

NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL
PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2006
PRIMARY 6

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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PAPER 1: BOOKLET A
TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 h 50 min

Name: _____ () Pr 6 ()

There are a total of 80 questions – 30 MCQ and 50 open-ended questions.

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 the questions
4. Shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

Section A : Graphic Stimulus (5 x 1m = 5m)

Study the advertisement below and answer questions 1 to 5

Istana Art Event

By SINGAPORE ART MUSEUM

6 August 2006 (Sunday)

Join in the fun at the Istana Art Event 2006, held in conjunction with the Istana's Open House Day. Celebrate the Nation's 41st Year of Independence by participating in an On-The-Spot Art Competition, which is open to all age groups. **You might walk away with one of the many attractive cash prizes!**

So bring along a picnic and spend the day enjoying the beautiful grounds of the Istana.

On-The-Spot Art Competition

7:00a.m. - 9:00a.m.

Registration* at Main Gate, Istana

NHB* Official Art Block will be provided and accepted as entries. Participants are to bring their choice of colouring mediums. Schools and organizations may request to pre-register by contacting roleen_m_noor@nhb.gov.sg

Themes : A Day at The Istana or
Peace and Harmony

*McDonald's Snack Packs will be given to the first 2,000 pre-registrants. Please note that incomplete art work will not qualify. All prizewinners must collect their awards in person or forfeit their prize.

On-The-Spot Art Competition Categories and Prizes

Ages 8* and below :

1 st Prize	\$500
2 nd Prize	\$300
3 rd Prize	\$200
Merit Award	\$100 x 6

Ages 9 - 16*

1 st Prize	\$600
2 nd Prize	\$400
3 rd Prize	\$300
Merit Award	\$100 x 6

Open Category

1 st Prize	\$700
2 nd Prize	\$500
3 rd Prize	\$400

Please note that the judges' decision is final.

Organisers reserve the right not to award prizes if submitted works are not up to standard.

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| 10:00a.m. | Launch of 'To Singapore With Love' |
| 9:00a.m. - 11:00a.m. | Submission of On-The-Spot Competition entries |
| 11:00a.m. - 1:00p.m. | Picnic |
| | Sale of snack packs |
| | Redemption of picnic packs for registered participants |
| 1:00p.m. | Prize-Giving by H E President SR Nathan |
| 1:30p.m. | Unveiling of sculpture by Alexandra Nechita |
| 2:00p.m. - 5:00p.m. | Exhibition of Selected entries of Art Competition |

Refreshments for On-The-Spot Art Competition sponsored by McDonald's Singapore
*NHB - National Heritage Board

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.

1. The On-The-Spot Art Competition was organized by _____.
 - (1) McDonald's
 - (2) The Istana
 - (3) Singapore Art Museum
 - (4) National Heritage Board

2. What kind of prizes did the participants receive when they won?
 - (1) Cash
 - (2) Trophies
 - (3) Art Materials
 - (4) McDonald's Vouchers

3. In the competition, the children could select to work from _____ themes.
 - (1) one
 - (2) two
 - (3) three
 - (4) four

4. To take part in the On-The-Spot Art Competition, individual participants had to register by _____ on 6 August 2006.
 - (1) 7am
 - (2) 8am
 - (3) 9am
 - (4) 10am

5. Which one of the following statements is TRUE?
 - (1) Winners would receive their prizes by post.
 - (2) Participants need to bring their own drawing block.
 - (3) Only winning entries stand a chance to be exhibited.
 - (4) Only schools and organizations can register before 6 August 2006.

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Section B: Grammar Discrete (7 x 1m = 7m)

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.

6. The children swam _____ the river and reached the other side of it.
- (1) over
 - (2) along
 - (3) across
 - (4) through
7. Most of the furniture _____ on sale at the Central Mall a week from now.
- (1) will be
 - (2) is being
 - (3) has been
 - (4) had been
8. No one could tell it was _____ who walked into the room because of the effective disguise.
- (1) he
 - (2) us
 - (3) me
 - (4) her
9. "If _____ is present, we can start the meeting now," said the Chairman.
- (1) no one
 - (2) anyone
 - (3) someone
 - (4) everyone
10. Mabel looks good in that dress, _____ she?
- (1) isn't
 - (2) hasn't
 - (3) wasn't
 - (4) doesn't

11. "Please give me a call next time if you wish to drop _____ my house," Mrs Tan told her guests.

- (1) in
- (2) by
- (3) out
- (4) upon

12. We're sure that either Sally or Mark _____ going to win the competition.

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

Section C: Punctuation (3 x 1m = 3m)

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.

Alice wanted to talk to Billy before he left.

"Do you want a pie (13) she asked him after a while (14) "No, thanks!" he replied.

"I want to get this stuff in the truck first. You go. I'll meet you in there (15) he said, stuffing his purchases in a bag. He hung a roll of wire over his shoulder and walked back to the truck.

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

14. (1) [:] colon
(2) [,] comma
(3) [.] full stop
(4) [;] semi colon

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

Section D: Vocabulary (5 x 1m = 5m)

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.

16. The injured soldier did not nurse his wound properly, so it became _____.
- (1) septic
 - (2) infectious
 - (3) poisonous
 - (4) contagious
17. The manufacturers will only _____ more of these devices if there is a thriving market for them.
- (1) offer
 - (2) supply
 - (3) provide
 - (4) demand
18. James was _____ to write his own script for the school's play after having watched the theatrical production of "Miss Saigon".
- (1) roused
 - (2) inspired
 - (3) touched
 - (4) influenced
19. Having failed his driving test repeatedly, Kenny felt really _____ and did not want to sign up for any more sessions.
- (1) ejected
 - (2) injected
 - (3) rejected
 - (4) dejected
20. Sally _____ left out details in her recount as she did not want to be blamed for the incident.
- (1) deliberately
 - (2) accidentally
 - (3) unknowingly
 - (4) unintentionally

Section E: Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1m = 5m)

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.

Big Brother and I amused ourselves by wrapping scribbled notes around hard candies, then using rubber-band slings to catapult them across. The day before, an (21) errant missile had unfortunately landed on the bald head of our neighbours' cook, who had rushed over to our house to (22) complain loudly to his counterpart.

Chagrined but defiant, Big Brother (23) stomped into the kitchen with a scowl. Seeing the watery porridge that had just been prepared by our cook on the stove, a thought entered his head. With a smile, Big Brother (24) blithely whipped up all the eggs, added ham and scallions, and made himself a king-sized sixteen-egg omelette.

"You can inform on me all you want!" he told our cook. "But first I'm going to treat myself to a decent breakfast for once, whether *they* approve or not! As for your buddy, that thump on his head will probably stimulate a full head of hair again! He should thank me for doing him a favour!" With that, he sailed into the dining-room with his omelette and emptied his plate with (25) relish; he soon wore a satisfied grin on his face.

Adapted from *Chinese Cinderella: The Secret Story of an Unwanted Daughter* by Adeline Yen Mah.

21. (1) unseemly
(2) uncertain
(3) unpredictable
(4) uncontrollable
22. (1) rant
(2) discuss
(3) console
(4) enthuse
23. (1) plodded
(2) strolled
(3) charged
(4) scrambled
24. (1) nervously
(2) cheerfully
(3) indignantly
(4) impatiently
25. (1) concern
(2) interest
(3) pleasure
(4) concentration

Section F: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1m = 5m)

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

"Master, the house...the house, it's on fire! They were bombing next door and a splinter landed on the upstairs parapet. Master, it is terrible. I came as quickly as I could. It was difficult to get the fire engine. Nothing can stop the blazes now."

Kheng was dumbfounded. He grabbed the nearest chair and collapsed onto it to relieve the weight of his weary body from those jellied legs. Then for the first time in his life, he beat his chest and banged his head against the wall.

"Woe, woe has befallen us all. Dear God, why is this happening to me? Why? Why? Why?" Each question was louder than the previous one. Kheng assembled his senses together and thought for a moment. He had to send someone he trusted and someone capable enough to conduct an on-the-spot survey.

"Ah Seng," he called to the young man as he drew him away from the others. "I have two safes in the office stacked with notes and share certificates. Here is the combination. Salvage every cent and hurry."

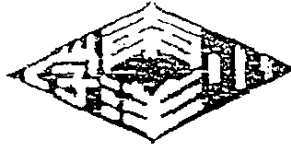
Ah Seng nodded in obedience and gathered a group of manservants to form a force against any eventual looters. Ah Seng and company trudged the entire three miles to what was left of Emerald Hall.

As they neared the scene, billows of smoke were apparent from the glow of the street lamps. Then suddenly, he was in front of heaps and heaps of smouldering concrete and debris. He looked for the house. It should be somewhere here. How was it that he could not recognize the surroundings? He had lived there for the past two years. There was a huge crowd of people around, shouting, pushing and craning their necks to have a better view. Could this be just another fire site along the way? He looked around to confirm his bearings. There was the Supreme Court in front of him, so the heap of concrete and debris behind him had to be Emerald Hall. His hands fell limp to his sides and he murmured in disbelief, "My God! My God!"

Adapted from The Patriarch by Yeap Joo Kim

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.

26. The fire was caused by _____ .
- (1) the bombs which fell into the house
 - (2) a lighted splinter which fell into the house
 - (3) someone lighting a splinter on the parapet
 - (4) someone throwing a lighted splinter into the house
27. When Kheng heard the news of the fire, he _____ .
- (1) was first excited and then felt faint
 - (2) first felt faint and turned speechless afterwards
 - (3) was first speechless and turned hysterical afterwards
 - (4) was first depressed and turned speechless afterwards,
28. Kheng selected Ah Seng to go to Emerald Hall because Ah Seng _____ .
- (1) was a trustworthy servant
 - (2) was able to fight the looters
 - (3) knew where the safes were kept
 - (4) was strong enough to bring the safes back
29. "Ah Seng and company trudged the entire three miles to what was left of Emerald Hall." This tells us that _____ .
- (1) they were lost along the way
 - (2) they got to Emerald Hall very quickly
 - (3) their journey was a long and tiring one
 - (4) they took the longer route to Emerald Hall
30. Ah Seng could not recognize the site of Emerald Hall because _____ .
- (1) he felt limp with disbelief
 - (2) he had only lived there for two years
 - (3) he mistook the Supreme Hall for the burnt site
 - (4) the house was completely burnt to the ground



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PAPER 2: BOOKLET B
TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 h 50 min

Name: _____ ()
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Parent's Signature: _____

Booklet A	/30
Booklet B	/65
Total	/95

PAPER 1 - Writing	/55
PAPER 2 - Language Use & Comprehension	/95
PAPER 3 - Listening Comprehension	/20
PAPER 4 - Oral Communication	/30
TOTAL	/200

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Section G: Grammar Cloze (10 X 1m = 10m)

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40. 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 in order to avoid confusion during marking.

Use each WORD once ONLY

A) through	D) if	G) as	K) whom	N) which
B) he	E) who	H) they	L) for	P) about
C) all	F) of	J) with	M) unless	Q) on

Once two wealthy friends got into a lively argument. One said that to become rich, a man needed to start some money.

The other said that to become rich, a man needed was luck. They decided that they could find an honourable man, he might be able to prove who was right.

One day, while travelling a small village, they noticed a miller was grinding some corn. paused and asked the man his work. The miller told them that he worked a boss and earned only fifty cents a day, with he had to support a family of five.

The friends were surprised. "Are you saying that you can support a family five on only fifteen dollars a month?" one man asked.

"I live modestly to make ends meet," the humble man said.

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Section H: Spelling and Grammar (10 x 1m = 10m)

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

Along the Hudson River lies a small village called Tarrytown. About two

(41)

miles from this village, there is a little valley **hiden** among high hills. It is one of

(42)

(43)

the quiet places in the whole world. The **ocational** whistling of a quail, or the

tapping of a woodpecker, is almost the only sound that ever breaks the

(44)

silent.

(45)

(46)

Because of the **peeseful** nature of the place and drowsy **carakter** of its

(47)

inhabitants, this valley has long been knowing by the name of Sleepy Hollow.

(48)

(49)

A sleepy cloud seemed to hang over the land. Some says that the place was put

(50)

under a spell many years ago. The people **frikuentiy** see visions and hear

voices. The whole place abounds with tales of ghosts and goblins.

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Section I: Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1m = 15m)

In the following passage, there are 15 blanks numbered 56 to 70. Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

The Eskimos live in the frozen lands near the North Pole. Here in the world ~~of ice and snow~~, it is _____ to grow plants for food. In the short summers, the top of the soil thaws a little, but only to a _____ of half a metre or so. The only _____ that can survive the low _____ are a few kinds of grass and moss.

The winters are long, dark and extremely _____. In December, the sun never _____ above the horizon and there are 24 hours of night every day. But in June, the sun never sets and there is no _____ at all.

The Eskimos live by _____ and fishing in these difficult conditions. They hunt _____, walrus and polar bears in winter.

The seal lives in the water under the ice but it must _____ in air. The Eskimos cut holes in the ice and _____ for the seal to come up for _____. They kill the seal by _____ a harpoon. They also fish through _____ in the ice.

Walrus are large sea animals with tusks like _____ of the elephant. The tusks can be made into tools and utensils.

Polar bears are hunted for their fur. Furs and skin are made into clothing, boats and tents.

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Section J: Synthesis/Transformation (5 x 2m = 10m)

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).

66. Roger cannot write in French although he has studied the language for two years.

Despite _____

67. All the girls have donated generously to the charity event.

Each of _____

68. "Do you want to use the telephone?" Sally asked me.

Sally asked _____

69. The luggage will be transported when the customs officers have checked them.

_____ before

70. Derek did not buy the laptop. He was dissatisfied with the salesman's service.

_____ due to

Marks

Section K: Comprehension Open-ended (10 x 2m = 20m)

Read the passage below carefully and answer questions 71 to 80.

I sat down at the hill top to examine my position. I could see all around me for miles. As far as my eyes could see, there was no sign of anyone. In the sky the birds sang – and then I heard that **dreaded noise**.

5 I realized that my position that I had thought so good, might actually be a trap, for there was no shelter anywhere. I sat quite still and **hopeless**, while the aeroplane came, flying high. It began to fly lower and circled round the hill. I could see one of the two men looking at me through his binoculars.

10 Suddenly it began to rise, and then flew rapidly away. My enemies had found me.

There was nowhere to hide. If you were in such a situation, there was only one way of escape: you must stay where you were and let your enemies search the place and not find you.

15 I walked down the hill and at the bend of the road, found a man working on the road. The roadman seemed ill. I saw my **chance** and offered to take his place and do his work. The roadman gladly accepted.

20 Then I set to work to dress for the part. I got my boots and clothes all dirty from the dust of the road. I rubbed dirt onto my face and kicked my boots against the stones until they looked rough enough for any roadman.

25 Just about midday, a big car came down the hill slowly. It passed me, then stopped. Two men got out and walked towards me.

"Good morning," said one of them.

30 I did not look up as they came near, and when he spoke, I straightened my back painfully in the manner of roadmen and looked at them steadily. I saw two pairs of eyes that missed nothing.

"Good morning," I replied.

35 The fat one noticed my boots, and with a word in German, drew the attention of his companion.

40 "You've good taste in boots," he said to me. "These could not have been made by a shoemaker in the countryside."

45 "They were not," I agreed calmly. "They were made in London. They were given to me by a gentleman who came here for a hunting holiday," I lied.

Again the fat one spoke in German. "Let's go. This fellow is all right."

They got into their car and left. I was relieved but I carried on with my work. It was lucky I did so, for about ten minutes later, the car returned, one of the men waving his hand at me. Those people left nothing to chance.

Adapted from a story by Richard Hannay

ANSWER IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. Why did the writer think that his position on the hill top was a good one at first?

72. What was the 'dreaded noise' (line 3)?

73. Why did the writer feel hopeless? (line 5)

74. How did he know that he had been spotted by his enemies?

75. What does 'chance' (line 14) refer to?

76. What was the writer's purpose in dirtying his face, clothes and boots?

77. How did the writer give the two men the impression that he was engrossed in doing his work?

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78. Which sentence in the passage indicates that the two men were sharp and alert?

79. Why was the fat German suspicious of the writer?

80. How can we tell that the two men did not entirely believe what the writer had said?

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Answer Sheets

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3	1	2	3	4	3	1	1	4	4
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
2	3	3	3	1	1	2	2	4	1
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
4	1	3	2	3	2	3	1	3	4
Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
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| 41 | hidden | 46 | character | 51 | impossible | 56 | rises | 61 | wait |
| 42 | quietest | 47 | known | 52 | depth | 57 | night | 62 | air |
| 43 | occasional | 48 | seems | 53 | plants | 58 | hunting | 63 | shooting |
| 44 | silence | 49 | say | 54 | temperature | 59 | seals | 64 | holes |
| 45 | peaceful | 50 | frequently | 55 | cold | 60 | breathe | 65 | those |

66. Despite studying French for two years, Roger cannot write in the language.
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71. He had a good view of his surrounding and could see anyone approaching spot his enemy easily.
72. It was the sound of an aeroplane flying past.
73. There was not shelter anywhere for him to hide from his enemies.
74. He could see the man in the aeroplane looking at him through his binoculars.
75. It refers to the writer avoid being captured by his enemies.
76. He did that to make himself look more like a roadman.
77. He continued to work when they approached him.
78. The sentence is "I saw two pairs of eyes that missed nothing."
79. The boots the writer was wearing was not made by a countryside shoemaker.
80. They came back ten minutes later to check on him.