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Anglo-Chinese School (Junior)

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION (2026)

PRIMARY 6
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2
(BOOKLET A)

20 August 2026

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

Name: _____ ( ) Class: 6.( )

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Write your Index No. in the boxes at the top right-hand corner.
2. Do not turn over this page until you are told 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).

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For each question from 1 to 10, choose the answer that best fits in the sentence(s). Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (10 marks)

1 Michael is most upset about the cancelled party plans and so _____ Peter.

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

2 "Lisa has the entire series of the limited Minecraft Collection, _____ she?" I asked.

(1) can't
(2) don't
(3) hasn't
(4) doesn't

3 "Ashvin, you only need to prepare for the presentation. Get your groupmates to complete the project by _____," Mrs Tan said.

(1) himself
(2) ourselves
(3) yourselves
(4) themselves

4 There is _____ hope of finding the missing wallet before the mall closes.

(1) any
(2) few
(3) little
(4) many

5 _____ harsh your coach may sound, please be assured that he has the best interest of the team at heart.

(1) However
(2) Although
(3) Regardless
(4) Nevertheless

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6 A number of students from that class _____ to be stationed at the booths for the upcoming fund-raising carnival.

(1) volunteers
(2) is volunteering
(3) had volunteered
(4) have volunteered

7 "Had Sally cut the pineapple earlier, we _____ lost so much time in preparing the dessert," Jenny lamented.

(1) cannot have
(2) could not have
(3) would not have
(4) should not have

8 I congratulated Yamal _____ his success winning three gold medals for swimming in the recent National School Games.

(1) in
(2) on
(3) with
(4) about

9 Wenhui saw her classmate _____ into the drain and alerted her teacher immediately.

(1) fall
(2) fell
(3) has fallen
(4) had fallen

10 Jolin would rather drink green tea _____ jasmine tea.

(1) to
(2) over
(3) then
(4) than

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For each question from 11 to 15, choose the answer that best fits in the sentence(s). Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(5 marks)

11 We could smell a strong _____ stench coming from the heap of rubbish as there was a dead rat.

(1) alluring
(2) enticing
(3) repulsive
(4) aggressive

12 The students are very fearful of Mrs Lim, the discipline mistress, as they know she is one who should not be _____ with.

(1) dealt
(2) trifled
(3) infringed
(4) meddled

13 My elderly uncle's health has _____ to the point that he is unable to get out of bed by himself.

(1) declined
(2) depreciated
(3) deteriorated
(4) denominated

14 Mr Rogers needed time alone to _____ his decision before making the announcement.

(1) sink in
(2) mull over
(3) weigh down
(4) revolve around

15 The steep climb to the summit of the mountain was _____ but the boys did not let that affect their spirit.

(1) arduous
(2) assiduous
(3) ambiguous
(4) adventurous

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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)

Father had made up his mind. "Ellen will be taking care of you. Stop your whining right now! Nothing will change my mind!" he said with **finality**. **(16)**

I sensed my life was about to change **drastically** when Ellen began taking charge of me. **(17)**

Father **confirmed** my worst fears when he added, "Shu Ma will leave tonight." They were getting rid of my Shu Ma just like other families getting rid of servants who had **outlived** their usefulness. **(18)** **(19)**

"I don't want Ellen! I don't like her!" I cried. "I want Shu Ma!"

Ever kind and patient, Ellen bit her lip and put on a brave face even in my stormiest moments. Father was less understanding. "We'll see about that, young man," he growled **sullenly**. **(20)**

I knew then that I had better stop throwing my tantrums.

Adapted from "Things That Must Not Be Forgotten – A Childhood In Wartime China" by Michael David Kwan

16 (1) unfairness
(2) uneasiness
(3) seriousness
(4) decisiveness

17 (1) subtly
(2) strongly
(3) severely
(4) suddenly

18 (1) settled
(2) proved
(3) accepted
(4) accustomed

19 (1) outlaid
(2) outlasted
(3) outstayed
(4) outreached

20 (1) lowly
(2) boldly
(3) calmly
(4) angrily

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Study the poster (Test 1) and the extract from an online article (Text 2) and answer questions 21 to 25.

Text 1

The text below shows a poster.

Join us for the sales launch of the FALCON!

DON'T RUN, FLY!



Exclusively for Sports House members
at the Vista City Outlet.
12 December at 10 a.m.

$129.90
Members' Price

A total of 88 pairs will be released.

Reservations and online purchases are not available.

A) Lightweight Makes running easier and faster	**B) Cushioned Comfort** Keeps your feet protected and free from blisters	**C) Grippy Soles** Helps you stay steady on wet surfaces
D) Visibility Reflective materials keep you visible in low light	**E) Durability** Built to last through many kilometres	**F) Support** Provides stability for injury-free running

Not every pair is made for the same purpose.
Which features would work best for you?

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Text 2

The extract below is taken from an online article.

Wearing the right shoes is important for every runner whether they are experienced athletes or beginners. A shoe's weight is just one of several factors runners should consider. Good running shoes do more than keep the feet comfortable. They play a key role in helping runners perform well and in preventing injuries.

Firstly, proper running shoes provide strong support and sufficient cushioning. When a runner's feet hit the ground, the shoes help to absorb the impact. This reduces pressure on the feet, ankles and knees, making running safer. It also lowers the risk of common injuries such as sprains, muscle strain and joint pain.

In addition, running shoes are designed to help the body move correctly. They improve balance and support smoother, more controlled movements while running. With better stability and posture, runners can run for longer periods without discomfort.

In conclusion, choosing the right pair of running shoes may seem like a simple decision but that is far from the truth. Think about the features that will suit you best. Not every runner needs shoes with all sorts of fancy features. The right shoes help runners enjoy their runs, improve their performance and protect their bodies from injury.

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For each question from 21 to 25, choose the best answer. Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

21 Which of the following statements is true about the launch?

(1) Reservations for the shoes can be made online.
(2) Only a limited number of shoes will be available.
(3) Anyone can purchase the shoes on 12 December.
(4) Falcon shoes will be sold at all Sports House outlets.

22 Although Linda has pain in her knees, she still enjoys her occasional runs at night. Based on Text 1, which two features would benefit Linda most?

(1) A and E
(2) B and D
(3) C and E
(4) D and F

23 What kind of poster is shown in Text 1?

(1) educational
(2) promotional
(3) motivational
(4) informational

24 Which of the following statements is supported by Text 2?

(1) All good running shoes prevent runners from getting injured.
(2) The only thing running shoes do is provide runners with comfort.
(3) Choosing a pair of good running shoes is a decision that comes easily to all.
(4) The benefits of proper running shoes are not limited to experienced runners.

25 What message do both Text 1 and Text 2 convey about running shoes?

(1) Lightweight shoes are now the best choice for every runner.
(2) Choosing the right running shoes depends on a runner's needs.
(3) The more features a pair of shoes has, the better the shoes are for you.
(4) Shoes with reflective materials are safer than shoes with better cushioning.

Please note that the passage for Comprehension questions 66 to 75 in Booklet B is on the next page. You may now go on to Booklet B.

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Refer to the passage below when you answer questions 66 to 75 in Booklet B.

1 In the ancient kingdom of Tiwana, two cousins, Trev and Dev, trained under the kingdom's most respected sculptor, Master Govin. Although they trained together from a young age, they were very different. Trev's extraordinary natural talent quickly earned him the admiration of visitors but years of praise had made him proud. He became dismissive of weaker apprentices and was determined to prove he was the best. He was unbothered by the words and feelings of others. Dev, however, lacked Trev's natural brilliance. His early sculptures were rough and uneven but he was patient and hardworking. Whenever Master Govin corrected him, Dev listened carefully. He observed experienced craftsmen, practised tirelessly and gradually improved.

2 One summer, the King of Tiwana announced a competition to select a sculpture for the new Hall of Wisdom. The winner would receive a royal title and a chest of gold. While many sculptors saw it as a chance to showcase their skills, Trev saw this as an opportunity to earn fame.

3 Ignoring Master Govin's advice to focus on the craft rather than recognition, Trev chose a huge slab of marble and began carving a towering warrior dressed in elaborate armour. His sculpture was designed to impress. Dev took a different approach. Before touching his tools, he spent several days travelling through villages and marketplaces, observing ordinary people. He watched labourers working under the scorching sun and parents caring for their children. Inspired by what he had seen, he decided to sculpt an elderly farmer carrying a tired child on his shoulders.

4 As the weeks passed, Trev worked hastily. Whenever cracks or uneven surfaces appeared, he concealed them under carvings instead of repairing them properly. Trev was only concerned with the sculpture's appearance. He paid little attention to its durability. "People will regard my work highly no matter what," he said to himself, smirking with pride. Meanwhile, Dev worked steadily. Rather than focussing on impressing others, he carefully carved the farmer's weathered hands, tired posture and gentle expression. His sculpture was simple but every detail reflected patience and care. When visitors entered the workshop to watch them work, they gravitated towards Trev's spectacular warrior. Seeing this, Trev mocked his cousin's ordinary subject. "Your sculpture is not getting you anything. Your common man pales in comparison to my towering warrior," he scoffed. "Sometimes," Dev replied calmly, "ordinary things are what matter most."

5 Finally, the day of judgement arrived. The palace courtyard was filled with spectators who were excited to find out which sculpture would make it to the Hall of Wisdom. Both sculptures had their own set of admirers. The judges decided to assess Trev's sculpture first. However, just as they were inspecting it, a faint crack echoed through the courtyard. Moments later, a large fracture spread across the statue's chest before both of its arms broke away. Trev's face turned beetroot red and he lowered his head as the broken pieces lay scattered across the ground. The hidden flaws he had covered up had finally been exposed. Later that afternoon, the judges announced Dev as the winner. Although his sculpture lacked grandeur, it moved everyone. The judges praised the patience, craftsmanship and understanding reflected in every detail.

6 That evening, Trev returned to the workshop and studied Dev's sculpture. For the first time, he noticed the warmth in the farmer's eyes, the careful shaping of his worn hands and the quiet beauty that could only come from patience. Seeing that, realisation finally dawned on him; it was never just about the end result. Master Govin then came into the workshop and reminded him, "Young man, the competition has never been about producing the most impressive sculpture. It was about becoming the kind of sculptor capable of creating one."

From that day on, Trev understood that his greatest failure had not been losing the competition but believing that success was measured by recognition alone. Years later, people no longer remembered the royal prize. Instead, they remembered the sculptor who had allowed the journey to shape both his masterpiece and his character.

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6. Do not use highlighters on any part of your answers.

Paper	Booklet	Possible Marks	Marks Obtained
2	A	25	
	B	65	
Total		90	

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There are 10 blanks, numbered 26 to 35, 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) after	(D) because	(G) on	(K) their	(N) was
(B) and	(E) before	(H) so	(L) to	(P) when
(C) at	(F) into	(J) such	(M) unless	(Q) within

For thousands of years, people have admired ivory for its beauty and strength.

During the Stone Age, ivory from the mammoth, an extinct ancestor of the elephant, _____ (26) used to make household items, tools, weapons and ornaments. Durable, smooth, easy to carve and cool _____ (27) the touch, ivory was considered a valuable material. It was _____ (28) precious that many people referred to it as "white gold".

Before plastic was invented, ivory was carved into many useful and decorative objects, _____ (29) as chopsticks, musical instruments and furniture. Even after plastic became widely available, wealthy people continued to use ivory as ornaments _____ (30) they regarded it as a symbol of wealth and prestige.

As demand for ivory increased, it became highly sought _____ (31). African elephants, which generally have larger and heavier tusks than _____ (32) Asian counterparts, became the main targets of poachers. Although there is now an international ban _____ (33) the ivory trade, illegal hunting still continues in many parts of the world.

_____ (34) stronger efforts are made to protect these animals, conservationists fear that African elephants could disappear _____ (35) the next twenty years.

Protecting endangered animals is everyone's responsibility if we want future generations to enjoy the rich diversity of wildlife.

Adapted from "Little Red Dot 29 Aug 2006"

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

(10 marks)

Janet stood in the middle of the stage, starting her speech. She had often wondered why people listened spellbound whenever Dave, her brother, spoke.

(36) ☐

She was <u>begin</u> to understand that it was not just the way he spoke but how he said it. A flick of the wrist here, a pause there, a sudden unexpected smile and his

(37) ☐

listeners were <u>captivated</u>. Practising her own speech over the last week, Janet had

(38) ☐

incorporated some of his skills. She refused to give in to her <u>nervous</u> this time.

Now as Janet spoke about the drought in the village, she knew how to

(39) ☐

modulate her voice, when to pause for effect, even to <u>jescher</u> a little with her

(40) ☐ **(41)** ☐

hands. <u>Eloquent</u>, she talked of the poor harvest, of her father's <u>dasparate</u> needs to make ends meet and of her father's sacrifices for his children. At only one point did

(42) ☐

she <u>foltor</u>. When she started to describe her father while standing behind the podium,

(43) ☐

she <u>stammer</u> and could not continue.

(44) ☐

A <u>fimilair</u> face had appeared in the audience. Instinctively, Jamie raised her right hand and pointed in his direction. "He's the reason why I am speaking here today!"

(45) ☐

The audience erupted <u>to</u> a roar. "That's my father!"

Adapted from 'Rice Without Rain' by Minfong Ho

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Fill in each blank with a suitable word. (15 marks)

Singapore imports much of its food because of its small land size.

The country's _____ (46) land means that local farms cannot produce enough food to feed the entire population. As a result, Singapore depends heavily on _____ (47) food from many different countries. _____ (48), unexpected events such as extreme weather, global conflicts or disruptions to transport routes may make food supplies more _____ (49) to interruptions. These events could even lead to temporary food _____ (50) in some parts of the world.

To strengthen food security, Singapore has invested in _____ (51) farming methods that make better use of every available space. One example is vertical farming, where vegetables are grown on stacked shelves _____ (52) of across wide fields. This allows farmers to produce a larger _____ (53) of crops while using much less land.

Many farms also rely on modern farming techniques. Sensors monitor light, temperature and humidity so that crops receive the _____ (54) amount of water and nutrients. As a result, farmers can _____ (55) the growth of their crops while avoiding unnecessary waste of water and energy.

Some farms recycle water and use it more efficiently, helping to _____ (56) valuable natural resources. Since the vegetables are grown locally, they reach supermarkets more _____ (57), allowing consumers to enjoy greater freshness than vegetables transported _____ (58) long distances.

Although local farms cannot meet the entire _____ (59) for food, they play an important role in building a more _____ (60) food supply for Singapore's future.

Urban farming demonstrates how careful planning, technology and innovation can help Singapore prepare for future challenges.

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For each of the questions 61 to 65, 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)

61 Dave does not turn up for morning exercise. His brothers do not turn up either.

Neither _____ .

62 Min wants to perfect his pasta recipe. He also hopes to learn how to make bread.

Other than _____ ,

_____ .

63 "Where did you hide my toy last week?" Lee asked his sister.

Lee asked _____

_____ .

64 Tabitha called the police when she witnessed a robbery.

Tabitha called the _____ upon _____

_____ .

65 She worked hard to pursue excellence in her studies.

In her _____ ,

_____ .

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ACSJ

Read the passage on page 10 of Booklet A *and answer questions* 66 to 75. (20 marks)

66 Based on lines 1 to 8, why were visitors impressed by Trev? [1m]

_____

_____.

67 Which six-word phrase in Paragraph 3 shows that Dev used his observations to guide his choice of sculpture? [1m]

68 Based on lines 18 to 21, explain Trev's attitude towards his craft. [2m]

_____

_____

_____.

69 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 refer(s) to
a) this (line 11)	
b) this (line 25)	
c) his (line 38)	

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ACSJ

70 a) What did Trev mean by, "Your sculpture is not getting you anything" (line 25). [1m]

_____

_____.

b) How can you tell Dev was unaffected by what Trev said in (a). [1m]

_____

_____.

71 Choose two words from paragraphs 4 and 5 which have similar meanings to the words below. [2m]

magnificence	
battered	

72 Explain fully what Dev meant by "ordinary things are what matter most" in line 27. [2m]

_____

_____

_____.

73 Based on evidence from the text, explain how Trev felt when his sculpture shattered. (lines 31 to 33) [2m]

_____

_____.

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ACSJ

74 Based on lines 28 to 46, 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) Part of Trev's sculpture crumbled to the ground during the inspection.	_____	_____ _____ _____.
b) Trev's sculpture attracted more spectators than Dev's on the day of judgement.	_____	_____ _____ _____.
c) Trev finally understood the true meaning of the competition after Master Govin's reminder.	_____	_____ _____ _____.

75 "It was never just about the end result." (lines 39 to 40)
How did Trev's view of Dev's sculpture change after the competition? [2m]

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(BOOKLET A)

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

(BOOKLET B)

Q26	(N) was	Q27	(L) to	Q28	(H) so	Q29	(J) such	Q30	(D) because
Q31	(A) after	Q32	(K) their	Q33	(G) on	Q34	(M) unless	Q35	(Q) within

Q36	beginning	Q37	captivated	Q38	nerves	Q39	gesture	Q40	Eloquently
Q41	desperate	Q42	falter	Q43	stammered	Q44	familiar	Q45	into

Q46	limited	Q47	imported	Q48	However	Q49	prone	Q50	disruptions
Q51	innovative	Q52	instead	Q53	amount	Q54	right	Q55	boost
Q56	conserve	Q57	quickly	Q58	over	Q59	demand	Q60	sustainable

Q61	Neither his brothers nor Dave turned up for morning exercise.
Q62	Other than wanting to perfect his pasta recipe, Min hopes to learn how to make bread.
Q63	Lee asked his sister where she had hidden his toy the previous week.
Q64	Tabitha called the police upon witnessing a robbery.
Q65	In her pursuit of excellence in her studies, she worked hard.

Q66	Trev's extraordinary natural talent impressed the visitors.
Q67	inspired by what he had seen
Q68	Trev worked hastily and cared only about the sculpture's appearance. He concealed cracks and uneven surfaces under carvings instead of repairing them properly.
Q69	(a) The competition to select a sculpture for the new Hall of Wisdom. (b) The visitors gravitating towards Trev's spectacular warrior ~~sculpture.~~ (c) ~~The farmer.~~ the sculpture of the farmer.

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Q70	(a) Trev meant that Dev's sculpture would not win him the royal title, the chest of gold and fame. (b) Dev replied calmly that ordinary things arê what matter most.
Q71	(a) grandeur (b) weathered
Q72	Ordinary people or everyday things may not be impressive, but they are the most important. Simple acts of kindness and care are more valuable than fame or grandeur.
Q73	Trev felt embarrassed. His face turned beetroot red and he lowered his head.
Q74	(a) True - A large fracture spread across the statue's chest before both arms broke away. (b) False - Both sculptures had their own sets of admirers. (c) False - Master Govin's words reinforced Trev's realisation; they did not cause it.
Q75	At first, Trev mocked Dev's ordinary sculpture. After the competition, he noticed the warmth in the farmer's eyes, the careful shaping of his worn hands and the quiet beauty that came from patience.

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