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Anglo-Chinese School (Junior)/
Anglo-Chinese School (Primary)

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2014
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2 (BOOKLET A)
PRIMARY SIX

Name:_____ ( ) **Class: Primary 6** ___

Date: 19 August 2014 **Duration of paper: 1h 50 min**

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. This question paper consists of **9** printed pages.
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Read the advertisement below and answer questions 1 to 5.

Muffins Mania



Re-opening of our outlet
at Raffles Quay Mall
on
1 August 2014



After a month of renovation, we are back with a fresh new look and new muffin flavours!

New additions to our menu!

- *Apple Strudel Muffins*
- *Flourless Chocolate Muffins*
- *Sugar-free Oatmeal-Raisin Muffins*

For every purchase, participate in our lucky draw on 1 August and stand a chance to win ***18 Cupcakes*** cash vouchers!

No minimum purchase required.
Prizes sponsored by Raffles Quay Mall.

First 30 customers to spend $50 & above on 1 August will get a chance to bake Red Velvet Muffins free of charge!

Details of baking class
Venue: MuffinsMania (Holland City)
Date: 20 August 2014
Time: 9.00 to 11.00 a.m.



As part of our second anniversary celebration, all the proceeds on 1 September will go to Rise Sun Orphanage.

BEAT THE LUNCH CROWD! The first 10 customers to patronise our café between 12 noon and 2 p.m. will receive a complimentary cup of coffee or tea.



This offer is valid only till the end of August.

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From questions 1 to 5, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). (5 marks)

1 The re-opening of Muffins Mania (Raffles Quay Mall) is on _____.

1) 1 August
2) 30 August
3) 31 August
4) 1 September

2 If Jenny is one of the participants for the baking class, she _____.

1) has to pay $50 on 1 August
2) will bake Flourless Chocolate Muffins during the class
3) will attend it on the same day she makes her purchases
4) has to make her way to Muffins Mania (Holland City) for the class

3 Benny is the third customer to arrive at Muffins Mania (Raffles Quay Mall) at 12.30 p.m. on 1 September. He will _____.

1) be able to join the baking class
2) receive 18 Cupcakes cash vouchers
3) contribute towards Rise Sun Orphanage
4) receive a complimentary cup of coffee or tea

4 Which of the following statements is **true**?

1) Red Velvet is a new addition to the menu.
2) Cash vouchers are sponsored by Raffles Quay Mall.
3) Arif can take part in the lucky draw if he spends $15 on 2 August.
4) Muffins Mania (Raffles Quay Mall) was closed because of a change in location.

5 The **main** aim of the advertisement is to _____.

1) raise funds for Rise Sun Orphange
2) introduce Muffins Mania (Raffles Quay Mall)
3) give all customers a chance to bake muffins at Muffins Mania (Holland City)
4) announce that Muffins Mania (Raffles Quay Mall) has resumed its operations

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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 "Phoebe, like her brothers, _____ always late for school," complains the teacher.

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

7 Mother is very conscious of her weight and tries to cut _____ her calorie intake.

1) off
2) out
3) away
4) down

8 The woman _____ child was lost cried hysterically.

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

9 We saw a suspicious-looking man _____ over the school gate just now.

1) climb
2) climbs
3) climbed
4) was climbing

10 _____ Mother gives her permission, we will not be able to watch the movie.

1) If
2) While
3) Since
4) Unless

11 Charmaine hardly ever hands in her assignments on time, _____ she?

1) did
2) does
3) didn't
4) doesn't

12 Teddy _____ a rope around the pole and tied a dead knot.

1) winds
2) wound
3) is winding
4) was wound

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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)

A famous scientist was on his way to a lecture in yet another university when his chauffeur offered an idea.

"Hey (13) Boss, I've heard your speech so many times I bet I could deliver it and give you the night off."

"Sounds great (14) the scientist exclaimed.

When they arrived at the auditorium, the scientist put on the chauffeur's hat and settled into the back row. The chauffeur walked to the lecture hall and delivered the speech. After his lecture, he asked if there were any questions.

"Yes," said one professor. He then launched into a highly technical question. The chauffeur was panic-stricken for a moment but quickly recovered.

"That's an easy one," he replied (15) In fact, it's so easy, I'm going to let my chauffeur answer it!"

Adapted from *www.jokes4us.com*

13
1) [-] dash
2) [:] colon
3) [,] comma
4) [?] question mark

14
1) [,"] comma and inverted commas
2) [."] full-stop and inverted commas
3) [?"] question mark and inverted commas
4) [!"] exclamation mark and inverted commas

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

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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 Ken volunteers at an animal shelter every Sunday as he feels _____ about abandoned animals.

1) strongly
2) faithfully
3) especially
4) convincingly

17 Mariam did not get the job she applied for as she did not have the necessary _____ for the job.

1) admissions
2) associations
3) reservations
4) qualifications

18 The experienced dentist operated on the patient with a _____ hand.

1) static
2) sturdy
3) steady
4) staunch

19 "You have been spending too much money recently. You will need to _____ your excessive spending," Mr Lim warned his son.

1) curb
2) grasp
3) pause
4) refrain

20 Kelvin _____ to his Mathematics teacher who always encourages him to do well in his examinations.

1) looks up
2) looks out
3) looks down
4) looks forward

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

The Rubik's Cube finally reached its 40th anniversary this year. It was **(21) invented** in 1974 by a Hungarian architecture professor, Erno Rubik, with the **(22) intention** of helping his students understand three-dimensional geometry better. He finally ended up creating a famous cubical **(23) form** with different colours.

Rubik later discovered that realigning the colours to match all six sides of the Rubik's Cube was **(24) complex**. He was unsure if he would be able to return his invention to its original position. **(25) Nevertheless**, he was determined in working out a solution. Within a month, he managed to get the cubic puzzle solved. Since then, more than 350 million cubes have been sold making it one of the best-selling toys of all time.

Adapted from *Rubik's Cube 40th Anniversary* by Luke Villapaz

21
1) founded
2) obtained
3) enforced
4) contrived

22
1) plot
2) policy
3) pretext
4) purpose

23
1) style
2) scheme
3) structure
4) silhouette

24
1) twisted
2) entangled
3) intertwined
4) complicated

25
1) Soon
2) However
3) Eventually
4) Alternatively

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Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow it.

By the last week of summer holidays, sixteen-year-old Robin was bored and grumpy. He had nothing to do but sleep or watch TV in his small house in Sweden and thus was eager to start college in a few days. Robin had one ambition all his life - to be a policeman. His father was quietly furious at the way Robin lazed around while there were household chores to be done. However, he did not want to start a fight and suggested, "Do you want to go sailing for a few days?"

"Cool," Robin said eagerly. "Let me arrange for some food and drinks!"

The next morning, the breeze was strong but safe enough to sail. As always, the 6.7 metre cruising yacht attracted surprised looks from passengers in passing boats as Leif was steering the boat with only one arm. He had lost his left arm in a motorcycle accident when he was 20. However, that did not stop him from fulfilling his dream to sail around the world.

During the trip, it struck Leif that Robin was old enough to become a real crewmember instead of a passenger. Leif began explaining how they could find their position on the map using a hand-held GPS. Just when the boat reached the open sea, Robin felt queasy and stretched out on a bunk. Gazing at his snoozing son, Leif was preoccupied with thoughts of how Robin would make it in life, let alone become a policeman.

At 10.30 p.m., Leif found the boat struggling into bad weather. The wind was stronger than the forecast. Recovered from his seasickness, Robin used the hand-held GPS to help them navigate through the impending storm. Soon, the wind became so strong that the whole mast was rocking vigorously. It was threatening to topple over and that could punch a hole in the boat.

Leif panicked. Instead of turning the boat away from the wind, he made a **bad decision**. "I have to fix it," he said. Leif chided himself when he remembered he had not brought his tool box. "Go look for some tools, Robin!" he ordered.

Robin's hunt for any useful tools was interrupted by a desperate scream. "Robin! Help me! I'm in the water!"

Robin frantically scanned the dark sea. "Dad, what shall I do?" Robin shouted.

Struggling to turn the boat, Robin heard his father's words. "Telephone...!" Robin grabbed Leif's mobile phone and tapped the emergency number. The call could not go through. The battery of the mobile phone was still full but they were too far from Sweden to get a signal.

Then, the sail collapsed. Remembering his lessons a few hours earlier, Robin managed to control the boat. Helpless, he wondered, "I cannot just abandon my father."

Robin gazed at the screen of the GPS. Zooming out, he saw the coast of Sweden come into picture and that made up his mind. He swung the boat around, heading east towards Sweden. He took the mobile phone out of his pocket and checked the screen. The signal bars were finally visible. He alerted the emergency authorities immediately.

Soon, a helicopter and rescue boats were in sight. "We have to save my father!" Robin pleaded. Nearly an hour later, rescue boats managed to save Leif.

At the hospital the next day, rescue teams praised Robin's self-control and his courageous decision to turn for help. Leif said, "Robin is a wonderful kid who has grown up after last night's incident - and I am sure he will make a great policeman."

Adapted from *Dad's Overboard!* by John Dyson

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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 According to the first paragraph, which of the following statements about Robin is **true**?
He _____.

1) had no ambition
2) had a laid-back attitude
3) was not enthusiastic about college
4) was eager to help out with the household chores

27 The cruising yacht attracted attention from passengers in passing boats as _____.

1) it was huge and splendid
2) a disabled person was steering it
3) Robin was too young to steer a yacht
4) the weather was not suitable for sailing

28 According to lines 11- 19, what was the main reason which caused the boat to lose control?

1) There was a hole in the yacht.
2) The whole mast suddenly collapsed.
3) There were unexpected strong winds.
4) Robin had fallen asleep while in charge of it.

29 What does the "bad decision" in line 20 refer to?

1) forgetting to bring along a tool box
2) fixing the unstable mast of the boat
3) asking Robin to look for useful tools
4) turning the boat away from the wind

30 Which one of the following best describes what the passage is about?

1) How to operate a yacht
2) A life-changing experience at sea
3) A description of possible dangers at sea
4) Steps to take while facing an emergency at sea

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PRIMARY SIX

Name: _____ ( ) **Class: Primary 6** ____

Date: 19 August 2014 **Duration of paper: 1h 50 min**

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Answer all questions.

1. Composition	**55**	
2. Language Use & Comprehension	**95**	
2.1 OAS (Booklet A)	30	
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2.3 Editing (Spelling & Grammar)	10	
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3. Listening Comprehension	**20**	
4. Oral Communication	**30**	
Total	**200**	

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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)	after	(D)	from	(G)	out	(K)	though	(N)	until
(B)	but	(E)	in	(H)	over	(L)	to	(P)	which
(C)	for	(F)	into	(J)	that	(M)	up	(Q)	with

Until I was seven, it had never occurred _____ (31) me that not being able to hear from my left ear was something odd. My parents thought I had selective hearing as I turned _____ (32) at the dining table when meals were served but never heard them when they called me to help _____ (33) with the household chores. Actually, it was not my parents' voices _____ (34) the aroma of the food which brought me to the table.

The discovery _____ (35) I was deaf in one ear was made during a health check in school. I remember telling the nurse there was no need to test my hearing in both ears. She smiled and carried on, humming happily _____ (36) she realised that I could not hear even the softest of sounds _____ (37) my left ear. She then gave me a worried look.

After a hospital visit and a confirmation _____ (38) the doctor, my parents were naturally upset. From then on, I pushed myself to get _____ (39) the handicap and excel in my studies. My family and friends continue to shower me _____ (40) love, and I am thankful for that.

Adapted from *Chicken Soup for the Singapore Soul*

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For each word in **bold**, write the correct spelling of the word in the box. For each underlined word, write the correct grammatical form of the word in the box. (10 marks)

(41) [ ]

Here is a report of a rather unusual break-in. Police are investigating how an **introoder**

(42) [ ]

breached the walls of the Tower of London and stole a set of keys from the tourist **ertraktion**

(43) [ ]

and home of the crown jewels. Locks to the rooms in the Tower has been changed and an

(44) [ ]

investigation is underway. This happened after a man was caught trespassed in the early hours

(45) [ ] (46) [ ]

one morning and **eskorted** from the premises. The stolen keys did not provide **aksess** to

the Tower itself, Historic Royal Palaces said in a statement, but admitted that there had been

(47) [ ]

a lapse in secure.

(48) [ ]

The Tower was built with William the Conqueror in the 1080s and has been used by British

(49) [ ]

royalty as a home and a prison for traitors. The Tower is **tradeshenally** guarded by men, known

as Yeoman Warders (nicknamed "Beefeaters"), former members of the British armed forces

(50) [ ]

which elaborate scarlet and gold tunics are one of the best known symbols of the capital.

Adapted from *http://mobile.reuters.com/article/topNews/idUSBRE8AC0P620121113?i=6&irpc=932*

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

The pyramids of Egypt are among the wonders of the ancient world. Many were built as tombs for the Egyptian (51)_____, or kings. The pharaohs were considered to (52)_____ gods living on earth, so their tombs had to be very special places.

The greatest Egyptian pyramid is the Great Pyramid of Khufu, (53)_____ more than 4,500 years ago. The Great Pyramid is (54)_____ of three pyramids set along the Nile River at Giza. It was built to hold the remains of Khufu, a pharaoh who (55)_____ Egypt for twenty-three years, beginning in 2589 B.C. The pyramid is around 160 metres tall with sides that (56)_____ approximately 250 metres long at the base. It is one of the largest structures (57)_____ built.

The Egyptians built the pyramids out of giant stone blocks that (58)_____ several thousand kilograms each. This stone came from rock quarries many kilometres away. It had to be floated down the Nile on boats (59)_____ then moved into place using logs, levers and pulleys. This took enormous (60)_____! As many as twenty thousand workers helped build the Great Pyramid for a period (61)_____ twenty years.

The Egyptians also built temples near the pyramids. They believed that the pharaohs' spirits travelled (62)_____ the earth and the heavens and that it continued to (63)_____ over them and help them in their lives. To nourish the pharaohs' spirits, they (64)_____ the temples and tombs with valuable objects. This wealth attracted thieves, however, who (65)_____ the tombs, even in ancient times. Until today, many of the valuables have yet to be recovered.

Adapted from *The Egyptian Pyramids* by Houghton Mifflin

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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 If you practise hard, you will perform well on Friday night.

Unless _____

_____

67 Jacob signed up for the squash tournament. Then, he sought his father's permission.

Before _____

_____

68 "The boy ran away before I could record his name," said the prefect.

The prefect said that _____

_____

69 Ali is anxious over every small matter and this causes him to frown all the time.

Ali's _____

_____.

70 As soon as the boy finished lunch, he started feeling hungry again.

No sooner had _____

_____

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Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

When I woke up that day after the storm, I was lying on the floor feeling sore in my ribs. The hard floor hurt my bruised skull, and my hands and legs felt stiff. One brother, Gerry, shifted where he was sitting above me. The other, Dylan, sat on the stern with pursed lips, gazing into the gently moving water. **The three of us were rarely this silent around each other, but now we were.**

"We'd better start loading the boat," I said, knowing that someone had to take charge of the situation.

Our ship was stuck on a small cluster of rocks about a hundred metres from a small island. All around us for thousands of empty kilometres was the glittering ocean. The island had rough cliffs that looked as if they were still crumbling day by day into the sea. I sighed in hopelessness.

A good part of the ship still remained in the sea, so we could not see what the problem underneath was. All we knew was that water was slowly but surely seeping into the cabin. Someday, the weight of the water would cause the ship to slide backwards and sink to the bottom of the sea, and we did not want to be sailing in the middle of the ocean when that happened.

Water, food, dry matches, can openers, blankets and other necessities all went onto the boat and we set off. Gerry was reluctant to leave the toys Father had made for him behind, but we had no choice. Since the island seemed to slope downwards toward the north, that was the direction we headed in. The waves were too high for a smooth ride in a small boat, but they were nothing compared to the huge waves of the storm. We travelled straight into **them**, ploughing up their fronts and splashing down their backs.

As we rounded the corner of the island, we held our breaths as a white and perfect beach came into view. We could land on the island! Our boat slid onto the sand gently and we got out to pull it further inland in case the tide rose at night.

We picked a spot on the edge of the beach just under the shade of some trees and worked together to set up a tent. The pegs to anchor the edges of the tent were missing, however, so we used bags of sand instead. The life jackets were placed inside the tent to make our heads comfortable when we slept.

The last thing we did on that very first day was to put up our signal for help. Dylan and I knew what we were doing, but we did not want to let Gerry know the reason behind our actions as we did not want him to panic. We did not have many supplies and would be in serious trouble if help did not come soon. Instead, we just told him we needed more shade. We chose the most brightly-coloured sail and tied it high in the trees such that it cast a large triangle of shade in the afternoon sun. From the sky, the sail would be waving like a giant signal flag to anyone who flew over.

After all that was done, I laid down for a moment and closed my eyes, feeling like I had aged way beyond my years.

Adapted from *The Great Wide Sea* by M.H. Herlong

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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71 In which two places was the writer injured when he woke up?

_____

_____

72 What does the sentence in lines 4 and 5, "The three of us were rarely this silent around each other, but now we were," suggest about how the brothers usually interacted?

_____

_____

73 Which three-word phrase from lines 6-11 indicates that the writer was in despair?

_____

_____

74 Give two reasons why the three boys could not stay on the ship.

_____

_____

75 What does "them" in Line 21 refer to?

_____

_____

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76 Why did the brothers need to pull the boat further inland?

_____

_____

77 Give two examples of how the boys were able to make do with what they had with them on the island.

_____

_____

78 Which two pieces of information show that Gerry was the youngest among the boys?

_____

_____

79 Why did the boys choose to use the most brightly-coloured sail for their signal?

_____

_____

80 What did the writer mean when he said "I had aged way beyond my years" in the last paragraph?

_____

_____

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Q2	4	Q22	4	Q42	attraction	Q62	between
Q3	3	Q23	3	Q43	have	Q63	watch
Q4	2	Q24	4	Q44	trespassing	Q64	filled
Q5	4	Q25	2	Q45	escorted	Q65	looted
Q6	1	Q26	2	Q46	access		
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Q78 He was reluctant to leave the toys Father had made for him and the other two brothers did not want him to panic.

Q79 The sail would be like a signal flag to anyone who flew over.

Q80 He matured.

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