

**HENRY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**2009 SEMESTRAL EXAMINATION ONE**  
**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**  
**PRIMARY SIX**  
**PAPER 2 BOOKLET A**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Class: P6 \_\_\_\_\_

Total Duration of Paper: 1h 50 min

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

Study the information leaflet from the National Library and then answer questions 1- 5

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<b>Registration Fee</b>	Nil				\$10.50 (one-time)		\$10.50 (payable again upon renewal, if membership has expired for more than 6 months)	
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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.

1. Which of the following statements is true?
  - (1) All library members must be at least 7 years old.
  - (2) If you have a credit card, you can pay fees online.
  - (3) There is a registration fee for all who want to be library members.
  - (4) A foreign student needs only a student pass for registration purposes.
  
2. What does 12-year-old Simin, who is a Singaporean, need in order to register herself to become a library member?
  - (1) Her NRIC
  - (2) Her parent's NRIC
  - (3) Her Birth Certificate and her Student Pass
  - (4) Her Birth Certificate number and her parent's NRIC
  
3. Registration to be a library member can be done at \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) www.pl.sg
  - (2) all petrol kiosks
  - (3) your school library
  - (4) customer service counters at all shopping complexes
  
4. How many types of memberships are offered in the brochure?
  - (1) one
  - (2) two
  - (3) three
  - (4) four
  
5. Permanent residents who want to join as library members have to pay \$10.50 as \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) registration fee
  - (2) membership card fee
  - (3) basic membership annual fee
  - (4) premium membership annual fee

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.

6. Mr Ahmad \_\_\_\_\_ the head of this department for many years.
- (1) has been
  - (2) had been
  - (3) would be
  - (4) could be
7. As Mr Rudy \_\_\_\_\_ the Pan Island Expressway, his girlfriend reminded him to keep within the speed limit.
- (1) approaches
  - (2) approached
  - (3) had approached
  - (4) had been approaching
8. Ted's presentation was only two minutes long. He didn't have \_\_\_\_\_ to say.
- (1) any
  - (2) many
  - (3) much
  - (4) plenty
9. Rani didn't eat the dessert although it was her favourite. She \_\_\_\_\_ two big plates of chicken rice before it was served.
- (1) had
  - (2) had had
  - (3) have had
  - (4) was having
10. The man, to \_\_\_\_\_ you gave the note just now, works in my father's company.
- (1) who
  - (2) whom
  - (3) whose
  - (4) which

11. Mr. Malik remembers all his customers' favourite dishes and that \_\_\_\_\_ why they keep coming back to him.

- (1) is
- (2) are
- (3) was
- (4) were

12. They must set off now \_\_\_\_\_ they will never reach Muar by evening.

- (1) and
- (2) but
- (3) or
- (4) so

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.

It was the morning of the Sports Meet. As promised, Father was coming along to give me his full support (13) In the truck, he began to play me one of his Carla Tamworth tapes (14) it was the song about the marathon runner and I could see Father was trying to encourage me. "Dad," I said, "I'm only in the 100 metres and I'm up against an ace runner." He simply grinned and played the song again. When we reached the stadium, he turned to me and asked, "Well, Rowena, aren't you going to introduce me to some of your classmates (15) "Alright, Dad," I replied and led him to my buddies who were waiting for me by the gate.

13. (1) [ , ] comma  
(2) [ . ] full stop  
(3) [ ? ] question mark  
(4) [ ! ] exclamation mark
14. (1) [ : ] colon  
(2) [ ; ] semi colon  
(3) [ ? ] question mark  
(4) [ . ] full stop
15. (1) [ , " ] comma and close inverted commas  
(2) [ . " ] full stop and close inverted commas  
(3) [ ? " ] question mark and close inverted commas  
(4) [ ! " ] exclamation mark and close 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.

16. Donald put in a lot of hard work last term as he was very \_\_\_\_\_ to improve his English.
- (1) decided
  - (2) determined
  - (3) interested
  - (4) pressurised
17. The accused \_\_\_\_\_ to the crime because he wanted to get a lighter sentence.
- (1) agreed
  - (2) committed
  - (3) confessed
  - (4) denied
18. As Jack's father has been \_\_\_\_\_, the family tries to be more frugal in their spending.
- (1) ignored
  - (2) promoted
  - (3) recognised
  - (4) retrenched
19. How the Science exercise books went missing was a matter of great \_\_\_\_\_ to Mr Tan. He remembered putting them onto the shelf outside the classroom.
- (1) calamity
  - (2) chaos
  - (3) pandemonium
  - (4) perplexity
20. The manager \_\_\_\_\_ the employee's request for a raise.
- (1) turned up
  - (2) turned into
  - (3) turned back
  - (4) turned down

For each question from 21 to 26, 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.

David Copperfield is an American magician and illusionist best known for his combination of illusions and storytelling. He was the son of Jewish (21) migrants, Rebecca and Hyman Kotkin. At the age of twelve, he became the youngest person ever (22) admitted to the Society of American Magicians. By age 16, he was teaching a course in magic at New York University.

Copperfield (23) acted as the character of Ken the magician in the 1980 horror film *Terror Train*. He also made an impressive appearance in the 1994 film *Prêt-à-Porter*. His illusions have included making the Statue of Liberty disappear, flying, (24) levitating over the Grand Canyon and walking through the Great Wall of China.

In 1982, Copperfield founded Project Magic, a rehabilitation programme to help disabled patients regain lost (25) dexterity by using sleight-of-hand magic as a method of physical therapy. The programme has been accredited by the American Occupational Therapy Association and is in use in over 1100 hospitals throughout 30 countries worldwide.



21. (1) expatriates  
(2) immigrants  
(3) vagabonds  
(4) visitors
22. (1) accepted  
(2) agreed  
(3) confessed  
(4) committed
23. (1) amused  
(2) entertained  
(3) participated  
(4) played
24. (1) falling  
(2) fantasising  
(3) floating  
(4) flying
25. (1) accuracy  
(2) clumsiness  
(3) disability  
(4) nimbleness

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.

The travellers, real travellers, came in late summer to hawk their wares. They wore exotic wrap dresses with bright colours that caught the sun and held it. They wore fabrics of deep red, green, orange and other colours that blended together and became one enchanting colour of magic. The travellers were enchanted, we were sure.

They came in large caravans with pots, pans, tapestries, scarves, linens, clothes, perfumes and exotic blends of meats and spices. In the distance, we could hear their calls, "A dollar, a dollar, just a dollar. Bracelets, bangles, baubles, beads. A dollar, a dollar, just a dollar."

Sometimes we played dress-up, wrapping the scarves around our heads and waists, wobbling down the streets in satin heels. We were women of the world, going to market in strange cities, selecting goods for the trip home to London or Paris or even India. The women gave us scraps of cloth and jewellery for sewing. We held the stones to the light and caught the reflections of ourselves in ruby and emerald, the same, but somehow changed. We always expected the travellers to come in late July, and they always did, in rickety caravans.

"Stay away from the travellers," the women of our town warned. "They're not like us." "They're not our kind." "Nothing but trouble if you ask me."

The travellers were different, but they never gave us any trouble. They stayed up late, when the fevered earth began to cool, playing banjos and guitars, the tunes wafting to our ears through the open windows. We dreamed of hopping onto the caravan one night and leaving for another world under the stars, but we saw our parents, heard the soft chirruping of crickets in the garden and knew we couldn't leave.

The travellers did leave, though. One summer the caravans never came. No banjos or dancing or hawking, "A dollar, a dollar, just a dollar." No transients were allowed, they said.

Instead the streets were quiet; the pavements were hot and bare. Even the air stood still and we stopped dreaming. Was it better this way? I had no answer.

Adapted from *Bury Me Standing* by Isabel Fonseca

26. From the description given by the writer, how do <sup>you</sup> think she felt about this group of travellers?  
She was \_\_\_\_\_
- (1) afraid of them
  - (2) angry with them
  - (3) fascinated by them
  - (4) scornful of them
27. What kind of things were sold by this group of travellers?
- (1) beads and baubles
  - (2) cakes and cookies
  - (3) clothes and shoes
  - (4) pots and pans
28. How do the women of the town feel about this group of travellers?  
They \_\_\_\_\_ the travellers.
- (1) distrusted
  - (2) envied
  - (3) hated
  - (4) welcomed
29. Which of these items can be described as a bauble?
- (1) candy cane
  - (2) cheap trinket
  - (3) posy of flowers
  - (4) miniature doll
30. Which one of the following statements is NOT true?
- (1) The narrator had a vivid imagination.
  - (2) The caravans came unexpectedly most of the time.
  - (3) The narrator was always dreaming of shopping in faraway places.
  - (4) The caravans were not allowed to come to this town any longer.

End of Part 1



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**Total Duration of Paper: 1h 50 min**

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

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) are	D) could	G) from	K) whenever	N) so
B) that	E) whichever	H) use	L) or	P) can
C) were	F) because	J) as	M) their	Q) uses

A cartoon is a humorous drawing. Cartoons can be a series of drawings (31) \_\_\_\_\_ a single drawing that expresses a message. Cartoons are popular in newspapers (32) \_\_\_\_\_ cartoonists know that people will get a message more quickly (33) \_\_\_\_\_ a cartoon than by reading the news. The message (34) \_\_\_\_\_ be conveyed either through words and drawings or through drawings alone. (35) \_\_\_\_\_ method is used, its purpose is to comment on events and news in an interesting and amusing way.

Cartoonists (36) \_\_\_\_\_ certain techniques in their drawings to convey their messages quickly and effectively. (37) \_\_\_\_\_ drawings are usually exaggerated; (38) \_\_\_\_\_ is, they do not represent things exactly (39) \_\_\_\_\_ they appear in real life. Usually, cartoon characters (40) \_\_\_\_\_ drawn with oversized heads. It is a technique to direct our attention to important facial expressions such as raised eyebrows to indicate anger or a straight mouth to show seriousness.



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

Fifteen years of civil war! Thousands of lives lost, many more maimed and

scarred (41) in life. Lebanon, a tiny country of 10,500 square kilometres, has seen more

than its fair share of (42) **vialance** and bloodshed.

This tiny country on the eastern shores of the Mediterranean is a (43) melt

pot of Christian and Islamic (44) **hairitage**. However, tension simmered behind these personas. During the 1948 Arab-Israel conflict, a large number of Palestinians

(45) floods into Beirut and settled in refugee camps with (46) **apauling** sanitary and

health conditions. Beirut (47) its was divided into Christian and Islamic camps

along the infamous Green Line (48) but tore through the city. The delicate balance

of (49) **powder** between these two groups served as the perfect recipe for a

(50) **tragerdi** that shocked the entire world. In fact, it riveted its attention for more than

a decade.

Fill in each blank with the most suitable word.

(15 marks)

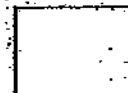
Tutankhamen was only ten years old when he became the Pharaoh of Egypt around 3300 years ago. The cause of his death has been an enduring 51) \_\_\_\_\_ that has puzzled historians, archaeologists, forensic scientists and even police detectives ever since his 52) \_\_\_\_\_ was uncovered in 1922.

The discovery of Tutankhamen's tomb fuelled speculation 53) \_\_\_\_\_ the possible cause of his death. 54) \_\_\_\_\_ most other Egyptian tombs, although the antechamber and annex had been disturbed, his burial chamber had been 55) \_\_\_\_\_ by tomb raiders or vandals. It was filled with fabulous treasures, including a priceless gold funeral mask. 56) \_\_\_\_\_, the tomb was small and clearly unfinished in parts, which 57) \_\_\_\_\_ rise to the theory that the young pharaoh had 58) \_\_\_\_\_ suddenly and the tomb had been hastily prepared. This led experts to surmise that he had been murdered.

Dr Derry established that the king 59) \_\_\_\_\_ been about eighteen when he died. An anatomist had the pharaoh's body x-rayed and it revealed a possible skull 60) \_\_\_\_\_ suggesting that Tutankhamen may have been killed by a 61) \_\_\_\_\_ to the back of the head. However, many Egyptologists remained 62) \_\_\_\_\_ and subsequent tests have suggested a completely new scenario: King Tutankhamen may have died from an infection in a seriously broken leg. A research team had 63) \_\_\_\_\_ images of the mummy taken from a CT scan and concluded 64) \_\_\_\_\_ there was no evidence of a blow to the back of the head and therefore no indication of 65) \_\_\_\_\_ play.

The most recent theory that Tutankhamen died as a result of a broken leg may help to solve another, smaller mystery: why, among the glorious treasures in Tutankhamen's tomb, there were one hundred and thirty walking sticks!

*Adapted from "Ancient Murder Mystery Solved?" text by J. Donovan*



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. "I hope Tom will not be late again," said the manager.

The manager said \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

67. Laura gave the good news first. She wanted to weaken the impact of the bad news.

\_\_\_\_\_ in order to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

68. Jim likes playing squash. He does not like football.

\_\_\_\_\_ prefers \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

69. Paula has done her homework. She is going to take a break.

Having \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

70. The active puppy took the bag of cookies from the sofa.

The bag \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_





Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

### Fear

(Lee and his family decide to escape from Vietnam with forty people crammed tightly in a rickety boat. Here is the refugees' encounter with a hostile patrol boat.)

"Get down, everybody!" Lee looked up and saw, some distance off but coming towards them, red and green navigation lights and knew it must be a patrol boat because of its speed. As the deep-throated thrum of the boat's powerful engines drew closer, Lee crouched down still retching and lay huddled in a miserable heap surrounded by the smell of his own bile. 5

One of the refugees let out a startled cry as the brilliant beam of a searchlight pierced the darkness and swept the fishing boat from stern to stern. By its reflected light Lee could clearly see the haunted look on the faces of the other passengers. It was a sharp contrast to the almost holiday atmosphere which had begun to develop on the boat as it got into the estuary when everybody was busy settling in and introducing themselves. 10

Lee knew that if the patrol boat got close enough, its men would be bound to see the people crouched down in the fishing boat. Surrounded by the smell of fish, tar, engine oil and vomit, he began to feel hot and dizzy. His body was stiff with fear, aching from seasickness and he felt he might faint at any moment. To keep himself conscious, he twisted his neck round so that he could see Trinh standing in the stern holding the tiller. He was blinking in the harsh light but he managed to wave back at the patrol boat as if he had not a care in the world. 15

A loud harsh voice was heard. "Where are you bound?" Trinh shrugged and shouted back, "Tell me where the fish run and I'll tell you where I'm bound." The noise of the patrol boat's idling engines drowned his voice. "Say again!" barked the hailer. "Anywhere where there's fish," Trinh shouted back. 20

There was a pause. The boats drifted closer to each other. "Why aren't you showing navigation lights?" Lee watched as Trinh pretended to look puzzled and leant out over the side as if to see if what they said was true. "They must have blown out," he apologised with a shrug. "I'll light them again as soon as you stop rocking me about like this." 25

There was another, longer pause. The boats kept drifting closer and Lee, not daring to breathe again, watched as the spotlight dipped and bobbed with the motion of the patrol boat, convinced it would only be seconds before a sailor on its bridge got a glimpse of somebody's back. Aboard the patrol boat, the captain was wondering if it would be worthwhile searching this dowdy old fishing boat for contraband when the radio cracked into life. 30

Abruptly, without another word being exchanged, the light snapped off and the patrol boat revved its engines speeding off into the dark, leaving the fishing boat bobbing about like a cork in its vicious wake. 35

In the darkness which followed the spotlight's glare, the passengers began to relax. "What happened - why did they go away?" Lee asked. "Perhaps they were called away to something more important," Father suggested.

"But they will have noted the identity number of this boat," Grandfather said worriedly. "Whatever happens we'll have to keep going now." Lee clutched his sore stomach. He wondered if the prospect of weeks at sea was quite the adventure he had expected. 40

*Adapted from Journey of 1000 Miles by Ian Strachan*

71. How did Lee know that the boat coming towards them must be a patrol boat?

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72. Why was Lee able to smell his own bile?

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73. Why did one of the refugees 'let out a startled cry' (Line 6)?

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74. Which phrase in the passage tells us that the refugees were frightened when the searchlight was shone onto the fishing boat?

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75. What did Lee do to prevent himself from fainting?

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76. What did Trinh do while the searchlight was on him?

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77. Why do you think Trinh gave an excuse for not showing the navigational lights to the patrol guard?

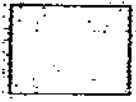
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78. Who does "they" (Line 38) refer to?

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79. Why do you think the writer's grandfather was worried after the patrol boat left?

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80. How would you describe Tim's character? Explain clearly by supporting it with the evidence found in the text.

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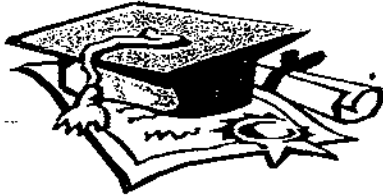
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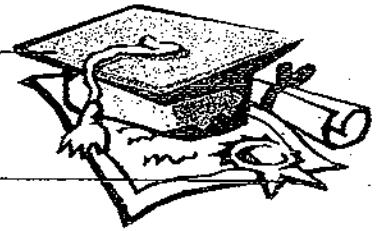


# ANSWER SHEET

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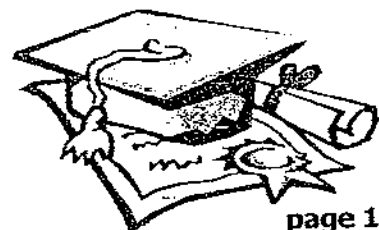


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Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
4	4	4	2	1	4	3	4	3	1	1	2	2	L	F	G	P

Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
E	H	M	B	J	A

- 41)for      42)violence      43)melting      44)heritage      45)flooded
- 46)appalling      47)itself      48)which      49)power      50)tragedy
- 51)puzzle      52)body      53)about      54)Unlike
- 55)untouched      56)However      57)gave      58)died      59)had
- 60)injury      61)blow      62)skeptical      63)examined
- 64)that      65)foul
- 66)The manager said that he hoped Tom would not be late again.
- 67)Laura gave the good news first in order to weaken the impact of the bad news.
- 68)Jim prefers playing squash to football.



- 69) Having done her homework, Paula is going to take a break.
- 70) The bag of cookies was taken from the sofa by the active puppy.
- 71) It was the speed of the patrol boat.
- 72) Lee crouched down, retching and lay huddled in a miserable heap surrounded by the smell of his bile.
- 73) One of the refugees was shocked by the brilliant beam of the search light.
- 74) The phrase is '(the) haunted look' on the faces.
- 75) He turned to look at Trinh.
- 76) He waved back at the patrol boat.
- 77) He gave an excuse because he did not want the patrol guards to know that he had on bored.
- 78) It refers to the guards on the patrol boat.
- 79) He was worried as the patrol guards had noted the identity number of the fishing boat they had no choice but to continue with their journey.
- 80) Trinh was a brave person. He reacted calmly when he encountered the hostile patrol guards.

