gather the others and go into the street where it is safer."

Then all at once, the scene came alive with young people arriving at the church. They dug at the heaps of debris with their bare hands, following every call and whimper for help. "Our young people were the real heroes," Father Berrade says (15) They dug with nothing but their hands and their hearts."

13. (1) [ - ] hyphen  
(2) [ , ] comma  
(3) [ . ] full stop  
(4) [ ; ] semicolon

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

15. (1) [ : " ] colon and inverted commas  
(2) [ , " ] comma and inverted commas  
(3) [ . " ] full stop and inverted commas  
(4) [ ! " ] exclamation mark 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. \_\_\_\_\_ by the kindness and support from family and friends, she shed a tear.

- (1) Swamped
- (2) Smothered
- (3) Overpowered
- (4) Overwhelmed

17. Cats were first \_\_\_\_\_ 8,000 years ago and have been valued for companionship ever since.

- (1) raised
- (2) trained
- (3) groomed
- (4) domesticated

18. In the midst of \_\_\_\_\_ temperatures, many people find refuge in air-conditioned shopping malls.

- (1) stifling
- (2) scorching
- (3) sweltering
- (4) suffocating

19. Scientists have been developing \_\_\_\_\_ robotic devices to improve people's lifestyle.

- (1) inventive
- (2) ingenious
- (3) invaluable
- (4) inconspicuous

20. As dark clouds \_\_\_\_\_, the lightning alert came on and the race was postponed.

- (1) raged
- (2) loomed
- (3) brewed
- (4) emerged

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)

As the days passed, talks about adopting Olive and Viki, the twins, began. My parents were seriously thinking about it. That was when I realised my life might change forever. (21)

Once the adoption process was finalised, it confirmed my worst fears. Before Olive and Viki arrived, I received all the attention I could ever want. I started noticing that my mother hugged Olive more than she hugged me. When my parents arrived home from somewhere, they would first look out for Olive and Viki, not me. There were also little gifts, which I looked at with envy. After a while, I was unquestionably infuriated and all mischief broke loose. (22) (23) (24)

I hatched elaborate plans to make the twins feel miserable but I did not carry them out in the end. My parents would not be pleased with me. (25)

21. (1) reflecting on  
(2) meditating on  
(3) worrying about  
(4) deliberating over
22. (1) detecting  
(2) observing  
(3) perceiving  
(4) acknowledging
23. (1) hatred  
(2) enmity  
(3) jealousy  
(4) contempt
24. (1) totally  
(2) thoroughly  
(3) undeniably  
(4) unconditionally
25. (1) made  
(2) devised  
(3) launched  
(4) implemented

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

The seven pups were left in a box beside a garbage bin. Thanks to Sherry Conisbee, the founder of an animal shelter working to improve the lives of stray dogs, these pups have since found welcoming homes.

With her dimply smile, Sherry is always seen playing gleefully with the canine residents at the shelter which has a playground for animals and a veterinary clinic. 5 Sherry and her helpers are the only friends these dogs have ever known at the shelter, temporary homes for the strays undergoing rehabilitation. "They are emotional beings, not vermin on the street," she says.

Street dogs can be a pitiful sight. Often hairless or disfigured due to disease and untreated injuries, they skulk listlessly or sprawl like discarded rag dolls. Sherry's 10 volunteers locate their neediest cases with the help of a neighbourhood watch group known as 'dog aunties'. They sterilise, vaccinate and nurture the animals back to health. For instance, Yoyo, a sick and bald dog, underwent a transformation and became a poised Pomeranian look-alike with lush cream fur.

"For years, I have walked past stray dogs, feeling sorry for them but thinking it 15 wasn't my business," says Sherry. "Then one day, I came across a pitiful dog – no hair, boils and blisters all over, limping badly with swollen feet," she recalls. She called him Benji and tried to befriend the wretched creature. He bit her. "As a stray, he deems everything about life as unfair and frightful," Sherry says. Returning with thick bite-proof gloves, she began tending to the hurting, scrawny animal. After months of dedicated 20 care, Benji bounced back. He grew long, shaggy hair like an Afghan hound and had a definite wag in his walk. To save him from returning to the streets, Sherry searched for an adoptive owner.

Soon after, Sherry and some voluntary veterinarians started offering medical and vaccination services to stray dogs. They also helped to control the ballooning population 25 of strays by providing sterilisation services. Their educational campaigns in schools and neighbourhoods introduce children to responsible pet ownership.

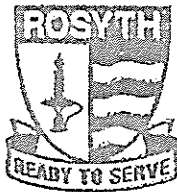
"Sherry has shown what one committed person can do and I salute her spirit," says a director of a leading animal charity.

*Adapted from 'Saved from the Streets' by Tibor Kraus*



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.

26. How do Sherry and her volunteers help the strays?
- (1) They look after their neighbours' dogs and sterilise them.
  - (2) They nurse sick strays to health and put them up for adoption.
  - (3) They provide strays with medical care and a permanent home.
  - (4) They groom the dogs in their neighbourhood and provide medical care.
27. What does the word 'residents' (Line 5) refer to?
- (1) The strays
  - (2) The volunteers
  - (3) The seven pups
  - (4) The 'dog aunties'
28. Why are some strays a piteous sight?
- (1) They skulk sluggishly.
  - (2) They sprawl like rag dolls.
  - (3) They are severely deformed
  - (4) They are emotionally scarred.
29. Why did Benji bite Sherry when she first saw him?
- (1) He felt wretched.
  - (2) He was frightened of her.
  - (3) He wanted to get her attention.
  - (4) He could not walk with his swollen feet.
30. Which of the following statements is true?
- (1) The shelter serves as a permanent home for strays.
  - (2) Strays need to be sterilised so that they will not be deformed.
  - (3) Yoyo transformed from a wretched Pomeranian to an Afghan hound.
  - (4) Sherry and her volunteers encourage children to be responsible pet owners.



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## BOOKLET B

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 50 questions (Questions 31 to 80).
4. Answer ALL the questions and write all the answers in this booklet.

|           | Maximum | Marks Obtained |
|-----------|---------|----------------|
| Booklet A | 30      |                |
| Booklet B | 65      |                |
| Total     | 95      |                |

| Component                | Question Numbers | Marks Obtained |
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| Comprehension Cloze      | 51 – 65          |                |
| Comprehension Open-ended | 71 – 80          |                |

\* This booklet consists of **8** pages altogether (including this page).

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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.**

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|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|-------------|
| (A) a     | (D) if   | (G) the  | (K) am    | (N) yet     |
| (B) in    | (E) was  | (H) will | (L) still | (P) would   |
| (C) after | (F) when | (J) over | (M) about | (Q) against |

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My father told me that my first words after the road accident were, "How is my bike?" But I did not remember this. All I could remember was that I was cycling on an expressway on my way home after an 80-kilometre training ride (31) \_\_\_\_\_ a white truck hit me from behind.

I had vague memories of hearing the running engine of a helicopter as I was being airlifted to a hospital. The next few days, I slipped in and out of consciousness. I recalled seeing the white uniform of a nurse looming (32) \_\_\_\_\_ me. And at some point when I was conscious, I remembered telling myself not to die. It was tempting as I just had to close my eyes and give (33) \_\_\_\_\_ so that the pain would end. However, I was not ready for that (34) \_\_\_\_\_.

When I was admitted to the hospital that afternoon, my back was broken in three places. Dad was told to prepare himself. I (35) \_\_\_\_\_ not expected to live. But (36) \_\_\_\_\_ four days of drifting in and out of consciousness, I was miraculously out of danger. If Dad remembered my first words as being a question (37) \_\_\_\_\_ the condition of my bicycle, Mum recalled me asking her (38) \_\_\_\_\_ I was ever going to run again – which made her cry and move away from the bed. I could not remember (39) \_\_\_\_\_ time soon after the accident when any medical staff said something like, "John, I'm sorry to tell you that due to the injuries you sustained to your back, you (40) \_\_\_\_\_ never walk again." Perhaps everyone assumed someone else had told me that devastating piece of news.

*Adapted from Reader's Digest August 2006 issue*

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

On 31 October 2001, twelve-year-old Ruth was playing with some young friends not far from her home on the banks of Peropava River in Brazil when she was

(41)

startelled by a strange roaring noise. Looking up into the sky, the children shrank

(42)

back in fear. Moving slowly towards them was a **shyni** Unidentified Flying Object

(43)

(UFO) but it seemed to be losing height.

(44)

Suddenly, there was a loud thud as the object collided to the trunk of a tree that stood in its path. The disc changed course and moved towards the river, rocking

(45)

(46)

violently. It seemed to be struggled to gain height. Then, **abrubtlee**, it plunged onto the water surface amid an explosion of huge bubbles. The river seemed to be

(47)

boiling at the spot when the disc had disappeared.

Ruth's mother, Elida, rushed out of the house upon hearing the roaring sound.

(48)

She ran to where the children were staring at the **chearning** water. A minute later, Ruth's uncle also arrived at the scene. Like Elida, he had heard the noise but had

(49)

not seen the object. **Urterli** perplexed, he could not give an answer to the children's questions. He drove to another town and reported the incident to the police.

Although skeptical, they agreed to send some officers to the scene.

(50)

Fortunately for the children which story might have been casually dismissed as something they had made up, some fishermen had indeed seen the flying disc.

Adapted from *Great Mysteries UFOs*

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

I first saw 'Mina' after I arrived in Borneo, clinging to the arm of our assistant, Mr Hamzah. As he brought (51) \_\_\_\_\_ in, Mr Hamzah lifted his arm and unrolled her like a paper towel spilling onto the floor. She stood up, still holding onto his arm above her. Her long face was serene, the fluid brown of her eyes veiled (52) \_\_\_\_\_ thick lashes. My first (53) \_\_\_\_\_ was: "Why, she looks just like a Parisienne! A lady from Paris!"

The weeks that followed confirmed (54) \_\_\_\_\_ initial impression, Mina was lady-like. She had a gentle way about her. She never ran, she always walked. (55) \_\_\_\_\_ her squeal had the daintiness that the other orang utans lacked.

Like all orang utans, Mina was covered with dark orange hair. (56) \_\_\_\_\_ coarser and thicker than our hair, the distribution was similar. Her face, her palms and the soles of her feet were hairless, while her small naked ears protrude from the (57) \_\_\_\_\_ on her head. When Mina stood up, her long arms dangled (58) \_\_\_\_\_ her knees while her legs were proportionately shorter than ours. Mina had a rotund belly that made her look pregnant although at that time she was far too young to (59) \_\_\_\_\_ any offspring.

Mina looked self-contained. Orang utans, in general, are even tempered and serene (60) \_\_\_\_\_ to their volatile chimpanzee cousins. Even among members of her own tranquil species, Mina (61) \_\_\_\_\_ out as being exceptionally calm. Whatever emotions she might have been (62) \_\_\_\_\_ her brown eyes revealed nothing.

At that time Mina was about six years old, the orang utan equivalent of a young girl. Her sweetness was all the (63) \_\_\_\_\_ impressive as she had been kidnapped under what must have been brutal circumstances.

Months after I saw Mina, I heard from local people that nearby loggers had captured another young orang utan and were holding her at their camp (64) \_\_\_\_\_ outside the reserve where I was based. Killing, capturing, <sup>or</sup> selling a wild orang utan was (65) \_\_\_\_\_ in Indonesia. However, the law was rarely enforced. I was determined to change this.

*Adapted from Reflections of Eden by Biruté MF Galdikas*

For each of the questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentences, using the words 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. That is the salesman. You must speak to him tomorrow.

\_\_\_\_\_whom  
\_\_\_\_\_

67. Jack and Timmy are not attending the graduation ceremony.

Neither \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

68. Nicole said, "I am getting tired and restless these days."

Nicole said \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

69. I do not want to go to that restaurant again. I do not care how cheap the food is.

No matter \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

70. The pupils played truant. Mr Raju had warned them.

Despite \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

Although Gabby was quite capable of looking for his own food, he always came home for his supper when he heard a tin mug rattle on the concrete yard. His usual snack was brown bread and milk with crumbs of cheese. Gabby would not get these for his snack if the family was away, so it was quite a problem when we decided to go away for a summer holiday.

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The problem was solved when my father made Gabby a small travelling box. It hung from one of the metal bars holding up the roof canvas of our car. Gabby sat there swaying calmly and surveying the world with his bright, black eyes. He did not seem at all disturbed by his strange surroundings. As soon as we reached our holiday chalet and unloaded the car, Gabby was allowed to come out of his box to stretch his wings. We all held our breath while he took off and flew out of sight, but he soon returned to his temporary home. Just as we spent our time exploring our new surroundings, Gabby flew off on regular exploring trips.

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One morning when we were sitting outside in the sunshine eating our breakfast we heard our neighbours on the other side of a tall hedge say, "Oh look, here's the bird again! Have we got some food for him?" And then we found out what a clever bird Gabby was! He flew to most of the homes around daily for the same purpose. When that holiday ended, Gabby rode happily home again in his special box. As Gabby was adaptable, we took him with us whenever we went away. As a result, he became a well-travelled bird.

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Gabby lived with us until 1941 when the war broke out. My siblings and I were evacuated with our mother to a safer area in Scotland. This arrangement was made by my father together with a welfare organization which arranged our transport by special train. The relocation was planned for six months initially but was extended several times. My father joined the army in London which was nearer to Wales. As Gabby was closer to my father than any of the family members, he went to London with him. My father had to stay in a huge army camp. Although Gabby was a very clever bird, he must have become confused. It was extremely difficult for him to pick out one man in green amongst thousands of other green-clad ones. Gabby obviously decided to look for his family back at his old home in Wales. He disappeared from the camp in London and after several months, one of our neighbours was surprised to find him sitting on her washing line. He surprised her even more when he said, "Hello!" The poor lady dropped her washing and dashed indoors to recover. Other neighbours saw Gabby flying about our house until he must have realised that we were away.

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35

Thinking about it, we were quite sure that Gabby had gone to spend the rest of his life with the other parrots. There is always a large colony of them in some tall trees at the bottom of the field. We think that the ones we see nowadays are Gabby's relatives and descendants, but none of them ever said, "Hello!" to us!

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*Adapted from Pet Stories for Children by Hazel Wilkinson*

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. Who was Gabby?

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72. What was the problem faced by the writer and his family when they decided to go away for a summer holiday?

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73. Why do you think the family held their breath when Gabby flew off?

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74. In what way was Gabby clever as mentioned in paragraph 3?

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75. Which two-word phrase tells you that Gabby had been to many places?

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76. Was the writer with his father in the army camp? How do you know?

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77. In line 31, what does the "green-clad ones" refer to?

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78. Why was Gabby unable to recognise the writer's father?

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79. Why did Gabby disappear from the camp in London?

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80. How do you describe Gabby's relationship with the writer and his family? Support your answer with an evidence from the passage.

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# ANSWER SHEET

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- 41)startled      42)shiny      43)and      44)into      45)struggling  
46)abruptly      47)where      48)churning      49)utterly      50)whose  
51)her      52)by      53)impression      54)this      55)Even  
56)Although      57)hair      58)to      59)bear      60)compared  
61)stood      62)feeling      63)more      64)just      65)banned  
66)That is the salesman whom you must speak to tomorrow.  
67)Neither Jack nor Timmy is attending the graduation ceremony.

- 68) Nicole said that she was getting tired and restless those days.
- 69) No matter how cheap the food is, I do not want to go to that restaurant again.
- 70) Despite the fact that Mr Raju had warned them, the pupil played truant.
- 71) Gabby was the writer's bird.
- 72) They would not be able to feed Gabby his usual snack.
- 73) They thought that Gabby would fly away and not return.
- 74) Gabby would fly to most of the homes around daily to get some food.
- 75) The two phrases are "well-travelled bird".
- 76) No, the writer was not with his father in the army camp. The writer and his sibling were evacuated with the writer to a safer place was Scotland.
- 77) It refers to the men in army uniform.
- 78) Many men in the army camp were dressed in green.
- 79) He could not find the writer's father in the camp so he decided to look for the rest of family.
- 80) The relation was close. Gabby flew to their temporary home to look for them.