

ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOL (JUNIOR)



SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1 - 2019
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY 6

Name : _____ ()

Class : P 6. _____

Date : 14 May 2019

BOOKLET A

28 Questions

28 Marks

Total Time For Booklet A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- 1 Do not open the booklet until you are told to do so.
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- 3 Answer all questions.

This paper consists of 9 printed pages (inclusive of cover page)

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

1. You encouraged John to participate in the singing competition, _____ you?
 - (1) did
 - (2) have
 - (3) didn't
 - (4) haven't

2. The teacher spotted the children _____ in the rain and immediately called out to them.
 - (1) plays
 - (2) played
 - (3) playing
 - (4) were playing

3. The examination for the older students is about to begin. Please refrain _____ making noise as you move along the corridors.
 - (1) at
 - (2) on
 - (3) with
 - (4) from

4. Joseph, together with his soccer school team mates, _____ every Monday afternoon.
 - (1) train
 - (2) trains
 - (3) training
 - (4) have trained

5. While it _____ believed that John had beaten Ali in the 100 metre race, the video of the race has since proven it to be an error.
 - (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were

6. If Mrs Tan had not called the teacher, he _____ that Alex was unwell.
 - (1) know
 - (2) did not know
 - (3) would have known
 - (4) would not have known

7. _____ of us has a part to play in ensuring the success of this project.

- (1) All
- (2) Both
- (3) Each
- (4) Every

8. _____ the sudden downpour, the tennis match was postponed yet again.

- (1) Owing to
- (2) In spite of
- (3) Resulting in
- (4) Regardless of

9. There isn't _____ variety of books in this small library. Let's do a book drive.

- (1) few
- (2) little
- (3) many
- (4) much

10. We are not allowed to stay in class during recess _____ we are under the supervision of an adult.

- (1) if
- (2) while
- (3) unless
- (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 girl's name was _____ the list as she had not registered for the competition by the given date.
- (1) struck at
 - (2) struck up
 - (3) struck off
 - (4) struck out
12. Despite the complexity of the case, the detectives were able to _____ the mystery of the missing painting.
- (1) unveil
 - (2) unravel
 - (3) unearth
 - (4) untangle
13. Please remember to return your library books as failure to do so will result in a small fine being _____.
- (1) attained
 - (2) incurred
 - (3) obtained
 - (4) acquired
14. The students realised something was _____ when no teacher came to their classroom.
- (1) amiss
 - (2) astray
 - (3) incorrect
 - (4) inappropriate
15. The teacher was _____ in the planning of the camp in order to ensure that every safety measure was taken care of.
- (1) strict
 - (2) accurate
 - (3) conscious
 - (4) meticulous

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)

Insects are all around us and they make up more than half of all living things on the planet. There are many more insects waiting to be discovered. True insects are those (16) classified in the class 'Insecta'. They are a major group of arthropods (a type of invertebrate, animals that lack a backbone), and the most diverse group of animals on planet Earth. The study of insects is called 'entomology'. Although most insects can be found (17) all over the world, only a small number of species are found in the oceans.

One insect that many other insects (18) shun is the spitting spider. The spitting spider is found all over the world. It is tiny – only about five to seven millimetres long – and has (19) a novel way of capturing its prey. It fires three streams of poisonous gum from the tiny fangs above its head, tricking other insects into believing this gum might be food. The (20) menacing spider then closes in on its prey and gives a fatal poisonous bite. Once the prey is dead, the spitting spider uses its tongue to get rid of all the leftover gum before starting to feed on the dead prey.

16. (1) ranked
(2) labelled
(3) organised
(4) categorised
17. (1) globally
(2) nationally
(3) universally
(4) internationally
18. (1) avert
(2) avoid
(3) reject
(4) ignore
19. (1) a rare way
(2) a singular way
(3) an exciting way
(4) an unusual way
20. (1) startling
(2) worrying
(3) alarming
(4) threatening

Study this feature article from a magazine, The Student Times, and then answer questions 21 to 28.

Let's fight diabetes and have a Prosperous Chinese New Year!

written by Student Editor Tan Meng Lee

Are you aware that 1 in every 4 Singaporeans has the risk of having diabetes* in his lifetime? To help you combat diabetes, and to enhance your festive mood, our school's editorial team has prepared some useful tips and a recipe for a healthier Chinese New Year.

One month before the festive celebration begins...

Shopping for festive treats:

1. Choose products that have lower sugar, salt or fats content.
2. Opt for sugar-free sweets or dried fruits without added salt or sugar.
3. Purchase sugar-free beverages.



Looking your best for the New Year:

1. Take the stairs daily instead of the lift.
2. Try a new activity to get fit and look trim! Aim for at least an hour of physical activity of moderate intensity daily (e.g. skipping, jogging and swimming).
3. Do a massive spring cleaning of your house! A 30-minute session of spring cleaning can burn up to 75 calories and it contributes to your 60 minutes of physical activity per day.



Tips for a healthy Reunion Dinner

1. Include a variety of colourful vegetables.
2. Choose healthier wholegrain food (e.g. brown rice and wholemeal flour).
3. Use healthier cooking methods (e.g. steaming, boiling or stir frying with less oil).
4. Eat more fish and less fatty meats.
5. Avoid overeating.



**Get your family members to take a 2-minute Diabetes Risk Online Assessment at www.letsfightdiabetes.sg. The Diabetes Risk Online Assessment is for 18-39 year olds. If they are 40 and older, they could see the doctor for their health screening (including diabetes). Be the first 100 participants to complete the assessment and receive a surprise reward! Complete the online assessment now!*



Easy to follow healthy
recipe for
Steamed Muffins
contributed by
Sally Cheng

This recipe makes 6 muffins. Each one contains 70 calories.

Ingredients:

- 60g sugar
 - 25ml water
 - 50g wholemeal flour
 - 50g plain flour
 - 4g baking powder
 - 1 egg
 - 60ml low fat milk
- Line the muffin trays with muffin cups.
 - Boil the sugar with 25ml of water in a pot.
 - Sieve wholemeal flour, plain flour and baking powder into a mixing bowl.
 - Add the egg, milk and sugar to the flour mixture and stir well together.
 - Pour the mixture to fill each of the muffin cups.
 - Place the muffin trays into the steamer.
 - Steam them over high heat for 15-20 minutes.



We want to hear your comments!

What do you think of our tips and recipe?
Would you be trying out the recipe with your family?
Do you have more tips and recipes to share?

Email to the Chief Editor, Nina Tan, at
the_little_writer@studenttimes.com.sg.
Your ideas might be published in our next issue!

Have a passion for writing?

We are looking for more writers to join our school editorial team. If you are keen to be part of this rewarding experience, write in to our teacher-in-charge, Mrs Fandi, at fandi_adeny@studenttimes.com.sg. Please include a line or two on why you wish to join us.



For each question from 21 to 28, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and write your answer in the brackets provided.
(8 marks)

21. What is the main purpose of this advertisement?

- (1) To share healthy recipes
- (2) To promote students love for writing
- (3) To suggest ways to prevent diabetes
- (4) To encourage student voices to be heard

22. What should one consider for a healthy Reunion Dinner?

- (1) Avoid steaming and boiling food
- (2) Eat more vegetables and fatty meats
- (3) Be mindful of the amount of food you eat
- (4) Serve steamed white rice instead of brown rice

23. Which one of the following is not true of the Steamed Muffin recipe?

- (1) Muffin cups are used to line the muffin trays.
- (2) All the ingredients must be mixed at the same time.
- (3) Both types of flour have to be sieved before mixing.
- (4) The mixture must be steamed for about 20 minutes.

24. Which of the following is recommended if the reader wants to look their best for the new year?

- (1) Use the stairs occasionally.
- (2) Purchase sugar-free beverages.
- (3) Exercise daily for at least 60 minutes.
- (4) Do spring cleaning one day before the new year.

25. Jenna is a budding writer and wants to be a part of a writing team. She should write to _____ indicate her interest.

- (1) Nina Tan
- (2) Mrs Fandi
- (3) Sally Cheng
- (4) Tan Meng Lee

26. Tim has just turned 40 and is interested to find out if he is at risk of diabetes. He can

- (1) visit the doctor for a health screening
- (2) take the Diabetes Risk Online Assessment
- (3) write in to the Chief Editor of the Student Times
- (4) email www.letsfightdiabetes.sg about his health issues

27. Which of the following statements is true?

- (1) 50g of plain flour is needed to make 6 muffins.
- (2) This advertisement was put together by Sally Cheng.
- (3) Substituting salt with sugar is always a healthier option.
- (4) Anyone who completes the assessment can get a surprise reward.

28. What is the main objective of the questions in the section "We want to hear your comments!"?

- (1) To arouse interest in reading the article
- (2) To suggest to readers what they can write about
- (3) To show readers that the article is thought-provoking
- (4) To check how much readers have understood the article

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Parent's Signature

BOOKLET B

52 Questions

67 Marks

Total Time For Booklets A and B : 1 hour 50 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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Booklet	Component	Possible Marks	Marks Obtained
A	-	28	
B	Grammar Cloze	10	
	Editing for Spelling & Grammar	12	
	Comprehension Cloze	15	
	Synthesis and Transformation	10	
	Comprehension OE	20	
	Total	67	

This paper consists of 8 printed pages (inclusive of 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) also	(D) before	(G) from	(K) many	(N) was
(B) after	(E) both	(H) in	(L) or	(P) which
(C) are	(F) by	(J) is	(M) only	(Q) who

Singapore is an island country on the Asian continent located in South East Asia. Singapore is a city state which (29) _____ connected via a bridge and a freeway to the mainland of Malaysia.

Singapore is not (30) _____ one island. There are 63 islands which are dotted around the Singapore coastline and they belong to the city state, most of (31) _____ are inhabited.

The second largest island, (32) _____ the main island, is Sentosa. Located in the south, Sentosa Island has (33) _____ resorts and family entertainment centres such as the Universal Studios and Waterworld. The historic Fort Siloso is (34) _____ on Sentosa Island. Visitors may choose to either enjoy a fun day out at one of the lovely beaches (35) _____ spend a relaxing couple of days at one of the many resorts.

The name Singapore comes (36) _____ the Sanskrit word 'Singapura' which means 'lion city'. This name was given by a Sumatran prince (37) _____ landed on the island in the 14th century and encountered a strange animal. (38) _____ that, it was known as Temasek, which possibly means a place surrounded by the sea.

An interesting city state, Singapore is indeed an attractive tourist destination.

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

Dear Grandma,

(39)

How are you doing? I had been thinking of Grandpa recently because I am learning

about heroes in school.

(40)

I read that a hero is someone whom gives of himself, often putting his own life at great

(41)

risk, for the greater good of others. Immidiatly, I thought of the story that you told me of how Grandpa

(42)

risked his life to share his food to the British troops who were prisoners of war during the Japanese

(43)

Oquepation.

(44)

I also read about Adnan Saidi, a komander of one of the platoons in the Malay

(45)

(46)

Regiment. Although the souljers of the Malay Regiment lacked experience and equipped, they were

(47)

(48)

determined to fight to an end. Lieutenant Adnan was an inspirayshen for his men. Even when he was

(49)

seriously injured, he gave no think for himself but ordered his men to continue fighting.

(50)

I have been amazed by the courage exhebited and hope one day that I can be like

these men. I miss you a lot and hope to visit you in Malaysia during the June holidays.

With love,

Jacob

For each of the questions 51 to 65, fill in each blank with a suitable word. (15 marks)

Kara loved her kitchen table. It sat in the (51) _____ of her kitchen - big and brown and strong. It was the centre of attention. She loved it even though it had (52) _____ on it from her brother's fork and marker stains from the pictures she drew. It even had big chunks (53) _____ out of one of the legs when her dog thought it was a chew toy. In the cool mornings, she sat in her own chair, drinking juice and eating oatmeal. In the sunny (54) _____, when school was over, she ate cookies and drank milk at the table. In the dusky evenings, she sat at the table and the smells of dinner (55) _____ her like a warm blanket. (56) _____ the kitchen table, she saw her brother's rosy cheeks and her parents smiling. Kara did not (57) _____ what the table looked like, she loved it anyway. When her mother (58) _____ about how bad the table looked, Kara remained as cool as a (59) _____ and would say, "It's not worn (60) _____ Mom. It's just worn in."

One afternoon, something terrible happened. Kara came home from school and in the place where her beloved kitchen table (61) _____, was something awful. It was made of glass and metal. A new table! "Mom!" Kara cried. "Our table is gone and there is something strange in its (62) _____!"

"Yes honey, we got a new table," her mother said, "Isn't it beautiful? They're taking the old one (63) _____ in that truck outside."

The new table had no scratches from her brother's fork or marker stains from the pictures she drew. Tears (64) _____ her eyes.

"Kara, your emotional (65) _____ to the old table was proving to be unhealthy. What's most important are the memories you have made at the table."

Kara sighed, "Sometimes it's best to let things go."

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 Gary enjoys playing tennis. His sister enjoys playing tennis too.

Both _____

67 Miss Maria was given the Outstanding Teacher Award. Her hard work was recognized.

_____ whose _____

68 The children did not complain. They helped to organise the messy area.

Instead of _____

69 Kimberly asked her father, "Will you send me to school tomorrow?"

Kimberly asked her father if _____

70 The guests arrived early. My family was not prepared.

_____ for the early

Read this passage and answer the questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

<p>Salvador loved the simple lines of the fiberglass craft. No cabin or roof. Just a 7-metre-long narrow canoe-shaped boat designed to carve up waves like a huge surfboard, with the engine mounted on the back.</p>	
<p>Salvador was a poor fisherman living and working in Mexico. On this day, November 1, 2012, Salvador planned to head out into the Pacific Ocean at 10am, and work straight through until 4pm the next day. Loading the boat involved over 400 kilogrammes of fishing equipment and a 1.5-metre-long and 1 metre high icebox that would soon be filled with tuna, shark and other fish.</p>	5
<p>Salvador had been warned that a storm was coming, but there was little that would keep him from embarking because he'd make enough money to feed his family for a week.</p>	
<p>As he blasted through the waves some 120 kilometres from land, Salvador let out his three-kilometre-long fishing line. The storm was gaining strength on land but had yet to reach his boat. That changed around 1am. Waves rocked the small boat, which began to tilt sideways like an amusement park ride. Salvador then made the decision to head back.</p>	10
<p>With the winds and waves kicking up, the boat began to fill with water. Salvador could not bail and pull in the fishing line at the same time. With the crashing waves filling the boat with water faster than he could empty it, Salvador made a difficult decision. He cut the line, dumping thousands of dollars' worth of equipment and fish into the sea. He then pointed his boat towards his home port which was six hours away. Salvador called his boss, Willie, to report his position. Shortly after that, the radio died.</p>	15
<p>With the coming dawn, Salvador spotted the rise of mountains on the horizon. He was figuring out a safer route to the shore when the motor coughed. "I couldn't believe it," said Salvador. "The motor died."</p>	20
<p>He yanked on the cord of the outboard motor. Then he yanked again and again until the cord snapped. High waves raised and dropped the boat, sending Salvador crashing into the sides.</p>	
<p>It was five days before the winds finally eased. Salvador was now 450 kilometres offshore. The only likely rescue was by being spotted by another boat. But that was difficult, as the craft sat low in the water. From more than a kilometre away, he was virtually invisible.</p>	25
<p>Salvador told himself to be positive and that a rescue mission would find him. But Salvador had no flare gun and no way to call for help. "That was when I knew. I was very far from the coast," said Salvador. "A place where no fishermen go."</p>	30
<p>The sun during the day made it feel as if he was being cooked alive. During the cold nights, he would climb inside the icebox and huddle for warmth. Thirst had become an obsession, as had starvation. "I was so hungry that I was eating my own fingernails," said Salvador.</p>	
<p>When it eventually rained, Salvador showered in a glorious deluge of freshwater. By the time it stopped, he had collected freshwater in the plastic bottles which he had found floating in the sea, enough to last a week if rations were kept to a minimum.</p>	35
<p>Salvador was now surviving on small, bony triggerfish caught by hand, and the occasional turtle. He soon hunted seabirds that perched on the boat. While this kept away the worst effects of starvation, he faced severe fatigue and hallucinations.</p>	
<p>Struggling with loneliness, Salvador designed a shark-detection system that permitted him to take brief swims. First, he tossed some bird feet into the water. If no sharks appeared, he lowered himself in and went for a refreshing but nerve-wrecking swim. When the smaller fish that lived under his boat were relaxed, he was relaxed, and when they panicked, he scampered back aboard. "I would imagine I was at the beach with my friends, going for a swim," he said. "Getting off the boat allowed me to relax, even if it was for five minutes.</p>	40
<p>On January 30, 2014, Salvador was washed onto the Ebon island, one of the most remote spots in the world. He was discovered by the lone couple who lived there. Had Salvador missed this island, the next likely stop was the Philippines, some 5 000 kilometres away.</p>	
<p>It took Salvador 11 days for his health to stabilise before he was able to travel home. Salvador had completed one of the most remarkable voyages in the history of seafaring. He didn't navigate, sail, row or paddle – he drifted. Unable to alter course, he had been forced to build a world of survival. He was extremely unlucky and terribly fortunate at the same time.</p>	50
<p>And now he was home.</p>	

Adapted from 438 Days at Sea by Jonathan Franklin

71 Pick out a three-word phrase from the first paragraph that tells us that Salvador's boat was able to go fast in the water? [1m]

Do not write in this space

72 Why did Salvador still head out to sea despite being warned about the storm? [1m]

73. Why was cutting the line (line 16) such a difficult decision for Salvador? [2m]

74 Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right. [2m]

Word from the passage	What the word refers to
a) that (line 18)	
b) it (line 21)	

75 Choose words from lines 20 to 27, which have similar meanings as the words, listed below. [3m]

pulled	
colliding	
detected	

76 Which two of the following words best describe how Salvador felt in lines 28 to 30? Put a tick ✓ in the box beside each of your answers. [2m]
DO NOT TICK MORE THAN TWO BOXES.

excited

relieved

discouraged

confident

regret

hopeful

77. Based on the story, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [2m]

Do not write in this space

Statement	True / False	Reason
Salvador was only concerned about being thirsty.		
Salvador faced the strong sun because the roof of the boat had been destroyed.		

78. Give a reason and explain why being rescued was highly unlikely? [2m]

79. Based on lines 31 to 44, fill in the blanks below to show how Salvador coped with his surroundings. [3m]

When it was cold,  he would _____

When it rained,  he would _____

The shark detection system meant that  he would _____

80. Do you think Salvador was unlucky or fortunate? (Line 52) Give two reasons from the passage to support your answer. [2m]

ANSWER KEY

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Booklet A

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
3	3	4	2	3	4	3	2	4	3
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
3	2	2	1	4	4	1	2	4	4
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28		
3	3	2	3	2	4	1	1		

Q29. J

Q30. M

Q31. P

Q32. B

Q33. K

Q34. A

Q35. L

Q36. G

Q37. Q

Q38. D

Q39. have

Q40. who

Q41. immediately

Q42. with

Q43. occupation

Q44. commander

Q45. soldiers

Q46. equipment

Q47. the

Q48. inspiration

Q49. thought

Q50. exhibited

Q51. middle

Q52. scratches

Q53. chewed

Q54. afternoons

Q55. wrapper

Q56. At

Q57. care

Q58. talked

Q59. cucumber

Q60. out

Q61. sat

Q62. place

Q63. away

Q64. filled

Q65. connection

Q66. Both Gary and his sister enjoy playing tennis.

Q67. Miss Maria, whose hard work was recognized was given the Outstanding Teacher Award.

Q68. Instead of complaining, the children helped to organize the messy area.

Q69. Kimberly asked her father if he would send him to school the following day.

Q70. My family was not prepared for the early arrival of the guests.

Q71. carve up waves

Q72. He needed to make money for his family.

Q73. He dumping thousands of dollars' worth of equipment and fish into sea.

Q74.

Word from the passage	What the word refers to
a) that (line 18)	Calling his boss
b) it (line 21)	the motor died

Q75.

pulled	yanked
colliding	crashing
detected	spotted

Q76. discouraged and hopeful.

Q77.

Statement	True/False	Reason
Salvador was only concerned about being thirsty	False	His concerned about the rescue mission do not able to find him
Salvador faced the	False	His boat do not have a

strong sun because the roof of the boat had been destroyed.		roof.
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Q78. Salvador was at a place that far from the coast where no fisherman would go.

Q79.

(i) When it was cold, he would climb inside the icebox and huddle for warmth

(ii) When it rained, he would shower in a glorious deluge of freshwater.

(iii) The shark detection system meant that he would take a brief swim

Q80. Fortunate. He washed onto the shore and was discovered by a lone couple. Besides, he had completed one of the most remarkable voyages in the history of seafaring.

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2/10