NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL
PRELIMARY EXAMINATION 2016
ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PRIMARY 6

PAPER 2: BOOKLET A

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

Name: _____ ( ) Pr 6 ( )

There are a total of 80 questions – 28 MCQ and 52 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.**

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

1. "Mei Li, you _____ that book since this morning. Put it down now and take a break," said Mother.

   (1) are reading
   (2) were reading
   (3) will be reading
   (4) have been reading

2. "He'll join us for dinner tonight, _____?" Mrs Devi asked.

   (1) won't he
   (2) couldn't he
   (3) wouldn't he
   (4) shouldn't he

3. A police officer saw the thief _____ along the street and gave chase immediately.

   (1) ran
   (2) runs
   (3) running
   (4) was running

4. "Everything displayed on the shelves _____ to be removed by tomorrow," the manager instructed.

   (1) has
   (2) had
   (3) have
   (4) having

5. That mathematics question was very challenging, but Mr Tan made it _____ like an easy one when he was solving it.

   (1) seem
   (2) seems
   (3) seemed
   (4) seemingly

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6. Of the fifty pupils who have _____ a member of our book club, ten of them have yet to pay their membership fees.

(1) become
(2) became
(3) becomes
(4) becoming

7. The poachers armed themselves with weapons of various kinds and set off in search _____ exotic wild animals.

(1) of
(2) for
(3) with
(4) over

8. Not _____ effort is needed to prepare meals these days because pre-packed food is readily available.

(1) few
(2) little
(3) much
(4) many

9. "Could something have happened to Jane? It is already 2.30 pm. She _____ be here by now," said Susan.

(1) will
(2) shall
(3) would
(4) should

10. Jay could not manage ten push-ups _____ hard he tried.

(1) lest
(2) despite
(3) however
(4) regardless

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

11. It was thanks to the _____ of a neighbour that the fire which broke out in Mr Ong's house was discovered before it could spread.

    (1) duty
    (2) chivalry
    (3) tenacity
    (4) vigilance

12. To the _____ of my knowledge, Yusof Ishak was our first president.

    (1) best
    (2) most
    (3) fullest
    (4) earliest

13. It was obvious that he was lying because his statement _____ what he had mentioned earlier on.

    (1) verified
    (2) exposed
    (3) complicated
    (4) contradicted

14. Hong Kong is a _____ populated country. People live in crowded conditions.

    (1) closely
    (2) densely
    (3) scarcely
    (4) sparsely

15. After putting it off for weeks, Jacob finally _____ painting his bedroom.

    (1) got by with
    (2) got ahead in
    (3) got around to
    (4) got together with

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For each question from 16 to 20, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS). (5 X 1 mark)

From 15 March 2016, the skeleton of a sperm whale goes on display at the Lee Kong Chian Natural History Museum. The exhibit was <u>unveiled</u> (16) at the official launch of the Jubilee Whale Exhibit. Other than marvel at the sheer size of the marine mammal, <u>visitors</u> (17) to the museum can also learn more about its biology, the threats it <u>encounters</u> (18), and the story of its discovery. The skeleton was preserved and mounted in just eight months. "We have <u>expedited</u> (19) the process through very hard work. It was no mean feat and it did not come cheap," said the museum's head, Professor Peter Ng. The museum has <u>raised</u> (20) about $1.3 million for scientific and educational efforts related to the sperm whale carcass. It was nicknamed Jubi Lee by staff at the museum, as it had been found during the nation's Golden Jubilee year.

16. (1) revealed
    (2) disclosed
    (3) displayed
    (4) unearthed

17. (1) clients
    (2) guests
    (3) tourists
    (4) customers

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18. (1) faces
(2) endures
(3) sustains
(4) engages

19. (1) reduced
(2) simplified
(3) enhanced
(4) quickened

20. (1) seized
(2) earned
(3) obtained
(4) increased

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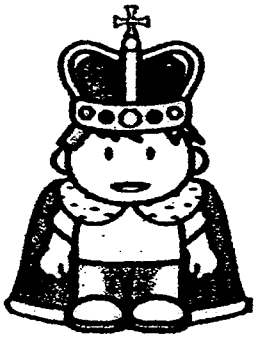
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Study this flyer carefully and then answer questions 21 to 28. **(8 X 1 mark)**

The Rise of the King

A FUNDRAISING MUSICAL PERFORMANCE



"The Rise of the King" is a simple yet touching story of how a selfish young prince loses his kingdom. After learning what it means to share and care for others, he reclaims his land and returns as king. Join Prince Alex as he embarks on a journey of self-discovery and learns what it takes to be a benevolent ruler.

-Produced in collaboration with *Alpha Drama Company*

-Directed by *Benjamin Foo*

-Based on the children's novel "The King's Pride" written by *Melody Lee*

-Original music and lyrics by *Amber Su*

All proceeds from musical ticket sales will go to aid the work of Sunshine Charity.

Venue: Star Theatre
10 Media Drive
Singapore 142010

Date: 10 to 16 October 2016

Showtime: 2 pm and 8 pm (additional show at 4 pm on Saturday and Sunday)

Ticket price:
$80 (adult)
$30 (children aged 12 and below)

Tickets are available for sale at the ticket office outside Star Theatre. Call 6254 5254 to purchase tickets in advance.

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Fringe Activities



Meet-and-Greet

Meet your favourite characters from the musical after the show. Have a picture taken with them on stage for free! Admission is limited to the first 50 ticket holders per show on a first come, first served basis.

Souvenir Booth

Handmade craft items are available for sale outside the theatre. Pick your favourite items and donate whatever amount you wish.



ABOUT SUNSHINE CHARITY

Sunshine Charity was founded by Mr and Mrs Paul Chia. The couple grew up in impoverished conditions and understood what it was like for families who barely made enough money to make ends meet. They both promised themselves that they would give back to society one day should they become more well-to-do.

Since 2007, Sunshine Charity has been raising funds through various events. **These** have been channelled to support needy children and adolescents islandwide. Its objective of ensuring that children of school-going age receive proper education, shelter and health care is met through the generosity of donors and support from volunteer workers.

In conjunction with its tenth anniversary celebration, a fundraising musical event will be held. When asked about why Sunshine Charity had chosen to raise funds by staging a musical, Mr Chia said, "The audience will get to enjoy a quality show together and learn a thing or two from Prince Alex about sharing and caring. They also get to contribute to a good cause. It's more than killing two birds with one stone!"

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21. The Rise of the King is a story about _____.

(1) music and lyrics written by Amber Su
(2) the discovery of a new king in a kingdom
(3) how a young prince matures into a kind king
(4) how funds can be raised through a musical performance

22. Based on the flyer, which one of the following statements is <u>not</u> true?

(1) The musical will be staged at Star Theatre.
(2) Alpha Drama Company is involved in the production of the musical.
(3) Two shows will be staged daily during the week-long run of the musical.
(4) There are two ways through which people can purchase tickets to watch the musical.

23. Besides buying a ticket for the musical, Suzy could help raise funds for Sunshine Charity by _____.

(1) calling 6254 5254 to make a donation
(2) attending the Meet-and-Greet session
(3) purchasing items from the Souvenir Booth
(4) joining Prince Alex on stage for the musical performance

24. Sunshine Charity _____.

(1) is located at 10 Media Drive
(2) helps people contribute to a good cause
(3) specializes in raising funds through staging musicals
(4) was started by a couple who came from poor families

25. _____ are the beneficiaries of the fundraising event.

(1) Mr and Mrs Paul Chia
(2) Benjamin Foo and Melody Lee
(3) Volunteers at Sunshine Charity
(4) Needy children of school-going age

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26. "These" in "About Sunshine Charity" refers to _____.

(1) the funds raised by Sunshine Charity
(2) the years over which Sunshine Charity has raised funds
(3) the various events through which Sunshine Charity raises funds
(4) the needy children and adolescents supported by Sunshine Charity

27. What did Mr Chia mean when he said "It's more than killing two birds with one stone"?

(1) He would be able to give back to society together with his wife.
(2) People who watch the musical will benefit from it in various ways.
(3) Many children would benefit from the funds raised through the musical.
(4) Sunshine Charity would receive more donations and more support from volunteer workers.

28. The main aim of the flyer is to _____.

(1) promote the children's novel "The King's Pride"
(2) teach people the importance of sharing and caring
(3) encourage people to volunteer at Sunshine Charity
(4) inform people about the fundraising musical performance

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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	**/28**
Booklet B	**/67**
Total	**/95**

Any query on marks awarded should be raised by 6 September 2016. We seek your understanding in this matter as any delay in the confirmation of marks will lead to delays in the generation of results.

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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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 x 1m)**

Use each WORD once ONLY

A)	and	D)	between	G)	in	K)	of	N)	the
B)	are	E)	by	H)	is	L)	such	P)	will
C)	because	F)	have	J)	other	M)	than	Q)	with

Are you a breakfast eater or a breakfast skipper? If you have been skipping breakfast, you may be doing your body more harm _____ **(29)** good. Some studies have shown that skipping breakfast is associated _____ **(30)** the prevalence of obesity. While studies have yet to show a consistent link _____ **(31)** eating breakfast and body weight, one of the hypotheses given is that although breakfast skippers miss the calories from breakfast, it might be compensated through food eaten at _____ **(32)** times during the day.

Breakfast eaters tend to _____ **(33)** normal body weight. They are less likely to overeat and their calorie intake _____ **(34)** more evenly distributed throughout the day. Breakfast skippers usually choose food that is readily available around them, _____ **(35)** as food from vending machines and fast food restaurants when hunger pangs strike later _____ **(36)** the day. This leads to unwise food choices _____ **(37)** poor diet quality in breakfast skippers.

With adequate nutrients from breakfast, breakfast eaters _____ **(38)** have better concentration. They may even be more efficient workers throughout the day.

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Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes. **(12 x 1m)**

Singapore's first market was located at the south bank of the Singapore River. The **(39)** [ ] simple timber and attap building that rested on timber foundations were not sturdy enough **(40)** [ ] to face the elements. When the government aquired that land in 1823, the market was moved to Telok Ayer Street.

Architect George Coleman conceptualized an octagonal building with **(41)** [ ] **(42)** [ ] ornamentle columns at the entrance. This market opened in 1838 and stood for 1879, **(43)** [ ] when it had to be demolished for land recalaimation. In 1894, Engineer James MacRitchie **(44)** [ ] **(45)** [ ] designed the new building. Adopted Coleman's original design, MacRitchie retain its essential shape but added a graceful clock tower and cast-iron supports. **(46)** [ ]

By the early 1970s, the area around Telok Ayer Market had develop into a busy **(47)** [ ] commercial district with sparkeling new skyscrapers. In 1986, it was closed to make way for a new Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) line. Telok Ayer Market was reconstructed for the last **(48)** [ ] time in the late 1980s, when tuneling work for the MRT was completed. The latest building **(49)** [ ] remains true to MacRitchie's and Coleman's designs and the cast-iron supports had been reinstated.

Renamed Lau Pa Sat, the old market reopened in 1991 as a food court catering **(50)** [ ] scrumtuous local food to office workers and tourists. It is today the grande dame of markets in Singapore.

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Marks

Fill in each blank with a suitable word. **(15 x 1m)**

Kites were invented in China, where materials suitable for kite building were readily available. The silk fabric was found to be _____ **(51)** for making the sail of a kite. It is _____ **(52)** a lightweight material and an aesthetically pleasing one.

The _____ **(53)** known Chinese kites were flat and often rectangular. Kites fitted with whistles can even make musical _____ **(54)**. From China, kites were introduced to other _____ **(55)** in Asia. In India, the kite further _____ **(56)** into the fighter kite, known as the patang. In Polynesia, kites made from cloth and wood were used in religious _____ **(57)** to send prayers to the gods.

Kites were brought _____ **(58)** by sailors from Europe and the western world to their home countries in the 16th and 17th centuries. Although they were initially _____ **(59)** as mere curiosities, by the 18th and 19th centuries, kites were being _____ **(60)** as vehicles for scientific research. For example, the kite played an instrumental _____ **(61)** in the research of the Wright brothers when they were developing the first airplane in the late 1800s.

Over the next 70 _____ **(62)**, many new kite designs were created. These _____ **(63)** the flexible kite, the sled kite, and the parafoil kite. In _____ **(64)**, the period from 1860 to about 1910 became the "golden age of kiting". Kites were even employed in the fields of meteorology, aeronautics and photography. The development of the airplane, however, diminished people's _____ **(65)** in kites. Today, kites mainly serve a recreational purpose.

Marks

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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). **(5 x 2m)**

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66. "Don't go to the park after school because you have a test tomorrow," Mrs Lee told Ann.

Mrs Lee told Ann that she was not _____

_____

67. He was surprised that his mother appeared suddenly at the sports meet.

His mother's _____

_____

68. Mr Tan explained the concept thoroughly. I understand it now.

_____ because of

_____

69. It can be very stressful to work all day without taking a break.

Working _____

_____

70. The salesgirl assisted me. I was able to get a copy of the book that was out of print.

With _____

_____

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Marks

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Read this passage and answer questions 71 to 80. **(20m)**

Dawan approached the house haltingly. She heard the familiar sounds of her mother singing tunelessly to the baby, and of chickens clucking as they pecked the dirt underneath the stilts of the house. Her grandmother was sitting on a tree stump, tired and dignified looking, sprinkling millet for the chickens and watching Dawan's father repair the chicken coop.

"Has Kwai been home yet, Grandma?" Dawan asked, carefully putting down her school books on a low workbench.

The old woman was about to answer when Dawan's mother walked out onto the veranda above them, her baby balanced comfortably on one hip. She called down to her daughter, "That brother of yours! I don't know what he's up to now! He was here just a few minutes ago, but rushed away again. Probably playing in the fields again. And he promised me he'd cut me some bamboo shoots for dinner too!" She shifted the baby up on her hip, then continued, "Dawan, will you be a good girl and help me to ..."

But Dawan was not listening anymore. She gazed towards the fields at her brother sitting under a tall tree and sighed.

"Child, is there anything wrong?" asked her sharp-eyed grandmother.

Dawan sifted fine grains of dust through her toes, pulled at her earlobes, scratched her knee, shifted her weight from one foot to the other, refusing all the while to look at her grandmother.

Her father became impatient and grunted, "Well, Dawan, what is it?"

Dawan glanced over at him and suddenly noticed that the big pile of rice sacks that they had bought was gone. The landlord's men had taken everything away already. Her heart sank. They only had one sack of rice left for the rest of the month. Her father was **in an even worse mood than usual**. She tried to speak, but her fear chained down her words.

Staring at a shiny puddle by the big rain barrel, she finally spoke, "You know that prize that the government gives out after the big examination?" Even without looking up, she could sense her father stiffen; **this** meant so much to him too. "Well, the best student," she glanced quickly at her father's unsmiling face and stuttered, "or, at least the one who happens to get the best marks, well, wins the prize and gets to go to the City and continue to..."

"I know all that," Dawan's father snapped. "What about it?"

In the pause that followed, a tiny green frog hopped out of the puddle and onto the dust, its bright eyes blinking at Dawan. The little frog looked so determined and eager that Dawan found strength in it and continued, "I won the prize. I can go to the City and study some more now." She stole another glance at her father. "Can't I?... Please, can I?"

"And Kwai? What about Kwai? He won nothing?" Her father's voice was rough, and yet tinged with a hard wonder. Dawan sensed the **pain** in her father and dared not look directly into his eyes.

"There is only one prize," she whispered.

Dawan looked timidly at her father, and this time their eyes met and interlocked. There was a long pause, then he spat out, "You took your own brother's chance away from him!" He flung down the hammer he had been holding and stalked away to the rice-fields.

(Adapted from Sing to the Dawn, Minfong Ho)

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

Do not write in this space.

_____ Father stopped repairing the chicken coop.

_____ Kwai arrived home from school.

_____ Dawan approached the house.

72. What did Mother want Dawan to help her with? [2m]

_____

_____

73. Why did Grandmother ask Dawan if there was anything wrong? [2m]

_____

_____

74. What did Dawan do to show that she was nervous? State two of these actions. [2m]

(i) _____

(ii) _____

75. In line 24, why was Dawan's father "in an even worse mood than usual"? [2m]

_____

_____

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76. Which four-word phrase from lines 21 to 25 shows that it was difficult for Dawan to tell her family about the news? [1m]

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77. What does '**this**' in line 28 refer to? [1m]

78. Based on the story, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

	True/False	Reason
Dawan rushed home bursting with excitement.		
Dawan caught her father's attention when she mentioned the prize of the big examination.		
Dawan's mother allowed Kwai to play in the fields.		

79. Why did Dawan's father feel 'pain' in line 38? [2m]

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80. Find words from lines 32 to 43 which have the **same meaning** as the word(s) in the boxes. Use **one** word for each box. [4m]

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a brief look	
harsh	
threw with force	
strode	

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EXAM PAPER 2016

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Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
4	1	3	3	1	1	1	3	4	3
Q11	**Q12**	**Q13**	**Q14**	**Q15**	**Q16**	**Q17**	**Q18**	**Q19**	**Q20**
2	1	4	2	3	1	2	1	4	3
Q21	**Q22**	**Q23**	**Q24**	**Q25**	**Q26**	**Q27**	**Q28**	**Q29**	**Q30**
3	3	3	4	4	1	2	4	M	Q
Q31	**Q32**	**Q33**	**Q34**	**Q35**	**Q36**	**Q37**	**Q38**		
D	J	F	H	L	G	A	P		

Q39	Q40	Q41	Q42	Q43	Q44	Q45
was	acquired	ornamental	until	reclamation	Adopting	retained
Q46	**Q47**	**Q48**	**Q49**	**Q50**		
developed	sparkling	tunneling	have	scrumptious		

Q51	Q52	Q53	Q54	Q55	Q56	Q57	
best	born	first	sounds	countries	evolved	practices	
Q58	**Q59**	**Q60**	**Q61**	**Q62**	**Q63**	**Q64**	**Q65**
back	just	used	part	years	are	fact	curiosity

Q66. Mrs Lee told Ann that she was not to go to the park after school because she had a test the following day.

Q67. His mother's sudden appearance at the sports meet surprised him.

Q68. I understand the concept now because of Mr Tan's thorough explanation.

Q69. Working all day without taking a break can be very stressful.

Q70. With the assistance of the salesgirl, I was able to get a copy of the book that was out of print.

Q71. 3, 1, 2

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Q72. Mother wanted Dawan to go to the field and call her brother back to the house.

Q73. Dawan was not listening to her mother and gazed towards the fields at her brother sitting under a tall tree and sighed.

Q74(i) Dawan refused all the while to look at her grandmother.

(ii) Dawan sifted five grains of dust through her toes, pulled at her earlobes, scratched her knee and shifted her weight from one foot to another.

Q75. The landlord's men took most of the sacks of rice and only left her family with one sack of rice for the rest of the month.

Q76. chained down her words

Q77. "this" refer to the prize given out by the government.

Q78. False – Reason: Dawan approached the house halthingly.
True – Reason: He stiffened
False – Reason: She did not know what she was up to.

Q79. He was upset that he did not receive the prize.

Q80.

a brief look	glance
harsh	rough
threw with force	flung
strode	stalked

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