



PEI HWA PRESBYTERIAN PRIMARY SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1

PRIMARY 6
ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
(BOOKLET A)

10 May 2016

Name: _____

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Total time for Booklets A and B: 1h 50min

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Write your Name, Class and Register No. in the spaces provided above.
2. DO NOT turn over this page until you are told to do so.
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5. Shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

This booklet consists of 7 printed pages, excluding the cover page.

For each question from 1 to 10, 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)

1. Joseph has decided to move to Beijing, _____ he can find more opportunities for work.
- (1) which (2) wherever
(3) where (4) whenever
2. My parents and _____ will be going for a movie tonight.
- (1) me (2) I
(3) my (4) myself
3. One of the girls _____ taking part in the swimming competition this Friday.
- (1) is (2) are
(3) was (4) were
4. He has never visited his cousin in Australia, _____?
- (1) had he (2) has he
(3) haven't he (4) hasn't he
5. You _____ not smoke here or you will be fined \$1000.
- (1) could (2) may
(3) should (4) must
6. "Hand _____ your Math homework tomorrow," reminded Miss Chung.
- (1) up (2) in
(3) on (4) out
7. Recent studies _____ shown that playing too much computer games is damaging to the eyes.
- (1) has (2) had
(3) have (4) having
8. I have never tasted anything _____ than this!
- (1) worst (2) worsen
(3) worse (4) worsened

9. He could run very fast _____ being terribly overweight.
- (1) despite (2) since
(3) no matter (4) in spite
10. Mrs Wong was thrilled when she heard the doorbell _____. Her cousins from Hong Kong must have arrived!
- (1) rang (2) ring
(3) rings (4) had rung

For each question from 11 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. (5 marks)

11. Smoking is _____ to your health. Please quit smoking.
- (1) awful (2) detrimental
(3) hurtful (4) unfavourable
12. The police were not thorough in their investigation of the bomb attack. They had _____ some important facts.
- (1) ignored (2) neglected
(3) forgotten (4) overlooked
13. Her outstanding achievement today is possible only because of her hard work and _____ determination to succeed.
- (1) perpetual (2) rigid
(3) relentless (4) endless
14. Jane is _____ preparing for the interclass debate. That's why she's not focused in her studies.
- (1) concerned with (2) fascinated by
(3) preoccupied with (4) spellbound by
15. It would have been _____ if my school's soccer team had won by more goals against the other team.
- (1) the icing on the cake (2) a flash in the pan
(3) the fish out of water (4) a blessing in disguise

For each question from 16 to 20, 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 never failed to wonder how any plant could thrive and flower in such abundance at Sue's hands. She truly possessed the (16)proverbial green fingers. In the evenings, I'd look over the fence and sigh in admiration of the riot of colours in her garden. I'd breathe in the perfume of her (17)myraids of roses in full bloom, then I'd look at my own garden, and see my rebellious plants putting out just one or two flowers, as if telling me this - *There, I've fulfilled my (18)obligation to you. I've given you a flower or two, and that's all you are getting!*

In the summer, in my small garden of carpet grass, a ferocious army of weeds would always find its way there. No matter what I did, they always won the battle. But these trespassers would (19)cower before Sue. Not a single weed would dare sink its roots in Sue's (20)immaculately manicured lawn.

16. (1) humble
(2) famous
(3) ordinary
(4) notorious

17. (1) sea
(2) army
(3) troop
(4) fortune

18. (1) duty
(2) debt
(3) burden
(4) contract

19. (1) shrink
(2) cringe
(3) expand
(4) strengthen

20. (1) clearly
(2) brightly
(3) flawlessly
(4) exceptionally

Study this flyer carefully and answer questions 21 to 28.

Your June Holiday Guide to Sentosa!

Get ready for Sentosa's fun activities during your June holidays!



Sentosa Merlion Magic Lights

Catch the dazzling display when the majestic Sentosa Merlion comes to life with vibrant lights. It will make a fantastic finale to your evening.

Where : Merlion Plaza

When : June 4 to 30

Every half hour from 7.45pm; till 10.15pm on weekends and Public Holidays



Sentosa Treasure Fiesta

It's a decorating fiesta that lets you and your little ones get creative with paint & more. You can craft some goodie bags to store Treasure chocolates, then create photo props to snap family pictures with!

Where : Palawan Beach

When : June 15 to 25, 10am to 3pm



FUN PASS

ONE PASS, ALL PLAY.

Over 20 Attractions, up to 70% savings.



Sentosa Fun Pass

Enjoy any three exciting attractions around the State of Fun. Take your pick from Trick Eye Museum, Sentosa Merlion, Butterfly Garden & many more.

\$44/Adult(usual price: \$80)

\$39/child(usual price: \$60)

Sentosa Kidz Flea

Toys, books, accessories & handicraft on sale! Buy any 2 items from Kidz Flea and win attractive prizes such as vouchers, attraction tickets & Sentosa merchandise.

Where : Merlion Plaza

When : June 12 to 20, 3pm to 9pm

Nosh on Nostalgia

New restaurant Good Old Days serves delicious local cuisine. Located at Beach Station, this colonial house-inspired restaurant offers buffet spreads & ala-carte menus to whet your appetite.

Opening Special (Buffet)

\$20 per adult, \$15 per child (usual price : \$24 & \$20 respectively)

Evening Jazz

Relax & enjoy jazz music by different local jazz artists each week.

Where : Siloso Beach

When : June 20 to 30, 8pm



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Fun Facts about Sentosa! From then till now.....

In 1974, the Singapore Cable Car system was built, linking Sentosa to Mount Faber. The Republic of Singapore Navy moved out from Sentosa in 1975 to Brani Island. A series of attractions were subsequently opened for visitors including Fort Siloso, Surrender Chamber Wax Museum, Musical Fountain, and the Underwater World.



The Sentosa Monorail system was opened in 1982 to transport visitors across seven stations located around the western side of the island. An environmental assessment conducted by the Government concluded that the construction of an integrated resort on Sentosa would result in high scale biodiversity loss, habitat destruction, soil erosion and climate change, as well as several other destructive ecological impacts; Therefore, in the area that was to be cleared for the construction of the resorts, over two hundred trees and plants were replanted elsewhere on the island to minimize negative environmental impact.



In 2009, construction of the Sentosa Boardwalk began. It includes theme gardens, shops and eateries. There are covered walkways and travellers along the boardwalk for rainy days. The Boardwalk provides visitors an alternative mode of travel to reach the island. Sentosa Boardwalk, designed by Aedas, was named Best Leisure Architecture in Asia Pacific and 5* Best Leisure Architecture in Singapore, at the 2014 Asia Pacific Property Awards.

21. The activities advertised in this flyer is held mainly _____.
- (1) throughout the year
 - (2) in the evenings only
 - (3) during the month of June
 - (4) immediately after the school exams
22. The Sentosa Fun Passes allow visitors to _____.
- (1) win prizes at Sentosa Kidz Flea
 - (2) visit any three attractions on Sentosa
 - (3) take the cable car and monorail at a discount
 - (4) enjoy discounts at Good Old Days Restaurant
23. Visitors stand to win Sentosa merchandise if they _____.
- (1) visit the Trick Eye Museum
 - (2) take the cable car to Sentosa
 - (3) buy any two items from Kidz Flea
 - (4) watch the 9.45pm display of Merlion Magic Lights
24. The attractions on Sentosa do not include _____.
- (1) Fort Siloso
 - (2) Brani Island
 - (3) Palawan Beach
 - (4) Sentosa Merlion
25. Ming Yan's cousins from Australia will be visiting Singapore from 10 to 13 June. Ming Yan can take her cousins to _____.
- (1) Kidz Flea and Evening Jazz
 - (2) Treasure Fiesta and Kidz Flea
 - (3) Merlion Magic Lights and Kidz Flea
 - (4) Merlion Magic Lights and Treasure Fiesta

26. Which of the following statements is true?

- (1) The Cable Car System was built in 1974 to link Mt Faber to Brani Island.
- (2) The 9.45pm and 10.15pm Magic Lights Display is available daily from 4 to 30 June.
- (3) Adults pay only \$20 for the buffet meal during the opening season of the Good Old Days Restaurant.
- (4) Over two hundred trees and plants were replanted elsewhere on Sentosa to add beauty and shade to the island.

27. The Sentosa boardwalk was constructed _____.

- (1) because the monorail system was discontinued
- (2) to compete for the Asia Pacific Property Awards
- (3) to provide another way for visitors to reach the island
- (4) to create more space for gardens, shops and eateries

28. The main purpose of this flyer is to _____.

- (1) promote the activities held at Merlion Plaza
- (2) advertise the various transport systems on Sentosa
- (3) attract families with kids to spend their time on Sentosa
- (4) explain why an integrated resort had to be built on Sentosa



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5. Write all your answers in this booklet.

Marks (Booklet A) :	28
Marks (Booklet B) :	67
Total Marks (Booklets A and B) :	95

This booklet consists of 7 printed pages, excluding the cover page.

There are 10 blanks, numbered 29 to 38, 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.

- | | | | | |
|------------|---------|-----------|----------|---------|
| (A) across | (D) in | (G) when | (K) at | (N) was |
| (B) along | (E) has | (H) about | (L) till | (P) had |
| (C) those | (F) but | (J) down | (M) is | (Q) the |

More than 700 years ago in Italy, there lived an adventurous man. He told his companion (29) _____ his travels to wonderful lands. His friend found the stories so interesting that he wrote them (30) _____. The storyteller (31) _____ Marco Polo. The book, *A Description of the World*, told the people of Europe about the customs and way of life (32) _____ China and other Eastern Lands.

Marco Polo was born in 1254 in Italy. His father Niccolo Polo (33) _____ travelled all over the world to trade his goods. Niccolo and his brother Maffeo had once even travelled to the East (34) _____ they reached China and met the emperor, Kublai Khan.

In 1271, the Polos decided to return to China and this time, Niccolo brought (35) _____ his son, 17 year-old Marco. During (36) _____ days, travelling to China from Europe took a very long time. First, Marco Polo and his father and uncle took a ship (37) _____ the Mediterranean Sea to Palestine in the Middle East. They wanted to travel from there to China by sea (38) _____ the ships were not safe. They had to think of another mode of travel.

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error.
Write the correct word in each of the boxes numbered 39 to 50. (12 marks)

(39)

Earthquakes are natural events. Moreover, when they strike, the damage is

40)

sometimes the fault of humans. This kontrolyiacial issue is being highlighted in the

(41)

earthquake that hit Taiwan early this month.

(42)

(43)

The quake was felt through the city of Tainan. Yet, almost all the victiems were in

just one apartment complex, the seventeen storey Golden Dragon Tower. People

(44)

realised that this complex must have been very poor constructed.

(45)

The government acted quickly. It arrest the bosses of the companies that had built

(46)

the Golden Dragon Tower in 1992 and deesieved the authorities. If the companies are

(47)

proven to have build the complex carelessly, the bosses will be punished and their

(48)

liesences will be revoked.

(49)

Construction companies have to xcersize responsibility in order to make buildings

that are strong and safe. They must not take shortcuts or use cheap materials just to save

(50)

money. Otherwise, natural events will become human triaegerdees and many lives will be

lost.

Fill in each blank with a suitable word

(15 marks)

Chek Jawa, located on Pulau Ubin in Singapore, is a coastal haven. It supports six major habitats, all packed (51) _____ a small area of about one square kilometre. Its waters (52) _____ with marine life. It is part of our natural heritage and legacy, and it is our duty to (53) _____ it for ourselves and for generations to come. Each of the six habitats flourishing on Chek Jawa is unique, precious and (54) _____ preserving for several important reasons. A closer look at the habitats and the natural life thriving there will show (55) _____.

Rich marine (56) _____ life abounds in the shallow low-tide lagoon – at least 28 species of seaweeds and 7 species of seagrasses. This includes rare algae and seagrasses which are not found (57) _____ Singapore or anywhere else in the region. Moreover an astonishing diversity of marine animals' habitats are there as (58) _____.

Chek Jawa is also a (59) _____ for many species of plant and animal life that have been eliminated (60) _____ the mainland because of development. The coastal forest is home to many species of birds and these creatures will (61) _____ their habitat once Chek Jawa is destroyed.

Chek Jawa is a (62) _____ wonder and we should appreciate, value and cherish it. It has a huge potential (63) _____ education and research. Generations of children can (64) _____ about the wonders of nature there. It may also be an ideal (65) _____ for Singaporeans to escape from city living. Chek Jawa is indeed one of Singapore's treasures.

For each of the questions 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). (10 marks)

66. He does not behave himself. He will get scolded.

Unless _____

67. Timothy drank the glass of milk that was left on the table

The glass of milk _____

68. He wanted to go to the movies. Jack had to finish his homework before he could go.

Much as _____

69. John was very reluctant to give his books away.

It was with great _____

70. "James, will you be taking your dinner tonight?" Dad asked.

Dad asked _____

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

In 1883, a creative engineer named John Roebling was inspired by an idea to build a spectacular bridge connecting New York with the Long Island over the East River. The East River had a wide width, was prone to turbulence and was one of the busiest waterways with hundreds of ships and boats sailing on it at any time. It was no wonder then that bridge building experts throughout the world thought that this was an impossible feat and told Roebling to forget about the idea. 5

Despite the discouragements he faced, Roebling could not ignore the vision he had in his mind of this bridge. He thought about it all the time. He knew deep in his heart that it could be done. He just had to share the dream with someone else. After much persuasion, he managed to convince his son Washington, an up and coming engineer, that the bridge in fact could be built. 10

Working together for the first time, the father and son developed concepts of how it could be accomplished and how the obstacles could be overcome. The project started well, but a few months underway its construction, a tragic accident on the site took the life of John Roebling. Washington was also injured and inflicted with brain damage, which resulted in him not being able to talk or walk. 15

In spite of his handicap, Washington never gave up and still had a burning desire to complete the bridge. His mind was still as sharp as ever. He tried to inspire and pass on his enthusiasm to some of his friends, but they too were daunted by the task. As he lay on his bed in his hospital room, an idea suddenly hit him. All he could do was move one finger and he decided to make the best use of it. By doing this, he slowly developed a code of communication with his wife. 20

He touched his wife's arm with that finger, indicating to her that he wanted her to call the engineers again. Then he used the same method of tapping her arm to tell the engineers what to do. It **seemed foolish** but the project was underway again. The communication was **difficult** as Emily had to decode what her husband's intentions were and the decoding always took time. To better understand her husband's instructions, Emily also studied higher mathematics, the strengths of materials, bridge specifications, and the intricacies of cable construction. She took over much of the chief engineer's duties, including the day-to-day supervision and project management. She dealt with government officials, competing engineers, and all those associated with the work on the bridge. It was a tedious process and certainly not an easy one in a day when women's views were largely not accepted or respected. 25 30

For 13 years, Washington tapped out his instructions with his finger on his wife's arm, until the bridge was finally completed. Today, the spectacular Brooklyn Bridge stands in all its glory as a tribute to the triumph of Washington's indomitable spirit and his determination not to be defeated by circumstances. It is also a tribute to the engineers and their team work, and to their faith in a man who was considered mad by half the world. It stands too as a tangible monument to the love and devotion of his wife who for 13 long years patiently decoded the messages of her husband and told the engineers what to do. 35

Adapted from <http://academicclips.org/blogs/determination-and-persistence/>

71. What was John Roebling's idea? Give one reason why it was an impossible feat. [2m]

score

72. Which sentence in paragraph 2 tells you that John Roebling had hope that his dream could come true? [1m]

score

73. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the story. [1m]

_____ Washington was undeterred in building the bridge.

_____ John shared his idea of building the bridge with Washington.

_____ Washington was unable to walk or talk.

score

74. The author said that the mode of communication between Washington and his wife **seemed foolish** in Line 24. Why was it foolish? [2m]

score

75. List down 2 difficulties Emily had to face while helping her husband. [2m]

1. _____

2. _____

score

76. Use an adjective to describe Washington's wife. Support your answer with evidence from the passage. [2m]

score

77. Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

Statement	True/ False	Reason
Washington could not move at all after an accident on the construction site.		
Washington would speak to his wife about what needed to be done about the bridge.		
It was challenging for Washington's wife to understand him after his handicap.		

score

78. Which 3 factors contributed to the completion of the Brooklyn Bridge? List them down below. [3m]

Factor 1	
Factor 2	
Factor 3	

score

79. Fill in the blanks with words found in the passage that have a similar meaning as the words shown below. [2m]

Given word	Word from the passage with a similar meaning.
convincing (paragraph two)	
unshakeable (last paragraph)	

score

80. "*Washington took after his father's attitude.*" Do you agree with this statement? Support your answer with evidence from the passage. [2m]

score

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Booklet A

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
3	2	1	2	4	2	3	3	1	2

Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
2	4	3	3	1	2	1	1	2	3

Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28
3	2	3	2	3	3	3	3

Booklet B

Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
H	J	N	D	P	L	B	C	A	F

39) However

40) controversial

41) earlier

42) throughout

43) victims

44) poorly

45) arrested

46) deceived

47) built

48) licenses

49) exercise

50) tragedies

51) into

52) team

53) protect

54) worth

55) why

56) plant

57) elsewhere

58) well

59) home/refuge/sanctuary

60) from

61) lose

62) natural

63) for

64) learn

65) place

66) Unless he behaves himself, he will get scolded.

67) The glass of milk that was left on the table was drunk by Timothy.

68) Much as he wanted to go to the movies, Jack had to finish his homework before he could go.

69) It was with great reluctance that John gave his books away.

70) Dad asked James whether he would be taking his dinner that night.

71) His idea was to build a bridge over the East River. The river had a wide width.

72) He knew deep in his heart that it could be done.

73) 3, 1, 2

74) It was difficult and time consuming.

75)

1. She had to decode her husband's intention
2. In those days, women's views were largely not accepted or respected.

76) Patient. She decoded her husband's intention for thirteen years.

77) False. He could move a finger after the accident.

False. He could not speak after the accident.

True. She needed to decode what her husband wanted.

78

1. The love of Washington's wife
2. The teamwork of the engineers and the faith of them in Washington
3. Washington's resilience to complete the bridge.

79) Persuasion

Indomitable

80) I agree. Like his father, Washington tried his best to complete the bridge.

