



ROSYTH SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT ONE 2017
ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
PRIMARY 6

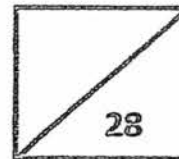
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Date: 5 May 2017

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TOTAL DURATION FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 h 50 min

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 28 questions (Questions 1 to 28).
4. Answer **ALL** the questions and shade them in the correct ovals on the OAS provided.

* This paper consists of 11 pages altogether (including this page)

For each question, from 1 to 10, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (10 marks)

1. Neither of the twins _____ hiking. They prefer to read at home.
- (1) enjoy
 - (2) enjoys
 - (3) enjoyed
 - (4) enjoying
2. The crook hid behind the pillar as he watched the old man _____ the front gate of his house.
- (1) unlock
 - (2) unlocks
 - (3) unlocked
 - (4) was unlocking
3. Mr Ali will buy many souvenirs for his children _____ he goes overseas for work.
- (1) however
 - (2) whoever
 - (3) whatever
 - (4) whenever
4. Lily seldom speaks French in Singapore, _____ she?
- (1) did
 - (2) does
 - (3) didn't
 - (4) doesn't

5. When Shanti is sad, she will confide _____ her mother.
- (1) in
 - (2) at
 - (3) to
 - (4) with
6. The elephants carry the heavy logs to the open areas near roads, where they _____ onto trucks and brought to the sawmill.
- (1) load
 - (2) loaded
 - (3) are loaded
 - (4) were loaded
7. No sooner had I put the telephone down _____ it rang again.
- (1) that
 - (2) than
 - (3) then
 - (4) when
8. Among the elderly men, one of _____ you spoke to in the park, is my grandfather.
- (1) who
 - (2) which
 - (3) whom
 - (4) whose

9. Should the manager _____ to postpone the meeting, he will inform all his staff by today.

- (1) decide
- (2) decides
- (3) decided
- (4) deciding

10. _____ it rains, James and his friends will have a picnic by the Singapore River.

- (1) Since
- (2) Unless
- (3) Despite
- (4) Although

For each question from 11 to 15, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks) .

11. The plans to build a high speed railway to link Singapore and Malaysia were _____ by our Prime Minister five months ago.

- (1) unveiled
- (2) unleashed
- (3) unearthed
- (4) uncovered

12. My _____ aunt saved enough money to pay for her son's university education.

- (1) lavish
- (2) prudent
- (3) spendthrift
- (4) extravagant

13. A small country must have a strong military defence as it is _____ to invasion.

- (1) resilient
- (2) sensitive
- (3) oblivious
- (4) susceptible

14. In order to keep his body mass under control, Mr Lim had to _____ from sugary and fatty food.

- (1) fast
- (2) keep
- (3) abstain
- (4) withhold

15. "Do you have any evidence to _____ your claims that you are innocent?" the judge asked the suspect in court.

- (1) prove
- (2) refute
- (3) impair
- (4) negate

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 did not enjoy school until I was twelve. I had an incredibly painful experience
(16)

trying to do well in my studies. I could not read, write and spell well. My father would whip me whenever I failed my tests. Eventually, I was accustomed to his
(17)

punishments.

“Why can’t you be like your sister?” my father lamented sarcastically. He compared me incessantly with my sister, who always aced her studies. My family
(18)

doctor checked me. Next, he referred me to the Child Guidance Clinic. There, a
(19)

team of professionals carried out many tests and diagnosed that I was dyslexic. To overcome my learning problem, my parents signed me up for a remediation programme organised by the Dyslexia Association of Singapore.

Soon, I could read easily using fonts that have added spacing between words. I would never forget that satisfaction in me once I learnt word analysis and spelling with
(20)

special instruction. Today, I am a teacher who teaches the children with dyslexia to overcome their learning difficulties.

16. (1) distinctly
(2) amazingly
(3) exceedingly
(4) intermittently

17. (1) used
(2) hooked
(3) addicted
(4) attracted

18. (1) typically
(2) endlessly
(3) periodically
(4) occasionally

19. (1) examined
(2) appraised
(3) scrutinised
(4) investigated

20. (1) obligation
(2) recognition
(3) preservation
(4) contentment

Visual Text Comprehension

Study this brochure carefully and then answer questions 21 to 28.



BookFest@Singapore 2017

Venue: Singapore Expo

Date: 9 September 2017

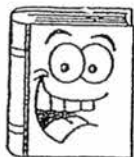
Time: 9.00 am to 9.00 pm

Welcome to BookFest@Singapore 2017

Since its inauguration in 2007, this one-stop event is the ideal venue to purchase a comprehensive range of the latest books released, stationery and technology products. You will have a chance to test the latest laptop computers. This event expects half a million visitors. There will be a multitude of reading and learning opportunities for all with appearances from local authors. There will also be guest appearances by celebrities such as Shane Pang and Kimberly Tan.

Book Cover Design Contest

Win attractive book vouchers by designing a suitable cover illustration on the spot for selected book titles.



Time: 3.00pm to 6.00pm

Venue: Atrium A

Eligibility: 9-12 year olds only

Closing date for registration: 7 September 2017

Pokemon Colouring Contest

Have fun colouring your favourite Pokemon characters like Pikachu and Charmander. Art materials will be provided.



Time: 5.00pm to 8.00pm

Venue: Atrium B

Eligibility: 3-8 year olds only

Closing date for registration: 8 September 2017

Meet the Characters

Take photographs with your favourite Disney characters such as Mickey Mouse, Minnie Mouse and many more.

Time: 12.00pm to 9.00pm

Venue: Atrium C

Eligibility: All ages



Book Signing Programme at the BookFest@Singapore 2017



3.00 pm

James Li

Under the pseudonym of James Li, Joe Anthony's *Mr Mysterious* series has captivated young readers since 2010, with over 2 million copies of *Mr Mysterious* books sold. His books often portray Mr Mysterious as a detective who solves crimes with few clues. Purchase his latest book, 'Changi Stories' for \$5 each (usual price is \$7). All proceeds will go to the Needy Elderly Fund.

4.00 pm

Gabrielle Tan

17-year-old Gabrielle Tan is one of Singapore's youngest authors. She started writing since she was 9. She published her first book, 'Swift!' at the age of 10. A year later, she wrote her second book, 'Dash!'.

Her latest book, 'Soar!', is a sequel to her award-winning book, 'Sprint!', which clinched the prestigious 'National Teen Book Award' in 2015. Gabrielle Tan has been invited to many schools to give talks to inspire budding writers. Purchase her latest book, 'Soar' for \$3 each (usual price is \$5). All proceeds will go to the Needy Children Fund.

Note:

- Please visit www.bookfest2017.com.sg to sign up for the contests. Art materials will be provided. Winning entries will be announced at 8.30 pm on that day. Read more about the rules and regulations at www.bookfest2017.com.sg.
- To attend the book-signing event, please call Ms Susan Lee at 6123456 or send an email to susanlee@books.com. Kindly type 'Meet the author' in the subject title of your email.
- Closing date for registering your interest in the book signing event is 6 September 2017.
- To provide feedback about bookfest@Singapore, please email feedback@books.com.

Adapted from <http://www.bookfestsingapore.com>

For each question from 21 to 28, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.
(8 marks)

21. The **main** purpose of the brochure is to _____.
- (1) promote reading to the public
 - (2) create awareness about the two authors
 - (3) encourage people to visit the bookfest@Singapore
 - (4) provide an opportunity for local celebrities to meet their fans
22. Which one of the following is a rule of the Book Cover Design Contest?
- (1) It is open to teenagers.
 - (2) The participants must complete the design on that day.
 - (3) The participants must design the book cover in 2 hours.
 - (4) The book cover can be designed based on any book title.
23. The deadline to sign up for the book signing event is _____.
- (1) 6 September 2017
 - (2) 7 September 2017
 - (3) 8 September 2017
 - (4) 9 September 2017
24. Which one of the following books won an award in 2015?
- (1) 'Soar!'
 - (2) 'Swift!'
 - (3) 'Dash!'
 - (4) 'Sprint!'

25. Anyone who wishes to take part in the Pokemon Colouring Contest should _____.
- (1) call 6123456
 - (2) email Susan Lee at susanlee@books.com
 - (3) sign up online at www.bookfest2017.com.sg
 - (4) register in person at the Expo on the day itself
26. Jeremy wants to support the Needy Children Fund. He will _____.
- (1) buy a book by James Li
 - (2) buy a book by Gabrielle Tan
 - (3) sign up for the Book Cover Design Contest
 - (4) sign up for the Pokemon Colouring Contest
27. According to the brochure, visitors should visit the bookfest@Singapore because they can _____.
- (1) buy the latest books released
 - (2) give feedback to the organiser
 - (3) get the laptop computers at a discount
 - (4) rent the different types of laptop computers
28. Which one of the following sentences is not true?
- (1) The first Bookfest@ Singapore was held in 2007.
 - (2) The 'Meet the Characters' event will take place in Atrium C.
 - (3) A 5-year-old visitor can take part in the Pokemon Colouring Contest.
 - (4) James Li uses the name 'Joe Anthony' for the publication of his books.

End of Booklet A



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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 52 questions (Questions 29 to 80).
4. Answer ALL the questions and write all the answers in this booklet.

| | Maximum | Marks Obtained |
|-----------|---------|----------------|
| Booklet A | 28 | |
| Booklet B | 67 | |
| Total | 95 | |

| Component | Question Numbers | Marks Obtained |
|--------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Grammar & Vocabulary | 29 - 50 | |
| | 66 - 70 | |
| Comprehension Cloze | 51 - 65 | |
| Comprehension Open-ended | 71 - 80 | |

* This booklet consists of 9 pages altogether (including cover page).

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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) among | (D) so | (G) me | (K) I | (N) it |
| (B) between | (E) still | (H) in | (L) into | (P) from |
| (C) before | (F) we | (J) just | (M) they | (Q) after |

This incident happened when I was in primary school. I got _____
(29)
a major argument with a boy in my class. My teacher, Madam Anne, decided to teach us a
lesson which _____ will never forget.
(30)

I was convinced that "I" was right and "he" was wrong. On the other hand, he
was _____ as convinced that "I" was wrong and "he" was right.
(31)

Madam Anne placed him on one side of her desk and _____ on the
(32)
other. In the middle of her desk were two large, round objects. I could clearly see that
_____ were black. Madam Anne asked us what the colour of the objects
(33)
was. "Black," I answered but he said, "White," confidently. I could not believe that he
_____ said the objects were white even _____ I told him that
(34) (35)
the colour was obviously black!

Another argument started. Both of us insisted that we were right. _____
(36)
the teacher told us to change places to help us see things clearer. Then she asked me what
the colour of the objects was. Reluctantly, I had to answer, "White".

They were objects with two differently-coloured sides. _____ his
(37)
viewpoint, the colour was white. However, from my side, it was black. My classmates started
to whisper _____ themselves and looked pointedly at us.
(38)

I learnt that sometimes I need to look at a problem from the other person's
view in order to truly understand his or her perspective.

Adapted from academictips.org

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

A poor village boy was selling goods from door to door. He did this to pay his way

(39)

in school. As he was hungry, ~~he~~ decided to ask for a meal at the next house. However,

(40)

(41)

he loses his nerve when a lovely young woman opened the door. Regardless of a meal, he

(42)

asked for a glass of water. She thought he looked hungry but she gave him a large glass of

milk. He drank it slowly, and then asked, "How much do I owe you?"

(43)

(44)

"You don't owe me nothing," she replied. "Mother taught us never to akxcept

any payment for a kindness." Slowly, he said, "Then, I thank you from my heart."

(45)

He left that house feeling stronger phizically and mentally. He had been ready to quit

school but changed his mind.

(46)

Years later, that young woman became kritikali ~~ill~~. Because of her rare disease,

(47)

(48)

many spesielis were called in. Dr Donovan was called in for the consult. He recognised her

(49)

at once and gave special attention to the case. After a long stragge, the battle was won.

Dr Donovan wrote something on the edge of the hospital bill before sending it to her.

(50)

She was scared. She was sure it would take the rest of her life to pay for the medike bill.

When she looked, something caught her attention. She began to read the following words:

"Paid in full with one glass of milk"

- Signed, Dr Donovan

Adapted from www.kidsworldfun.com

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

I was at my grandma's house when this incident happened. A cockroach suddenly flew in _____ somewhere and landed on my aunt. With a panic-stricken face and _____ (51) croaking _____ (52), she started jumping and screaming. Both her hands were flailing desperately, trying to get _____ (53) of the pest. She finally managed to flick the cockroach away _____ (54) unfortunately, it landed on my cousin sitting a few tables away. Now, it was my cousin's _____ (55) to continue the drama.

My uncle rushed to her _____ (56). In the commotion, the cockroach flew and landed on my uncle's chest. Those near _____ (57) started to shuffle away but my uncle's reaction caught my _____ (58). He stood firm and observed the creepy crawly on his shirt. Then, he took a deep _____ (59), grabbed it with his fingers and calmly threw it out of the window.

Instantaneously, a few _____ (60) came to my mind. Was the cockroach responsible for the hysterical behaviour just now? If so then why was my uncle not disturbed? He handled it near to perfection, _____ (61) any fuss.

Reflecting on the incident, I _____ (62) that the cockroach was not the major issue that caused the disturbance. It was the people's reactions to the _____ (63) of the cockroach that caused the disturbance.

Comparing this incident to my experiences, it seems to me that it is not the shouting of my father or my teachers that disturbs me. It is actually my inability to handle _____ (64) shouting that disturbs me. _____ (65), I concluded that chaos in one's life has to do with the way we react to a situation.

More than the problem we encounter, it is our reaction to the problem that creates the chaos in our lives.

Adapted from <https://www.linkedin.com>

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 Joshua painted the picture of the field. He painted the cows grazing in it too.

Besides _____ also

67 My neighbours had not been to Geylang Serai before. They lost their way.

Not _____

68 My friends cheered me. I was disappointed with my marks.

Seeing my _____

69 "Did you see the girl take the handbag?" Mrs Tan asked Harry.

Mrs Tan asked Harry _____

70 I will not tell the principal if you stop abusing the stray dog.

_____ continue

It does not happen often, but every now and then, you hear a story about people overcoming all odds to help others and it completely changes the way you look at the world.

The story of Haixia and Wenqi is certainly one of these. A short film records the environmental restoration the duo from a small village undertook. They refer to each other as "brothers" as they work as one to restore a landscape scarred by development. 5

Wenqi, 54, tragically lost both of his arms in an accident when he was only three years old and has been living as a double amputee ever since. Haixia, 55, suffered from an eye disease that caused him to be blind in one eye after birth. He then lost the sight of the other eye after a work accident in 2000.

Despite their physical setbacks, Haixia and Wenqi have remained utterly determined to live life to the fullest. The pair met in the year 2001 when they were both trying hard to find work because of their disabilities. Neither wanted to "give up" on life, so they hatched a plan to plant trees to earn some money. 10

Haixia and Wenqi rise every day at seven in the morning and set out to plant trees. To get to their site, Wenqi leads the way through a forest, guiding Haixia who holds his empty jacket sleeve. When they reach the busy stream which they need to cross to get to their site, Wenqi carries Haixia on his back to the other side. 15

"I am his hands," said Haixia. "He is my eyes. We are good partners."

But it has been really difficult. All but two of the eight hundred trees they planted in their first year died. Money is also tight, but the pair is determined to reforest their land. They persevered by diverting small waterways into a barren landscape and burying pounded wood cuttings into the ground. They used cuttings from older trees to sprout new life since they were unable to buy new saplings. The work required much patience and the fruits of their labour were not always apparent. But seeing young saplings grow inch by inch was enough to bring joy to Haixia and Wenqi. 20 25

"We stand on our own feet," Wenqi said proudly. "The fruits of our labour taste sweeter. Even though we are handicapped and surviving mostly on steamed buns, we find peace in our hearts."

Adding to their amazing story of friendship is the fact that the pair has now managed to plant over ten thousand trees over the course of the past ten years. It is truly a remarkable feat. 30

"By planting trees, we can give back to the community and ensure a better future for others," they declared with a sense of pride.

Many people have volunteered to help Haixia and Wenqi after hearing their story. One kind benefactor has offered to pay for a surgery that could help restore Haixia's sight and another has donated money towards their pensions to ensure they always have a good roof over their heads and enough food to eat. 35

While their physical limitations have made carrying out such a project challenging, the duo will persist and in future, they will reach out to the surrounding villages and get them to be involved. Furthermore, they need to influence as many others as possible to join them in their pursuit to make a difference. The brothers understand that they still have a long way to go. 40

Adapted from www.bbc.com/news

71a What does 'these' in line 3 refer to? [1m]

71b Which two words from lines 1-5 ~~are~~ imply that progress has harmed the environment? [2m]

and

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

_____ Haixia met Wenqi.

_____ Haixia became totally blind.

_____ Wenqi lost both arms.

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

| | True/False | Reason |
|--|------------|--------|
| (a) Haixia was born blind in one eye. | | |
| (b) Wenqi always carried Haixia on his back to work. | | |
| (c) All the trees died in the first year the duo started planting. | | |

74 Give **two** reasons why Haixia and Wenqi decided to plant trees in the year 2001. [2m]

Reason 1: _____

Reason 2: _____

75 Tick (✓) the box below to indicate the main idea of lines 34-37? [1m]

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|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | How volunteers helped them with their work. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | How Haixia and Wenqi ensured they had enough. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | How the community helped Haixia and Wenqi. |

76 To grow the trees, what did they do to make the land more fertile? [2m]

77 Why did they use the cuttings from older trees in their project? [2m]

78 In line 26-27, why did they find joy and claim that the fruits of their labour tasted sweeter? [2m]

79 According to the duo, why do they feel a sense of pride in planting the trees?
[2m]

80 In line 41 - 42, explain clearly in your own words why the brothers still have a long way to go. [2m]

End of Paper

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| Q15 | Q16 | Q17 | Q18 | Q19 | Q20 | Q21 | Q22 | Q23 | Q24 | Q25 | Q26 | Q27 | Q28 |
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| Q39 | to | Q48 | consultation | Q57 | him |
| Q40 | lost | Q49 | struggle | Q58 | attention |
| Q41 | Instead | Q50 | medical | Q59 | breath |
| Q42 | so | Q51 | from | Q60 | thoughts |
| Q43 | anything | Q52 | voice | Q61 | without |
| Q44 | accept | Q53 | rid | Q62 | realized |
| Q45 | physically | Q54 | but | Q63 | sight |
| Q46 | critically | Q55 | turn | Q64 | the |
| Q47 | specialists | Q56 | immediately | Q65 | Therefore |

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Q69) Mrs Tan asked Harry whether he had seen the girl taking the handbag.

Q70) I will tell the principal if you continue abusing the stray dog.

Q71a) a story about people overcoming all odds to help others.

Q71b) scarred and restoration

Q72) 3,2,1 (downwards)

Q73a) False – He suffered from an eye disease that caused him to be blind in one eye after birth.

b) False – When they reached the busy stream which they needed to cross to get their site, Wenqi carried Haixia on his back to the other side.

c) False - All but two of the eight hundred trees they planted died.

Q74. 1) They were both trying hard to find work because of their disabilities.

2) They wanted to earn some money.

Q75. How the community helped Haixia and Wenqi.

Q76. They diverted small waterways into barren landscape and buried pounded wood cuttings into the ground.

Q77. They had no money and used the cuttings to sprout new plants.

Q78. They were able to stand on their own two feet.

Q79. By planting trees, they can give back to the community and ensure a better future for others.

Q80. Reach out to the surrounding villages for help and influence others to join them.