



**HENRY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
2007 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATIONS
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY 6**

**PAPER 2
(BOOKLET A)**

NAME : _____

CLASS : _____

INDEX NO : _____

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

Total Marks: 30 marks

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
2. Follow all instructions carefully.
3. Answer all questions.
4. Shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

For each question from 1 to 5, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

1. Which restaurant has more than two branches in Singapore?
 - (1) Siam Kitchen
 - (2) Al Dente Trattoria
 - (3) The HaPPening Restaurant
 - (4) Hot Stones Steak and Seafood Restaurant

2. The HaPPening Restaurant offers _____ off their set lunch.
 - (1) 15%
 - (2) 20%
 - (3) 25%
 - (4) 50%

3. What condition would you need to fulfil in order to enjoy the 50% discount at The HaPPening Restaurant?
 - (1) make reservations
 - (2) order 2 set lunches
 - (3) go by 31st March 2008
 - (4) show the HPP credit card before ordering

4. At which restaurant would you get the best discount off the a la carte menu after 31st November 2007?
 - (1) Siam Kitchen
 - (2) Al Dente Trattoria
 - (3) The HaPPening Restaurant
 - (4) Hot Stones Steak and Seafood Restaurant

5. You and your family members have very different food preferences. If all of you go out for dinner together, which cuisine would best suit your dining needs?
 - (1) Thai
 - (2) Italian
 - (3) American
 - (4) International

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. (7 marks)

6. _____ boxes over here are not mine.

- (1) This
- (2) That
- (3) These
- (4) Those

7. Has any one of your family members ever _____ an unidentified flying object before?

- (1) see
- (2) sees
- (3) saw
- (4) seen

8. The celebrity _____ your parents remember as Fei Fei has since lost so much weight that her nickname no longer suits her.

- (1) which
- (2) who
- (3) whom
- (4) whose

9. Victoria hardly ever goes to school concerts, _____?

- (1) does she
- (2) doesn't she
- (3) will she
- (4) won't she

10. The police are _____ the process of increasing their patrols after terrorists attacked this town.

- (1) at
- (2) by
- (3) in
- (4) on

11. _____ from James, no one else knows the reason why he gave up playing his favourite instrument.

- (1) Apart
- (2) Besides
- (3) Except
- (4) Other

12. Child Educational Pte Ltd is a company which _____ their products at the MOE Exhibition every year.

- (1) display
- (2) displays
- (3) displayed
- (4) displaying

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.
(3 marks)

Boris looked down the long, dark hallway of the prison. It looked endless.
He was being taken to a place that few people had seen but everyone feared it. The other prisoners said the word with a shudder.
Behind him(13) the guard laughed. "Well, this will teach you a lesson. Once you've been isolated, there will be no more bad behaviour from you (14) he said with a menacing smile.
Boris forced his feet to move down the hall (15) He knew there was no hope for him.

13. (1) [,] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [;] semicolon
(4) [:] colon

14. (1) [, "] comma and inverted commas
(2) [. "] full stop and inverted commas
(3) [! "] exclamation mark and inverted commas
(4) [? "] question mark and inverted commas

15. (1) [,] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [!] exclamation mark
(4) [?] question mark

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. (5 marks)

16. The guilty woman tried to _____ the prosecutor's question but he persisted and she finally admitted to the crime.

- (1) deny
- (2) elude
- (3) evade
- (4) refute

17. With a/an _____, a coroner is able to determine the cause of death of a corpse.

- (1) autopsy
- (2) dissection
- (3) procedure
- (4) examination

18. You should apply sunscreen lotion to _____ your skin from the harmful rays of the sun.

- (1) save
- (2) block
- (3) defend
- (4) protect

19. The robber _____ the exit thinking he could escape but ran into the arms of the law instead!

- (1) broke for
- (2) broke into
- (3) broke away
- (4) broke through

20. The _____ roared in excitement as the two teams marched onto the field for the line-up.

- (1) assembly
- (2) audience
- (3) spectators
- (4) congregation

For each question from 21 to 25, 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)

The doctor concluded that the cause of her (21) loss of memory is shock. The week before, she had been in the building where workers were removing the power boxes at ceiling level. They were in the north side of the building.

While the workers were cutting the boxes with propane torches, an area of insulation caught fire. The workers tried to (22) put it out but it spread quickly through the insulation tubes and the building had to be (23) cleared of occupants immediately. Unfortunately, two people (24) died in the fire. The others were treated at the hospital nearby.

After examining the scene, the fire department has determined the cause of the fire and has, (25) in the aftermath, informed the company of its need to review its method of removing power boxes.

21. (1) absentia
(2) amnesia
(3) anaemia
(4) arrhythmia

22. (1) distinguish
(2) extinguish
(3) relinquish
(4) vanquish

23. (1) discharged
(2) eliminated
(3) evacuated
(4) excavated

24. (1) diminished
(2) finished
(3) perished
(4) vanished

25. (1) adequately
(2) appropriately
(3) posthumously
(4) subsequently

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

"Welcome to Chateau* St Claire," he said.

Thus for me began an enchanted three weeks, for it was more of a holiday than work. The miniature, but impeccably kept and furnished chateau was a joy to live in. The tiny park that meandered along the river bank was beautifully kept, for every tree looked as if it had been freshly groomed and the emerald lawns combed each morning. The peacocks, trailing their glittering tails amongst the massive trees, looked as if they had just left the careful hands of a French designer and jeweller. Combine this with a fine cellar and a kitchen ruled over by a red balloon of a chef whose deft hands would conjure up the most delicate and aromatic meals, and you would have a close approach to an earthly paradise.

The morning would be spent sorting and cataloguing the books (and a most interesting collection it was) and then in the afternoon, Gideon would insist that we went swimming or else for a ride round the park, for he possessed a small stable of very nice horses. In the evenings, after dinner, we would sit on the still sun warmed terrace and talk, our conversation made warm and friendly by the wine we had consumed and the excellent meal we had eaten.

Gideon was an excellent host, a brilliant story teller and this, together with his extraordinary gift of mimicry, made him, a most entertaining companion. I shall never know now, of course, whether he exerted all his charm in order to ensnare me. I like to think not; that he quite genuinely liked me and my company. Not that I suppose it matters now. But certainly, as day followed day, I grew fonder and fonder of Gideon.

*Chateau – a castle or large country house in France (Longman's Contemporary Dictionary)

For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

26. The narrator was at Chateau St Claire to _____.

- (1) learn to cook
- (2) rest and relax
- (3) organise a library
- (4) keep Gideon company

27. Gideon is the _____ of Chateau St Claire.

- (1) chef
- (2) owner
- (3) jeweller
- (4) gardener

28. Which activity can be enjoyed at the Chateau?

- (1) Cooking
- (2) Gardening
- (3) Story-telling
- (4) Horseback riding

29. How did the narrator come to the conclusion that Gideon "quite genuinely liked him"?

- (1) Gideon created stories just for him.
- (2) Gideon spent the whole day with him.
- (3) Gideon treated him more like a guest.
- (4) Gideon taught him how to swim and cook.

30. The phrase " _____ " tell us that Chateau St Claire is an exquisite place.

- (1) the still sun-warmed terrace
- (2) a close approach to an earthly paradise
- (3) the careful hands of a French designer and jeweller
- (4) the miniature, but impeccably kept and furnished chateau



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

There are 10 blanks in the passage below. From the list of words in the box, 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 ONLY ONCE

(A) a	(B) among	(C) at	(D) be	(E) between
(F) from	(G) may	(H) of	(J) says	(K) than
(L) then	(M) where	(N) who	(P) which	(Q) with

Heart problems can be solved by sleeping on them! A lunchtime snooze (31)_____ be good for the heart. A Harvard study (32)_____ 23,681 healthy men and women, tracked for more (33)_____ six years, found that those (34)_____ took a midday nap for at least 30 minutes three times (35)_____ week were 37 percent less likely to die (36)_____ heart disease.

"The relationship (37)_____ stress and coronary mortality is well-established," (38)_____ a professor of epidemiology (39)_____ the Harvard School of Public Health. "We also know napping may (40)_____ a stress-releasing process."

Fascinating facts!

*Adapted from 'Medical Updates'
Readers Digest, June 2007*

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

Chocolate is made from cacao beans which have been ground into
(41) (42)
powder. Cacao beans come in the cacao plant which is grown in many **topical**
(43)
countries. When the Spaniards **capchured** Mexico, they found the Indians
(44)
made a kind of drink called 'chocolath'.

(45)
This was the first form of chocolate. The Spaniards found it tasted **bittre**,
(46)
so they added sugar to it. When chocolate found its way to Spain, it becomes
(47)
the drink of the rich. It was very **expansive** as the cacao beans had to be
(48)
ground with hand and this process was very costly.

(49)
It was almost a **santury** later that chocolate was introduced to other
(50)
parts of Europe. The English had their first taste more later.

Slowly, people learnt to make the smooth sweet chocolate that we enjoy today.

Read the passage carefully and then fill in each blank with a suitable word of your own. (15 marks)

He turned and left the room. After walking the streets of London all night, he arrived (51)_____ just after sunrise. As he passed (52)_____ the library, he saw the portrait that Basil Hallward had (53)_____ of him. He stared at it in surprise (54)_____ walked on into his bedroom. He (55)_____ his coat off and stood (56)_____ to his bed. A few moments later, he returned to the (57)_____ and looked at it closely. In the poor light, the face (58)_____ to have changed a little. Now, the mouth looked cruel. It was certainly strange.

He walked to the (59)_____ and opened the curtains. The light changed the room (60)_____ the face stayed the same. In fact, the sunlight made the mouth look even (61)_____

Going back (62)_____ his bedroom, he found a small mirror that had been a (63)_____ from Lord Henry. He looked at his real face and saw no sign of cruelty. What did it mean?

He threw himself into a (64)_____ and began to think. Suddenly he (65)_____ what he had said in Basil Hallward's house the day the picture had been finished. He had asked for the painting to grow old so that he himself could remain young.

Adapted from *The Picture of Dorian Gray* by Oscar Wilde

For each of the questions 66-70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answers 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 must complete his project. He cannot go to the movies with his friends.

Until _____

67. "Do I need to attend your meeting tomorrow?" Alfred asked Mrs Lee.

Alfred asked Mrs Lee _____

68. He has been disobedient. All his privileges have been revoked indefinitely.

As a result of _____

69. He needs to sign this document for it to be legal.

Without _____

70. John's new job is very demanding. He enjoys it very much.

_____ although _____

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 71 to 80.

Do some animals have certain mental powers which human beings do not? Of course, they have instincts, but besides this, I am sure they can feel certain things we humans cannot. A personal experience showed me this. 1

Some years ago, I had a dog named Howard. From the time he was a puppy, he was timid and so we named him Howard, to rhyme with 'coward'! He was especially afraid of thunderstorms. At the first flash of lightning or crash of thunder, he would run whining into the house and hide under a table. My very own hero! 5

I often went for walks with Howard. Once, as we were walking along a road, it began to rain. I quickly ran to a bus stop for shelter. The bus stop had a roof supported by metal poles. Soon after I had got there, Howard caught my trousers in his teeth and tried to pull me away. At first I was puzzled and a little angry at his behaviour. But I decided to humour him and walked away from the shelter into the rain and started for home. 10 15

When I was about two hundred metres from the shelter, there came a blinding flash of lightning and soon after, there was a crash of thunder which nearly deafened me. Howard stopped walking and began whining. Thinking he was afraid, I bent to pick him up. As I straightened up, I glanced at the bus shelter we had just left. I was shocked to see that two of the poles were bent and the roof was lying on the ground, broken. The shelter had been struck by the bolt of lightning! 20

I gave Howard a big hug and muttered a heartfelt thanks. He had just saved my life. He was truly my hero! 25

For each question from 71 to 80, write your answer in the space provided. All answers must be in complete sentences. (20 marks)

71. Explain clearly why the writer named his dog Howard.

72. What was Howard most afraid of?

73. Why was the writer **puzzled and a little angry** with his dog (line 14)?

74. What do you think the dog was trying to do at the bus stop?

75. Describe what happened to the bus shelter.

76. Which word in the passage shows you that the thunder was very loud?

77. The writer refers to his dog as his hero in paragraphs 2 and 5. Explain clearly the difference in meaning between the two instances.

78. How do you think the writer felt when he saw what had happened to the bus stop?

79. Which sentence shows that Howard is no longer with the owner?

80. From this incident, what does the writer believe about dogs?

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Answers Key

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
1	4	2	2	4	3	4	3	1	3
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
1	2	1	1	2	3	1	4	1	3
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
2	2	3	3	4	3	2	4	3	2
Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
G	H	K	N	A	F	E	I	C	D

41 from	46 became	51 home	56 next	61 worse
42 tropical	47 expensive	52 through	57 painting	62 to
43 captured	48 by	53 painted	58 seemed/appeared	63 gift
44 making	49 century	54 and	59 window	64 chair
45 bitter	50 much	55 took	60 but	65 remembered

66. Until he completes his project, he cannot go to the movies with his friends.
67. Alfred asked Mrs Lee whether he need to attend her meeting the next day.
68. As a result of his disobedience, all his privilege has been revoked indefinitely.
69. Without his signature, his document is not legal.
70. John enjoys his new job very much although it is very demanding.
71. Since the dog was very timid and the name rhymed with 'coward', the writer named his dog Howard.
72. He was most afraid of thunderstorms.
73. They were at the bus stop to shelter from the rain and he could not understand why his dog was bothering him.
74. It was trying to warn its owner of the danger at the bus stop.
75. The bus shelter was struck by the bolt of lightning and two of the poles were bent and the roof was lying on the ground broken.
76. The word is "deafened".
77. In paragraph 5, the dog had saved the writer's life, so he genuinely praises the dog.
78. The writer felt shocked when he saw what had happened to the bus stop.
79. The sentence is "some years ago, I had a dog named Howard"
80. He believes that they have certain mental Powers which human beings do not have.