



RED SWASTIKA SCHOOL

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2008 CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT 1

English Language

Name : _____ ()

Class : Primary 6/ ___ (4S/ 5S)

Date : 25 February 2008

BOOKLET A

35 Questions

35 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 - 35 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.

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www.sentosa.com.sg

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. Mrs Lim and her family enjoy nature. They may visit the _____.
 - (1) Merlion
 - (2) Fort Siloso
 - (3) Carlsberg Sky Tower
 - (4) Butterfly Park & Insect Kingdom

2. Tickets are on sale at _____ locations.
 - (1) eight
 - (2) seven
 - (3) three
 - (4) four

3. Mr Tan is going to Sentosa with his wife, one-year-old nephew and thirteen-year-old daughter. He needs to purchase _____ tickets.
 - (1) two adult
 - (2) two adult and one child
 - (3) three adult
 - (4) three adult and one child

4. Visitors may find out about the attractions beforehand through _____.
 - (1) telephone
 - (2) self-discovery
 - (3) surfing Sentosa's webpage
 - (4) telephone and surfing Sentosa's webpage

5. Which of the following statements is true?
 - (1) An 80-cm tall visitor will be denied entry into the Sentosa 4D Magix.
 - (2) An unused ticket may be used the following day.
 - (3) A visitor may visit not more than three attractions.
 - (4) An unavailable attraction will be refunded.

For each question from 6 to 15, 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 (10 marks)

6. I _____ have to exercise more if I want to reduce my weight.
- (1) can
 - (2) will
 - (3) might
 - (4) should
7. Since the pupils are getting more defiant, the discipline mistress has no choice but to resort to _____ them.
- (1) cane
 - (2) canes
 - (3) caned
 - (4) caning
8. "John enjoys the cup of coffee, _____?" asked his mother.
- (1) is it
 - (2) isn't it
 - (3) does he
 - (4) doesn't he
9. There is a well-hidden grief _____ Raj's jovial laughter.
- (1) about
 - (2) under
 - (3) before
 - (4) behind
10. John made such an _____ of himself at the store that he was chased away by the storekeeper.
- (1) irritate
 - (2) irritant
 - (3) irritated
 - (4) irritation

11. The police questioned the man to _____ Chin Boon passed the weapons.
- (1) who
 - (2) which
 - (3) whom
 - (4) whose
12. Neither of the brothers _____ to remain in Hong Kong after next week.
- (1) want
 - (2) wants
 - (3) wanted
 - (4) are wanting
13. The security officer let his guard _____ by allowing the stranger to enter the office compound.
- (1) in
 - (2) up
 - (3) out
 - (4) down
14. _____ than his parents, no one else accompanied him to his new school.
- (1) Just
 - (2) Other
 - (3) Another
 - (4) Besides
15. _____ of the heavy rain, the soccer match continued.
- (1) Despite
 - (2) In spite
 - (3) Because
 - (4) As

For each question from 16 to 17, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (2 marks)

Mr Smith and his family were on a holiday in Phuket in December 2004 when a tsunami struck.

"The beach was getting smaller and smaller," said his wife (16) Mrs Smith.

"I felt compelled to look, but I didn't know what was happening. Then my niece said she'd just studied this at school—she talked about tectonic plates and an earthquake under the sea. She got more and more hysterical. In the end, she was screaming at us to get off the beach(17)

- 16 (1) [.] full stop
(2) [,] comma
(3) [:] colon
(4) [;] semicolon

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

For each question from 18 to 20, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (3 marks)

Andrew dreamed of playing outside, where the sunlight danced on the leaves. He watched the changing patterns of light and shadow on the ground. It was the wind, swaying the branches. He heard the birds sing and it was as if they were saying, "Come with us...come with us(18)

Every day Andrew sat before the window and watched people rush by. Every day the doctor came by and he would tell Uncle Ravi the same thing (19) See to it that you keep the boy inside (20) The hot sun and the cool breeze are bad for his health."

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

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

20. (1) [.] full stop
(2) [,"] comma
(3) [:] colon
(4) [;] semicolon

For each question from 21 to 25, 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)

- 21 The bank collects payment from its _____ every month.
- (1) lenders
 - (2) debtors
 - (3) owners
 - (4) creditors
22. The teacher told the class the _____ of the story to ignite their interest to read the book.
- (1) gist
 - (2) excerpt
 - (3) recount
 - (4) summary
- 23 The _____ boy goes against the instructions of all his elders.
- (1) meek
 - (2) insolent
 - (3) *unassuming*
 - (4) gracious
24. Nothing can be grown on the plot of land as it is _____.
- (1) sterile
 - (2) empty
 - (3) barren
 - (4) fruitless
- 25 Sarah's doctor _____ her as suffering from cancer.
- (1) checked
 - (2) assumed
 - (3) prescribed
 - (4) diagnosed

For each question from 26 to 30, 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)

I tossed and turned all night but I could not get to sleep. Something was

bothering me but I could not tell what it was. Suddenly, I frowned as painful memories

(26)

(27)

unfolded in my mind.

It happened after I had a premonition that I would lose in the story-telling

(28)

competition. I refused to believe it but on the day of the competition, my worst fears

(29)

were realised.

(30)

26 (1) pestering
(3) intriguing

(2) irritating
(4) disturbing

27. (1) think
(3) perceive

(2) imagine
(4) comprehend

28. (1) prediction
(3) guess

(2) sign
(4) letter

29. (1) denied
(3) ignored

(2) rejected
(4) distrusted

30 (1) became relevant
(3) came alive

(2) materialised
(4) came true

Read the passage below and answer questions 31 to 35.

The Great Pyramid of Giza was built for King Khufu (known to the Greeks as Cheops) some four and a half thousand years ago. It is a structure of such awe-inspiring dimensions that many people across the centuries have found it hard to credit its creation to human beings. And even harder to acknowledge is the fact that these human beings had not fully mastered the use of the simple rope pulley, let alone explosives, mechanical diggers, power drills, cranes and helicopters.

Apart from its sheer size, the Great Pyramid is also an astonishing feat of geometrical accuracy. Until the construction of the Eiffel Tower at the beginning of the 20th century, it was by far the tallest building in the world for more than two hundred years and there is evidence to suggest that its builders had a remarkably precise knowledge of astronomy too.

Today, thanks to the labour of generations of scholars, we have constructed a pretty clear account of how this remarkable work was achieved. Archaeologists have traced the technical development of the pyramid form from earlier types of Egyptian tombs; uncovered the quarries from which its stones were cut and hauled; located the remains of the barracks complex in which the work force was housed; calculated and painstakingly re-enacted the process of its construction.

However, a few minor points of ambiguity remain. For example, although all the experts agree that some form of giant ramp must have been used in building the higher levels, it has not been settled what kind of ramp that was. For the most part, though, everyone who has studied the matter seriously now agrees that the Pyramid was built over the course of some 20 or so years by a work force of some 20,000 people, of whom 4,000 were the hard core of labourers. And despite the familiar Hollywood image, it is also known that the workers were not slaves, but short-term conscripts, performing a kind of National Service.

This account of the making of the Great Pyramid, although rich and coherent, does not satisfy everyone, and there are many who persist in attributing the Great Pyramid to some agency outside the human race. There is a whole branch of the publishing industry devoted to meeting this hunger for pyramidal mysteries, which is sharpened by movies such as *Stargate* and *The Fifth Element*, and shows no sign of tapering off in the 21st century.

Adapted from:

A Short History of Pyramidology

(http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/ancient/egyptians/pyramidology_01.shtml)

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31. The word "it" (paragraph 2) refers to _____.

- (1) the giant ramp
- (2) the Eiffel Tower
- (3) the simple rope pulley
- (4) the Great Pyramid of Giza

32. According to the text, which of the following statements about the Pyramid is true?

- (1) It was not built by humans.
- (2) It was built with accurate angles.
- (3) It is currently the tallest building in the world.
- (4) All the workers were not paid to build the pyramid.

33. Archaeologists are unable to find out _____.

- (1) how the pyramid was built
- (2) the materials used to build the pyramid
- (3) the type of ramp used to build the pyramid
- (4) an estimated number of people who built the pyramid

34. The pyramid was built _____.

- (1) after the 20th century
- (2) before the 18th century
- (3) between the 18th and 19th century
- (4) between the 19th and 20th century

35. The production of movies such as "Stargate" and "The Fifth Element" has _____.

- (1) reduced towards the 21st century
- (2) explained the making of the Great Pyramid well
- (3) increased people's interest in pyramidal mysteries
- (4) attributed the building of the Great Pyramid to external agencies



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BOOKLET B

50 Questions

65 marks

MARKS

	OBTAINED	POSSIBLE
BOOKLET A		35
BOOKLET B		65
TOTAL		100

Parent's Signature : _____

There are 10 blanks, numbered 36 to 45, 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)

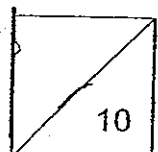
EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

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|---------------------|--------------------|-------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| (A) with | (D) the | (G) is | (K) from | (N) and |
| (B) an | (E) have | (H) without | (L) where | (P) will |
| (C) was | (F) on | (J) should | (M) are | (Q) for |

Are our children ready for school? Much research has been conducted (36) _____ school readiness. It was found that readiness (37) _____ school is greatly dependent on the environment a child comes from and not just genetics. Genetic factors play (38) _____ important role in a child's core abilities. However, the environment provided for a child remains (39) _____ overall most important factor.

Environmental factors include family resources (40) _____ income. Parents' behaviour with respect to learning and preschool experiences (41) _____ also equally important. Thus, it is only right to emphasise that if a child is nurtured to be a curious and keen learner (42) _____ a very young age, then the type of curriculum given to the child in most situations should not greatly matter. This is because he (43) _____ seek new learning every day.

However, there are exceptions (44) _____ a child does exceptionally well and is ready for school, even (45) _____ the desired environment. Hence, the unending debate on whether nature or nurture plays a more dominant role in a child's development.



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

(46)

Whenever the word 'chalet' is mentioned, one would **asocciat** it with lots of fun

with family and friends in the sun. The days would be filled with swimming and games by

(47)

the beach followed in nights filled with barbecues.

(48)

The room would be beautifully decorated with "hotel class" furniture. Each unit

(49)

would also be equipped with its own television and **rifrigerater**.

(50)

That was precisely what we were so disappointed when we finally set our eyes on

(51)

the chalet that Father had rented for the weekend. The double-storey **bungerlo** looked

(52)

(53)

like an **abended** house. The paint on the walls were peeling. The windows were large

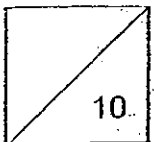
with glass casements that were dotted with spots of dirt.

(54)

From the time we set our eyes on the chalet, we feeling as though someone

(55)

was watching us. That very night, more '**sirprizes**' were waiting for us.



Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

It was raining cats and dogs. Out of the blue, Adam developed an acute stomachache. The pain was so (56) _____ that every step he took made him (57) _____ in agony. He tried to (58) _____ his voice to call his parents, but no sound came out. The pain (59) _____. He crouched on the bed, praying that someone would come to his rescue. Just then, his mother came into his room and saw her son's plight. Without any delay, she helped him to a (60) _____ clinic.

Adam could hardly walk. His mother found it difficult to shelter him from the (61) _____ downpour. She began to carry him on her back. She felt helpless that she was not able to (62) _____ her son's suffering. She tried to (63) _____ him by telling him that she would always love him, come rain or shine.

It was crowded at the clinic. Adam's mother explained to the nurse that it was an emergency and asked for the doctor to (64) _____ to him first. The nurse was unsympathetic and turned a deaf ear. Adam's mother was angry at her attitude. She dashed into the consultation room and asked the doctor to (65) _____ her son immediately. The doctor (66) _____ for his nurse's rude behaviour and said that Adam was (67) _____ with gastric flu. He was to be (68) _____ to the hospital immediately.

Adam's mother tried to hail a taxi but (69) _____ stopped for them. She was at her wit's end and prayed that he would pull (70) _____. Before long, a silver car stopped in front of them. Adam's mother heaved a sigh of relief.

For each of the questions 71 to 75, 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)

71. "Have you saved enough money?" Mrs Tan asks Susan

Mrs Tan asks Susan _____

72. Mei Ling gave away her old books to charity. Mei Ling does not need them anymore.

Since _____

73. Xavier was reluctant to migrate to Canada. William was also reluctant to migrate to Canada.

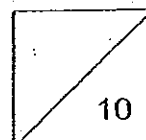
Neither _____

74. Mop and dust the classroom regularly. The classroom will be clean.

With regular _____

75. Despite his poverty, he does not mind sharing his things with others.

Although _____



Read the passage below and answer questions 76 to 85.

(20 marks)

I received a request from Hawaii while I was working with the Royal Guide Dog Association of Australia as its puppy-breeding manager. A vision-impaired woman, whose husband was allergic to dog hair, had written to our centre with the hope that we had an allergy-free guide-dog.

"Piece of cake," I thought. The standard poodle, a trainable working dog with tightly curled coat, was probably the most suitable breed. Although our centre bred and used Labradors, I did not anticipate any difficulties in finding a suitable poodle.

It turned out that I was wrong. In desperation, I decided to cross-breed a standard poodle with one of our best-producing Labradors. The mating was successful, but it produced only three puppies. We sent coat and saliva samples of each puppy to the Hawaiian couple and the husband found one sample that was allergy-free. At last we were getting somewhere, but a big job lay ahead. The puppy had to grow up and prove suitable for guiding work; and then it had to be compatible with the visually-impaired client. We had a long way to go.

With a three to six-month waiting list for people wishing to foster our puppies, I was sure that we would have no problem placing our three new crossbred puppies with a family. But I was wrong again. It seemed that no one wanted a crossbred puppy. Everyone on the waiting list wanted a purebred. Time was running out as the puppies needed to be placed in homes and socialised. Otherwise they would not become guide-dogs. In order to attract people to adopt the puppies, I stopped calling them "crossbreeds" and introduced the term "Labradoodle" instead. It worked!

During the weeks that followed, our centre was inundated with calls from other guide-dog centres, vision-impaired people and people who wanted to know more about the "wonder dogs". The publicity of the new designer dogs went national, and then international. With such an overwhelming response, I knew that we were succeeding and hence went on to produce more of the Labrador-poodle crosses.

While all this was happening, I continued training Sultan, the original non-allergenic puppy. He eventually went to Hawaii, amid intense coverage, where as the world's first Labradoodle, he bonded beautifully with his new owner and her allergic husband. Interest in the Labradoodle continued to escalate and inquiries poured in from all over the world from people wishing to either purchase or breed the dogs. I quickly realised that I had opened a Pandora's box when our next litter of ten Labradoodles produced only three allergy-free puppies.

Nothing, however, could stop the mania that followed. New breeds began to flood the market. Groodles, spoodles, caboodles and snoodles were introduced to the market. Were the breeders just too caught up to deliver to hungry customers? Determined to source for the most suitable guide-dog for a client, I unwittingly turned the canine world upside down. Today, I am internationally credited as the first person to breed the Labradoodle. But, I wonder, in my retirement, whether we had really bred a designer dog.

*Adapted from:
Designer Dog
Reader's Digest*

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

76. Why did the writer think a poodle was suitable for the vision-impaired woman?

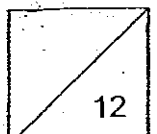
77. What does the phrase 'Piece of cake' in paragraph 2 mean?

78. Why was there a need to send coat and saliva samples of each puppy to the couple?

79. How does a breeder prepare a dog to be a guide-dog?

80. Why did the writer have difficulty attracting people to adopt the puppies at first?

81. Which word in Paragraph 6 tells us that many more people were interested in the crossbreeds?



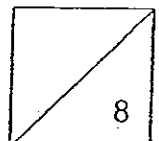
82. Why were new breeds introduced to the market?

83. Other than Labradoodles, name two other crossbreeds mentioned in the passage.

84. Why did the term "Labradoodle" appeal more to the people than "crossbreeds"?

85. Which sentence in the last paragraph tells us that the writer felt that he had opened Pandora's box?

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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
3	2	4	2	2	2	1	2	4	1
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
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46. associate 47. by 48. rooms 49. refrigerator 50. why
 51. bungalow 52. abandoned 53. as 54. felt 55. surprises
 56. unbearable 57. cry 58. raise 59. grew 60. nearby
 61. heavy 62. ease 63. comfort 64. attend 65. see
 66. apologized 67. down 68. sent 69. none 70. through
71. Mrs Tan asks Susan if she has saved enough money.
 72. Since Mei Ling does not need her old books anymore she gave them away to charity.
 73. Neither Xavier nor William wanted to migrate to Canada.
 74. With regular mopping and dusting, the classroom will be clean.
 75. Although he is poor, he does not mind sharing his things with others.
 76. The poodle was a trainable working dog with tightly curled coat and was probably the most suitable breed.
 77. It means simple.
 78. It was to ensure that the husband was not allergic to the puppy.
 79. The breeder will place it in a home enable it to socialize.
 80. Everyone wanted a purebred.
 81. The word is "escalate".
 82. Dog breeders were trying to meet the demands of their customers who were than interested in the new breeds.
 83. Two other crossbreeds mentioned are goodies and spoodles.
 84. The name made it sound like a purebred.
 85. The sentence is "Determined to source for the most suitable guide-dog for a client, I unwittingly turned the canine world upside down."