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PEI CHUN PUBLIC SCHOOL

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION, 2016

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2

(BOOKLET A)

Additional materials: Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) **Total Time For Booklets A & B : 1 h 50 min**

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Class : Primary 6 ____

Date : 2 August 2016

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Section A: Grammar MCQ (10 x 1 mark)

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

1. Cassie hardly ever eats lunch in school, _____?

(1) is it
(2) isn't it
(3) does she
(4) doesn't she

2. If the thief had seen the policeman, he _____.

(1) will run
(2) would run
(3) will be running
(4) would have run

3 Out of sheer envy, Lisa would always play _____ her sister's accomplishments.

(1) out
(2) down
(3) back
(4) off

4. Simon has an incredible voice; _____ he will go far in his music career.

(1) instead
(2) likewise
(3) nonetheless
(4) undoubtedly

5. One of the girls in the basketball team as well as the coach _____ seriously injured in the crash this morning.

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

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6. I saw my brother, Trent, _____ the bus ten minutes ago. Yet, he was still late for his tuition lesson.

(1) board
(2) boards
(3) boarded
(4) had boarded

7. I _____ not have invited so many people to my party. I am now worried that there will not be enough room for everyone.

(1) must
(2) could
(3) would
(4) should

8. "_____ anyone here ever _____ a poem before?" Mrs Lewis asked the class.

(1) Has.....wrote
(2) Has.....written
(3) Have.....wrote
(4) Have.....written

9. It was the actress and not the diretor who decided to design the costumes for the performance _____.

(1) himself
(2) herself
(3) ourselves
(4) themselves

10. Playing the drums in front of a crowd_____ anxiety for many children. However, Timothy can do it without skipping a beat.

(1) cause
(2) causes
(3) caused
(4) causing

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Section B: Vocabulary MCQ (5 × 1 mark)

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

11. The smartphone enables information to be easily _____ but it does not make people smarter.

(1) accessible
(2) assessable
(3) susceptible
(4) sustainable

12. True to his flamboyant personality, Mr Laurent likes to wear tops with _____ floral prints.

(1) simple
(2) iridescent
(3) uninteresting
(4) inconspicuous

13. The health supplements distributed by the company sold like hot cakes. Many people were _____ by the fraudulent claims published online.

(1) taken over
(2) taken off
(3) taken up
(4) taken in

14. The teacher told the pupils to write in a _____ manner in the assignment so that it can be clearly understood.

(1) condensed
(2) compact
(3) succinct
(4) verbose

15. Dressed in an outlandish outfit, the model _____ down the runway.

(1) scurried
(2) sashayed
(3) staggered
(4) scrambled

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Section C: Vocabulary Cloze (5 × 1 mark)

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.

Mr Lee Kuan Yew was the prime minister of Singapore from 1959 to 1990, making him the longest-serving Prime Minister in history. During his **rule** (16), Singapore became the most **prosperous** (17) nation in Southeast Asia.

Born into a wealthy Chinese family, Lee studied law in the United Kingdom and was **admitted** (18) to the English bar in 1950. He **chose** (19) to return to Singapore to practise law.

Back then, Singapore was a British colony ruled by a governor. Lee, together with other like-minded intellects, **challenged** (20) the governing structure. In 1955, a new constitution was introduced.

16. (1) democracy
(2) supremacy
(3) power
(4) reign

17. (1) affluent
(2) destitute
(3) peaceful
(4) auspicious

18. (1) entered
(2) obliged
(3) accepted
(4) adjudicated

19. (1) coerced
(2) decided
(3) appealed
(4) beseeched

20. (1) provoked
(2) aggrieved
(3) confronted
(4) interrogated

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Section D: Visual Text Comprehension (8 × 1 mark)

Study this brochure carefully and then answer questions 21 to 28.

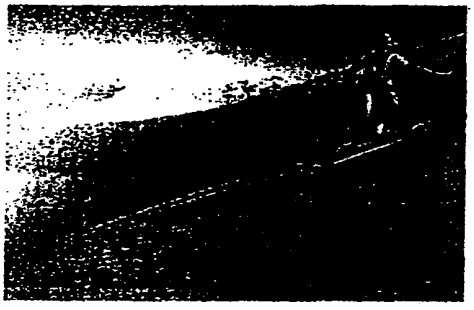
An Unforgettable Experience

awaits you in the desert



Camel Safari

- Visit the camel farm and enjoy a camel ride in the rolling dunes.
- As the desert can get cooler in the evenings, visitors are encouraged to bring a light jacket.



Sandboarding

- Skid down the dunes with fellow sandboarders for an adrenaline rush.
- Sandboards will be supplied.



Quad Bike Safari

- Ride the sand waves on a quad bike as a single or double rider.
- Safety helmet and glasses will be provided.
- Riders must put on covered shoes.



Desert Safari in a 4-wheel drive

- Experience dune bashing in a land cruiser in the evening.
- It is only suitable for the 'brave-at-heart'.

These experiences are just some of the notable attractions in the land which is undergoing transformation by the day.

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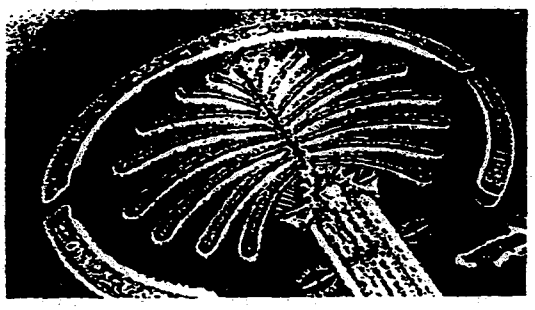
Crazy Superlatives in Dubai

The transformation of Dubai from a desert to a metropolis within five decades is awe inspiring to many. The city is unmatchable in adding superlatives to its collection.

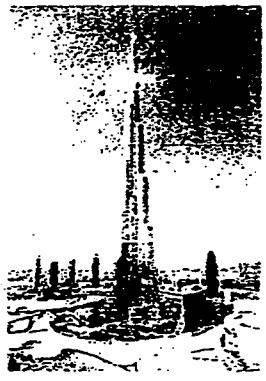
Among the numerous accolades, here are some highlights:

Grandest

A property developer coughed up US$12.3 billion to build the world's largest man-made island in the shape of a palm tree.



The Palm Jumeirah covers 560 hectares (bigger than 500 football fields).



Tallest

Standing at 828m, the Burj Khalifa is the tallest building in the world.

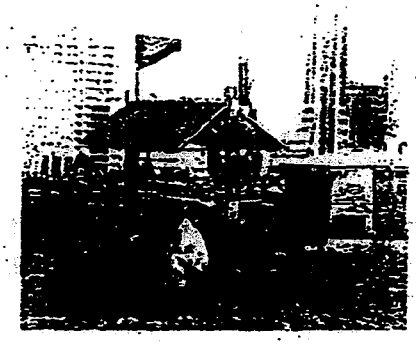
Most Extravagant

By total area, Dubai Mall is the largest shopping mall in the world. The mall occupies 1,124,000 m^2 in the heart of the financial district.

Cheapest

Not everything about Dubai is glitz and glory.

Travellers can board a rickety wooden water taxi to get across the Dubai creek for less than US25 cents.



Head down to **Yenn Travel Fair** for a chance to win a pair of complimentary tickets to Dubai.

All lucky draw forms submitted by visitors on 13 & 14 August 2016 at the Singapore Expo Hall 2 by 12 noon will be eligible for the draw.

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For each question from 21 to 28, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

21. The main objective of the brochure is to _____.

(1) encourage visitors to ride on a camel
(2) find out how Dubai has been transformed
(3) attract visitors to experience adventures in Dubai
(4) inform visitors of the unforgettable experiences awaiting them

22. The Quad Bike Safari is suitable for _____.

(1) visitors who have their own safety helmet
(2) a family of four to ride together on a bike
(3) visitors who want to cycle down the dunes
(4) 'brave-at-heart' riders only

23. Which word in the brochure means awards or honour?

(1) notable
(2) accolades
(3) superlatives
(4) extravagant

24. According to the brochure, why is Dubai city unmatchable?

(1) The city has won many awards.
(2) The tallest building is found in Dubai.
(3) It has been transformed from a desert.
(4) The largest shopping mall and cheapest ferry ride can be found there.

25. Based on the brochure, which of the following statements is true?

(1) There are 500 football fields in Dubai.
(2) Everything about Dubai is glitz and glory.
(3) Burj Khalifa is the tallest building in the Middle East.
(4) A property developer spent US$12.3 billion to build the largest mall.

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26. A pair of complimentary tickets to visit Dubai is sponsored by _____.

(1) Dubai
(2) Yenn Travel
(3) Palm Jumeirah
(4) Singapore Expo

27. The last sentence on the first page of the brochure ends with an exclamation mark to _____.

(1) discourage readers from going to Dubai
(2) exclaim that the experiences are transforming
(3) stress that the transformation rate is astonishing
(4) emphasise that visitors will enjoy the desert experience

28. Who do you think are most likely to visit Yenn Travel Fair?

(1) adventurers and thrill seekers
(2) those who want complimentary tickets
(3) people who are crazy about superlatives
(4) visitors wanting to go on the cheapest ferry ride

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Section E: Grammar Cloze (10 × 1 mark)

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.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) for	(D) his	(G) of	(K) our	(N) to
(B) from	(E) in	(H) on	(L) out	(P) under
(C) her	(F) into	(J) or	(M) their	(Q) with

My 'Ah Gong', Wee Boon Chit, hailed from Jin Men, China. He decided to seek a new future _____ himself in Singapore though his father was a successful businessman in Jin Men.
(29)

Ah Gong was an innovative pharmacist who combined the best medical practices _____ the East and West. He opened the Nanking Dispensary and Clinic in Chinatown. He believed that the best medical treatment should be made available regardless _____ wealth or status. That belief made his clinic extremely popular and often, there were long snaking queues leading to it. To save costs for _____ patients, he concocted some of the medicine using natural herbs. He produced a miracle cure-all powder for skin allergies, often working _____ the wee hours of the night.
(30) (31) (32) (33)

Ah Gong had a greater responsibility to give back _____ society. One night, a woman with a sick baby came knocking at the door of the clinic. The wailing of the baby woke me up and Ah Gong went _____ of his way to treat the baby.
(34) (35)

My mother and her six siblings helped out at the medical hall, grinding calamine powder and preparing natural remedies to show their support and love for _____ father.
(36)

When World War II came, the family hid in an underground air raid shelter below the Nanking Dispensary which Ah Gong had cleverly designed _____ anticipation of the air raids. During the war, the Wee family survived _____ tapioca and bean rations.
(37) (38)

When Ah Gong passed away in 1975, the whole of Cross Street was closed for a week in honour of him.

Adapted from Sim Siew Tin's story on the Singapore Memory Project

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Section F: Editing for Spelling and Grammar (12 × 1 mark)

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.

Multiple amputee, Jason Chee, has always been a resolute character. He credits his

(39) [ ]

years in the navy for having helping him to reinforce this quality.

(40) [ ] (41) [ ]

It was undoubtedly this that lead Defence Minister, Dr Ng Eng Hen, to public applaud his resilience after the accident.

(42) [ ]

It was also tenacity that led him to a bronze medal acheefmant in the table

(43) [ ]

tennis competition at his Asean Para Games darebue in Myanmar in 2014 ; he also debuted in the Asian Para Games in South Korea in the same year.

(44) [ ]

Last year, boyed by a boisterous home crowd and the fact that it was Singapore's 50th birthday, Jason rose to the occasion to pick up a historical team gold medal at only his

(45) [ ] (46) [ ]

second show at the games. He then followed up on this fiit with a silver medal in the men's

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(47) [ ]

inndeevijual event.

(48) [ ]

What is even more remarkable is that he was commpeeting with his non-dominant arm.

In fact, he only had three months of training before the games.

(49) [ ]

"It's all about having a fighting spirit and soldier on, just like the navy has taught me,"

(50) [ ]

says Jason. "I was just apply that to life. I don't like to give up."

Indeed, Jason has risen above adversity and is truly deserving of our admiration.

Adapted from an article by Alywin Chew in *NSMAN* Mar/Apr 2016

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Section G: Comprehension Cloze (15 × 1 mark)

Fill in each blank, numbered 51 to 65, with a suitable word.

The roads can be a lethal environment for both drivers and pedestrians alike. Each year, nearly 1.3 million _____ (51) die on the world's roads as a result of road accidents. This _____ (52) for more than 3 000 deaths each day and up to 50 million people are seriously injured in road accidents worldwide, with many, disabled for _____ (53).

More than 500 children are killed on the world's roads _____ (54) day. In Singapore, the number of total road accident casualties including road injuries, have been on the _____ (55), despite seeing a decrease in the trend for fatal accidents. Road safety is a shared _____ (56) and more can be done to inculcate good road safety _____ (57).

Automobile Association (AA) Singapore has been actively participating in many campaigns in _____ (58) of road safety. AA hopes to raise road safety _____ (59) among all road users through public education. Besides drivers, motorcyclists, cyclists and pedestrians also need to recognise that they, too, have a part to play in _____ (60) the roads safe.

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Pedestrians are a vulnerable group of road users. In a traffic accident, they are more likely to _____ (61) serious or fatal injuries than drivers. Risky _____ (62) from pedestrians can put drivers in peril as they may lose _____ (63) of their vehicles in an emergency.

One common _____ (64) of accidents is jaywalking, which many pedestrians, despite _____ (65) its potential dangers, choose to do.

Everyone needs to be alert on the roads. Practising good road safety habits ensures better roads for all.

Adapted from *Highway* (Mar/Apr 2016)

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Section H: Synthesis/Transformation (5 × 2 marks)

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. The burglar crept stealthily into the house. I saw it.

I saw _____

_____

67. Both Joyce and Peter were not interested in attending the course.

Neither _____

_____

68. That is the campsite. We should assemble there in five minutes.

_____ where

_____

69. My mother asked me if I could find out why sister was feeling down.

_____

_____ " my mother asked me.

70. Despite the fact that his family objected, he pursued his dreams.

_____ did not stop

_____

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Section I: Comprehension Open-ended (20 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

Ace walked over to the entrance of the old temple and looked inside. A dark passage ran right into the interior of the structure. It was overgrown with thick jungle vines and undergrowth. The air smelt stale and musty. "Utt, let us explore this temple," said Ace, his eyes shining with excitement. Utt came up to his friend and peered nervously inside.

"Are you sure you want to go in there?" he asked. "It looks dark and frightening. What if we can't find our way out?"

"I have some string. We can tie one end to the entrance and unravel it as we go deeper into the temple. That way we won't get lost," Ace replied.

The two boys went cautiously along at first, until their eyes became accustomed to the darkness. Ace was in front, using his hands and eyes to guide him, while Utt followed closely behind, unravelling the string. They were moving down a long corridor which sloped downwards. The vegetation soon disappeared as they went in further, away from the sunlight. It was very dark and Ace could hardly see where he was going. The walls were carved with figures and designs but Ace could only feel them with his fingers. Passing some doors, Ace knew that each room is more sacred than the one before. Suddenly, they felt the corridor open out. The air became fresher and they sensed that the ceiling had risen far above their heads. They could see a faint light ahead. It grew brighter. They were in a very large corridor, covered with inscriptions in a strange language.

"I have never seen letters like these before," said Utt. "They must be very old."

"Do you think there were dragons here once?" asked Ace. "Look at this carving." The carving showed a dragon standing on its four legs with fire coming out of its mouth. There were many people in front of it on their knees, as if in worship.

All at once, they came into a vast hall. The ceiling rose majestically and sunlight streamed in through a vent. Right in the middle of the hall was a raised platform, and on top of it was a rough stone altar. The two boys walked carefully towards it. "What is it?" whispered Utt. He did not dare speak aloud in this strange and silent place.

"I think it is an altar," Ace whispered back.

On the floor in front of the altar was carved the same dragon that they had seen earlier. Only this time its wings were outstretched. Its hooded eyes seemed to follow them. Ace then spotted four old and rusty iron rings on top of the altar. Dried red stains ran over them. Ace stood silent for a long time as he scanned his surroundings. He also saw that the walls were covered with scenes of the rituals performed. At last he

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spoke, his voice visibly shaking, "I think they must have sacrificed here to their Dragon God."

"Sacrificed?" gasped Utt. His voice, raised in fear, echoed back from all around. They gave him the chills and he took to his heels. Ace, on the other hand, decided to continue to explore the temple grounds as he felt that the temple spoke volumes about its exquisite architecture, craftsmanship and labour of people who had constructed it many years ago.

Adapted from *A Detour of Life's Journey* by Jason Thiessen

71. From **paragraph 1**, what **two** things suggest that the old temple was abandoned? (2 m)

i) _____

ii) _____

72. What did Ace suggest to Utt so that they would not get lost in the temple? (2m)

_____

_____

_____

73. Complete the table below to show how the two boys found their way about in the dark. (2 m)

Name	Action taken
Ace	
Utt	

74. Choose words from **paragraph 4** which have similar meanings to the words below. (3 m)

adapted	
holy	
perceived	

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75. Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. (3 m)

	True / False	Reason
Utt was excited to explore the temple		
Ace believed that people used to worship dragons.		
The first carving of the dragon mentioned in the passage had its wings outstretched.		

76. What do "letters" in line 21 refer to? (1m)

77. Did the boys behave differently when they were standing in front of the altar? How do you know? (2m)

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78. Quote **four-word phrases** found in the passage for each of the following situations which showed the boys' reactions. (2m)

	His reaction
When Ace stood at the entrance of the temple	
When Utt heardthe echoes	

79. Write **1, 2** and **3** in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the passage. **(1 m)**

_____ The boys saw an altar.

_____ The carving of a dragon greeted the boys.

_____ Sunlight grew brighter.

80. Would you agree with the boys that sacrifices had been performed on the altar? Support your answer with two pieces of evidence from the second last paragraph. (2m)

_____

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1	2	4	3	2	4	1	3	2	3
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28		
3	1	2	3	3	2	3	1		

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Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
A	B	G	D	F	N	L	M	E	H
Q39	Q40	Q41	Q42	Q43	Q44	Q45	Q46		
helped	led	publicly	achievement	debut	buoyed	showing	feat		

Q47	Q48	Q49	Q50
Individual	competing	soldering	competing

Q51	Q52	Q53	Q54	Q55	Q56	Q57	Q58
people	accounts	life	every	rise	responsibility	habits	support
Q59	Q60	Q61	Q62	Q63	Q64	Q65	
awareness	keeping	suffer	actions	control	cause	knowing	

Q66. I saw the burglar creep stealthily into the house.

Q67. Neither Joyce nor Peter was interested in attending the course.

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Q71. **(i)** It was overgrown with thick jungle vines and undergrowth.
(ii) The air smelt musty and stale.

Q72. Ace suggested tying one end of the string to the entrance of the temple and unravelling it as they went deeper into the temple.

Q73. Ace: Ace used his hands and eyes to guide him.

Utt: Utt followed closely behind Ace, unravelling the string.

Q74. adapted: accustomed
holy: sacred
perceived: sensed

Q75. False: Aces was excited to explore the temple while Utt was nervous.
True: There as a carving where many people were in front of a dragon worshipping on their knees.
False: The first carving of the dragon did not have its wings outstretched but the second carving on the altar had its wings outstretched.

Q76. It refers to inscriptions in strange language.

Q77. No, they did not. Both of them spoke in whispers.

Q78. Eyes shining with excitement
Gave him chills

Q79.

3	2	1

Q80. Yes, I would agree. There were dried stains over the iron rings and the walls were covered with scenes of the rituals performed.

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