



**RED SWASTIKA SCHOOL**  
**2021 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1**  
**ENGLISH LANGUAGE – PAPER 2**  
**LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION**  
**PRIMARY 6**

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

Date : 10 May 2021

**BOOKLET A**

**28 Questions**

**28 Marks**

**Duration of Paper: 1 h 50 min**

**Note:**

- 1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.**
- 2. Read carefully the instructions given at the beginning of each part of the booklet.**
- 3. Do not waste time. If a question is difficult for you, go on to the next one.**
- 4. Check your answers thoroughly and make sure you attempt every question.**
- 5. In this booklet, you should have the following:**
  - a. Page 1 to Page 8**
  - b. Questions 1 to 28**

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

1 It was very early, \_\_\_\_\_ all the girls were ready for their long hike.

- (1) so
- (2) or
- (3) yet
- (4) for

2 Jane is experienced \_\_\_\_\_ baking. She bakes delicious cakes.

- (1) at
- (2) in
- (3) with
- (4) about

3 "Siti needs advice \_\_\_\_\_ this matter. Can you help her?" Chesley asked.

- (1) to
- (2) of
- (3) on
- (4) for

4 The discipline master found them \_\_\_\_\_ in the canteen and lectured them.

- (1) loiter
- (2) loitered
- (3) loitering
- (4) had loitered

5 The boys could not decide \_\_\_\_\_ they should play soccer because dark clouds were approaching.

- (1) if
- (2) so
- (3) that
- (4) since

- 6 Joash received \_\_\_\_\_ replies despite sending in numerous job applications.
- (1) any
  - (2) few
  - (3) most
  - (4) much
- 7 "He's taken his medicine, \_\_\_\_\_?" the nurse asked her colleague.
- (1) isn't he
  - (2) didn't he
  - (3) hasn't he
  - (4) doesn't he
- 8 Her teacher was alarmed because a lot of cash \_\_\_\_\_ found in her wallet.
- (1) is
  - (2) are
  - (3) was
  - (4) were
- 9 Under no circumstances \_\_\_\_\_ you approach wild monkeys at the park.
- (1) shall
  - (2) might
  - (3) could
  - (4) should
- 10 He admitted to \_\_\_\_\_ the vase in the living room.
- (1) break
  - (2) breaks
  - (3) broke
  - (4) breaking

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

11 Harry lived a \_\_\_\_\_ life but he always gave generously to his neighbours who needed food.

- (1) frugal
- (2) lavish
- (3) sparing
- (4) modest

12 Speeding on the road is \_\_\_\_\_ and can cost lives.

- (1) harmless
- (2) hazardous
- (3) unoffending
- (4) unfavourable

13 He was \_\_\_\_\_ from the competition because he broke the rules.

- (1) evicted
- (2) eliminated
- (3) discharged
- (4) disqualified

14 The detective unravelled the \_\_\_\_\_ of the missing gold.

- (1) story
- (2) history
- (3) mystery
- (4) memory

15 He \_\_\_\_\_ committed the crime as the evidence suggests that he was at the crime scene but we cannot be sure.

- (1) clearly
- (2) evidently
- (3) apparently
- (4) supposedly

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

A professor raised a glass of water. Her students expected that she would ask the classic "is the glass half full or half empty" question. Instead, the professor asked, "How heavy is this glass of water?" Students shouted out answers ranging from fifty to a hundred grams.

She replied, "From my point of view, the weight of this glass doesn't matter. If I hold it for a minute, it's rather light. If I hold it for an hour, its weight makes my arm ache a little. If I hold it for a day, my arm will feel completely numb. The weight of the glass doesn't change, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it feels. Your problems are like this glass of water. If you hold on to them for too long, it will only get worse."

*Adapted from: inspirationslife.com*

- 16 (1) imagined  
(2) concluded  
(3) calculated  
(4) anticipated
- 17 (1) usual  
(2) typical  
(3) universal  
(4) traditional
- 18 (1) belief  
(2) position  
(3) direction  
(4) perspective
- 19 (1) very  
(2) fairly  
(3) really  
(4) extremely
- 20 (1) burdens  
(2) obstacles  
(3) weakness  
(4) disadvantages



## Unearthing One of Singapore's Hidden Talents

### Ning Ann: An Unassuming Artist

#### WHO IS NING ANN?

Have you even heard of her? It will not come as a surprise if you have not. This mysterious lady has intentionally kept a low profile for years. In 2003, when Ning Ann was just a young art student in Singapore, she won a prize for an oil painting that she did. Her best friend had secretly submitted it for a competition on her behalf. It vividly depicted a night market even though she did not enjoy painting pictures of real life. She was still experimenting with different techniques and did not think much of that piece of work.

*Ning Ann's 'Night Market'*



*Ning Ann's Japanese-inspired 'Lonely Moon'*



#### NING ANN'S PAINTING STYLE

It was only when Ning Ann was training to become an art teacher that she drew upon different cultural influences and developed her own painting style. The style was based on a Japanese approach – using dark and light colours to show personal feelings – which she adopted to create original and captivating paintings. Right after graduating, Ning Ann chose to teach art and only worked on her paintings during her free time.

#### NING ANN'S SUCCESS

In 2009, Ning Ann met an art gallery owner named Han Zhou. His gallery in Thailand exhibited a series of paintings by Ning Ann and they were a huge success. Art critics from all over the world have taken notice of her paintings and consider them to be among the finest art ever produced in Asia. Despite her success, Ning Ann has no intention of changing her lifestyle. She still paints but enjoys teaching. Her students are now her source of inspiration for her artwork.

*Ning Ann's paintings being exhibited in the Han Zhou Gallery in Thailand*

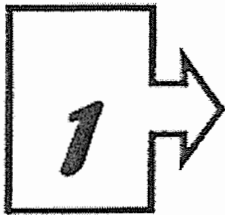


## An exclusive showcase of Ning Ann's Work

From 2 to 22 June 2021, the City Art Museum will host the inaugural exclusive exhibition of Ning Ann's paintings!

\*Admission fee: \$8 for adults and \$4 for children aged 12 and below

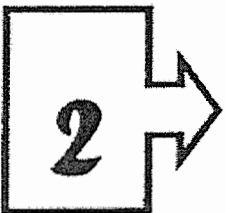
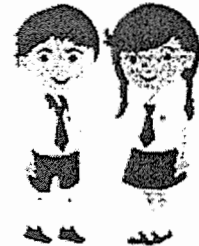
Visitors can also take part in three special events at **NO EXTRA COST!**



### Guided Tour

Time: 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. daily

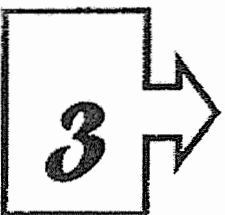
Student volunteers who are passionate artists themselves will show you around and tell you more about the exhibits. Simply be at the entrance of the museum on time.



### Art Workshop

Time: 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. daily

Learn basic painting techniques from art students who will share with you some of Ning Ann's art techniques. Each visitor gets to bring home his own art piece. As only 20 places are available per session, visitors are strongly advised to write in to Ms Tan at [workshops@cam.sg](mailto:workshops@cam.sg) by 25 May 2021 to reserve a place.



### Short Film Screening: "Finding a Voice"

Time: 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. on weekdays

Watch a riveting documentary to find out how Ning Ann strove to form her own style and express herself through her paintings. Only 50 visitors are allowed per session. Get your tickets at the Information Counter before heading to the auditorium. No prior booking is available.

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

*\*To be paid at the entrance of the museum*

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

21 Which of the following is a likely reason why readers might not have heard of Ning Ann?

- (1) She is just a young art student.
- (2) She chose to stay out of the limelight.
- (3) She told her friend to submit her painting using his name.
- (4) She experimented with different art techniques but did not have her own style.

22 Ning Ann developed her own painting style by \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) painting pictures of real life
- (2) taking art lessons in Singapore
- (3) exhibiting her work in an art gallery in Thailand
- (4) understanding different cultural approaches to art

23 In the section "Ning Ann's Painting Style", dashes are used to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) convey an idea
- (2) indicate further details
- (3) express different feelings
- (4) present missing information

24 According to the article, some of Ning Ann's ideas for her art come from \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) her students
- (2) her best friend
- (3) being in Japan
- (4) painting pictures of real life



- 25 Which of the following statements about the exhibition is true?
- (1) Visitors will not need to pay any admission fee.
  - (2) Paintings by various local artists will be on display.
  - (3) Tickets can be purchased by emailing to workshops@cam.sg.
  - (4) Ning Ann's paintings will be exhibited for the first time in Singapore.
- 26 What is the similarity between the guided tours and the art workshops?
- (1) They take place twice a day.
  - (2) Limited sessions are offered.
  - (3) Advance booking is required.
  - (4) They are conducted by students.
- 27 Clarissa wants to watch the short film. What must she do?
- (1) obtain the ticket at the museum
  - (2) make a booking through the website
  - (3) attend the exhibition on any afternoon of the week
  - (4) wait for student volunteers at the entrance of the museum
- 28 What is the main purpose of the article?
- (1) to attract visitors to the museum
  - (2) to describe an artist's achievements
  - (3) to encourage readers to view the showcase
  - (4) to provide information on the different activities at the showcase



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**BOOKLET B**

**52 Questions**  
**67 Marks**

In this booklet, you should have the following:

- a. Page 9 to Page 16
- b. Questions 29 to 80

BOOKLET	OBTAINED	POSSIBLE
BOOKLET A		28
BOOKLET B		67
TOTAL		95

Parent's Signature : \_\_\_\_\_

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.**

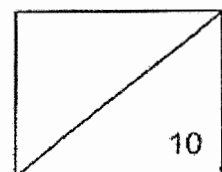
- |         |        |          |          |             |
|---------|--------|----------|----------|-------------|
| (A) a   | (D) if | (G) them | (K) very | (N) whether |
| (B) and | (E) it | (H) this | (L) was  | (P) which   |
| (C) by  | (F) so | (J) to   | (M) were | (Q) with    |

Have you ever wondered how marshmallows were invented? In 2000 BC, ancient Egyptians discovered a wild herb growing in the marshland, from \_\_\_\_\_ a sweet substance could be extracted. \_\_\_\_\_ substance, the sap of the marshmallow plant, if combined with a honey-based candy to create a sweet dish \_\_\_\_\_ delightful that it was reserved only for royalty and the Gods.

In the 1800s, candy makers in France combined the marshmallow sap with egg whites and sugar. The mixture was then whipped \_\_\_\_\_ hand to create the first soft, mushy treat or marshmallow, as we know \_\_\_\_\_ today. Doctors also used the mixture to form a hard sweet that \_\_\_\_\_ sold as a medicinal candy to soothe sore throats, suppress coughs \_\_\_\_\_ heal wounds.

Today, \_\_\_\_\_ mini or giant, marshmallows are an everyday sweet treat. They are also a staple for favourite family recipes, \_\_\_\_\_ the most common being the roasted marshmallow. From roasting over a campfire or cereal treats \_\_\_\_\_ snacking and crafts, marshmallows add a little fun to everyday life. Have one today!

*Adapted from campfiremarshmallows.com*



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

(39)

Look at the *pristine streets* today. You would not believed that 40 years

(40)

ago, animals were roaming around with their droppings leetering the

(41)

streets. This results in unhygienic conditions. Unlicensed hawkers seemed

(42)

to sprawl across kilometres, selling food in their pushcarts at street

corners.

To tackle the problem of roaming cattle, our founding father, Mr Lee

(43)

Kuan Yew, comanded all owners of cows to curb the movements of their

(44)

animals prompted or they would be taken away. Within 12 months, 53 cows

(45)

(46)

were seased and the problem of stray cattle soon diserpeared.

(47)

Relocated of the street hawkers to the hawker centres with proper

(48)

facilities then followed. Mr Lee Kuan Yew's comitment to building a clean

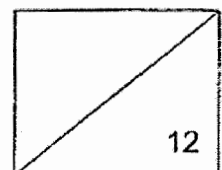
(49)

and green city led to the lawnch of the annual tree-planting day. This event,

(50)

involved Members of Parliament and grassroot leaders, was widely

publicised. After which came the birth of our garden city.



Adapted from "The Man of Firsts - Lee Kuan Yew"

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

People who laugh a lot usually have a positive attitude towards life. They are \_\_\_\_\_ to find humour even when things are not going well. No matter (51) \_\_\_\_\_ bad their day is, they seem to know how to turn it around. Because they are (52) fun to be with, others are drawn \_\_\_\_\_ them. This provides them with a strong social (53) network that benefits them and everyone whom they interact \_\_\_\_\_ (54).

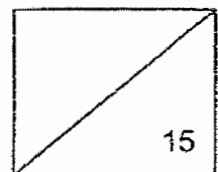
Understanding humour requires thinking flexibly. \_\_\_\_\_ to others, people (55) who are humorous are better at coming \_\_\_\_\_ with unexpected responses. They (56) are often seen as having a 'sunny' disposition because they can initiate humour easily. Those who have a good \_\_\_\_\_ of humour not only see the value in making others laugh, (57) but they also practise laughter themselves. As a \_\_\_\_\_ they are happier for it. (58)

With research to draw \_\_\_\_\_ we now know that laughter boosts levels of (59) dopamine – a brain chemical \_\_\_\_\_ makes us happy. The research also shows that (60) people who laugh can live longer than those who do not as it helps them better \_\_\_\_\_ their stress levels. (61)

Laughter does more \_\_\_\_\_ make us feel good. A hearty laugh (62) \_\_\_\_\_ many of the same positive effects as exercise. It strengthens our immune (63) system and \_\_\_\_\_ us against heart diseases. (64)

Up till today, the old saying about laughter being \_\_\_\_\_ best medicine still (65) stands true. Hence, smile more and try finding humour in situations all around you.

Adapted from Think+ Science – Finding Humour



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 Wilson did not complete his assignment. He was ~~reprimand~~ <sup>reprimanded</sup> by his teacher.

Had \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

67 Andy likes reading but his brother does not.

Unlike \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

68 Sirius is the brightest star in the night sky.

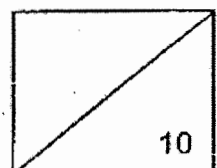
No star in the night sky \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

69 She was very thrifty. It enabled her to buy her own house.

Due to her thriftiness, \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

70 Mother told Jimmy, "Tom visited us this morning."

Mother told Jimmy that \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



"I'm going to play the main lead in the play!" Hansel trumpeted as he burst through the front door, triumphantly flailing a script in the air. His buoyant arrival was dismally greeted by an empty hallway, so hushed that he could hear faint grunting noises.

Hansel traced the source of the noise and found his mother scribbling furiously in the living room. "Mum! Mum!" his whispers turned into an impatient shout. Jolted up from her work, his mother took a moment to give Hansel a few affirming nods before diving back into her work. 5

"I got the part. You promised to watch the play if I were to be the main lead."

"Yes, remind your dad," his mother answered, without looking up.

Hansel barged into his father's room, immediately repeating what he had said to his mother. However, his grand entrance had gone completely unnoticed as he was drowned out by the forceful clicks of a keyboard. 10

"I heard you. We will be there, I promise. Now, move along!" Hansel's father shooed him away and resumed typing. Hansel was sceptical but he still believed that when the curtains parted, he would see his parents' beaming faces in the crowd. 15

On the day of his performance, Hansel stood behind the curtains, rubbing his fingers anxiously against his clammy hands. The crowd fell silent as the curtains slowly drew open. Hansel took a deep breath as the audience gazed upon him expectantly for his first line. However, his voice quavered with uneasiness. He scanned the sea of faces and immediately took notice of the two empty seats in the middle. His confusion turned into disappointment and then into despair. Do my parents not love me enough? 20

"You can do it," a voice whispered in his mind. Hansel snapped back into reality with rousing determination. He regained his composure and said the first line with much enthusiasm.

"Stellar performance from a rising star!" Hansel's mother cheered the moment he stepped into the house. She held up her mobile phone, showing a news article on the screen while Hansel's father clapped cheerfully. 25

"We're very sorry we missed it, Hansel," his parents apologised. Instead of retorting with displeasure and reminding them of their broken promise, Hansel flashed a stoic smile, knowing that he had made his parents proud. 30

"How about I put on a private show just for the both of you?" Hansel quipped. As he performed, he spotted them almost tearing. Hansel realised then that a broken promise never meant that the love was broken.

*Adapted from Inspire Magazine 'Broke a Promise'*

- 71 The writer uses sensory words to show Hansel's excitement in Paragraph 1. Which sense does each of the following descriptions refer to? Put a tick ✓ in the box for each question. [2m]

Description	sight	hearing	taste	smell	touch
a. trumpeted (line 1)					
b. triumphantly flailing a script (line 2)					

- 72 What was Hansel sceptical about in line 14 and why? [2m]

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- 73 Quote two actions from paragraph 7 to show that Hansel was very nervous on the day of his performance. [2m]

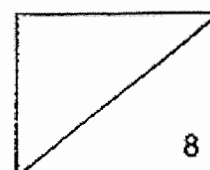
First action	
Second action	

- 74 Why was Hansel disappointed after noticing the two empty seats? [2m]

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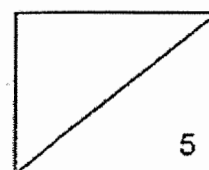


75 Based on the story, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

	True/False	Reason
Hansel's mother was shocked when he called out for her.		
Just before his performance, someone went up to Hansel and gave him encouragement.		
Hansel performed well in the play.		

76 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(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer(s) to
rising star (line 25)	
it (line 28)	



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

\_\_\_\_\_ Hansel was excited to tell his parents that he was the main lead in the play.

\_\_\_\_\_ Hansel put on a show for his parents.

\_\_\_\_\_ Hansel's mother promised to watch his performance.

78 Fill in the blanks with words from line 25 to 30 that have the same meanings as the following words. Provide one word in each blank only. [3m]

excellent	
responding	
unaffected	

79 How did Hansel know that he had made his parents proud before he suggested putting on a show for them? [1m]

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80 Explain clearly what Hansel meant when he realised that 'a broken promise never meant that the love was broken' (lines 32 to 33). [2m]

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