

# Rosyth School Semestral Assessment 1 2006 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. 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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<sup>\*</sup> This booklet consists of 8 pages altogether.

# YOUR CHANCE TO GO PLACES!

It's your opportunity to experience a world of excitement and wonder this weekend

Come and join us in this biennial extravaganza of wonder and fun!

WHAT'S IN STORE

COME AND WIN

- Presentations by expert speakers
- Booths set up by overseas exhibitors
- Exciting entertainment programmes
- Cultural performances from different countries
- Special promotions and discounts on travel packages

And for the first time, SingHub will be offering a 15% discount for the special commemorative sets of phonecards for the first 100 visitors or visitors who sign up for any tour packages at the fair.

Organised by:

Association of Singapore
National Travel Agents

Visit the fair and you can win attractive prizes of return air tickets in our daily lucky draw!

#### **PLUS**

A Grand Lucky Draw on the last day of the fair. You stand to win 2 return air tickets to Milan by Air Italian PLUS

3 nights' accommodation for two at Italia Hotel Milan

#### **PLUS**

8 days' free First Class Pass and City Tour for two, sponsored by Italian Tourism Office.

So, come and join us at the fair today! Exciting adventures await you!

Venue: Singapore Expo Centre

Halls 4 and 5

Dates: 20 May 2006 (Saturday)

21 May 2006 (Sunday)

Time: 10.00 a.m. to 9.00 p.m.

For more information on the fair, log on to http://www.funtravel2006.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.	Which of the following will not be a feature at Travel 2006?
	(1) Talks given by experts (2) Offers on travel packages
	(3) Movies from different countries (4) Overseas cultural perferment
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2.	According to the advertisement, SingHub will offer
	<ul> <li>(1) lower prices on tour packages to visitors who sign up at the fair</li> <li>(2) free commemorative phonecards only to visitors who visit the fair</li> <li>(3) discounts on special phonecards to the first 100 visitors to the fair</li> <li>(4) special phonecards to the first 100 visitors who sign up for tour packages</li> </ul>
3.	Prizes for the Grand Lucky Draw include
	<ul> <li>(1) free stay and tour of Milan for three days for two.</li> <li>(2) eight-day tour and two pairs of air tickets to Milan.</li> <li>(3) three-night stay and eight-day tour around Milan for two.</li> <li>(4) a tour of the city and free stay for eight days.</li> </ul>
4.	The last Travel Fair organised by the Association of Singapore National Travel Agents was in
	(1) 2003
	(2) 2004
	(3) 2005 (4) 2006
5.	Anyone who wants to book a tour package can do so by
	(1) logging on to the web site stated in the advertisement
	(2) contacting the Association of Singapore National Travel Agents
	(3) going to the travel fair over the weekend stated in the advertisement (4) visiting Singapore Expo Centre Hall 4 and 5 on Saturdays and Sundays
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11.	The engineers had to work overnight in order to come with a way to strengthen the structure.
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12,	Alex lamented, "I have looked at all the possibilities but I have yet to discover the problem lies."
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For e passa (3 ma	each question from 13 to 15, choose the correct punctuation to complete the age. Shade the correct oval (1, 2,3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.
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13.	(1) [ , ] comma (2) [ - ] hyphen (3) [ . ] full stop (4) [ ; ] semicolon
3,	(1) [:"] colon and inverted commas
	(2) [, "] comma and inverted commas (2) [. "] full stop and inverted commas (4) [!"] exclamation mark and inverted commas

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16.	The musician gave an performance and received loud applause from the captivated audience.
·	<ul><li>(1) impulsive</li><li>(2) appealing</li><li>(3) enthralling</li><li>(4) aggressive</li></ul>
17.	Despite being visually handicapped, Peter overcame histo lead a normal life.
	<ul><li>(1) obstacle</li><li>(2) dilemma</li><li>(3) disability</li><li>(4) predicament</li></ul>
18.	The space shuttle was into outer space with the help of its booster rockets.
	(1) hurled (2) hoisted (3) elevated (4) propelled
19.	The government agreed to the living conditions of people in the country.
į	<ul><li>(1) inflate</li><li>(2) improve</li><li>(3) increase</li><li>(4) improvise</li></ul>
20.	The rangers have up patrols in response to the recent spate of poaching in the nature reserve.
1	(1) turned (2) opened (3) brought (4) stepped

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)

The first successful submarine was invented in 1620. It had a skin of greased leather stretched over a wooden framework and powered by twelve oarsmen. It (21)

was able to go under water to a depth of five metres in the River Thames. When (22)

World War One began, submarines were used to wipe out ships. The most famous (23)

was the German U-boat that was to be blamed for sinking thousands of shipping. (24)

In World War Two, submarines were even more highly developed than ever, but so (25)

were the ships that they sought to destroy.

- 21. (1) core
  - (2) base
  - (3) structure
  - (4) foundation
- 22. (1) lunge
  - (2) decline
  - (3) immerse
  - (4) submerge
- 23. (1) destroy
  - (2) demolish
  - (3) eliminate
  - (4) eradicate
- 24. (1) liable
  - (2) answerable
  - (3) responsible
  - (4) accountable
- 25. (1) original
  - (2) imaginative
  - (3) fashionable
  - (4) sophisticated

A sharp icy wind slashed at the towering mass of the Matterhorn mountain, which soared high above the Swiss village of Zermatt. The villagers stood staring at the brooding peak that dominated their lives. All eyes were glued to a tiny yellow speck clinging like a fly to the sheer white wall of the northern face. A solitary man was inching his way up the perpendicular wall in a daring attempt to achieve the impossible.

The Matterhorn had been climbed hundreds of times since it was first conquered by Edward Whymper in 1865. He, and the many that followed him over the years, had scaled the mountain by the relatively easy southern approach. The vertical northern face presented a much more formidable challenge. Although some climbers had scaled the north wall, their ascents were made in summer. Experts had predicted 10 that it was impossible to make the climb in winter.

Walter Bonatti announced to the mountaineering world that he was going to attempt a winter climb of the near-vertical, ice-covered northern face in February 1965. What was shocking was that he wanted to use the more direct route from base to summit without any of the detours and passes made by his predecessors. It seemed a 15 suicidal bid.

Clad in a yellow wind-breaker, gaiters and woollen hat, Bonatti pitted his skills, nerves, strength and stamina against the intimidating north face. Slowly, carefully, his strong but cold-numbed fingers searched for hand-holds. One false move and he would plunge straight down like a stone thousands of feet to his death. The higher he went, 20 the more the wind increased its savagery, lashing him with icy talons, threatening to pluck him from his perch and dash him onto the rocks below. After two arduous days, he reached 12,800 feet. At night, he rested and dozed in a hammock slung between two steel spikes hammered into the rock face.

At first light, he slogged on ever upward, without a thought of turning back. 25 The cruel, sub-zero temperature cracked his goggles and he struggled half-blinded. Often his fingers which were swollen, ripped and bleeding, failed to find an opening or projection and he had to hack out a grip with his axe. His weary body was in agony but still he climbed up towards the summit.

At dawn on the fourth day, he had just over 1000 feet to climb. He was on the 30 verge of complete exhaustion, but with victory in sight, he prepared himself for the final assault. Just after three in the afternoon, excited spectators in helicopters over the summit saw Bonatti suddenly appear from under an overhang, crawl over the gleaming pinnacle and stumble towards the iron cross which marked the crest of the mountain. He had achieved the impossible. Bonatti's incredible feat had brought world acclaim. 35 He had proved that man's courage, skill and determination can overcome anything.

Adapted from Man versus the Matterhorn IPC Magazines Ltd

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)

	What were the villagers of Zermatt staring at?
	(1) The brooding peak that dominated their live

- (2) A climber making his way up the mountain.
- (3) A fly clinging to the wall like a yellow speck.
- (4) The towering mass of the Matterhorn mountain.
- 27. Why did Bonatti's announcement shock the mountaineering world?
  - (1) No one had ever climbed the north wall of the mountain before.
  - (2) The southern face of the mountain was ice-covered during winter.
  - (3) He was attempting a winter climb of the southern wall which was difficult.
  - (4) He wanted to climb the mountain's north wall by the direct route in winter.
- 28. From the passage, what dangers did the strong wind pose to Bonatti?
  - (1) It took him to the verge of complete exhaustion.
  - (2) It could have caused him to plunge to his death.
  - (3) It made his fingers swollen causing them to rip and bleed.
  - (4) It cracked his goggles causing him to struggle half-blinded.
- 29. Bonatti used his axe to \_
  - (1) create hand-holds in the rock wall
  - (2) climb when his fingers became swollen
  - (3) hack away projections that blocked his way
  - (4) act as a grip to help him hang on to the wall
- What does 'the impossible' (line 35) refer to? 30.
  - (1) Reaching the summit of the mountain in four days.
  - (2) Making the climb of the north face of the mountain in winter.
  - (3) Stumbling towards the iron cross on the crest of the mountain.
  - (4) Appearing from under an overhang to crawl over the gleaming pinnacle.

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)

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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.

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<sup>\*</sup> This booklet consists of <u>7</u> pages altogether.

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

The existing of
The origins of some names of places in Singapore are a mystery. The
(41)
activity of "hurling sticks into trees to bring fruit down" could have prempting the
Malay name for Punggol. However, the other possible meaning of the word "place
where fruits and produce are offered wholesale" jogs some memories.
(42)
Mr Yeo Siew Hong who was once sakrefery of the Punggol community
(43)
centre said, "When I cam young, the only market was at the eighth milestone."
(44)
Whether it was a wholesale centre, he was unable to say. It is little wondering
only a handful of people can recall what inspired names of some places, since they
were named more than a century ago.
(45)
Information on town names inspired <u>Iróm</u> public figures is relatively easy to (46)
find. For instarts, grassroots records say the Clementi area took its name from Sir
Cecil Clementi Smith, Governor of the Straits Settlements. Outside of textbooks,
(47)
some recedents of towns like Queenstown still have vague recollections of how
(48)
hese names came about. A bishesman there said, "I think they named the place
(49)
in honour about Queen Elizabeth since her coronation was in the same year
50)
his satelight town was built." This was confirmed by a Housing Board spokesman.
Adapted from an article from The Straits Times

Takahito Koya, is a retired newspaper editor. He and several friends in the
Japanese city of Ikeda thought it was wasteful when they (51)
their neighbours discarding books. They decided to collect them to (52)
in a used-book market. However, many books remained unsold.
When one friend (53) that they leave the books in a box on the
street for people to take, Koya took the suggestion one step (54)
by proposing the setting up of a roadside library by (55) the
books in a bookcase and encouraging passers-by to (56)them.
Koya's proposal initially (57) a cool reception from city
officials who asked who would (58) after the library. When Koya
promised that his group would oversee it, the officials (59) their
blessings. A local cabinet maker built and donated the (60)
The roadside library, holding about 450 books, (61) in 1989. The
response was overwhelming and it became an instant (62),
Koya says, "The roadside library makes books more accessible
(63) people in the suburbs since all the public libraries are in the
city centre."
The group continues to collect new books to (64) up its
collection. Koya says his aim is to 65) resources. "I hope more
people will follow my example. When we started, only a few people were interested
in what we were doing. Now people are aware of the need to save the earth."
Adapted from Street-Corner Librarian Reader's Digest

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).

	Terri likes to eat fruits more than vegetables.
	prefers
	Although she was not invited, she went to the party.
	Despite
	John is a regular blood described
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	He looked like an ordinary tramp – the kind who wandered into small towns. He looked malnourished and he badly needed a shave but he did not stoop. He had pride in himself.	ŀ	
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	The man stood straight and said firmly, "My name is Boggens, I'm looking for employment I can be		
	Boggens. I'm looking for employment. I can chop your wood, mend your fence, fix your chicken pen. Ask me to do anything at all."	5	ĺ
	My grandmother looked at his is		1
	My grandmother looked at him for a minute and said, "The first thing I'll ask you to do is to join us for supper."		
- 1	His face lit up and he said "If you're cure you are		-
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-	The minute he left the kitchen I select	10	1
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1	Grandma poured him another cup of notice	20	ĺ
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1	Grandma shook her head "You're more than an action	23	
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	Boggens answered, "I'm a writer. I'm writing a book. But I'm		
F	"oo a namp because I have no lob and no money"		
	Grandma nodded. "I thought you were special Would are	30	
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	That was how I came to hear the first few pages of "The		
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to	s as while to the color and their went to sleep on our back norch	35	
	He was gone in the morning. We did not hear from him again	33	
u	This book was published in 1938. It was dedicated to my grandmark and	į	
Н	le sent her an autographed copy, and for me, there was a silver fountain		
p	en.		
	"I told you he was no ordinary tramp," my grandmother said.	40	
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# ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

	How did the tramp show that he was a man who had pride in himself
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1	How do you know that the tramp was in urgent need of a job?
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ł	nouse. Give one word to describe the writer's grantmother
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What is the title of the book that Boggens wrote?  How did Boggens 'pay' for his supper?
How did Boggens 'pay' for his supper?

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# ANSWER SHEET

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ROSYTH PRIMARY SCHOOL PRIMARY 6 ENGLISH 2006 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (1)

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14.4 15.3	67)Despite not bei	ing invited, she went to	the party.
16.3 17.3 18.4		his brother, is a regul	
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- 78) The title of the book is "The Hungry Heroes".
- 79) He read the first few pages of the book he was writing on.
- 80) He dedicated his book to the writer's grandmother when it was published and sent her an autographed copy.

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# Primary 6 English SA1 (2006)

#### **Answer Sheets**

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- i6. Terri prefers eating fruits to vegetables.
- 7. Despite not being invited, she went to the party.
- 8. John as well as his brother is a regular blood donor.
- 9. Mother asked me if I had eaten the pie which she had baked the day before.
- 0.It was with great sadness that Juliana gave her kitten away.
- 1. The man looked malnourished and he badly needed a shave.
- 2.He was looking for a job to earn more / earn his own up keep / He did not stoop and spoke firmly.
- 3. The tramp would do anything the author's grandmother asked him to do.
- 4. The writer's grandmother is caring.
- 5."It" in Line 9 refers to supper.

- 76. The writer had asked the grandmother why she had invited the tramp for supper. Yes, he did. He staved and listened to his reading.
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