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2011 SEMESTRAL ASSESMENT 1
ENGLISH LANGUAGE – PAPER 2
LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION
PRIMARY 6

Name : _____ ()

Class : Primary 6 / _____

Date : 11 May 2011

BOOKLET A

30 Questions

30 Marks

Duration of Paper: 1 h 50 min

Note:

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Read carefully the instructions given at the beginning of each part of the booklet.
3. Do not waste time. If a question is difficult for you, go on to the next one.
4. Check your answers thoroughly and make sure you attempt every question.
5. In this booklet, you should have the following:
 - a. Page 1 to Page 10
 - b. Questions 1 to 30

Study the following registration form and then answer questions 1 to 5.

Blissful Travel Insurance Pte Ltd

Registration Form

PERSONAL PARTICULARS

Name of Applicant: ONG LAI KENG (Dr/ Mr / Mrs / Ms) Sex: Male / Female
(As in NRIC/Passport)

NRIC/Passport No: S6823456A Date of Birth: 31.5.1968

Citizenship: Singaporean Occupation: Solicitor

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#18-345 (H/P) 96754652
Singapore 271018

Blissful Policyholder: Yes / No

Policy No: B 563206

FAMILY PARTICULARS

	Name	Date of Birth	Sex	NRIC/ PP No
Spouse	<u>Lim Geok Lian</u>	<u>3.2.1971</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>S6711123B</u>
Child	<u>Ong Chong Meng</u>	<u>24.8.1992</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>S9234476C</u>
Child	<u>Ong Mei Fong</u>	<u>12.5.1994</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>S9432123D</u>
Child	<u>NA</u>	<u>NA</u>	<u>NA</u>	<u>NA</u>

TRAVEL PLAN :

Number of days overseas: 7

Region: Asia

METHOD OF PAYMENT

- Credit Card Account No: NA Type: NA
- Giro Bank: OCBC Bank Account No: 02-345234-8
- Cheque No: NA Bank: NA

GIRO is only for existing Blissful Insurance policyholders with GIRO arrangement. You will be charged for coverage when you call to activate the policy.

2/4/2011

Date

Ong Lai Keng

Signature of Applicant

Mail or Fax to: **BLISSFUL INSURANCE PTE LTD**
187 HOLLAND ROAD, # 03-03 Lucky Tower Singapore 874187
 Fax 97634187

For each question from 1 to 5, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3, or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

1 Mr Hô and his family are planning _____.

- (1) to buy a house
- (2) to travel overseas
- (3) to save some money
- (4) to borrow some money

2 Mr Hô has _____.

- (1) two sons
- (2) two daughters
- (3) a son and a daughter
- (4) a son and two daughters

3 A company that Mr Hô is most likely to be working in is a/an _____ firm.

- (1) law
- (2) travel
- (3) insurance
- (4) advertising

4 The insurance plan that Mr Hô is buying would cover _____.

- (1) the payment of his house
- (2) the payment of his children's education in future
- (3) any family member who is hospitalised at any time
- (4) any family member meeting with an accident during a family trip abroad

5 Why is Mr Hô able to pay for the coverage through GIRO?

- (1) His bank has the GIRO facility.
- (2) He is a new client of the company.
- (3) He has sufficient funds in his bank account.
- (4) He is a Blissful Insurance policyholder with GIRO arrangement.

For each question from 6 to 12, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (7 marks)

6 Joven arrived late, so _____ Frankie.

- (1) did
- (2) had
- (3) was
- (4) does

7 If your sister _____ so bogged down by her school assignments, she would have gone with you to the mall.

- (1) is not
- (2) was not
- (3) has not been
- (4) had not been

8 The families _____ homes were destroyed by the earthquake are now staying at the relief centres.

- (1) who
- (2) which
- (3) whom
- (4) whose

9 Mother screamed in anger when she saw my brother and _____ fighting for the third time.

- (1) I
- (2) me
- (3) mine
- (4) myself

10 Jimmy's been feeling down lately, _____?

- (1) is he
- (2) isn't he
- (3) has he
- (4) hasn't he

11 Sally is a shy girl. She is not used to _____ in public.

- (1) speak
- (2) spoke
- (3) speaking
- (4) have spoken

12 My sister has found the letter we have been looking for. It _____ hidden under some old magazines.

- ~~(1)~~ lay
- ~~(2)~~ laid
- ~~(3)~~ lied
- ~~(4)~~ lain

For each question from 13 to 15, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (3 marks)

It was midnight when we reached the campsite. Suddenly, we heard a loud growl.
"What is that (13)" whispered Ali to Raj who was trembling in fear.
"I don't (14) don't know," stammered Raj.
"Let's get our torches out. Now (15) said Ali urgently, as the growl grew louder.
Just as we were taking out our torches, we saw a tiger walking towards us.

- 13 (1) [,] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [?] question mark
(4) [!] exclamation mark

- 14 (1) [-] dash
(2) [-] hyphen
(3) [;] semi-colon
(4) [...] ellipsis points

- 15 (1) [, "] comma and inverted commas
(2) [. "] full stop and inverted commas
(3) [? "] question mark and inverted commas
(4) [! "] exclamation mark and inverted commas

For each question from 16 to 20, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

16 The _____ determination of the handicapped swimmer had earned great respect from the spectators.

- (1) devoted
- (2) dedicated
- (3) unwavering
- (4) unassuming

17 After Dr Li had examined the patient, he wrote him a _____ to see a specialist.

- (1) eulogy
- (2) referral
- (3) prescription
- (4) memorandum

18 Please _____ to the room as the interviewers are waiting for you.

- (1) reside
- (2) recede
- (3) precede
- (4) proceed

19 When I _____ my uncle in Malaysia, he ^{is} ~~was~~ surprised to see me.

- (1) call on
- (2) call up
- (3) call off
- (4) call back

20 The 'Mona Lisa' is a _____ piece of art which is of incalculable monetary worth.

- (1) priceless
- (2) worthless
- (3) valueless
- (4) penniless

For each question from 21 to 25, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

Yesterday, during the school assembly, a healthcare officer was invited to my school to give a talk on smoking. Officer Tan said that although the smoking problem is not rampant (21) among students, it is still a threat that is enough to pose a danger and is a cause for concern. Officer Tan urged all pupils to be vigilant (22) and wary at all times and not to succumb (23) to temptations and pressures from peers.

Officer Tan further added, "You should never get yourselves involved in smoking. It not only cause you money, it will also lead to a lot of health related problems which can have life-threatening consequences. (24) Remember, you have only one life and you should treasure it. Besides, it is against the law (25) for any person under the age of 18 to purchase cigarettes."

- 21 radical
 random
 sporadic
 widespread

- 22 (1) alert
(2) ready
(3) positive
(4) conscious

- 23 fall in
 join in
 give in
 cave in

- 24 (1) vital
(2) fatal
(3) perilous
(4) disastrous

- 25 (1) illegal
(2) eligible
(3) illegible
(4) offensive

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

Saliva keeps our mouth moist and softens our food when we masticate. Without it, we would have a hard time talking. We would find it even harder to swallow. For some animals, however, it works better after it has left the mouth. These animals are expert at surviving because they are expert spitters.

One such animal is the llama. Llamas seem to like their personal space. A llama that feels threatened or annoyed will ultimately spit slimy gobs at an intruder as a sign to leave it alone. Sometimes they even spit on each other to steal food! This trick usually works because the spit from the llama includes food from its stomach and this can be really smelly. When a llama spits on another animal, the animal would normally lose its appetite and walk away, hence leaving its food behind.

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The archer fish is also a very skilful spitter. This fish is like a submarine with a loaded weapon. It takes aim and spits jets of water at insects and other small creatures to knock them down into the water so that they could be easily consumed in fast gulps. In order to create such a forceful stream of water, an archer fish closes its gills and uses its tongue to form a tube in its mouth. Then the fish sticks its snout out of the water and aims at its target.

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Another animal that is well-known for its expert aim is the spitting cobras which are feared not only by other animals but also by human beings. These fearsome creatures have the ability to spray poisonous venom from their fangs when they are threatened so as to protect themselves. It is also a mechanism in which they use to get their prey. Scientists believe that these snakes actually aim for the eyes of their victims! When the spitting cobra's venom gets into the eyes of an animal, the venom causes terrible pain and even blindness in the victim, thus allowing the snake to escape or to consume it.

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Some other animals depend on saliva not for survival but for improving the quality of life, using the fluid for functions varying from grooming and cleansing to nest-building. Saliva also increases the potential of evaporation and cooling for panting animals.

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Adapted from: Anatomy and Physiology of Domestic Animals

For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

26 Why is the saliva of a llama smelly?

- (1) It is slimy.
- (2) Its tongue is smelly.
- (3) It is threatened and annoyed.
- (4) It contains food from the stomach.

27 How does an archer fish kill its prey?

- (1) It kills with its loaded weapon.
- (2) It sticks its snout out of the water and aims.
- (3) It uses its tongue to form a tube in its mouth.
- (4) It knocks down the prey into the water and gulps it quickly.

28 How does a spitting cobra protect itself?

- (1) by being an expert at aiming
- (2) by causing pain and blindness
- (3) by spraying venom from its fangs
- (4) by spitting venom into the eyes of its prey

29 Which of the following in the passage is not true?

- (1) Without saliva, people cannot talk at all.
- (2) Dogs make use their saliva to cool themselves.
- (3) The archer fish can shoot its prey with jets of water.
- (4) Llamas have the ability to spit gobs at their enemies.

30 In what way is saliva useful to humans?

- (1) It is used for cooling.
- (2) It is used for grooming.
- (3) It is used for cleansing.
- (4) It is used for lubricating.



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BOOKLET B

50 Questions

65 Marks

In this booklet, you should have the following:

- a. Page 11 to Page 19
- b. Questions 31 to 80

BOOKLET	OBTAINED	POSSIBLE
BOOKLET A		30
BOOKLET B		65
TOTAL		95

Parent's Signature : _____

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40, 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) as | (D) do | (G) in | (K) on | (N) to |
| (B) at | (E) doesn't | (H) many | (L) over | (P) what |
| (C) by | (F) how | (J) much | (M) the | (Q) within |

Do you find it difficult to remember _____ you have studied? You are
(31)

not alone.

Comprehending information _____ mean that you will be able
(32)

_____ recall all of what you have read and learnt in the future.
(33)

The truth, according to studies made, is that _____ twenty-four hours
(34)

of learning, as _____ as 80 percent of the information may be forgotten.
(35)

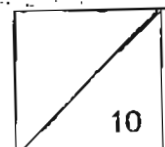
Luckily, that's only temporary. _____ reality, much of the 80 percent can
(36)

be regained _____ reviewing the material studied. That explains why going
(37)

_____ the covered material again on your own _____ another
(38) (39)

time is really beneficial. It really aids remembering! _____ the saying goes -
(40)

Practice makes perfect.



Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box. (10 marks)

When you wake up early in the morning, you will realise that birds were

(41)

(42)

the first to ~~herrel~~ the new day. While the sky is still quite dark, you can hear ~~its~~ first

(43)

(44)

hesitant chirps. Within minutes, a **varaiety** of calls could be heard, built swiftly into

a deafening cacophony.

(45)

Without curtains to ~~sheald~~ my ears and eyes from the growing noise

(46)

and light, I knew I would not sleep other wink. So I padded barefooted out onto the

(47)

bellkonie just in time to catch the first light of dawn painting rosy streaks across the

sky.

(48)

Soon I could clearly see the rolling breakers in the Pacific Ocean. The

(49)

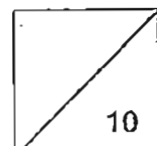
lighthouse stood sentinel, strong and **stirdee**, as it had done for the past two

(50)

hundred years or more. Far below me, a few small crafts mfaking their way across

the water, hunched sailors silhouetted against the silvery surface.

Adapted from 'The Great Sailors'



Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

It was almost ten at night. Weiming stretched his arms above his head and placed

his hand over his mouth trying to stifle a _____ . It had been four hours

(51)

_____ he sat at the table. He wanted to look up some information for his Science
(52)

project but he got carried _____ as one site led to another. Before he knew it, he

(53)

had spent most of his time surfing the websites which were interesting _____
(54)

useless to his project.

He had very _____ time left for the actual project before his bedtime.

(55)

Weiming sighed and got up from his chair to go to bed. It was _____ this

(56)

juncture that he realised that his Social Studies project was _____ the next day

(57)

while his Science project was to be handed _____ the following week. He

(58)

realised that he had got the dates mixed up. His _____ started to beat very fast

(59)

as he had not even started on his Social Studies project. He did not _____

(60)

have his text book with him as he had kept it in his locker.

"Bedtime, Weiming!" said his mother cheerfully as she entered his room.

Not _____ what to do, Weiming burst into tears. His mother was
(61)

alarmed and tried to find out what had caused the _____. However, Weiming
(62)

continued crying. In desperation, his mother summoned his father. _____
(63)

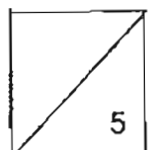
hearing his mother calling out for his father, Weiming cried even louder as he knew his

father would give him a sound scolding and _____ him from going out with his
(64)

friends. Weiming's father rushed into the room and was perplexed to see his son crying

bitterly. He asked his wife what had happened and she _____ her head in
(65)

bafflement.



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 Jane is a humble girl. She is well-liked by her friends and teachers.

_____ because of

67 He was horrified to see the room in a mess.

Upon _____

68 The Principal will declare the new extension to the school library open.

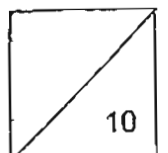
The new extension _____

69 Mei said, "You are going to the zoo with the pupils, aren't you?"

Mei asked me _____

70 Fanny is very upset with you. You broke her precious vase.

_____ for



Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

It had been some time since Jack had seen the old man. His career and life itself got in the way. In fact, Jack moved across the country in pursuit of his dreams. There, in the rush of his busy life, **Jack had little time to think about the past and often had no time to spend with his wife and son.** He was working on his future, and nothing could stop him.

5

Over the phone, his mother told him, "Mr Belser died last night. The funeral will be held on Wednesday." Memories flashed through his mind like an old newsreel as he sat quietly thinking of his childhood days.

"Jack, did you hear me?"

"Oh sorry, Mum. Yes, I heard you. It's been so long since I thought of him. I'm 10 sorry," Jack said. Honestly, Jack thought Mr Belser had died years ago.

"Well, he didn't forget you. Every time I saw him he'd ask how you were doing. He'd reminisce about the many days you spent at his house," his mother told him.

"I loved that old house he lived in," Jack said.

"You know, Jack, after your father died, Mr Belser stepped in to make sure you 15 had a man's influence in your life," she said.

"He's the one who taught me carpentry," he said. "I wouldn't be in this business if it weren't for him. Mum, I'll be there for the funeral," Jack said.

As busy as he was, he kept his word. Jack caught the next flight to his hometown. Mr Belser's funeral was **small and uneventful.** He had no children of his 20 own and most of his relatives had passed away.

The night before he had to return home, Jack and his mother stopped by to see the old house next door one more time.

Standing in the doorway, Jack paused for a moment. It was like crossing over into another dimension, a leap through space and time.

25

The house was exactly as he remembered. Every step held memories. Every picture, every piece of furniture... Jack stopped suddenly.

"What's wrong, Jack?" his mother asked.

"The box is gone," he said.

"What box?" his mother asked.

30

"There was a small gold box that he kept locked on top of his desk. I must have asked him a thousand times what was inside. All he'd ever tell me was 'the thing I value most'," Jack said.

It was gone. Everything about the house was exactly how Jack remembered it except for the box. He figured someone from the Belser family had taken it.

35

"Now I'll never know what was so valuable to him," Jack said. "I had better get some sleep. I have an early flight home, Mum."

It had been about two weeks since Mr Belser died. Returning home from work one day Jack discovered a note in his mailbox. The note read: 'Signature required on a package. No one at home. Please stop by the main post office within the next three days.'

40

Early the next day, Jack retrieved the package. The small box was old and looked like it had been mailed a hundred years ago. The handwriting was difficult to read but the return address caught his attention.

It read: 'Mr Harold Belser'.

Jack took the box out to his car and ripped open the package. There, inside was the gold box and an envelope. Jack's hands shook as he read the note inside: 'Upon my death, please forward this box and its contents to Jack Bennett. It's the thing I valued most in my life.'

45

A small key was taped to the letter. With his heart racing, Jack carefully unlocked the box. He found a beautiful gold pocket watch. Running his fingers slowly over the finely-etched casing, he unlatched the cover. Inside he found these words engraved: 'Jack, Thanks for your time! - Harold Belser.'

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Jack held the watch for a few minutes, then called his office and cleared his appointments for the next two days. "Why?" Janet, his assistant asked.

"I need some time to spend with my son," he said. "Oh, by the way, Janet... thanks for your time!"

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Adapted from 'Inspirational Stories'

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

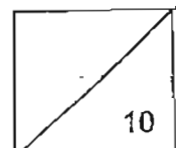
71 What was Jack's occupation?

72 Explain why 'Jack had little time to think about the past and often had no time to spend with his wife and son' (line 3 to line 4).

73 In what ways had Mr Belser been important in Jack's life when he was a boy?

74 What does 'he kept his words' (line 19) refer to?

75 Why was Mr Belser's funeral 'small and uneventful' (line 20)?



76 Explain clearly why the 'small gold box' (line 31) went missing.

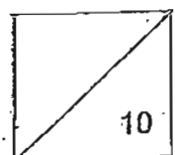
77 Referring to lines 1 to 15, which sentence in the passage shows why Jack had not thought of Mr Belser?

78 How did Jack feel when he was unlocking the box?

79 What was the thing that Mr Belser valued most in his life?

80 What lesson did Jack learn after Mr Belser's death?

END OF PAPER





ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2011

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TERM : SA1



Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
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Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
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Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
J	G	C	L	B	A

- 41)herald 42)their 43)variety 44)building 45)shield
46)another 47)balcony 48)of 49)sturdy 50)made
51)yawn 52)since 53)away 54)but 55)little
56)at 57)due 58)in 59)heart 60)even
61)knowing 62)outburst 63)upon 64)prevent 65)shook

66)Jane is well-liked by her friends and teachers because of her humility.

67)Upon seeing the room in a mess, he was horrified.

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69)Mei asked me if I was going to the zoo with the pupils.

70)Fanny is very upset with you for breaking her precious vase.

71)Jack was a carpenter.

72)He was (always)busy pursuing his dreams.

73)Mr Belser taught Jack carpentry and after Jack's father died, Mr Belser had stepped in to make sure Jack had a man's influence in his life.

74)It refers to Jack attending Mr Belser's funeral.

75)Mr Belser had no children of his own and few relatives to attend his funeral (as most of them had passed away).

76)It was sent to Jack.

77)It is 'Honestly, Jack thought Mr Belser had died years ago'.

78)Jack was nervous when he was unlocking the box.

79)It was the time that Jack had sent with him.

80)Jack learnt that he should cherish the time he spent with his family.