



PRIMARY 6 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2021

Name: _____ ()

Date: 17 August 2021

Class: Primary 6 ()

Time: 10.30 a.m. – 12.20 p.m.

Duration: 1 hour 50 minutes

Parent's signature: _____

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2 (BOOKLET A)

Booklet A		28
Booklet B		67
Total		95

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1. "This is good news. She'd be delighted, _____?" I asked Siti.
 - (1) won't she
 - (2) didn't she
 - (3) hasn't she
 - (4) wouldn't she

2. We will not be able to leave the compound _____ Adam has unlocked the gate for us.
 - (1) until
 - (2) before
 - (3) despite
 - (4) because

3. When Betty spotted Dad _____ her car, she quickly walked towards him.
 - (1) wash
 - (2) washes
 - (3) washed
 - (4) washing

4. The twins _____ on the bed, tossing and turning. It was past midnight when they finally fell asleep.
 - (1) lie
 - (2) lay
 - (3) lied
 - (4) laid

5. If my parents had the opportunity to travel, they _____ me along with them.
 - (1) will take
 - (2) would take
 - (3) will have taken
 - (4) would have taken

6. In spite of the fact that Rodney could speak only _____ Korean, he enjoyed holidaying in Korea.
- (1) few
 - (2) little
 - (3) much
 - (4) many
7. Do approach your teacher _____ you need help with your schoolwork.
- (1) shall
 - (2) must
 - (3) would
 - (4) should
8. Being shy, I _____ communicate with my neighbours and classmates.
- (1) hardly
 - (2) slightly
 - (3) usually
 - (4) frequently
9. Knowing that the number of places _____ limited, my brother made a reservation last week.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
10. The school organised many workshops in response _____ the students' requests.
- (1) to
 - (2) at
 - (3) by
 - (4) for

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

11. They were once best friends but _____ when they could not agree on the title of the project.
- (1) fell in
 - (2) fell off
 - (3) fell out
 - (4) fell through
12. Mrs Lee was _____ making sacrifices for her son but he was unaware of her efforts.
- (1) strictly
 - (2) smoothly
 - (3) rigorously
 - (4) constantly
13. As we explored the abandoned mansion, a strange creaking sound caused me to _____.
- (1) break a leg
 - (2) get out of hand
 - (3) turn a blind eye
 - (4) jump out of my skin
14. Mrs Goh was _____ in shock when she heard that she had won the cash prize of fifty thousand dollars.
- (1) reeling
 - (2) fainting
 - (3) faltering
 - (4) hopping
15. It is _____ that you submit the forms soon because late entries will not be accepted.
- (1) tolerable
 - (2) advisable
 - (3) permissible
 - (4) compulsory

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

Ta Li was a tall and strong boy who was fond of fighting. Those who were younger and smaller felt intimidated. Ta Li often said that he was second to none. He would without any reason, bully people at will. "Yesterday, he ordered me to do all his homework. How tyrannical!" Kumar complained.

"Once, I saw him standing outside the principal's room. When I asked what happened to him, he told me to mind my own business!" Joshua grumbled.

Out of the blue, Ta Li appeared from behind them. "You two! Carry my bags!" he commanded. Kumar and Joshua ignored him. Ta Li then rushed forward and tried to punch them. But, the boys told him that they would report him to their teacher if he did. Knowing the consequences, Ta Li turned around and stormed off.

16. (1) worried
(2) terrified
(3) helpless
(4) ashamed
17. (1) the first
(2) the best
(3) the tallest
(4) the winner
18. (1) as he so wished
(2) as long as he could
(3) as much as he could
(4) as frequently as possible
19. (1) indolent
(2) arrogant
(3) unintelligent
(4) unjustly cruel
20. (1) Abruptly
(2) Sneakily
(3) Immediately
(4) Unexpectedly

Study the flyer carefully and then answer questions 21 to 28

The Art of Positive Thinking Workshop

Date: 1 November 2021

Time: 9.00a.m. – 5.00p.m.



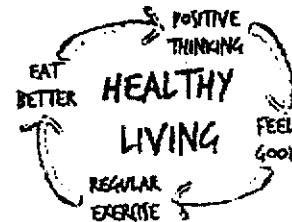
Brought to you by the Being Positive Group

About the workshop

Have you wondered why some people are always happy while others are not? This has to do with having a positive mindset. Positive thinking is the practice of focussing on the good in any given situation. This can have a big impact on your physical and mental health. Sign up for this workshop now! Participants will have a life-changing experience!

During the workshop, you will:

- learn how to manage stress
- learn how to set achievable goals
- learn how to focus on your strengths
- learn how to cultivate a growth mindset
- get to prepare a healthy and tasty snack



What do the experts say?

People with a positive outlook are more hopeful about the future. Does positive thinking lead to success? Definitely! Research has shown that people who are happy are more successful, perform better because they are more motivated and more effective. Positive people have more energy, are more self-reliant and hopeful. Because of this, they tend to set higher goals and expend more effort in order to reach their goals. They are also more resilient and will bounce back and persevere despite setbacks.

But what if you are naturally more pessimistic? No worries. When you have a negative thought, try to stop it and focus on the positive instead. Your negative *thoughts will not go away overnight. But with practice, you can train yourself to have a more positive outlook.*



Let's Hear From Our Participants!

I attended this workshop with my dad, and I am amazed at the impact it has on me! Now, I no longer feel discouraged when I'm unable to accomplish a task. I tell myself that I am not able to do it 'yet' but I will get there one day.

~ Jason Li from Sunshine Primary School

I'm surprised that my son has changed so much after attending the workshop with me! Now, he is no longer addicted to his mobile devices but makes it a point to revise his work daily. I would highly recommend this workshop to all parents who wish to help their children improve.

~ David Li, a parent

☆☆☆ Meet one of our **BEST** trainers! ☆☆☆

"Nothing in this world happens without a thought and intention behind it." Eddie's famous quote has inspired hundreds and thousands of people who had listened to his sharing.

A sensational and veteran trainer, **Eddie Chan** is one of the biggest believers and supporters of positive mindset. Long before he became a famous trainer, he had already started believing that he would get there someday. His thoughts and affirmations are so strong that he gets to exactly where he wants to be.

This workshop will be his swansong after having been a trainer for more than three decades. So, don't miss this golden opportunity to meet him face to face. He will share many successful stories that are truly inspiring!

More details about the workshop

- 🍷 Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis and will close two days before the event.
- 🍷 Stand a chance to win attractive prizes if you are among the first 50 to register for the workshop. A lucky draw will be conducted at the end of the course.
- 🍷 All ingredients for preparing the snack will be provided.

For more information about the workshop, click on the link www.positivethinking bog

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21. What is the objective of this flyer?

- (1) To publicise the organiser.
- (2) To teach participants the art of positive thinking.
- (3) To encourage people to sign up for this workshop.
- (4) To provide participants with a life-changing experience.

22. What is the purpose of the questions on page 6?

- (1) To make the writer's thinking visible to readers.
- (2) To check whether the readers have understood the flyer.
- (3) To give readers some ideas what the workshop is about.
- (4) To arouse the readers' interest in finding out more about the workshop.

23. This workshop aims to attract _____.

- (1) mainly students who give up easily
- (2) people who are inspired by Eddie Chan's famous quote
- (3) only parents whose children are addicted to their mobile devices
- (4) anyone who wishes to learn how to lead a happy and healthy lifestyle

24. Which one of the following will not be shared at the workshop?

- (1) How to eat healthily
- (2) Ways to combat stress
- (3) How to avoid pessimistic people
- (4) Ways to create a positive future for yourself

25. What does 'this' under the sub-heading "What do the experts say?" refer to?

- (1) setting higher goals
- (2) the ability to recover from setbacks
- (3) putting in more effort to achieve the goals
- (4) being energised, independent and optimistic

26. "Let's Hear From Our Participants" is a suitable sub-heading because _____.

- (1) participants get to express their opinions about ^{the} workshop
- (2) the organiser wants participants to feel satisfied with the workshop
- (3) readers know that parents and their children can attend the workshop
- (4) the organiser is glad to learn that Jason Li and David Li liked the workshop

27. According to the flyer, we know that Mr Eddie Chan _____.

- (1) has been a trainer for ^{more than 30 years.} ~~thirty~~ years
- (2) will be conducting this workshop for the last time
- (3) will be inviting his participants to share their success stories
- (4) is a firm believer of positive thinking after he became a trainer

28. Which one of the following statements about the flyer is not true?

- (1) There will be a hands-on activity.
- (2) Participants stand a chance to win prizes.
- (3) Registration for the workshop will close on 1 November 2021.
- (4) Participants can go online to find out more about the workshop.

(Go on to Booklet B)



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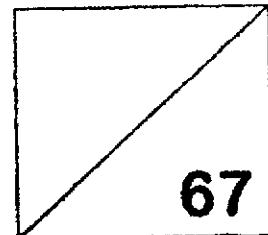
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EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) also	(D) could	(G) however	(K) or	(N) until
(B) can	(E) except	(H) into	(L) to	(P) up
(C) consequently	(F) for	(J) only	(M) unlike	(Q) which

Hagfishes are soft-skinned creatures without scales. _____ known as
(29)
slime eels, these unique living things can be found in the depths of the ocean. Depending
on the species, they can grow _____ to one metre long. Having _____
(30) (31)
a tail fin but no jaws or bones makes hagfishes very unusual marine animals.
_____ other creatures, their mouths are either round _____ thin.
(32) (33)
Hagfishes cannot see very well. _____, their other senses are very sharp.
(34)
Compared to other fishes, they have far more gills – about five to fifteen pairs of gills
_____ are used for breathing under water.
(35)
Hagfishes, preferring to lie buried in the sand, _____ be found in cold
(36)
seawater. Their diet comprises mainly dead and sometimes crippled fishes. Sometimes,
_____ the disadvantage of fishermen, hagfishes attack the fishes that the
(37)
fishermen have caught. They then eat their way _____ the bodies of the fishes
(38)
and consume the fishes from the inside out. Their feeding habits are disgusting but help to
clean up dead fish on the ocean floor.

Adapted from www.britanica.com

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

It is now mandatory for diners to return their trays and clear their table

(39)

litter. Table litter include used tissues, wet wipes, straws, canned drinks, plastic

(40)

bottles and food remmnents. As part of an effort to help diners adjust to this

(41)

practice, no disciplinary action will be take until after 31 August 2021. Until then,

(42)

diners will only be advised to following the rule. However, from 1 September 2021,

(43)

(44)

enforemant of this law will apply to those who are caught not complied with advice

(45)

to clean up after themselves. First-time ofendars will be given a written warning. The

(46)

Singapore Food Agency will also works with the National Environment Agency (NEA)

(47)

(48)

to roll out the implement in the fourth quarter of this year proqgresively. NEA said

(49)

the move, which comes amid a public health crissis, followed years of extensive

(50)

educasional efforts. These have been undertaken to change behaviour and mindsets

of diners in public places.

Adapted from straitstimes.com

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

In his 1822 Master Town Plan, Sir Stamford Raffles allocated an area west of the Singapore River for a Chinese settlement. With numerous people arriving from China every day, he _____ to the conclusion that the Chinese would form the bulk of Singapore's population. At that point in _____, many Chinese were attracted to Singapore. They did not _____ spending long periods of time travelling all the way to Singapore in _____ of a better future which they could not have in China. Hence, Sir Stamford Raffles made the right judgement _____ by dedicating a special area to the Chinese.

Chinatown was eventually set up to meet the needs of the Chinese immigrants. In time to _____, many shops were set up to sell items that _____ to the taste of the Chinese. Business was brisk. As a _____ more and more shops were opened. At the same time, some thoughtful and kind businessmen decided to set up clan associations that would _____ care of the interest and well-being of the Chinese immigrants. _____ the immigrants felt lonely, they could always meet _____ with their friends at the clan association. As time went by, Chinatown became populated with immigrants from China.

Later, the original area _____ the Chinese communities settled down, was divided into zones for individuals _____ belonged to the same province and dialect group. The Cantonese occupied Temple Street. The Hokkiens were located _____ Telok Ayer Street and Hokkien Street, while the Teochews settled in South Canal Road. Chinatown is not only home to the Chinese, but also to several Indian and Malay traders. Thus, it is _____ surprise to see Indian temples and Muslim mosques in the area. Chinatown is certainly an interesting place to visit.

Adapted from www.chinatown.com

For each of the questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the words(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. The guest of honour arrived early. The host was filled with panic.

With the early _____

67. "I can't wait to travel tomorrow!" Mr Wong exclaimed excitedly.

In an excited voice, Mr Wong exclaimed _____

68. Searchlights were used to guide the ship into the harbour.

The ship _____

69. The two classrooms are separated by a movable partition.

Separating the two classrooms _____

70. Mdm Ho did not buy the microwave due to the poor service.

Had it not _____

Read the passage and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

In June 2019, a junior football team experienced an adventure of a lifetime – a nightmare that they would never forget. After their training session, the boys, together with their coach, cycled up into the forested hills. Their destination, the Luang Cave, was a favourite haunt for the boys.

Nearing the cave, the boys dismounted and left their bikes by an abandoned hut. "Let's go!" the coach urged. Enthusiastically, the boys scrambled to be the first to enter the cave. The last boy was desperately racing ahead to catch up with and overtake his friends. Otherwise, he would be teased ceaselessly. It was all for fun and none of them ever complained. Besides, the first one to enter the cave would be rewarded with an ice cream treat from Coach Adi.

Once inside the cave, the boys were thrilled as usual. Armed with some fallen sturdy tree branches and torches, they trod carefully along the narrow and winding passageways. Along the way, Samad and Jodi paused briefly to write the names of new team members on the cave walls with chalks they had in their pockets. Deeper and deeper, they clambered into the cave, exploring its nooks and crannies in high spirits. Little did they know that danger lay ahead.

Just as they were preparing to go back to the cave entrance, the unthinkable happened. A thunderous rumbling sound broke the silence. Then, there was another and another. Jodi, the timid one, cupped his ears, tears welling up his eyes. "Uh oh... I think we won't be able to leave now," remarked Coach Adi. And almost immediately, water was gushing into the cave. Jodi shrieked and cried like a baby. Samad guffawed. Coach Adi immediately shot him a deathly glare. The sudden flash flood had caused rainwater to flood the cave.

"Hurry, we must move deeper into the cave! Hold each other's hands tightly as you walk," said Coach Adi, grasping Jodi's hand and wading cautiously ahead. The team responded quickly. Gingerly, they moved steadily across the knee-deep water and walked further and further into the cave to escape from the flood. After a while, the coach came to a halt when he caught sight of what was ahead. "Look at that! We are safe!" Though they were overwhelmed with fatigue, everyone pressed on and soon stopped in front of the small rocky ledge.

Filled with hope, they climbed onto the ledge to escape the flood. But their happiness was short-lived. At that precise moment, the water level began to rise higher. "Oh no! There is no way out! We've reached a dead end!" Samad exclaimed. Hearing that, Jodi wailed again. Coach Adi wrapped his arms around the boy and all they could do was huddle together and keep warm. The boys were terrified but were determined to survive as they wanted to see their family members again.

Noticing their anxiety, Coach Adi said, "You must stay calm and composed. Only then, you'll be able to conserve your energy." They did not have any food with them, but they did have a steady supply of water, which they got from the droplets of water dripping from the cave walls.

When the boys did not return home by dinnertime, their families alerted the police. Together with a team of divers, the police launched a rescue effort that went on for almost a week. Yet, they did not give up. Fortunately, on the sixth day, the divers found what they had been looking for. The light from a diver's torch illuminated an electrifying sight - the boys emerging from the darkness! The lost boys had finally been found!

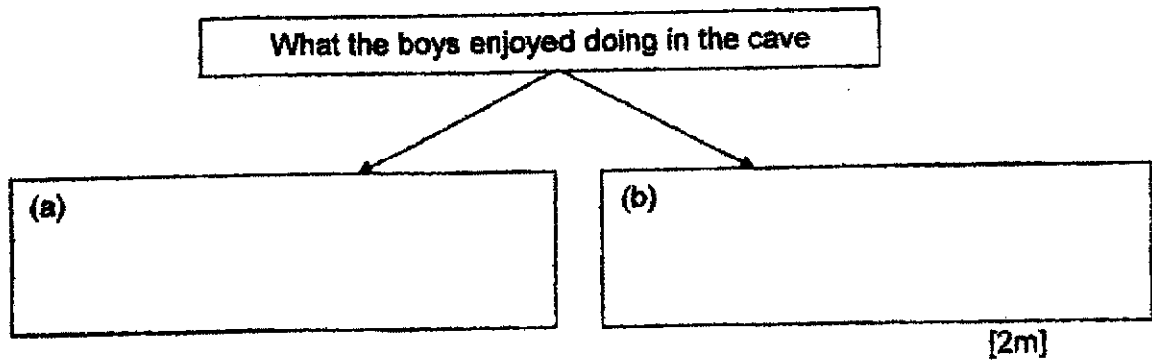
71. What were the boys doing before they went to the cave? [1m]

72. From paragraph one, which two-word phrase tells you that the boys visited the cave often? [1m]

73. What was the outcome for being the first and last to enter the cave respectively? Fill in the boxes below with information from the text. [2m]

(a) First boy to enter the cave	➔	
(b) Last boy to enter the cave	➔	

74.



75. What two instructions did the coach give to the boys as soon as they realised that they were unable to leave the cave? [2m]

76. Look at the box below. What do the word(s) in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answer in the column on the right. [3m]

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer to
a nightmare (line 2)	
the unthinkable (line 17)	
that (line 28)	

77. Based on paragraphs 4 and 7, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

	True/ False	Reason
Jodi cried at first because Coach Adi said that they would not be able to leave the cave.		
Samad stopped laughing at Jodi because he felt bad for doing so.		
The boys did not feel thirsty when they were trapped in the cave.		

78. Which **two** of the following words correctly describe Coach Adi from lines 24 – 30? Put a ✓ in the box beside each of your answers. [2m]

determined	<input type="checkbox"/>
fair	<input type="checkbox"/>
patient	<input type="checkbox"/>

proud	<input type="checkbox"/>
relaxed	<input type="checkbox"/>
responsible	<input type="checkbox"/>

79. How did the coach allay the boys' fears when the situation worsened (lines 33 – 40)? [2m]

80. What is one value the boys displayed in making out of the cave alive? Support your answer with a piece of evidence from the passage. [2m]

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ANSWER KEY

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BOOKLET A (PAPER 2)

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

BOOKLET B (PAPER 2)

Q29	A	Q30	P	Q31	J	Q32	M	Q33	K
Q34	G	Q35	Q	Q36	B	Q37	L	Q38	H

Q39	Includes	Q40	Remnants	Q41	Taken	Q42	Follow
Q43	Enforcement	Q44	Complying	Q45	Offenders	Q46	Work
Q47	Implementation	Q48	Progressively	Q49	Crisis	Q50	educational

Q51	Came	Q52	Time	Q53	Mind	Q54	Search	Q55	Call
Q56	Come	Q57	Catered	Q58	Result	Q59	Take	Q60	When
Q61	Up	Q62	Where	Q63	Who	Q64	At	Q65	No

Q66	With the early arrival of the guest of honour, the host was filled with panic.
Q67	In an excited voice, Mr Wong exclaimed that he could not wait to travel the next day.
Q68	The ship was guided into the harbour using searchlights.
Q69	Separating the two classrooms is a movable partition.
Q70	Had it not been for the poor service, Mdm Ho would have bought the microwave.
Q71	They were having their football training session.
Q72	Favourite haunt
Q73	a) He would be rewarded with an ice cream treat from coach Adi.

	b) He could be teased ceaselessly.
Q74	a) They paused briefly to write the names of new team members on the cave walls with chalks they had in their pockets. b) They chambered into the cave, exploring its nooks and crannies.
Q75	They had to move deeper into the cave. They had to hold each other's hands tightly as they walked.
Q76	(line 2) – the adventure of a lifetime, when the boys and their coach was stuck in a cave for almost a week. (line 17) – the water gushing into the cave. (line 28) – the small rocky ledge.
Q77	False . Jodi cried at first as he afraid of the rumbling sound. False . Samad stopped laughing at Jodi as coach Adi shot him a deathly glare. True . They had a steady supply of water, which they got from the droplets of water dripping from the care walls.
Q78	Determined , Responsible
Q79	He told the boys to stay calm and composed so that they would be able to conserve their energy. He also wrapped his arms around Jodi and huddled together with the boys to keep warm.
Q80	Determination. They survived for almost a week without food. This proves that they had determination to survive as they wanted to see their family members again.

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