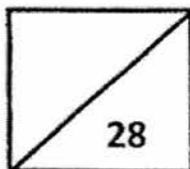




ROSYTH SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT ONE 2016
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2
PRIMARY 6



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

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 10 pages altogether (including the cover page)

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

1. My brother hardly goes to the library, _____?
(1) is it
(2) isn't it
(3) does he
(4) doesn't he

2. Either Mr Chia or one of his sons _____ the wedding banquet at the hotel next weekend.
(1) is attending
(2) are attending
(3) had attended
(4) have been attending

3. He was found guilty of dangerous driving and _____ from driving for five years.
(1) forbid
(2) forbids
(3) forbidden
(4) had forbidden

4. My sister and I often quarrel _____ our share of household chores at home.
(1) for
(2) with
(3) over
(4) between

5. I saw the little boy _____ down the handrail of the staircase.
(1) glide
(2) glides
(3) glided
(4) was gliding

6. The workers have just completed the construction of that building. They _____ three years to complete it.
- (1) take
 - (2) took
 - (3) are taking
 - (4) are taking
7. If John _____ his objection then, we would have taken his idea into consideration.
- (1) raised
 - (2) raises
 - (3) has raised
 - (4) had raised
8. _____ you are a member of the library, you cannot borrow any books till you pay all your fines.
- (1) Since
 - (2) Despite
 - (3) Though
 - (4) Nevertheless
9. "Dorothy, you must keep this secret between you and _____," Aisha pleaded.
- (1) I
 - (2) us
 - (3) me
 - (4) we
10. This rude customer who was yelling at the cashier was oblivious _____ the crowd gathering around her.
- (1) to
 - (2) at
 - (3) by
 - (4) with

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

11. He is _____ by ancient mysteries and often reads up on them.
- (1) prodded
 - (2) intrigued
 - (3) provoked
 - (4) inculcated
12. Despite her disability, Paralympian athlete, Yip Pin Xiu, _____ all odds and clinched the gold medal.
- (1) defied
 - (2) dismissed
 - (3) devastated
 - (4) disqualified
13. Her knees were trembling as if they were going to give way at any moment, and her face felt _____ blood.
- (1) devoid of
 - (2) deficient in
 - (3) drained from
 - (4) dispensed with
14. The _____ gentleman left a sum of \$5000 to be divided among the poor.
- (1) humble
 - (2) obliging
 - (3) prudent
 - (4) benevolent
15. A comprehensive satellite study confirms that the melting ice caps are raising sea levels at an _____ rate.
- (1) erratic
 - (2) alarming
 - (3) appealing
 - (4) extraordinary

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)

A gifted teacher, Anne Sullivan, is best known for her work with Helen Keller, a deaf, blind and mute child whom she had taught to communicate.

Sullivan and her two siblings grew up in poverty-stricken conditions, and struggled with health problems. At the age of five, Sullivan contracted an eye disease called trachoma, which severely damaged her sight. She learned about schools for the blind and became insistent to get an education as a means to escape poverty.

Sullivan attended the Perkins School for the Blind in 1880, and underwent surgery to help better her limited vision. Despite the physical strain on her own limited sight, Sullivan helped Keller continue her studies at Radcliffe College in 1900. She spelled the notes of class lectures on Keller's hand, and spent hours conveying information from textbooks to her. As a result, Keller became the first deaf-blind person to graduate from college.

16. (1) bankrupt
(2) distressed
(3) unfortunate
(4) impoverished
17. (1) diligent
(2) resistant
(3) determined
(4) enthusiastic
18. (1) fix
(2) restore
(3) recover
(4) improve

19. (1) ideas
(2) matter
(3) contents
(4) substances


20. (1) relaying
(2) reporting
(3) releasing
(4) repeating

Study the 2 webpages carefully and then answer questions 21 to 28. (8 marks)

HOME ABOUT US VOLUNTEER WITH US USEFUL LINKS

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A Volunteer Celebrates the Joy of Giving



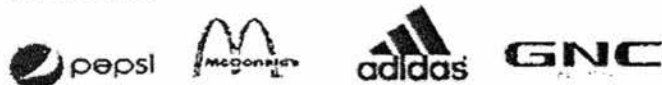
Ever wondered what it is like to save the earth? Shee Li has taken great steps to help save tigers! Tigers, like many other wild species, are under extreme threat from poaching and habitat loss as we consume more and more of our planet's natural resources. Recently, she also joined a WWF conservation trip to do mangrove planting and help in a thriving whale shark eco-tourism project.

WWF-Singapore is currently seeking **Wildlife Troopers** to take part in their **Go Wild for Wildlife Flag Day** fundraising on **World Animal Day, 8 October 2016**.

- It is their biggest fundraising project yet with fun events planned during the day.
- To find out more and sign up, check out the SG Cares calendar dated 8 Oct 2016 or
- search 'WWF' in the search bar on the home page.

More information on the events organised on World Animal Day can be found on www.worldanimalday.sg

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Links

Interesting Reads

- Celebrating the Joy of Giving
- Notes from a volunteer
- Be Someone's Hero
- Home for the Homeless
- From Zero to Hero
- Going beyond the Call

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Meals Made with Love



Food is prepared in a central kitchen and distributed to the elderly who live alone in Bukit Merah and Chinatown. For Adeline Tan, her days starts at 8am when she and other volunteers prepare the ingredients. Adeline believes the special ingredient that goes into these is love. The volunteers' efforts are rewarded by requests for extra servings and thumbs up from the residents.



Together We Care....

Last August, SG Cares celebrated how far they have come in the past fifty years, and dreamed of how far they will go in the next half century. What makes a true nation is *heart-ware*. Singapore is a living, breathing red dot of life. We should continue to celebrate the unsung heroes, ordinary people who have stepped up to help fellow Singaporeans and residents in need.

Giving is more than donating money or your time. Sometimes, the offering of one's heart is the essence of a giving spirit. And that in itself is really worth celebrating. Everybody can contribute and make a difference to the community and the lives of others.



Register with SG Cares TODAY!

Simply follow these steps:

1. Register at SG Cares website
 - ✓ Set up your user name and password
 - ✓ Receive confirmation and welcome email from SG Cares (you will be informed immediately of your successful registration)
 - ✓ Complete and submit your personal profile
2. Login to your profile to find out more about volunteering
3. Sign up for activities
 - ✓ Select from a variety of activities on SG Cares' online calendar. (One can volunteer through a variety of activities and find out what best suits them.)

Volunteer Host Organisation (VHO) Directory

- ✓ Provides a list of organisations where volunteers can connect with the organisations directly for more volunteering opportunities.
- ✓ You can download the VHO Directory [here](#).

If you have any queries on volunteering, call hotline 1800 6666 7700 during office hours.

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. SG Cares aims to _____.
- (1) promote Wildlife Flag Day
 - (2) encourage people to volunteer
 - (3) create awareness on wildlife conservation
 - (4) recruit more members to look after the elderly
22. Some of the sponsors for Go Wild for Wildlife Flag Day are _____.
- (1) McDonald's, GNC and Pepsi
 - (2) McDonald's, GNC and SG Cares
 - (3) Adidas, Wildlife Troopers and GNC
 - (4) McDonald's, GNC and Wildlife Troopers
23. Shee Li volunteers for WWF to _____.
- (1) become SG Cares biggest fundraiser
 - (2) help conserve the habitat for the wildlife
 - (3) encourage tourists to look at whale sharks
 - (4) raise funds for 'Go Wild for Wildlife Flag Day'
24. According to this web page, 'heart-ware' refers to _____.
- (1) donating money and time to the WWF
 - (2) helping the less fortunate Singaporeans
 - (3) being kind-hearted to the unsung heroes
 - (4) celebrating the past 50 years with SG Cares
25. Mr Ho wants to find out more about being a volunteer. He should _____.
- (1) register on the website
 - (2) call the hotline during office hours
 - (3) find out which activity suits him best
 - (4) email to Volunteer Host Organisation

26. Mrs Raja would like to help by providing a shelter to those who are homeless. She can find out more from the _____ link.
- (1) Upcoming events
 - (2) Interesting Reads
 - (3) SG Cares Calendar
 - (4) Volunteer Orientation
27. Which one of the following statements is true?
- (1) Shee Li enjoys donating to WWF.
 - (2) Adeline has a special recipe for the meals she cooks.
 - (3) SG Cares provides priceless rewards for volunteering.
 - (4) First-time volunteers will be informed of their registration by email.
28. The role of a Wildlife Trooper is to _____
- (1) protect wildlife
 - (2) distribute flags
 - (3) collect donations
 - (4) organise World Animal Day

Go on to Booklet B



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BOOKLET B

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 52 questions (Questions 29 to 80).
4. Answer ALL the questions and write all the answers in this booklet.

	Maximum	Marks Obtained
Booklet A	28	
Booklet B	67	
Total	95	

Component	Question Numbers	Marks Obtained
Grammar & Vocabulary	29 -50 66 - 70	
Comprehension Cloze	51 – 65	
Comprehension Open-ended	71 – 80	

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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) it | (D) of | (G) for | (K) even | (N) the |
| (B) most | (E) be | (H) them | (L) down | (P) but |
| (C) when | (F) many | (J) while | (M) other | (Q) before |
-

Cockroaches have this extraordinary ability to make you shudder and send shivers down your spine. Yet, this little creature is perhaps the greatest animal that has ever lived! It has existed (29)_____ about 300 million years. Humans have been around for only a couple of million years! According to the theory (30)_____ evolution, this creature's only possible rivals are sharks, dragonflies and no (31)_____ creatures.

Cockroaches first appeared during the period (32)_____ many coal deposits were found in the earth. They can go for three months without food and a month without water. Interestingly, cockroaches carefully taste their food (33)_____ they eat it. Since they are able to detect (34)_____ the slightest anomaly, it is relatively hard to poison them.

They produce their eggs in cocoon-like sacs. This animal is so hardy right (35)_____ to the egg stage. For instance, even if you boil one of the sacs, the eggs will still hatch. People have tried squashing or smashing the sacs but to no effect. The sacs can also (36)_____ squeezed into the tiniest cracks.

As a result, cockroaches have existed alongside generations of the (37)_____ developed of creatures, the humans. We see them as the typical pest and have always fought against (38)_____ but they laugh in our faces. They are still here after all this time and will probably be around long after we have died out.

Adapted from Tiger-sperm-whale-Ten-extraordinary-animals-htm

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes, numbered 39 to 50. (12 marks)

Can something quite simple have such an extraordinary impact on everyday

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events? It seems appairtently so. This is a retelling of a traditional African folklore on

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the importance of being persist and never giving up, no matter how much failures you

have experienced in the past.

A man was spending his holiday in Africa. He loved elephants and was

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enthusaisticly watching a herd pass by. To his great surprise, the strong and majestic

(43)

(44)

animals were be held only by a small rope, tied to their front leg. Obviously, they can

easily run away any moment. However, they did not. He was determined to find the

answer.

(45)

He chanced on the founding father of a famous safari park and asked him how

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was it that not a single elephant attempted to break freely. The latter explained, "When

the elephants are very young, we use the same size rope to tie them. At that time, it is

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enough to hold them, no matter how they peserved to escape. Gradually, they grow

up and get stronger. However, they never try to get away, as they believe that the rope will still hold them."

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The man was dumfunded. These strong animals could escape but did not, since

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they beleivd that it was impossible.

(50)

Sometimes people act like those elephants, giving up and losing all resiellience

after the first failure. Remember that failures are part of learning. If we want to succeed, we should never give up, but try and try again.

Adapted from <http://www.inspirationlstories.eu/stories/moral-stories/inspirational-stories-for-children>

For each of the questions 51 to 65, fill in each blank with a suitable word. (15 marks)

Akrit Jaswal is an extraordinary young boy who was just seven years old when he performed his first operation. His (51) _____ was a toddler in India suffering (52) _____ extremely bad burns that fused her fingers together, curling them tightly into a ball. Her poor family could not (53) _____ surgery but having heard of a remarkable young boy being called the child surgeon, they took their chances and approached Akrit. That move they made paid (54) _____

In a country of over one billion people, Akrit has the (55) _____ of being a medical genius with the highest I.Q. of any boy his age. He focuses on the study of medicine and at the age of twelve, claimed to be on the verge of (56) _____ a cure for cancer.

Akrit's extraordinary abilities set him (57) _____ from other children right from an (58) _____ age. He was walking and talking by the time he was ten months old. At five years old, he could spend endless hours reading up on cancer and its remedies.

Things have not been (59) _____ sailing for Akrit's family. His father tried hard to get his funds for his son's cancer (60) _____ but encountered many obstacles. (61) _____, being unable to help his son and feeling depressed, Akrit's father left the family. This had a devastating effect on his mother. She became withdrawn and unapproachable. (62) _____, Akrit continued in his pursuit gaining recognition for his endeavours.

Akrit remains humble (63) _____ his fame. Whenever he is in town, the ordinary people will (64) _____ his advice on medications and ailments.

The experiences Akrit has gone (65) _____ has made him mature and realistic. However, this precocious young man is still convinced of his calling. He is still waiting to unlock the secrets to give the ultimate hope to cancer patients.

adapted from Extraordinary Children (<http://akrit-jaswal-child-surgeon>)

For each of the questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentences, 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. Should Sarah forget to hand in her homework, she will be reprimanded.

If _____

67 Mr Tan asked Tom and Harry if they were doing their duty.

Mr Tan asked Tom and Harry, _____

68. Daniel is writing an essay on endangered species.

An _____

69. Minah hid Lila's new notebook. Minah was envious.

Out of _____

70. Alan stopped to speak to the elderly man, He was his old neighbour.

_____ whom

When Sabriye was in the eighth grade, she went with her class on a field trip to a museum. There, they were allowed to handle items from Tibet. It was these which captured and fuelled Sabriye's imagination. She began to dream of going to Tibet and starting a school for the blind there. However, she was told over and over again that this was impossible. Why? Sabriye was blind.

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To lay the foundation for her dream, Sabriye first had to find a way to study the printed Tibetan language to convert class learning materials to the Braille system. At that time, no system existed to create Braille from written Tibetan. She refused to give up easily and went on to invent one for her own use. Eventually, it was only after her school for the blind had been established did her invention become the official Braille system for the Tibetan people. Then, she went to Beijing and completed a crash course in Chinese since the Tibetan officials only conversed in Chinese and Tibetan.

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Subsequently, she met with the Tibetan officials to tell them her intentions. However, despite being fluent in both languages, Sabriye still struggled to explain her mission to them because they fiercely insisted that foreigners were not allowed to visit Tibet. However, she assured them that her mission was not political, but only to help the blind. Despite this assurance, the officials first told her there were no blind people in Tibet, though this was not true. Then, they emphasised the dangers of getting around in such a mountainous area with few and dangerous roads. Finally, they suggested that she should raise the money for the school and hand it over to them. She was suspicious of their actual motive as she had heard stories where money raised was never passed on to the needy. Eventually, despite the repeated discouraging remarks from the officials, Sabriye still proceeded with her plans.

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However, not everyone was as unscrupulous. Some honest people told her outright that she would not succeed as she was blind. Yet Sabriye believed she was definitely more blessed because her impairment allowed her senses of hearing, smell and touch to be much more developed than that of a sighted individual. She used them to make her own mental map of "landmarks" to manoeuvre her way around. Through her cane, she got essential information about the ground and obstacles or possible things to guide her, such as sidewalks, kerbs or walls.

30

For Sabriye, travelling on horseback in the mountains was of no issue. The riding lessons she attended when she was young had given her much confidence. It was this sense of self-confidence that Sabriye was adamant to instil in her own students. Dolma, a firm believer in Sabriye's passion helped her to identify the blind children to attend the school. Many of them were forced by their poor families to earn a living by begging in the streets. Together, Sabriye and Dolma adopted these visually-handicapped charges. They provided them with an education and taught them lifeskills. They believed that this would eventually pave their way to a more productive and meaningful life as more job opportunities would be open to them.

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71. What does 'these' in paragraph 1 refer to? (1m)

72. In paragraph 2, list 2 things Sabriye had to do to lay the foundation for her dream. (2m)

(i) _____

(ii) _____

73. Based on paragraph 3, what did Sabriye think was the actual motive of the Tibetan officials? (2m)

74a. Which three-word phrase in paragraph 3 showed that Sabriye had difficulty in communicating her intentions to the Tibetan officials? (1m)

74b. In line 19, what does 'this' refer to? (1m)

75. From paragraphs 3 to 5, write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to show the order in which the events occurred in the story. (1m)

_____ Sabriye learnt horseback riding.

_____ Sabriye's invention was officially recognised in Tibet.

_____ Sabriye met with resistant and challenging Tibetan officials.

76. Based on paragraphs 3 to 5, state whether each sentence in the table below is True or False. Then give one reason for your choice. (3m)

Statement	True / False	
(a) Sabriye was determined to realise her dream even after meeting the Tibetan officials.		
(b) Many of Sabriye's charges came from well-to-do families.		
(c) Dolma was a firm believer in Sabriye's passion.		

77. In paragraph 4, despite her blindness, how did Sabriye manage to move around skilfully? (2m)

78. In line 34, the author states "For Sabriye, travelling on horseback in the mountains was of no issue." Explain why Sabriye felt this way. (2m)

79. Find a word from paragraphs 2 to 5 which have a similar meaning for each word in the table. (3m)

Words to replace	Answer
(a) intensive	
(b) devious	
(c) necessary	

80. How would Sabriye's charges lead a more productive and meaningful life later? (2m)

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Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
2	1	1	4	2	4	3	4	3	1
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
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M	C	Q	K	L	E	B	H		

- 39)apparently 40)persistent 41)many 42)enthusiastically
43)being 44)could 45)upon 46)free
47)persevered 48)dumbfounded 49)believed 50)resilience
51)patient 52)from 53)afford 54)off
55)reputation 56)finding 57)apart 58)early
59)smooth 60)research 61)Therefore 62)Nevertheless
63)despite 64)seek /get 65)through

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71) item from Tibet

72) i) Sabriye had to find away to study the printed Tibetan language to convert class learning materials to the Braille system.

ii) Sabriye had to invent a system to create Braille from written Tibetan.

73) Sabriye thought that the actual motion of the Tibetan officials was to keep the money which Sabriye raised for the school.

74) a) struggled to explain

b) there was no blind people in Tibet

75) 1, 3, ,2

76) a) True / She still proceeded with her plans despite their repeated discouraging remarks.

b) False / They came from poor families who forced them to beg on the streets.

c) True / Dolma helped Sabriye identify the blind children to attend the school.

77) Her impairment allowed her senses of hearing, smell and touch to be more developed than that of individual and she used them to make her own mental map of "landmarks" to maneuver her way around.

78) Sabriye attended riding lessons when she was young which gave her so much confidence.

79) a) crash

b) unscrupulous

c) essential

80) They would have received education and learnt life skills which allowed to get jobs.