



AI TONG SCHOOL  
2021  
MID-YEAR EXAMINATION  
PRIMARY 6

ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)  
BOOKLET A

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

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

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Answer all questions.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: Primary 6 \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 11 May 2021

Parent's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Paper 1	Paper 2	Paper 3	Paper 4	Total Marks
55	95	20	30	200

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) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (10 marks)

- 1 All the furniture that Mrs Lim wants to get rid of \_\_\_\_\_ actually still in good condition.
- (1) is
  - (2) are
  - (3) was
  - (4) were
- 2 "Gabriel hardly ever falls ill, \_\_\_\_\_?" asked Ruth.
- (1) did he
  - (2) does he
  - (3) didn't he
  - (4) doesn't he
- 3 During a birthday party, my twin sisters introduced a friend of \_\_\_\_\_ to my cousin.
- (1) their
  - (2) them
  - (3) theirs
  - (4) themselves
- 4 Free lollipops will be given out \_\_\_\_\_ random during the carnival.
- (1) in
  - (2) at
  - (3) by
  - (4) from
- 5 With \_\_\_\_\_ hints given by the teacher, the students were surprised by how fast Harold could solve the puzzle.
- (1) few
  - (2) little
  - (3) some
  - (4) many

- 6 The Discipline Master would not have caught Ramly for sporting long hair \_\_\_\_\_ he cut his hair last weekend.
- (1) should
  - (2) would
  - (3) had
  - (4) did
- 7 Due to the sudden heavy rain, Sandra saw many people \_\_\_\_\_ to take shelter at the nearby shopping mall.
- (1) rush
  - (2) rushes
  - (3) rushed
  - (4) rushing
- 8 Bala was the boy \_\_\_\_\_ was appreciated by my grandmother for the good deed he had done.
- (1) who
  - (2) which
  - (3) whom
  - (4) whose
- 9 By the end of this year, my cousin \_\_\_\_\_ from medical school.
- (1) graduates
  - (2) is graduating
  - (3) has graduated
  - (4) will have graduated
- 10 The bleeding \_\_\_\_\_ the cut on Melvin's forehead needs to be stopped as soon as possible.
- (1) resulting from
  - (2) regardless of
  - (3) giving rise to
  - (4) in spite of

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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) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

11 Even though John was deemed as a/an \_\_\_\_\_ competitor to win the race, he surprised everyone by clinching the gold medal.

- (1) wrong
- (2) feeble
- (3) unlikely
- (4) impossible

12 Not wanting to alert the burglars of their presence, the police surrounded the crime scene \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) steadily
- (2) security
- (3) speedily
- (4) stealthily

13 Wanting to ease the \_\_\_\_\_ between the siblings after their heated argument, Holly told a hilarious joke.

- (1) conflict
- (2) tension
- (3) unhappiness
- (4) disagreement

14 \_\_\_\_\_ by nature, Woody never fails to speak honestly in all situations.

- (1) Candid
- (2) Inspiring
- (3) Talkative
- (4) Optimistic

15 Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, our holiday plans \_\_\_\_\_ as we could no longer travel overseas.

- (1) fell through
- (2) fell behind
- (3) fell away
- (4) fell out

For each question from 16 to 20, choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

"You may begin," the invigilator announced. Hearing those words, I took a deep breath to prime myself for the Math examination. Math had always been my Achilles heel, a subject I struggled greatly to manage because of my poor understanding of the concepts. However, I had the resolve to do my best this time. Hence, I made the effort to practise countless problem sums laboriously in the past few months, with the hope of strengthening my understanding of the Math concepts. This was definitely an uphill task as I had to overcome many challenges in my revision, but I definitely saw myself getting better. With much hope, I bravely opened the question booklet to attempt the problem sums.

Written by: Casey Low

- 16 (1) help  
(2) ready  
(3) support  
(4) challenge

- 17 (1) hatred  
(2) enemy  
(3) downfall  
(4) weakness

- 18 (1) determination  
(2) responsibility  
(3) patience  
(4) courage

- 19 (1) enthusiastically  
(2) strenuously  
(3) carefully  
(4) wearily

- 20 (1) scary  
(2) boring  
(3) painful  
(4) demanding

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Study this article from a magazine, Pathways, and then answer questions 21 to 28.

## Shining the Spotlight on Animal Trainers

### Interesting Discoveries Made by an Animal Trainer

Do you know your pets well? Do you know what it means when they make certain sounds or behave in certain ways? Animal trainer, Thomas Chia, has had pets all his life and is convinced that we can gain some insight into how animals think by studying their way of playing. Dogs are of particular interest to him. Unlike most other animals, these canines continue playing throughout their lives, regardless of age, and that naturally makes them the best choice for his research.

Thomas reads everything he can about canines. Besides observing his own dogs play, he takes them to various places and films them interacting with other dogs. Back home, he repeatedly watches the video recordings in slow motion so that he can analyse their behaviour patterns.



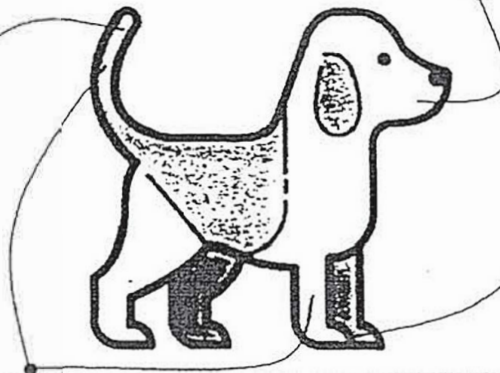
Thomas' dogs.  
Chief, Lexi and Russ

As time went by, Thomas' research showed him that dogs expressed their thoughts and feelings in a number of ways.

### What dogs do to get different messages across

Dogs wag their tails a little more to the right when they see their owners or something that appeals to them, and a little more to the left when they see non-threatening strangers and surroundings that are new to them.

Dogs do not just bark! They also make sounds like growling, grunting, yelping, and howling to communicate.



Dogs that already know each other well slap their paws down when they meet. This is how they say hello to their friends!

Dogs bend down on their front legs to invite other dogs to play. They usually stick their tails up in the air at the same time!

When the opportunity for you to spend some time with dogs comes up, see if Thomas' deductions can help you understand them better!



*What do animal trainers do?*

- ★ *interact with the animals to help them get used to human voice and contact*
- ★ *teach the animals to respond appropriately to different cues*
- ★ *ensure that the animals eat a proper diet and get adequate exercise*
- ★ *monitor the animals' health and physical condition in order to recommend medical care when necessary*
- ★ *customise the training programmes to suit the animals' moods, capabilities and mastery of skills*



**We need more animal trainers!**



Do you have a love of animals, patience and good communication skills?  
Are you willing to get your hands dirty and do unglamorous work?  
Can you perform tasks which may be physically tiring at times?

In recent years, the number of people keeping pets has steadily increased. Unfortunately, many of these well-intentioned owners do not know how to ensure the well-being of their pets. That is where animal trainers come in!

The Animal Welfare Institute is offering free two-day introductory courses on animal behaviour to anyone aged 10 and above! If you are interested in registering for one of the courses below, please write in to Ms Paige Hong at [paige\\_hong@awi.sg](mailto:paige_hong@awi.sg). Only a limited number of places is available, so hurry!

**Course 1**

15 and 16 May 2021  
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**Course 2**

29 and 30 May 2021  
8 a.m. – 11 a.m.

**Course 3**

5 and 6 June 2021  
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**Course 4**

19 and 20 June 2021  
8 a.m. – 11 a.m.

For more information, please visit the institute's website at [www.awi.sg](http://www.awi.sg).

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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 shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (8 marks)

- 21 What does 'they' in the first paragraph of 'Interesting Discoveries Made by an Animal Trainer' refer to?
- (1) animals
  - (2) canines
  - (3) trainers
  - (4) pets
- 22 Which of the following did Thomas **not** do as part of his research?
- (1) watch his dogs at play
  - (2) read books about dogs
  - (3) film his dogs playing with him
  - (4) study video recordings of dogs
- 23 Dogs slap their paws down when they want to \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) feel closer to other dogs
  - (2) ask other dogs to play with them
  - (3) greet dogs that they already know well
  - (4) make friends with dogs they meet for the first time
- 24 When developing training programmes, animal trainers will most likely take into account the animals' \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) fitness levels
  - (2) dietary needs
  - (3) natural abilities
  - (4) physical appearance
- 25 What is the purpose of the questions in the section "We need more animal trainers!"?
- (1) to get readers interested in training animals.
  - (2) to check whether the article has inspired the readers
  - (3) to give readers an idea of what it takes to be an animal trainer
  - (4) to show that the writer of the article wants to know the readers better



- 26 Christopher wants to attend a course before he starts work at noon, but will be very busy in May. Which course should he sign up for?
- (1) Course 1
  - (2) Course 2
  - (3) Course 3
  - (4) Course 4
- 27 Which of the following statements about the courses is true?
- (1) They are intended for adults.
  - (2) Participants do not need to pay.
  - (3) There will be sufficient number of places available.
  - (4) Those who want to sign up must call Ms Paige Hong.
- 28 What is the **main** purpose of the article?
- (1) to describe how dogs communicate with one another
  - (2) to provide information about people who train animals
  - (3) to highlight the need to make sure animals are well taken care of
  - (4) to attract attention to the courses run by the Animal Welfare Institute

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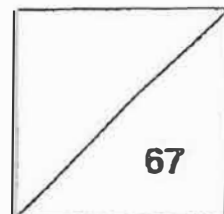
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Marks:



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) along | (D) from | (G) it's | (K) over | (N) where |
| (B) at    | (E) is   | (H) of   | (L) up   | (P) which |
| (C) down  | (F) its  | (J) on   | (M) was  | (Q) who   |

Jurong Bird Park turns 50 in June 2021. To mark \_\_\_\_\_ 50th  
(29)

anniversary, admission tickets to the park for the month of June will be priced

\_\_\_\_\_ only \$2.50, the cost of the ticket when the park first opened in  
(30)  
1971.

Visitors can also look forward to a ~~Special Bird Show~~ \_\_\_\_\_  
(31)

pioneering birds of the park will be featured. ~~One of the birds~~ \_\_\_\_\_ will  
(32)

be making a special appearance. \_\_\_\_\_ ~~Big John~~, a sulphur-crested  
(33)

cockatoo that is well \_\_\_\_\_ 50 years old.  
(34)

~~Apart~~ \_\_\_\_\_ the bird shows, visitors will be able to catch a  
(35)

glimpse \_\_\_\_\_ ~~how the park has evolved since it first opened~~. Photos of  
(36)

the park's early days will also be ~~put~~ \_\_\_\_\_ around the park to allow  
(37)

visitors to take a walk \_\_\_\_\_ memory lane.  
(38)

The park will soon be relocated to Mandai. Hence, do visit Jurong Bird Park before the big move happens.

Adapted from: www.straitstimes.com

Score:

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

Dear Diary,

(39)

I had received an unexpected act of kindness today. I had forget to bring

(40)

along my umbrella, having careless packed my bag last night. On my way to school,

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(42)

the sky turned ominous from a matter of seconds. Then, a defenning roar of thunder

filled the air before a storm followed.

(43)

Quickly, I konnsidered how I could possibly manage the situation to avoid

getting drenched. A sheltered walkway I had planned to take to school was

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unfortunately inncesible because of some upgrading works. Seeing that, I knew I

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had to be adapt and devise another plan. Try as I could, there weren't other

(47)

sheltered paths that I could think on.

Left with no choice I was going to brave the rain to get to school. Though I

(48)

(49)

could run fast as an atheletik student, I knew there was no garentee that I wouldn't

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be drenched in such a downpour. Suddenly, a fammilar voice asked if I would like to

share his umbrella. Uncle Meng, a cleaner from my school, was my saviour!

Written by: Casey Low

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Fill in the blanks with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Singapore commemorated Total Defence Day on 15 February 2021. At a Total Defence commemoration event, the Guest-of-Honour, Mr Zaqy, shared how Singaporeans had ~~strongly lived~~ \_\_\_\_\_ the spirit of Total Defence last year. Coming from ~~all walks of~~ \_\_\_\_\_, Singaporeans of different backgrounds have helped one another by ~~banding~~ \_\_\_\_\_ during the virus outbreak last year.

Interestingly, many young Singaporeans had volunteered to ~~lend a~~ \_\_\_\_\_ hand to others. Some had cooked free meals for the needy using healthier \_\_\_\_\_ such as olive oil, vegetables and low-fat meat. Others assisted with \_\_\_\_\_ the home-cooked meals door to door. A few artistic individuals even paid for materials out of their own \_\_\_\_\_ so that they could make face masks and shields. These were \_\_\_\_\_ given out free of charge to anyone who needed either one of \_\_\_\_\_.

We also read many heart-warming stories about how neighbours were looking out for elderly residents who were living \_\_\_\_\_ ~~without family members~~. In fact, there were many encouraging reports on how neighbourly ties have \_\_\_\_\_ during the Circuit Breaker, simply because neighbours were the closest human connection many could find other than their family members living \_\_\_\_\_ the same roof.

Commemorating Total Defence Day on February 15 is a \_\_\_\_\_ affair. This serves as an annual reminder that we were once \_\_\_\_\_ to defend ourselves, having fallen to the Japanese. However, Total Defence has been our ~~beam of~~ \_\_\_\_\_ that ~~guided~~ us through difficult times such as the SARS outbreak in 2003 and the threat of terrorism over the past decades. With everyone playing our part, we will rise above our challenges and emerge stronger in this current pandemic.

Adapted from: [www.straitstimes.com](http://www.straitstimes.com)

Score:



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 in the given sentence(s). (10 marks)

66 As Beth had told the truth, the teacher forgave her

\_\_\_\_\_ for being  
\_\_\_\_\_

67 The government announced that the country will be locked down. It shocked many people.

\_\_\_\_\_ by the government that  
\_\_\_\_\_

68 Julia tried hard to persuade me. I still did not go to the party.

However \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

69 Bob was embarrassed. He hid it by staying in his room.

To hide his \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

70 "When did you draw this picture?" Mrs Siva asked her son.

Mrs Siva asked her son \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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Score:



Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

"Ian, Please take good care of Lily tonight. Dad and I will be home right after the wedding dinner," Mrs Wong instructed Ian before leaving the house that evening.

Once his parents had left, Ian thought it was a golden opportunity to indulge in the latest online episode of the detective series he had been following. No one would be nagging at him to revise his work. Moreover, his little sister, Lily, was still taking her nap. He would only need to get their dinner ready after Lily's nap. All he needed to do was to heat up the food Mrs Wong had prepared beforehand. Soon, Ian positioned himself comfortably in front of the computer and started watching the highly anticipated show. 5

"Ian, I'm hungry. Is dinner ready?" Lily asked when she awoke from her nap. Being engrossed in the show he was watching, Ian dismissed Lily's request impatiently and told her to eat some bread first. Having the most exciting part of the show interrupted was the last thing he needed. Moments later, a sudden holler from the kitchen caught Ian's attention! Then the sounds of a pot crashing onto the floor resounded in the air. Could something have happened to Lily? Arrested by sheer panic, Ian jumped out of his seat and dashed to the kitchen. 10 15

Upon reaching the kitchen, Ian saw a worrying scene. What a mess! A pot of piping hot noodles had spilled onto Lily's thighs. There were soup and noodles all over the floor too. The poor girl, who sat motionlessly on the floor, was wailing uncontrollably. She must be in excruciating pain! Ian panicked as he saw Lily's predicament. However, he knew he had to act fast. Taking deep breaths to calm his nerves, Ian rushed over to help Lily onto her feet, before walking her to the toilet. Then, he placed her scalded thigh under cool running water, hoping to ease the immense pain she was experiencing. 20

Fifteen minutes later, Lily's wails had subsided into occasional sobs. Even then, Ian wanted to get Lily to the doctor so that proper treatment could be given to her burn wounds. Thankfully, there was a neighborhood clinic in the next block. Without hesitation, Ian piggybacked Lily. Though it was difficult, Ian bit the bullet and headed to their destination. Along the way, Ian panted heavily and perspired profusely as he was getting tired. Yet, he did not give up. That was the least he could do to make it up to his sister. 25

Upon reaching the clinic, the nurses quickly assisted Ian and Lily. Everything happened in a blur when the doctor attended to Lily. However, the doctor praised Ian for his quick thinking as it had prevented Lily's wounds from worsening. Although Ian was heartened to receive the praise, he was far from being comforted. The doctor's affirmation could not remove the guilt he was feeling deep inside. His selfishness had caused Lily to be hurt. What sort of elder brother was he? 30 35

After being assured by the doctor that Lily's burn wounds should recover in the next two weeks, Ian apologized, "I'm so sorry, Lily. I don't know what I can do to make it up to you..." Surprisingly, Lily did not hold it against her brother. With all that Ian had done for her when she got hurt, Lily already felt loved and cared for by him. Still, Ian had another hurdle to cross. Ian knew his parents would be angry with him. But, having to explain the entire situation to them was necessary. Importantly, Ian must have the courage to face the music and accept whatever punishment that would come his way. Causing his fear of the possible consequences aside, Ian made up his mind to speak with his parents that night. Hand in hand, the sibling made their way home. 40

71. Which two-word phrase from lines 3-8 shows that it was the best time for Ian to do something he liked? [1m]

Do not write in this space.



72. Explain clearly why Ian had "dismissed Lily's request" (line 10). [2m]

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73. Based on lines 9-22, 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) Ian's attention was captured by the sounds of a pot crashing onto the floor.		
b) A pot of noodles had toppled in the kitchen.		
c) Lily was calm despite the pain she was experiencing.		

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. [3m]

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer(s) to
a) dinner (line 6)	
b) show (line 8)	
c) it (line 26)	

75. What were two things that Ian had done to ensure Lily's wounds were attended to after getting scalded? [2m]

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in this space

- 76 Which two words in lines 16-22 describe the extreme discomfort Lily was in? Each word is found in a separate sentence. [2m]

a)	b)
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- 77 From lines 23-34, give a reason to show why Ian had "to act fast" (line 20). [1m]

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- 78 Which two words from lines 29-34 best show how Ian felt when he was at the clinic with Lily? Put a tick ✓ in the box beside each of your answers. DO NOT TICK MORE THAN TWO BOXES. [2m]

assured	<input type="checkbox"/>	nervous	<input type="checkbox"/>
comforted	<input type="checkbox"/>	remorseful	<input type="checkbox"/>
glad	<input type="checkbox"/>	selfish	<input type="checkbox"/>

- 79 Based on lines 35-43, Lily did not blame Ian for her injury.

- a) Pick out a five-word phrase from lines 35-43 that shows Lily not blaming Ian for her injury. [1m]

- b) What personal quality had Lily shown by not blaming Ian for her injury? [1m]

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- 80 What "hurdle" (line 39) did Ian have to cross? What must Ian do to overcome this hurdle? [2m]

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