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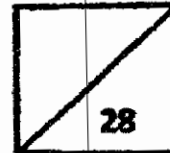


**ROSYTH SCHOOL  
DIAGNOSTIC ASSESSMENT  
TERM 1  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
PRIMARY 6**

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

Class: Pr E \_\_\_\_\_

Register No. \_\_\_\_\_



Date: 22 February 2021

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**TOTAL DURATION FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 h 50 min**

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## **BOOKLET A**

### **Instructions to Pupils:**

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Read the questions and follow all the instructions carefully.
3. This booklet consists of 28 questions (Questions 1 to 28).
4. Answer **ALL** the questions and shade them in the correct ovals on the OAS provided.

\* This paper consists of 11 pages altogether (including the cover page)

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

1. The teacher, as well as her students, \_\_\_\_\_ overjoyed when the good news was announced earlier today.  
(1) is  
(2) are  
(3) was  
(4) were
  
2. Chris \_\_\_\_\_ his grandmother in hospital tomorrow evening.  
(1) had visited  
(2) was visiting  
(3) will be visiting  
(4) has been visiting
  
3. Jim rushed out of the classroom the moment he heard the bell \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1) ring  
(2) rang  
(3) rung  
(4) rings
  
4. The scientist proudly announced, "I did not receive any help and this discovery was \_\_\_\_\_ alone."  
(1) my  
(2) me  
(3) mine  
(4) myself
  
5. There is no possibility of Ronald losing the race \_\_\_\_\_ he is disqualified.  
(1) if  
(2) as  
(3) since  
(4) unless

6. \_\_\_\_\_ Dion faced many setbacks along the way, he was not daunted.
- (1) However
  - (2) Although
  - (3) Therefore
  - (4) Nevertheless
7. Rajah checked the schedule to find out \_\_\_\_\_ the next train would depart from Woodlands Railway Station.
- (1) why
  - (2) how
  - (3) when
  - (4) where
8. The doctor has advised Mrs Lee to abstain from sugary beverages so she now adds \_\_\_\_\_ sugar to her drinks.
- (1) few
  - (2) less
  - (3) more
  - (4) much
9. Ellie asked, "You attended last night's concert, \_\_\_\_\_ you?"
- (1) didn't
  - (2) hadn't
  - (3) mustn't
  - (4) couldn't
10. None of Mdm Sofia's neighbours know anything about her because she \_\_\_\_\_ talks to them.
- (1) hardly
  - (2) always
  - (3) usually
  - (4) frequently

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

11. The car \_\_\_\_\_ to a halt when the driver suddenly pressed hard on the brakes.
- (1) shrieked
  - (2) squealed
  - (3) squeaked
  - (4) screeched
12. The fans of the movie star were thrilled when he \_\_\_\_\_ with them before the opening of his new movie.
- (1) jostled
  - (2) related
  - (3) tussled
  - (4) mingled
13. The authorities imposed new \_\_\_\_\_ to control littering in the neighbourhood.
- (1) directions
  - (2) regulations
  - (3) instructions
  - (4) programmes
14. The onlookers were relieved when the firemen \_\_\_\_\_ the rescue.
- (1) blew out
  - (2) pulled off
  - (3) broke down
  - (4) poured over
15. Simon was \_\_\_\_\_ with guilt after he copied his classmate's answers during the examination.
- (1) dominated
  - (2) engrossed
  - (3) astonished
  - (4) overwhelmed

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)

The goblin shark is definitely not a beauty. Luckily, it does not need to look pretty since it is found in the ocean depths. A distinctive trait is its long protruding blade-like snout. It (16)  
also has a pink body which is pretty unusual but, by far, the most bizarre aspect of this (17)  
shark is its jaw – it has an extendable jaw with sharp teeth. The usefulness of this feature  
had been discussed deliberately among scientists but they agreed that this extendable jaw (18)  
makes it easier to catch prey.

The average length of a goblin shark is 1.6 metres and the longest recorded length is 3.8 metres. These animals are as slow as tortoises, which can make it hard for them to chase their prey. Although research suggests that it is not a particularly rare creature, the (19)  
goblin shark lives mostly in areas which are uninhabited. This makes it difficult to track it (20)  
for long periods of time.

Adapted from *Weirdest Species of Sharks*

16. (1) factor  
(2) feature  
(3) element  
(4) component

17. (1) dull  
(2) real  
(3) weird  
(4) typical

18. (1) ranted  
(2) dictated  
(3) debated  
(4) concluded

19. (1) regular  
(2) unlikely  
(3) standard  
(4) uncommon

20. (1) busy  
(2) crowded  
(3) untouched  
(4) unpopulated

Visual Text Comprehension (8 marks)

Study this poster carefully and then answer questions 21 to 28.


# 52<sup>nd</sup> National Heritage Carnival

**Q21:** 1st to 10th September 2021

**Q22:** Opening Ceremony  
1st September 2021 at 10.00 a.m.

Guest-of-Honour  
Mr See Keng Seng, Minister of Culture

Venue: Republic National Park  
Time: 10.00 a.m. – 9.00 p.m. (weekdays)  
10.00 a.m. – 10.00 p.m. (Saturdays and Sundays)




## HIGHLIGHTS

- Daily Lucky Draws with two 32-inch televisions to be won each day.
- More than 100 carnival stalls.
- Concert by local and foreign artistes every night.


## TICKETS

\$2.00 per adult  
\$1.00 per child below the age of 13  
Free entry for children below 2 years old.  
Tickets can be purchased at all community clubs by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021.

A mobile phone to be given away every hour to a visitor chosen at random by our carnival mascot!



Show your EeZee Link Card at the entrance to receive a free umbrella (while stocks last).



**Q23:** For more information

- Visit our official website at [www.heritagecarnival21.org](http://www.heritagecarnival21.org)
- Call 65252525 or 65252526

**Lucky Draw Coupon (cut out and place in the box at the Lucky Draw booth)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
NRIC Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

**Organised by:**

- National Community Association
- People Organisation of Singapore
- Singapore Grassroots Council

**Prizes sponsored by:**

- Sunsan Electronics
- Q74 Superb Store



## CARNIVAL EVENTS

### Food and Refreshment Stalls

- ~~20 stalls brought to you by award-winning local hawker stalls~~ selling your favourite local dishes.
- ~~Dessert and drinks stalls~~ set up by Singapore's most popular fast food outlets as voted by Singaporeans.

Half of the money collected will be donated to the following charities:

- Republic Community Chest
- Children's Welfare Home
- National Health Fund



### Game Stalls and Rides

- 25 carnival game stalls.
- Tram rides and water slides (for children below 13 years only).
- Mini trampoline & paintball (for ages 13 years and above only).

~~Purchase coupons for the games and rides at the carnival entrance.~~

Vote for your favourite game stall and stand a chance to win free coupons.



### Telematch (8 p.m. daily)

- Registration is required. Cut out the registration form below and bring it along on the day of the carnival.
- Form a team of 5 with your family members and friends (at least 2 members must be from the same family). Each participant must be at least 15 years old.
- Limited to the first 25 teams who register each evening.
- The winning team each evening will walk away with \$100 cash.



### Night Market (opens at 7 p.m. daily)

A wide variety of items on sale:

- Handmade art and crafts made by volunteers from over 20 charities.
- Used clothes, bags and footwear (in good condition) donated by the public.
- Second-hand books and magazines from as low as \$0.50 each.

If you are interested in setting up a stall, send an email with your name to:

submit@market.com.

The organisers will reply you within 3 days to confirm your participation.



### Telematch Registration Form

Name	Age	Contact Details (Email or Phone Number)
1)		
2)		
3)		
4)		
5)		

For each question from 21 to 28, choose the most appropriate option (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (8 marks)

21. According to the poster, tickets can be purchased \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) at any community club
- (2) on the opening day of the carnival
- (3) by calling the telephone numbers listed
- (4) by producing an EeZee Link Card at the entrance

22. Which one of the following statements is true?

- (1) The carnival is open for longer hours during the weekends.
- (2) Anyone who has an EeZee Link Card will receive a free umbrella.
- (3) Prizes for the lucky draw include television sets and mobile phones.
- (4) The Guest-of-Honour will be opening the concert on 1st September 2021.

23. Someone who visits the official website will be able to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) set up a stall at the Night Market
- (2) download the lucky draw coupon
- (3) obtain free tickets for the carnival
- (4) gather more information about the carnival

24. Which one of the following is a sponsor of the prizes for the event?

- (1) Superb Store
- (2) Singapore Grassroots Council
- (3) National Community Association
- (4) People Organisation of Singapore

25. The food and refreshment stalls \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) offer a variety of food and drinks
- (2) allow voting of the favourite food
- (3) are run by world-famous hawkers
- (4) will donate the money collected to three charities

26. All visitors who want to play the games and take the rides \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) can hop onto the trams
- (2) must be at least 13 years of age
- (3) will receive free coupons after voting
- (4) need to buy coupons before taking part

27. To participate in the telematch, a team needs to \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) consist of a group made up of five friends
- (2) email the registration form to the organisers
- (3) register the members' names, ages and contact details
- (4) submit a completed registration form latest by 1st September

28. Which of the following items are not sold at the night market?

- (1) New magazines
- (2) Second-hand shoes
- (3) Handmade handicrafts
- (4) Dresses donated by the public

**End of Booklet A**



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## **BOOKLET B**

Instructions to Pupils:

1. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
2. Follow all instructions carefully.
3. Answer all questions.
4. Write all your answers in this booklet.

	<b>Maximum</b>	<b>Marks Obtained</b>
<b>Booklet A</b>	28	
<b>Booklet B</b>	67	
<b>Total</b>	95	

<b>Component</b>	<b>Question Numbers</b>	<b>Marks Obtained</b>
<b>Grammar &amp; Vocabulary</b>	29 - 50	
	66 - 70	
<b>Comprehension Cloze</b>	51 - 65	
<b>Comprehension Open-ended</b>	71 - 80	

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) at      | (D) it | (G) since | (K) they | (N) where |
| (B) down    | (E) of | (H) than  | (L) this | (P) which |
| (C) however | (F) so | (J) these | (M) up   | (Q) while |

A meadow is a place where grasses and other flowering plants grow well, but trees are rare. Natural meadows are only found on high mountains \_\_\_\_\_ trees cannot grow. (29)

On the other hand, man-made ones can be found \_\_\_\_\_ the bottom of valleys. This is where farmers have cut \_\_\_\_\_ the trees to make grazing land for animals. (30) (31) (32)

these animals tend to overgraze on the land. As a result, new trees are not able to grow.

In one meadow, there is a wider variety of grasses and flowering plants \_\_\_\_\_ any other places. Over five hundred kinds of plants have been found and this is possible \_\_\_\_\_ there are no trees preventing them from receiving sunlight. (33) (34)

As the meadow provides plenty of food for many animals, \_\_\_\_\_ attracts many winged hunters. Hunters like hawks patrol by day \_\_\_\_\_ others like owls patrol by night. (35) (36)

\_\_\_\_\_ hunters threaten the other land animals such as the rabbits and field mice \_\_\_\_\_ also live in the meadow. As a result, some animals choose to stay in their holes for days. (37) (38)

days.

Adapted from *Adapting and Surviving* by Dr. Brian Keapp

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

What happens when some of the world's most beautiful underwater scenery  
(39)

disappears? According to scientists, more than halve of the world's coral reefs  
(40)

are in risk of vanishing in the next 25 years. Rising temperatures throughout the  
(41)

world are a major threat to the servival of the reefs and their inhabitants.

(42)

Coral reefs are sometimes call underwater tropical rain forests because

(43)

they appear in warm regions of the world. Reefs act as habitat, or homes, to  
dozens of species of animals. Reefs are also home to corals—the leftover shells

(44)

of small, soft animals. Coral reefs grow very slow over time as the shells and

(45)

scaletons of these animals build up. Soon, many of these reefs may become things

(46)

of the pust, scientists say.

Temperatures throughout the world are higher than usual, scientists

(47)

(48)

report. Many experts belive it is part of a larger trend know as global warming.

Ecosystems where animals and plants live in balance together—like coral reefs—

(49)

(50)

is beginning to disappear because the higher temperatures can affact food supplies.

As summer's warm temperatures begin to drop, scientists hope to see positive signs  
of growth in coral reefs.

**Section G : Comprehension Cloze ( 15 x 1 mark)**  
Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Several international charities have issued a warning about a looming humanitarian crisis in Ethiopia. The North African country has been hit \_\_\_\_\_ its worst drought in 50 years. It is widely expected that emergency food aid for 10 million Ethiopians will run \_\_\_\_\_ unless more funds can be raised. John Graham, the head of the charity *Save the Children* said, "The international community has less than three weeks to \_\_\_\_\_ \$245 million to fund the charity's emergency food aid programme to \_\_\_\_\_ a likely increase in severe malnutrition cases." The money will go towards supplying \_\_\_\_\_ for the starving Ethiopians. He added, "If the funds do not \_\_\_\_\_ in time, there will be a critical shortage in the food supply and many Ethiopians will die from \_\_\_\_\_"  
(51)  
(52)  
(53)  
(54)  
(55)  
(56)  
(57)

Ethiopia, with a population of over 102 million, is Africa's second most populous country and it is no stranger to natural \_\_\_\_\_ such as drought. Since most Ethiopians are farmers who \_\_\_\_\_ on seasonal rains, such extreme dry weather conditions \_\_\_\_\_ disrupt the country's food supply. The latest drought was brought on by extreme weather conditions \_\_\_\_\_ destroyed crops throughout most parts of Africa. Ethiopia is one of the countries which was hardest \_\_\_\_\_ . United Nations say that over 400,000 Ethiopian children under the age of five \_\_\_\_\_ from severe malnutrition due to lack of food. This will affect their physical and mental \_\_\_\_\_. In order to prevent these irreversible consequences of malnutrition, these children will \_\_\_\_\_ urgent treatment.  
(58)  
(59)  
(60)  
(61)  
(62)  
(63)  
(64)  
(65)

The *Save the Children* charity hopes to go beyond supplying emergency food aid to these hungry children.

*Adapted from 'Drought Leaves Ethiopia Facing Food Crisis' 12th February, 2016 by Sean Banville*

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. "Did you see the accident?" the policeman asked me.

The policeman asked me \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

67. Mrs Tan was grateful to the medical team for saving her daughter's life.

Mrs Tan was filled \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

68. There are two shopping malls. They are connected by a bridge.

Connecting \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

69. Mr Tan questioned whether the answer key was accurate.

The accuracy \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

70. In dealing with the challenges, Sammy showed his integrity.

The way Sammy \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



**Section I – Comprehension (10 x 2 marks)**

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

Rainwater fell through the crack on the roof, creating a steady rhythm in our cramped room – home to our family of eight. My parents and my five younger siblings had been living in that room since the day I was born. Hunger was all I had ever known. I was eleven years old then and I had never known what being well-fed was like. I did not know what surplus meant and the only thing I had ever known was shortage. Shortage of food. Shortage of clean water. To make matters worse, my father was retrenched from his job when I turned twelve. The following year, my mother fell seriously ill. 5

Sometimes I woke up in the middle of the night feeling so hungry that I wanted to scream out loud, "Why! Why must I suffer so much?" However, each time I thought of the other seven people trying to sleep in the room, I refrained myself from doing so. At some point, hot tears started rolling down my cheeks and I could not stop the sobs that overcame me. The saddest thing was that sorrow was infectious. Soon, I could hear my siblings crying too. 10

Gradually, I learnt various ways to deal with hunger. I had learnt that if I drank enough water, hunger died. When my head started to spin from the daily labour and lack of food, I kept my eyes shut for a few seconds and dreamt of eating some delicious food – the kind I saw every day when I walked past the bakery. I did not know how any of the food tasted, but it looked beautiful so I imagined its delicious taste. 15 20

Every day since my mother fell ill, I had to stand at traffic junctions, begging people to buy window shields. Days went by under the blazing sun as I tried to earn a livelihood for my family. At times, the sun's intensity was so unbearable that I passed out due to the heat. Occasionally, a kind stranger sprinkled water on my face, offered me some water and left a coin in my hand. Sometimes, I lay on the pavement till I became conscious again, only to see seas of people passing by. 25

On days when I went out to the streets to sell window shields, I saw children in crisp white uniforms seated against the windows of their school buses. I wished I could go to school just like them instead of selling window shields. Once in a while, some children opened their snack boxes and I could not help but stare at the scrumptious food. Soon, the traffic light turned green and the school bus moved forward. I looked at the school bus until it was out of sight. 30

I used to wear rubber sandals every day, but when they turned into a shredded mess of rubber, I walked barefoot on the streets. On hot days, I felt like I was walking on molten coal and on rainy days, I slipped and slid through the mud and grime. It did not help when the grumbling sound in my stomach haunted me everywhere I went. I wished it would go away, so that I could focus on my work. 35

Every night, I hoped that one day, life for my family would change. My brothers and sisters would not have to go to bed crying of hunger. I would earn enough money for my family to be able to move out of the cramped room which reeked of stale air and live in a bigger place. Hope was all that was left for me then. 40

*Adapted from <http://www.youthconnect.in/2015/07/06/14-year-old-a-hungry-child/> July 6, 2015 (Anona Chowdhury)*

71. In Paragraph 1, what did the author's family lack when he was eleven? [2m]

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

\_\_\_\_\_ The author sold window shields to support his family.

\_\_\_\_\_ The author's father lost his job.

\_\_\_\_\_ The author's mother fell sick.

73. Explain clearly why the author stated that 'sorrow was infectious' (line 13 – 14). [2m]

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74. According to the passage, how did the author deal with his hunger? [2m]

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

75. Which two-word phrase in paragraph 4 tells us about what happened to the author on days with intense heat? [1m]

76. 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
The author's family did not earn enough to buy basic needs.		
Passers-by would voluntarily buy window shields from the author.		
The author longed to go to school.		

77. Based on the passage, fill in the blanks in the table below. [3m]

Conditions of the place which the author and his family lived	Effects of the condition
small room	
	water leaked on rainy days
poor ventilation	

78. 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. The first one has been done for you. [3m]

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer(s) to
our (line 1)	the author and his family's
doing so (line 12)	
it (line 19)	
they (line 33)	

79. Why was the author able to feel the different conditions of the streets when he was selling window shields? [1m]

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80. Did the author resign to his fate of being poor? Give a reason to support your answer. [2m]

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## ANSWER KEY

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**TERM : DIAGNOSTIC ASSESSMENT**

### BOOKLET A

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

### BOOKLET B

Q29	N	Q30	A	Q31	B	Q32	C	Q33	H
Q34	G	Q35	D	Q36	Q	Q37	J	Q38	P

Q39	Half	Q40	At	Q41	Survival	Q42	Called
Q43	Habitats	Q44	Slowly	Q45	Skeletons	Q46	Past
Q47	Believe	Q48	Known	Q49	Are	Q50	Affect

Q51	By	Q52	Out	Q53	Raise	Q54	Prevent	Q55	Food
Q56	Arrive	Q57	Hunger	Q58	Crisis	Q59	Rely	Q60	Will
Q61	Which	Q62	Hit	Q63	Suffer	Q64	Health	Q65	require

Q66	The policeman asked me if I had seen the accident.
Q67	Mrs Tan was filled with gratitude to the medical team for saving her daughter's life.
Q68	Connecting the two shopping malls is a bridge.
Q69	The accuracy of the answer key was questioned by Mr Tan.
Q70	The way Sammy dealt with the challenges showed his integrity.
Q71	The author's family lacked food and clean water when he was eleven.
Q72	3, 1, 2
Q73	When the author cried, his sorrows affected his siblings and they cried too.

Q74	<p>1. The author can drink more water.</p> <p>2. The author can close his eyes and imagine he/she was eating some delicious food.</p>
Q75	Passed out
Q76	<p>True . The author's family had a shortage of food and clean water.</p> <p>False . The author's has to beg passers-by to buy window shields.</p> <p>True . The author's wished to go to school instead of selling window shields.</p>
Q77	<p>Small room – very cramped</p> <p>A crack on the roof – water leaked on rainy days</p> <p>Poor ventilation – stale air</p>
Q78	<p>Doing so (line 12) – screaming out loud</p> <p>It (line 19) – the food from the bakery</p> <p>They (line 33) – the rubber sandals</p>
Q79	He was walking barefooted on the streets.
Q80	Yes, he did. He could only hope that his life would change one day.