

#### 2023 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER TWO (BOOKLET A) PRIMARY SIX

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Class: Primary 6

Date: 18 August 2023

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#### **INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- 1. This booklet consists of 11 printed pages.
- 2. Do not turn this page until you are fold to do so.
- 3. Follow all instructions carefully.
- 4. Answer all questions.
- 5. Use a 2B pencil to shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

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For each question from 1 to 10, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your shoice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (10 marks)

1. Both my brother and \_\_\_\_\_ love Japanese food.

- (1) |
- (2) us
- (3) me
- (4) we

2. Tim rarely loses his things, \_\_\_\_\_?

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- (1) did he
- (2) didn't he
- (3) does he
- (4) doesn't he

3. The poor lady gave the \_\_\_\_\_\_ that she had left to a beggar.

- (1) all
- (2) little
- (3) much
- (4) some

to

- 4. The man with \_\_\_\_\_\_ you were speaking, earlier is my neighbour.
  - (1) who
  - (2) which
  - (3) whom
  - (4) whose

5. The necklace was on the table a while ago Someone \_\_\_\_\_ have taken it.

- (1) will
- (2) shall
  - (3) could
  - (4) should

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6. Sharon, as well as her cousins, \_\_\_\_\_ in the same primary school.

- (1) study
- (2) studies
- (3) are studying
- (4) have been studying

7. Everyone in the class \_\_\_\_\_ present at the workshop last week.

- (1) is
- (2) are
- (3) was
- (4) were

8. To succeed, we must not give up \_\_\_\_\_ challenging the project is.

- (1) while
- (2) despite
- (3) although
- (4) however

9. I sensed a chill \_\_\_\_\_\_ down my spine as I imagined the scene in the horror book.

- (1) running
- (2) has run
- (3) runs
- (4) ran

10. The boy was praised by his teacher \_\_\_\_\_\_ his moral courage in stopping the bullying.

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

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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. Realising that his car was stolen, Mr Tan decided to \_\_\_\_\_\_ a police report.

- (1) file
- (2) record
- (3) deliver
- (4) publish

12. To save up for the trip, John has decided to \_\_\_\_\_\_ on his spending.

- (1) cut up
- (2) cut off
- (3) cut out
- (4) cut back

13. Marc was so \_\_\_\_\_\_ in his work that he missed watching his favourite show.

- (1) instilled
- (2) indulged
- (3) immersed
- (4) imprisoned

14. Jane's speech was so \_\_\_\_\_\_ that everyone donated generously to the charity event she promoted.

- (1) confiding
- (2) convincing
- (3) commanding
- (4) compromising

15. "You'd better \_\_\_\_\_\_ if you want to make it to the finals!" the coach warned the team.

- (1) break a leg
- (2) take a rain check.
- (3) step up your game
- (4) run around in circles

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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)

We often feel annoyed by the inconsiderate behaviour of others in public places. Hence, we should practise good <u>etiquette</u>. For example, when speaking in public places, we should keep our (16) voices low, but <u>loud enough</u> for our target audience only. This is especially important when we are in (17) <u>enclosed</u> spaces like on board a bus, in a cinema, library or museum. We also need to be <u>aware not (18)</u> to draw attention to ourselves by behaving <u>inappropriately</u>. We should not laugh loudly, play or run in (20) busy places like shopping malls and supermarkets. Being considerate and respectful towards others will make shared spaces and experiences pleasant for everyone.

16.	(1)	values
	(2)	manners
	(3)	attributes
	(4)	upbringing
17.	(1)	visible

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- (3) audible
- (4) credible
- 18. (1) locked
  - (2) confined
  - (3) sheltered
  - (4) restricted
- 19. (1) calm
  - (2) clear
  - (3) -confident
  - (4) conscious
- 20.
- (1) informally(2) unsuitably
- (2) unsuitably(3) inadequately
- (4) unintentionally

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## Support Local Farms!

Do you know that there is a variety of farms found in Singapore? We have farms that produce vegetables, fish, eggs and milk. Many such farms operate in the Kim Chu Kang area. These farms are one of our sources for food and play an important part in helping us to be more self-sufficient as a nation.

There are several reasons why we should buy from local farms. We can buy fresh produce directly from them. Fresh food tastes better. When food is picked and eaten at its freshest, it not only retains more nutrients, but it also tastes better. Furthermore, by choosing food produced locally, we help keep our local farmers in business.

Besides producing food, these farms offer unique experiences. You can take part in many exciting activities at the monthly farmers' market organised to bring the community together. A small number of the local farms organise educational tours with fun activities such as treasure hunts and cooking classes for visitors. For farms with animals, you can view the milking process of farm animals and even feed them.

Show your support for our local farms by visiting Granji Farmers' Market!



### Did you know?



Apart from local farms, we also depend on farms overseas. We buy most of our food from many different countries. We do not depend only on a single source of supply.



To ensure that we do not depend solely on other countries for our food supply, we aim to increase our food production. The target is for our local farms to produce 30% of our food supply by 2030.



We encourage local farms that want to expand their businesses to grow their food overseas as well. Besides sending their food produce back to Singapore, they also produce fresh food for the countries they have set up farms in.

(Adapted from SFA | Our Singapore Food Story – The 3 Food Baskets)

Granji Farmers' Market (Address: 50 Farm Road, Singapore 430450) 2 – 3 September 2023 & 7 – 8 October 2023 Come and enjoy two weekends of fun-filled activities! Mini Zoo Food Galore Toddlers can feed and interact with animals like rabbits and chicks. No registration is required. Enjoy delicious food Dates: 2 & 3 September, 7 & 8 October cooked with Venue: Atrium ingredients from local Time: 10.30 a.m. to 3 p.m. farms. Admission is free. Email our staff at Kenny@PCZ.com.sg if you have queries. Support local farmers by buying fresh Yummy Muffins produce from them. This is a workshop for 10 and 11-year-olds organised by KidsBake. They will learn how to bake muffins of different flavours. The first 20 participants to sign up will each receive a free recipe book. Dates: 2 & 3 September Venue: Gourmet Hall Granji Cooking Time: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Course Fee: \$20 per session Competition Email our staff at Tim@KB.com.sg for registration and other queries. (7 October) If you are between 13 and 16 Veggie Home years old and love cooking, this activity is for you. There Pick up tips on how to grow an edible garden in your home. are attractive prizes to be The activity is open to all visitors. No registration is required for won. Contact our staff at this one-hour talk. Gary@GFC.com.sg to sign up Dates: 3 September, 8 October Venue: Garden Corner Time: 9 a.m., 11.00 a.m., 1 p.m., 3.30 p.m. for it. Admission is free. For event enquiries: Supported by: Organised by: Email our staff at Dan@LFF.com.sg National Food Agency Granii Farmers' Community (GFC)

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. The purpose of the question 'Do you know that there is a variety of farms found in Singapore?' is to \_\_\_\_\_\_
  - (1) list the number of local farms
  - (2) stress the importance of farming
  - (3) test the readers' knowledge about farming
  - (4) arouse the readers' curiosity about local farms
- 22. According to the poster, to ensure that Singapore has enough food, we
  - (1) purchase many overseas farms×
  - (2) depend on both local and overseas farms
  - (3) increase the number of local farms by 30%-
  - (4) insist that all local farms grow their food overseas
- 23. Which statement is true about local farms?
  - (1) Only food grown in local farms is fresh.
  - (2) Visitors are not allowed to buy from local farms directly.
  - (3) All local farms organise treasure hunts and cooking classes for visitors.
  - (4) Visitors to local farms can look forward to participating in many activities.

24. The main purpose of the poster is to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) inform readers about the types of produce
- (2) attract readers to organise activities in local farms
- (3) persuade readers to buy more from overseas farms
- (4) encourage readers to buy produce grown in local farms
- 25. The purpose of using the exclamation mark in the sentence "Come and enjoy two wc of fun-filled activitie≰!<sup>™</sup> is to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) convince readers to visit local farms
  - (2) inform readers about the local farmers
  - (3) challenge readers to consider setting up local farms
  - (4) enthuse readers to attend the farmers' market event

- 26. Both Mrs Suni and her teenage daughter enjoy taking part in cooking competitions. They plan to attend the Granji Farmers' Market. Which is the most suitable date she should consider?
  - (1) 2 September 2023
  - (2) 3 September 2023
  - (3) 7 October 2023
  - (4) 8 October 2023
  - 27. Lynette has registered for the baking workshop and wishes to find out if she will receive a free recipe book. She should send her query to \_\_\_\_\_\_
    - (1) Tim@KB.com.sg
    - (2) Dan@LFF.com.sg
    - (3) Gary@GFC.com.sg
    - (4) Kenny@PCZ.com.sg
  - 28. Which statement is not true about the Granji Farmers' Market?
    - (1) The Mini Zoo is organised for young children.
    - (2) At least two activities require payment of fees.
    - (3) Visitors can take part in the activities on selected weekends.
    - (4) Visitors who are interested in gardening may attend The Veggie Home talk.

(Go on to Booklet B)

Please note that the passage for Comprehension questions 71 to 80 in Booklet B is on the next page. You may now go on to Booklet B.

Read the passage below when you answer questions 71 to 80 in Booklet B.

It was a Monday morning. Father was helping Danny pack his bag for a holiday camp the next day. "Do I really have to go, Father?" Danny asked, stomping his feet. "Son, sometimes the best lessons in life are learnt at camps," Father encouraged. "But I never have the right words to say when talking to someone new," Danny grunted. "Alright, let's make a deal. If you learn something good at this camp, then this shall be the last holiday camp I sign you up for," Father promised. "Deal," Danny replied, frowning as he recalled the uncomfortable conversations he had had with his camp mates the previous year.

The first day at camp flew by with the flurry of activity. Right after dinner, everyone was busy packing their bags in their rooms in preparation for the night walk. That was something Danny looked forward to, especially since he had never gone on <u>one before</u>. Fumbling for coins in his pocket, Danny headed to the canteen to get a bottle officed tea from the vending machine. "Ab! "The perfect companion 10 for the night walk!" he exclaimed as he took a few sips and exhaled. Just as Danny was about to secure the bottle cap, he heard footsteps. He was caught off-guard as someone suddenly brushed past him and hit his elbow. The bottle slipped out of his hands and fell to the floor. Light brown liquid gushed out, creating ugly puddles on the floor. Danny caught a glimpse of a boy in a green T-shirt running off into the distance. "How rude!" Danny shouted, gritting his teeth. "Not even an apology!"

Just then, Mr Halim, the camp guide, approached Danny. "What are you doing here inste- " he asked but stopped midway when he saw the mess on the floor. "It wasn't me!" Danny raised his voice in his defence. "I'm sure there's an explanation for this, but there's no reason to use that tone with me," Mr Halim replied as he glared at Danny. "You'll fix this mess you created before we head out for the night walk," he remarked and walked off in a hurry before Danny could explain himself.

"How unfortunate," Danny sulked, "It wasn't even my fault to begin with." Getting down on his knees, he started wiping up the mess. In the silence of the night, all he could hear was the chirping of crickets in the distance. Twenty minutes had passed. Danny managed to calm himself down and think clearly. He recalled how Mother had given him a second chance when he broke her vase by mistake a week ago. Realising that what had happened just now might have been an accident, Danny resolved to let bygones be bygones.

Soon, the floor was dry and Danny's work was done. As he got up to leave, he heard a strange sound. It seemed to be coming from behind a pillar. What could it be, Danny thought as he scratched his head. Everyone had left for the night walk. "A lizard? A cricket?" he mused as he inched forward, craning his neck to see what was behind the pillar. From a distance, he spotted something green sticking out of the pillar. He stopped dead in his tracks when he came face to face with the boy he had seen earlier.

"You... you..." Danny started. "Please don't yell at me," the boy begged. "Let me explain. I'm Siva. I felt bad for causing the spill earlier when I ran to get my torch for the night walk. I knew I had to make up for what I had done earlier. That is why I've been here all this while, trying to find the courage to say sorry," he said meekly.

"Well, I was upset at first," Danny admitted. "But not anymore. I figured you might not have done it on purpose," he added. Just then, the boys heard a familiar voice. "I'm glad you've cleaned up the mess. Now, we can all head out for the night walk," Mr Halim remarked with a smile. Nodding his head, Danny replied, "I'm sorry about the incident earlier, Mr Halim."

The next day, Father went to the campsite to fetch Danny when the camp ended. He was 40 pleasantly surprised to see Danny chatting animatedly with another boy. On the drive home, Danny could not stop talking about his new friend, Siva. "I had a good time, Father, and I learnt a valuable lesson about second chances!" Danny chirped. "So, would you be keen to attend another camp the next holiday?" Father asked. Looking at Father, Danny smiled and nodded.

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No.	Contents			Marks
1.	Oral			30
2.	Listening Comprehension			20
3.	Paper 1	SW	CW	55
. 4.	Paper 2	Booklet A	Booklet B	95
	Total Marks			200

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.

Sneezing is a common experien	ce we all share. On an average, each person sneezes about four
	y removing anything that may irritate our nose. (29)
(20)	ething tickles or irritates the inside of our nose. Our body has a
sneeze centre sends r	messages to some of our muscles which work together to produce
(31) a sneeze. These muscles(32)	the chest muscles, muscles of our vocal cords and
muscles in our throat.	
Another interesting fact is that v	(33)
	we have to fight our body's reflex. No one really (34)
knowsthis happens. (35)	Possibly, the brain sends a message to our eyes to close before
(55) we sneeze.	
avoid embarr	assment in public places, we may have tried to hold our
	uld not do that since it can be dangerous. When we hold
(37) in, pressure builds u	p in the nasal passages and can damage the blood vessels in
(38)	and menore that we cannot control

our eyes or nose. Sneezing is a natural response that we cannot control.

Adapted from Why We Sneeze by Beth Orenstein

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Score:

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

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th their sharp beaks. Therefore, the
creatures away.
(50)
ants several times <u>by</u> the process,

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Score:

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

New Year celebration is never complete without fireworks. Imagine seeing colourful lights bursting in the night sky to usher in the first day of the (51) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. A fireworks display has always attracted (52) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ young and old. Thousands will flock to venues near the display area to get the best (53) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the fireworks. Countries around the (54) \_\_\_\_\_\_ go to great lengths to put on the best show.

Do you know that fireworks were actually developed (55) \_\_\_\_\_\_ China? The first natural 'firecrackers' were (56) \_\_\_\_\_\_ of bamboo stalks. When thrown into a fire, the air pockets in the bamboo stalks would cause them to explode. The Chinese (57) \_\_\_\_\_\_ that such loud explosion would ward off evil spirits. Later, bamboo stalks were filled with gunpowder which would explode when ignited. That was (58) \_\_\_\_\_\_ the first man-made fireworks was invented.

Soon fireworks gained (59) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in many countries. In Europe, they were widely used for religious festivals and entertainment. The Europeans eventually began to manufacture their own fireworks. They even (60) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Americans their first taste of fireworks when they settled in America. As interest in them grew, the use of fireworks (61) \_\_\_\_\_\_ widespread. Many countries began to include them as (62) \_\_\_\_\_\_ of a celebration. In this modern day, fireworks displays can be seen during special events (63) \_\_\_\_\_\_ as Christmas and the New Year.

The anticipation of the boom (64)\_\_\_\_\_\_ comes after the lights usually makes us happy. We are drawn to the suspense (65) \_\_\_\_\_\_ create. No one ever complains after a fireworks display as it sparks joy, lifts our spirits and brings back happy memories.

Adapted from The National Geographic

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

The thief confessed to	formed the class.
A special guest will be visiting the school next week," the teacher in The teacher informed the class You will receive a free gift if you register for the competition today. Juless Wrs Tan came home from work. She had dinner immediately.	formed the class.
The teacher informed the class You will receive a free gift if you register for the competition today. Unless Wrs Tan came home from work. She had dinner immediately.	
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Rita was reluctant to complete her assignment. It upset her mother.	
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Read the passage on page 10 of Booklet A and answer questions 71 to 80.

71 From the first paragraph, pick out a three-word phrase that tells us that Danny was not keen to attend the camp. [1m]

72 Why was Danny looking forward to the night walk? [1m]

73 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
a) The perfect companion (line 10)	
<b>b)</b> an accident (line 25)	

74 Based on lines 4-15, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [2m]

	True / False	R	eason	
a) Danny was attending a camp for the first time.				
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b) When Danny went to get a drink, he thought he was alone in the canteen.				
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Score:

Circle one word that best describes how Danny felt when he saw the boy run off in lines 14-15. DO NOT CIRCLE MORE THAN ONE WORD. [1m]

uncertain / confused / annoyed / threatened

From lines 16-26, pick out two separate phrases to show the characters' responses and explain why they responded that way. [4m]

One word that shows Mr Halim was angry with Danny	Why Mr Halim felt that way
a)	b)
Four-word phrase that shows Danny was no longer affected by the incident	Why Danny responded that way
C)	d)

Which **two** of the following words best describe Danny in lines 27-30? Put a tick  $\sqrt{}$  in the box beside each of your answers. [2m] DO NOT TICK MORE THAN TWO BOXES.

disappointed

77

regretful curious

surprised
puzzled
shocked

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Score:

## 78 Based on lines 16-37, fill in the following table. [4m]

	What he thought had happened	What actually happened
When Mr Halim saw the spill	a)	b)
	What he thought would happen	What actually happened
When Siva saw Danny approaching him	c)	d)

79 Why was Danny's father pleasantly surprised to see him chatting animatedly with another boy? (lines 40-41) [2m]

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80 Why do you think Danny smiled and nodded (line 44)? [1m]

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#### Booklet A

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

#### Booklet B

Q29	G	Q30	М	Q31	Н	Q31	А	Q33	Q
Q34	В	Q35	Р	Q36	К	Q37	Е	Q38	J

	Q39	situated	Q40	entrance	Q41	towered	Q42	on	Q43	whenever
ſ	Q44	destination	Q45	occasions	Q46	pinching	Q47	imaginary	Q48	simply
I	Q49	convenience	Q50	during						

Q51	year	Q52	the	Q53	view	Q54	world	Q55	in
Q56	made	Q57	believed	Q58	how	Q59	popularity	Q60	gave
Q61	became	Q62	part	Q63	such	Q64	that	Q65	they

Q66	The thief confessed to stealing the truck when the owner was not looking.
Q67	The teacher informed the class that a special guest would be visiting the school
	the following week.
Q68	Unless you register for the competition today, you will not receive a free gift.
Q69	Mrs Tan had dinner as soon as she came home from work.
Q70	Rita's reluctance to complete her assignment upset her mother.

Q71	stomping his feet
Q72	Danny had never gone on a night walk before and was excited to know what it was like.
Q73	a) The bottle of iced tea Danny had bought.
	b) A boy bumping into Danny and making him spill the bottle of iced tea that he
	had bought.
Q74	a) False. Danny went for camp the previous when he had uncomfortable
	conversations with his camp mates.
	b) True. Danny thought that everyone was in their rooms packing for their night
	walk and was caught off-guard when he heard footsteps in the canteen.
Q75	annoyed

Q76	a) glared
	b) Danny was rude to Mr Halim by raising his voice at him.
	c) let bygones be bygones
	d) Danny remembered the week ago where he had broken his mother's vase on
	accident, but his mother had forgiven him.
Q77	*puzzled*
	*curious*
Q78	a) Danny had spilled the bottle of iced tea because of his carelessness.
	b) A boy had bumped into Danny which caused the bottle of iced tea to slip out of
	his hands and drop onto the floor.
	c) Siva thought that Danny would yell at him.
	d) Danny forgave him.
Q79	The previous year, Danny did not like to talk to other people and was not keen to
	attend camp. Danny said that he could not find the right words when taking to
	someone new but now, he was talking to someone new.
Q80	Danny wanted to attend the camp the next holiday as he enjoyed the camp this
	holiday.