METHODIST GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)

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PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2017
PRIMARY 6

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
(BOOKLET A)

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For each question from 1 to 10, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (10 marks)

1 Mrs Omar decided to forgive her son _____ he seemed remorseful.

1) if
2) but
3) since
4) although

2 The fisherman saw water seeping in and felt the boat _____ slowly.

1) sink
2) sank
3) sunk
4) was sinking

3 We should always dispose _____ rubbish in the bins provided in the park and not leave litter behind.

1) of
2) off
3) aside
4) away

4 "Mei Ling always wakes up early, _____?"

1) isn't she
2) won't she
3) hasn't she
4) doesn't she

5 Father suggested _____ early for the airport in case of traffic jams.

1) leaving
2) to leave
3) should leave
4) should be leaving

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6 My father had to step in to settle the quarrel between my brother and _____.

(1) I
(2) me
(3) mine
(4) myself

7 "If I were a millionaire, I _____ this grand mansion for my parents," Jo thought dreamily to herself.

(1) will buy
(2) would buy
(3) will be buying
(4) would have bought

8 The old man sauntered in the park and trotting behind him _____ his five huge dogs on leashes.

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

9 Following a complaint, the police warned the residents _____ buying anything from the door-to-door salesman.

(1) of
(2) for
(3) from
(4) against

10 "I don't think there's enough rice for everyone as there is _____ left in the pot," said Mother.

(1) any
(2) little
(3) none
(4) much

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For each question from 11 to 15, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

11 He had accomplished the amazing _____ of climbing to the summit of Mount Everest in a mere twenty-six hours.

(1) feat
(2) antic
(3) stunt
(4) deed

12 The ice-skaters _____ across the skating rink gracefully.

(1) glided
(2) skidded
(3) galloped
(4) slithered

13 The hot-air balloon is kept _____ by a large amount of heated air inside the balloon.

(1) aloft
(2) adrift
(3) aboard
(4) aground

14 Bob threw a stick, and his dog ran to _____ it.

(1) regain
(2) retract
(3) reclaim
(4) retrieve

15 The children have been taught to _____ their toys after playing with them and not leave them lying strewn on the floor.

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

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For each question from 16 to 20, choose the word 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 man, who enjoyed playing pranks on others, one day landed himself in some kind of trouble. While his friends were making preparations for (16) a hike in the countryside, he thought of a prank to scare the women in the team.

On the day of the hike, he took along a dummy frog made of rubber. He intended to throw it at the women while they were taking a rest. Of course, he expected them to scream in horror. (17)

During the break, the appropriate moment (18) came, but unfortunately for him, he missed it as the dummy frog fell from his hand as he was taking it out from his pocket. To ensure that the others were unaware of (19) what he was up to, he picked up the dummy frog surreptitiously (20) and shoved it back into his pocket.

Just then, someone shouted, "Look at what you are sitting on!" The man sprang from where he was seated and yelled. He was sure that the dummy frog was in his pocket, so he thought he was sitting on a live frog. However, real trouble came when he discovered that he had actually put a live frog into his pocket, and what he was sitting on was the dummy frog.

16 (1) proposing
(2) organising
(3) suggesting
(4) recommending

17 (1) rant
(2) bawl
(3) howl
(4) shriek

18 (1) juncture
(2) occasion
(3) possibility
(4) opportunity

19 (1) wary of
(2) mindful of
(3) oblivious to
(4) indifferent to

20 (1) slyly
(2) speedily
(3) stealthily
(4) suspiciously

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Study these pages from a magazine, Hobby Hut, and then answer questions 21 to 28.

ABOUT HOBBY HUT MAGAZINE

Welcome to the ultimate guide for finding and starting a new hobby! In Hobby Hut, you will find information on how to start a new hobby, where to find lessons and instructional kits, and the best deals on materials! We want to encourage you to try out new and different things and to find a hobby that truly fulfils you. Just discovered us? Missed out on previous issues? Visit our website at *hobbyhut.sg* to subscribe to future monthly issues or order past issues!

We'd love to hear from you!

Are the materials of good quality?

Are the instructions easy to follow?

Do you know of other ways we can get our hands on quality materials and instructional kits?

Your comments will help us recommend products more accurately.

Drop us an email at feedback@hobbyhut.sg and help us provide better support for your hobbies.



We'd love to have you on our team!

Do you have a hobby you are deeply passionate about? Drop us an email at hobbyist@hobbyhut.sg and share your thoughts and feelings about your hobby.

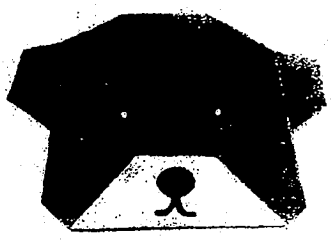
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A Treasure Trove of Origami

Article contributed by Debbie Tay

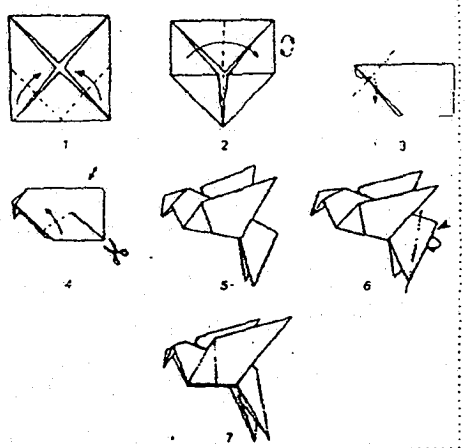


Hello, everyone! I am the founder of the website, A Treasure Trove of Origami. Have you heard of origami? To put it simply, it is the art of paper folding. It originated from Japan and is still a popular hobby there. The goal is to transform a piece of paper into a finished sculpture through different folding techniques. By combining a small number of basic origami folds in a variety of ways, one can create many interesting designs. I always find it amazing that I can make adorable animals or pretty flowers just by folding paper!

Over the years, I have come up with hundreds of step-by-step guides that are suitable for all ages. My family and friends are my most supportive guinea pigs! They use the guides, then give me valuable feedback about how to improve on them. Last year, I decided to put all my guides online so that those who want to start a new hobby can see how easy it is to get started on origami. You can visit my website at www.ttoo.com.sg and be spoilt for choice because there are just so many free guides for you to choose from! On top of that, you will find special origami paper that you can purchase. I hope my website makes it easy for you to give origami a try!

PUTTING MY GUIDES TO GOOD USE!

I have a 12-year-old child and I've been serving her primary school as a Parent Volunteer for 6 years. Every year, I help out in post-exam activities by conducting free origami classes for the pupils. They tell me that my step-by-step guides are easy to follow! I love to see how their faces light up when they complete the last step!



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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 Which of the following is a likely reason why readers might visit Hobby Hut's website?

(1) to subscribe to the magazine
(2) to read past issues of the magazine
(3) to purchase materials for their hobbies
(4) to sign up for lessons to pick up a new hobby

22 Look at the section "A Treasure Trove of Origami". What does "guinea pigs" in the *second paragraph* refer to?

(1) adorable animals
(2) Debbie Tay's pets
(3) people who tried out Debbie Tay's guides
(4) *origami* made by Debbie's family and friends

23 Which of the following words from the section "A Treasure Trove of Origami" is used to describe what Debbie Tay can make just by doing origami?

(1) basic
(2) special
(3) valuable
(4) amazing

24 Which of the following statements about Debbie Tay's step-by-step guides is correct?

(1) They are not hard to follow.
(2) There are only a few guides available.
(3) They can be purchased from Debbie's website.
(4) Debbie's family and friends wrote some of them.

25 Which of the following statements about Debbie Tay is <u>not</u> true?

(1) She has a daughter.
(2) She is keen to share her knowledge about origami.
(3) She taught origami classes at her child's school for a fee.
(4) She created origami-making guides for the young and old.

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26 What is the purpose of the questions in the section "We'd love to hear from you!"?

(1) to motivate readers to write in
(2) to guide readers in providing useful comments
(3) to check whether readers have picked up a hobby
(4) to encourage readers to examine the products carefully

27 A reader sent an email to feedback@hobbyhut.sg to _____.

(1) gain support for her hobby
(2) request for some instructional kits
(3) share her thoughts and feelings about her hobby
(4) comment on the products recommended by Hobby Hut

28 According to the Hobby Hut team, what quality must one possess to be invited to contribute articles?

(1) talent for writing
(2) passion for a hobby
(3) desire to help others
(4) willingness to start new hobbies

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(BOOKLET B)

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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) after	(D) from	(G) has	(K) the	(N) when
(B) between	(E) in	(H) may	(L) was	(P) who
(C) can	(F) had	(J) over	(M) is	(Q) with

Braille is a system of touch reading and writing for blind persons in which raised dots represent the letters of the alphabet. Braille is read by moving the hand _____ (29) left to right along each line.

In the early 1800s, a man named Charles Barbier, _____ (30) served in the army, developed a unique system known as "night writing" so soldiers could communicate safely during the night. The problem _____ (31) Barbier's "night writing" system _____ (32) that the human fingertip could not feel all the dots with one touch.

Louis Braille, the inventor of braille, was inspired to improve Charles Barbier's "night writing" system after he saw it. Louis was blinded at a very young age _____ (33) he accidentally stabbed himself _____ (34) the eye with his father's tool. Despite the best care, infection set in and soon spread to the other eye, leaving him completely blind.

_____ (35) time, braille gradually came to be accepted throughout the world as _____ (36) basic form of written communication for blind people. Louis Braille's legacy _____ (37) enabled millions of blind people to read.

Today, braille code is transcribed in many different languages worldwide and people who are blind _____ (38) enjoy reading just like everyone else. Braille has helped the blind to achieve success in school and in their careers.

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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 marks)

Finding the perfect workout that suits you may take time. If you find running too

(39) [ ]

tiring and walking too uninteresting, have you ever consider swimming?

(40) [ ]

Swimming may seem like a hasel as you have to set aside some time, find a pool and

(41) [ ]

getting your hair wet. However, the benefits may be more worth it than you realise.

(42) [ ]

Swimming is not only a great way to burn calories, but also helps to strong your back

(43) [ ]

and tone your arms – all without having to pick up a weight. The hour of moderate swimming

(44) [ ]

can burn around 500 calories and provide risistence training. Unlike jogging, swimming does

(45) [ ]

not put stress on your bones, joints and muscles. This is particularly benefischial for seniors

and people with joint problems.

(46) [ ]

Studies suggest that being around water has a powerful, calming eteck on the brain.

(47) [ ]

Spending time near water can be semiler to meditation, in that it gives the brain a break from

(48) [ ]

the constant overstimulate people often experience in modern life. It could also help maintain

(49) [ ]

healthy lungs. With healthy lungs, the body can process oxygen more profeciantly – this

(50) [ ]

means you will not feel out of breathing so easily. Stronger lungs might also help you ward off

illness.

Essentially, swimming is the best exercise for maintaining a healthy body and mind.

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

Camels have long been known for their ability to go for weeks at a time without needing to drink water.

Camels are also _____ (51) for their prominent humps, which leads many people to believe that these are used to _____ (52) water for use at a later time. However, camels' humps actually store fatty tissue, _____ (53) water, which is used as a source of nourishment when food _____ (54) scarce.

So why do camels store fat in these humps _____ (55) of having it spread equally throughout their bodies, like other mammals? Camels typically live in the desert, where food sources can be hard to come _____ (56). When a camel is unable to obtain food for a long period of time, its body is able to burn the _____ (57) in the humps for energy. The humps can deflate and droop if the camel has _____ (58) a particularly long time without food, but they will become upright again once the camel has eaten. Apart from providing nourishment, the camel's humps also help the animal regulate its body _____ (59). This is an important feature in the desert, where temperatures can be extremely high during the day and drop drastically at _____ (60)

_____ (61) the humps do not store water, camels are still incredibly efficient in the amount of water they use per day, which is why they are able to go nearly a week _____ (62) drinking. This is partly due to the unique shape of their blood cells which _____ (63) oval. Oval-shaped blood cells _____ (64) camels to consume large amounts of water.

A camel's humps are incredibly important for the animal's _____ (65) in a tough environment like a desert. Without its humps, a camel would be more likely to overheat and sweat — but it is still the oval-shaped blood cells that help the camel retain so much water, not the humps.

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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 The sugar is added after you beat in the eggs.

It is only _____

_____.

67 Susan accepted Raju's apology. Everyone was surprised by it.

Susan's _____

_____.

68 "Please do not touch the cake until all the guests have arrived," Mother instructed us.

Mother told _____

_____.

69 John persevered and finally completed the task.

_____ as a result of

_____

70 The police are questioning whether the witness' account is accurate.

The accuracy _____

_____.

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Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80. (20 marks)

David's thoughts were disturbed by the sound of the car. It sounded wrong, as though the engine was not running properly. He stood along the roadside and watched. It moved along at no more than a walking pace. It was an American car, not Italian.

The Americans had always acted as if they were proud of possessing so much. There was one thing, however, that this American couple did not possess: they had no petrol, and that was why their car would not go. David took a step towards them.

The woman was talking in a loud angry voice that did not sound at all pleasant. David was more nervous than he usually was before speaking to someone in English as it was not his native language. She stopped when David asked the man if he could help by fetching petrol for them.

They were both very glad to accept David's offer and David suggested that he should take their petrol can and go to the village farther up the side of the hill. "But I haven't any money to pay for the petrol," David said as he took the petrol can.

As the man was about to take some money out of his pocket, the woman said quickly, "He's nothing but a young beggar! You can be sure if we give him money we shall never see him again! He can fetch help from a petrol station up there..."

She did not think David would understand what she said. He wondered if they thought he was stupid; they certainly seemed to think he could only understand them when they spoke very slowly.

The man asked him whether he could get a mechanic to drive down with the petrol. "**The petrol can's a bit too heavy** for you to carry," he made up an excuse.

David turned his back on the woman. "The people here don't like doing very much on Sundays, and so I can't be sure I will find anyone willing to drive down," he explained politely. "But I'll see if I can get the petrol by promising to pay for it later. Unless, of course, your wife thinks I want to keep your petrol can."

The man looked uncomfortable. "Rubbish, boy," he said, "then you'd have to go twice! My wife was only thinking you might drop the money in the dark ..."

As David took the note he was offered, he looked the man straight in the face "Will you look after my bag while I go?"

Both the man and the woman went **red in the face**, and David set off without waiting for an answer. They were ashamed of themselves and that was all David wanted. He had never taken anything which was not his - only fruit growing on trees and bushes and things he found. One had no right to take other people's possessions; **that** he was sure of.

When the people at the petrol station in the village heard that it was an American car that had run out of petrol, **they** insisted upon sending one of the mechanics down with enough petrol to fill the tank, and as David had to return anyway to fetch his bag, the mechanic gave him a lift on his scooter.

David handed the American his unused note and, taking his bag, turned to go. "Wait a bit, boy, I should give you something for **your trouble**."

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David would have been too glad to earn something: he was in desperate need of money to buy a loaf of bread for the next day. But he could not bring himself to take it now. He did not want to earn it from someone he did not like.

"No, thank you," he said firmly. "I like to earn money sometimes but only when I want to. I don't need any today."

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Adapted from *I am David* by Anne Holm

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71 Based on paragraph 1, why did the car first catch David's attention? [1m]

72 Which two-word phrase from lines 1-3 tells us that the car was moving very slowly? [1m]

73 Based on information from lines 7-19, fill in the blanks in the following table. [2m]

	How David felt	What made David feel that way
(i)	anxious	
(ii)		The woman claimed David was nothing but a beggar.

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74 Why did the man say that "the petrol can's a bit too heavy" (line 21) for David to carry ? [2m]

_____

_____

75 Why did the American couple go "red in the face" (line 30)? [2m]

_____

_____

76 Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right. [3m]

	Word(s) from the passage	**What the word(s) refer(s) to**
(i)	that (line 33)	
(ii)	they (line 36)	
(iii)	your trouble (line 40)	

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

_____ The man offered David a reward.

_____ The man gave David a note for the petrol.

_____ David returned with a mechanic.

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78 Choose words from lines 22-34 which have similar meanings to the words below. [3m]

certain	
awkward	
belongings	

79 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
(i)	**The two Americans were suspicious of David when he first approached them to offer his help.**		
(ii)	**There was no petrol station near the place where the car ran out of petrol.**		
(iii)	**David was lying when he said he did not need any money that day.**		

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80 Explain clearly why David turned down the man's offer of money. [2m]

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Booklet A:

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
3	1	4	4	1	2	2	4	1	2
Q11	**Q12**	**Q13**	**Q14**	**Q15**	**Q16**	**Q17**	**Q18**	**Q19**	**Q20**
1	1	1	4	3	1	4	4	3	3
Q21	**Q22**	**Q23**	**Q24**	**Q25**	**Q26**	**Q27**	**Q28**		
1	3	4	1	3	2	4	2		

Booklet B:

Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
D	P	Q	L	A	E	J	K	G	C

Q39) considered, Q40) hassle Q41) get Q42) strengthen, Q43) An

Q44) resistance Q45) beneficial Q46) effect, Q47) similar, Q48) overstimulation

Q49) proficiently Q50) breath Q51) known Q52) store Q53) not Q54) is

Q55) instead Q56) by Q57) fat Q58) gone Q59) temperature Q60) night

Q61) Although Q62) without Q63) are Q64) enable Q65) survival

Q66) It is only after you beat in the eggs that the sugar is added.

Q67) Susan's acceptance of Raju's apology surprised everyone.

Q68) Mother told us not to touch the cake until all the guests had arrived.

Q69) John finally completed the task as a result of his perseverance.

Q70) The accuracy of the witness's account is being questioned by the police.

Q71) The car sounded wrong, as though the engine was not running properly.

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Q72) walking pace

Q73) (i) Anxious- David had to speak in English which was not his native language.

(ii) furious- That woman claimed David was nothing but a beggar.

Q74) The man's wife did not trust David with the money so the man gave an excuse to get David to ask a mechanic to drive down with the petrol instead.

Q75) The American couple was ashamed of themselves for not trusting David to fetch petrol for them.

Q76) (i) one having no right to take other people's possessions
(ii) the people at the petrol station in the village
(iii) fetching petrol for the American couple

Q77) 3, 2, 1

Q78) certain → sure, awkward → uncomfortable, belongings → possessions

Q79)(i) False. The two Americans were both very glad to accept David's offer.

(ii) True- David had to go to the village farther up the side of the hill.

(iii) True. David was in desperate need of money to buy a loaf of bread for the next day.

Q80) David did not take the money from people he did not like and he did not like the American couple.

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