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Anglo-Chinese School (Primary)

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2017
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2 (BOOKLET A)
PRIMARY SIX

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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). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(10 marks)

1. Uncle Pete has bought three tickets to take my brother and _____ to the Universal Studios tomorrow.

   (1) I
   (2) us
   (3) we
   (4) me

2. If I _____ you, I would have stopped them from making a nuisance of themselves.

   (1) am
   (2) was
   (3) were
   (4) have been

3. He reported for work yesterday, _____ he?

   (1) did
   (2) had
   (3) didn't
   (4) hadn't

4. Late last night, I heard someone _____ outside my apartment.

   (1) scream
   (2) screams
   (3) screamed
   (4) was screaming

5. I was disappointed by the service _____ the restaurant received an excellent rating.

   (1) so
   (2) unless
   (3) despite
   (4) although

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6. We did not have _____ to do as the bulk of the work had already been completed.

(1) any
(2) little
(3) most
(4) much

7. "Do feel free to approach me for help _____ you have any queries," the salesman told his customers kindly.

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

8. The bow and arrow _____ used as a weapon for hunting during the prehistoric times.

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

9. The popular television presenter is known _____ his witty jokes.

(1) in
(2) by
(3) for
(4) about

10. Rarely have I ever _____ so much soft drinks.

(1) drink
(2) drank
(3) drunk
(4) drunken

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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). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

11. The community was _____ to help in the search of the missing girl.

(1) called on
(2) called up
(3) called off
(4) called out

12. They are still _____ in shock at the news of the team's defeat.

(1) reeling
(2) shaken
(3) agitated
(4) distraught

13. The rule, with regard to the use of mobile phones during school hours, has been strictly _____.

(1) enforced
(2) approved
(3) prescribed
(4) accommodated

14. The rain fell _____ for several days.

(1) briefly
(2) fleetingly
(3) transiently
(4) incessantly

15. Singapore narrowly held on _____ to beat Malaysia 2-1 in the soccer match yesterday.

(1) by a mile
(2) by a show of hands
(3) by the skin of their teeth
(4) by the scruff of the neck

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For each question from 16 to 20, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

The goblin shark is definitely not a beauty. Luckily, the goblin shark does not need to look pretty since it is found in the ocean depths. A distinctive trait (16) is its long protruding blade-like snout. It also has a pink body which is pretty unusual but, by far, the most bizarre (17) aspect of this shark is its jaw – it has an extendable jaw with sharp teeth. The usefulness of this feature had been a heated discussion (18) among scientists but they agreed that this extendable jaw makes it easier to catch prey.

The average length of a goblin shark is 1.6 metres and the longest recorded length is 3.8 metres. These animals are as slow as tortoises, which can make it hard for them to chase food. Although research suggests that it is not a particularly rare (19) creature, the goblin shark lives mostly in areas which are uninhabited (20). This makes it difficult to track it for long periods of time.

Adapted from *Weirdest Species of Sharks*

16. (1) factor
(2) feature
(3) element
(4) component

17. (1) dull
(2) real
(3) weird
(4) typical

18. (1) ranted
(2) dictated
(3) debated
(4) concluded

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19. (1) regular
(2) unlikely
(3) standard
(4) uncommon

20. (1) busy
(2) crowded
(3) untouched
(4) unpopulated

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Study this information text carefully and then answer questions 21 to 28.

LET'S CYCLE!

An estimated one billion people ride bicycles every day – for transport, recreation and sport. Shouldn't you be a part of them?



Do You Know...?

The first bicycles were completely different and were not as comfortable as now. In 1817, the concept of cycling was invented by Baron Karl von Drais. What he invented wasn't exactly the bicycle which we know and use. It did have a typical bicycle frame and two wheels, but it was propelled by walking as opposed to pedalling.

You just need two to four hours a week to see its benefits.

Cycling is:

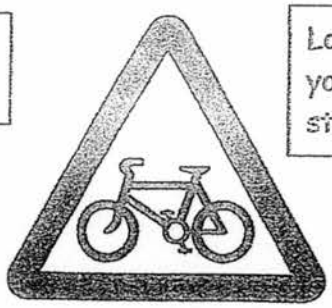
- Low impact – less strain and injuries than most other forms of exercise
- A good muscle workout – uses all of the major muscle groups
- Easy – does not require high levels of physical skill
- Good for strength and stamina – increases stamina, strength and aerobic fitness
- A fun way to get fit – experience the thrill and adventure of going down hills and being outdoors
- Time-efficient – reduces time spent driving motor vehicles or using trains or buses



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Before you start, here are some safety tips.

Obey traffic lights and road signs.



Look behind you before you turn, overtake or stop.

Don't cycle next to another person on busy or narrow roads.

Use arm signals before you turn right or left.

Never use a mobile phone while cycling.

Don't use headphones while cycling.

When cycling past parked cars, watch out for car doors opening suddenly and allow room to pass safely.

A good working bicycle is a must. If you are buying a second-hand bicycle or you have an old bicycle that has been gathering dust, consider having it serviced at a bicycle shop to ensure it is roadworthy.
If you are buying a new one, there are plenty of models to choose from. Mountain bikes are the most popular among cyclists. A bicycle specialist can advise you on the correct frame size and help you select a bicycle to suit your budget and the type of cycling you want to do.
For most people, cycling is a safe and effective form of exercise. If you have any health concerns or an existing medical problem, see your doctor before you start.

Some Fun Facts About Bicycles

- About 100 million bicycles are manufactured worldwide each year.
- There are over a half billion bicycles in China today. Bicycles were first brought to China in the late 1800s.
- A bicycle can stay upright without a rider as long as it is moving at 13 kilometres per hour or faster.
- On a bicycle, you can travel three times faster than you can walk using the same amount of energy.

This message is brought to you by FUN CYCLE The Cycling Federation

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21. The **main** purpose of the text is to _____.

(1) get readers to buy a bicycle
(2) encourage readers to consider cycling
(3) show readers the health benefits of cycling
(4) teach readers how to cycle safely on the roads

22. Look at the sentence "Let's Cycle!" Why is the exclamation mark used at the end of the sentence?

(1) to amuse readers
(2) to express surprise
(3) to add excitement to the topic
(4) to show urgency of the situation

23. The information below the heading "Do You Know...?" tells us that _____.

(1) cycling was a popular sport in 1817
(2) the bicycles we use today are more comfortable
(3) the early concept of cycling started with pedalling
(4) Baron von Drais' invention has still not changed till today

24. According to the writer, if a person rides a bicycle, he _____.

(1) does not have to strain himself
(2) does not need to use all his muscles
(3) will have fun going up and down the hills
(4) will have more comfort than taking the bus or train

25. Mr Tan would like to buy a bicycle. Choosing the right bicycle means _____.

(1) buying a brand new one
(2) using one that is probably well-used
(3) paying a specialist to recommend a roadworthy one
(4) making sure that the bicycle is of the right frame size

26. As a safety precaution, a rider should _____.

(1) ride closely to parked cars
(2) use arm signals when stopping
(3) ride with friends on a busy road
(4) look behind when making a turn

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27. According to the text, which one of the following statements is true?

(1) A bicycle can move without a rider at any speed.
(2) The Chinese started to cycle a few centuries ago.
(3) Everyone must see a doctor before they start riding.
(4) Baron von Drais invented a comfortable pedalling bicycle.

28. This information text will probably interest _____.

(1) bicycle specialists
(2) a competitive rider
(3) riders who are new to the sport
(4) a customer looking for a second-hand bicycle

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PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2017
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PAPER 2 (BOOKLET B)
PRIMARY SIX

Name: _____( ) Class: Primary 6 ___

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4. Answer all questions.

No.	Contents	Marks	Marks Obtained
1.	Oral	30	
2.	Listening Comprehension	20	
3.	Composition	55	
4.	Language Paper	95	
	Total Marks	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 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE

(A)	after	(D)	but	(G)	had	(K)	to	(N)	which
(B)	at	(E)	could	(H)	though	(L)	when	(P)	who
(C)	before	(F)	from	(J)	throughout	(M)	where	(Q)	would

Wearing his yellow rubber boots and a wide-brimmed hat, Mr Ng Kim Chuan grows and gives away medicinal herbs at no charge. He is a self-taught Chinese herbalist who works _____ (29) a community herb garden. His routine includes harvesting and distributing herbs _____ (30) visitors, as well as conducting educational tours of the garden.

When he was a boy, every day after school, Mr Ng and his brothers _____ (31) help their parents farm vegetables such as beans, lady's fingers, and *chye sim*. Mr Ng always held an interest in traditional Chinese herbs, _____ (32) only pursued this interest when his brother was seriously ill. The family _____ (33) to face expensive medical costs. _____ (34) helping his brother, Mr Ng wanted to continue helping others in similar circumstances.

Mr Ng began investing his money in a garden, despite objections _____ (35) his family who were concerned about his health and well-being. "_____ (36) you do something that is meaningful to you, you don't have time to think about pain," he shared in Mandarin. "You forget that it hurts."

_____ (37) these challenges, Mr Ng has heeded his mother's advice to be patient, have perseverance, and live with integrity. "Take the herbs diligently, exercise daily and keep in good spirits" – these are the words of advice _____ (38) visitors will hear Mr Ng say when they arrive to collect their herbs. "You'll get through this. Do your best to regain your health."

Adapted from *The Herb Gardener by* Joy Wong

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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)

(39) [ ]

Do original ideas begin in daydreams? Whenever you let your thoughts wandered, you nudge

(40) [ ]

your mind to travel beyond the accepted and fammilier. Such daydreaming is the source

(41) [ ] (42) [ ]

for much creativity in our lives. When you can no longer tolerate an explainesion like "That's the

(43) [ ]

way we have always done it", you are thinking creatively. If our ancesters had not asked "What

(44) [ ]

if...?", they would not have turned stones and bones into tools or write symbols for sounds and

(45) [ ]

ideas. No human progress would have orcured if everybody had done things the way they had done

(46) [ ]

before. It is, therefore, not serprizing that creative ideas have led us to the computer age and the

exploration of space.

(47) [ ]

However, many people put off creative actions for many years because they fear that which

they produce will not be good enough. Some experts claim that one of the best ways to overcome

(48) [ ] (49) [ ]

this fear was to begin working on some small aspect of the project, praferrably not the beginning.

(50) [ ]

It would be good to pen down your idea and work on it till you feel a sense of satisfy. By the time

you finish this part, you will have found another small part to work on. Before you know it, you are

well on your way to success.

Adapted from Reader's Digest

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

It was 1.00 p.m. at Novena Food Centre and the popular hawker centre was bustling with a lunchtime crowd. A Hong Kong tourist, Miss Annie Lim, (51) _____ her three-year-old niece in tow, approached a round table where a man dressed (52) _____ office attire sat, surrounded by five unoccupied seats.

Perspiring after (53) _____ for seats for the past ten minutes, Miss Lim was about to sit down (54) _____ the man told her that all the seats were taken. He pointed to their "occupants" - one name card on each seat. Miss Lim who was on her second holiday in Singapore was (55) _____ aback by this as the experience was something new to her.

Many Singaporeans have a (56) _____ of reserving seats for themselves, their family members or co-workers in food centres by (57) _____ items such as name cards, tissue packets, umbrellas or staff passes on the seats. They do this to (58) _____ that they do not end up carrying their food and going around to look for seats. Some Singaporeans, however, do not agree with such a practice and are wondering if (59) _____ can be done about the reserving of seats at hawker centres. This practice, they said, has (60) _____ to quarrels and created situations where elderly patrons carrying trays of food are (61) _____ of a seat. One suggestion made was to put up signs in hawker centres stating clearly that reserving seats is not (62) _____.

(63) _____ there are no restrictions or laws on reserving seats in Singapore, people are encouraged, in the spirit of give-and-take and empathy, to give their seats to those with trays in (64) _____. Furthermore, elderly patrons who need these seats will definitely (65) _____ from such acts of kindness. With Singaporeans doing their part, we can move forward and become a more gracious society.

Adapted from *The Straits Times*

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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. "Do I have to set aside so much time to complete my project, Mother?" asked Jack.

Jack asked his mother _____

_____.

67. The clown could juggle ten balls while riding the unicycle. The audience was amused.

The audience found it _____

_____.

68. Debbie is excited and looking forward to her school trip to Belgium.

_____ with

_____.

69. May is the most accomplished pianist in her school.

No pianist _____

_____.

70. As the heavy rain pelted down on the old house, it destroyed the roof.

_____, resulting in

_____.

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

Sean, the son of a police officer, had a Labrador pup called Minnie. Minnie's parents had been excellent police dogs so what more natural that she, too, should be given a trial at the K-9 training school. She seemed healthy and strong, with sturdy legs and a proud, firm head.

It required less than a week, however, to discover that Minnie was not going to make it. She just did not have the right qualities. Obedience, for instance. On the third day, her handler tried teaching Minnie to run and fetch a stuffed bear. She thought it was some kind of joke and instead of bringing it back and dropping it at the handler's feet, she tore it apart. Then she hid it in a bush, knocking down several bean poles along the way. On the fourth day, Minnie was taught to jump through an open window. Instead, she picked a closed one. You could hear the smashing glass for miles. The inspector who was in the office was not amused.

That was the end of Minnie's career as a police dog. With some hesitation, her handler who was Sean's neighbour, suggested that Minnie, though difficult to train, might turn out to be a reasonable house dog and pet. He approached Sean's father and told him about her history. Hesitantly, Sean's father agreed to give her a try. Sean, who had never had a dog before, was **delighted**. He started his own course of training at once. Sometimes he wondered if his neighbour was all that good as a dog handler. Perhaps he simply had not understood Minnie. She had a mind of her own but she could be obedient in her own way.

Most evenings, Sean took Minnie for walks along the nearby canal. This particular day, late in September, was misty, muddy and damp. As they were walking silently, Sean discovered that Minnie's collar had come off again, somehow. Instinctively, she sped off. The collar could not have come off easily. Sean's father had insisted on it fitting Minnie well as she was big for her age and Sean was small for his. Nevertheless, Minnie had only to tug hard, and Sean had either to let go or take off and fly like a kite on a string.

Normally when Minnie disappeared, she would pick up Sean's footsteps and return to him, but that night she **seemed to take ages**. Seeing and hearing no evidence of Minnie's whereabouts, Sean tried his familiar canal path. Minnie would turn up eventually, wagging her tail, showing her teeth and oozing black mud which smelled of garbage.

A few minutes later, there she was, at last. She had a remarkable grin on her doggy face. However, she carried an unfamiliar floral scent. Perfume, maybe. Sean did not bother to refit her collar. She followed him closely for a while and then became distracted. Something in the distance had caught her eye. Sensing her uneasiness, Sean gave her some biscuits which he had found in his pocket. He watched her gobble them up and she continued sniffing along the path.

Suddenly, a girl came whizzing by, travelling with incredible speed and skill on a skateboard. There were shopping bags in each hand. Minnie liked little girls, especially if they were moving fast. She bounded after the girl who was thrown off balance. Her shopping bags were flung out of her hands, spilling tea, flour, eggs and bread.

"I'm sorry," said Sean. The girl scowled and snapped, "Leave me alone!" At that moment, when he turned around, he realised that Minnie was nowhere in sight. However, this time, the wait was much longer and futile. She never returned.

Adapted from *My First Dog* by Sophie Leu

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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71 What links did Minnie's parents have to the police force? [1m]

72 Give one example to show how Minnie failed her training. [2m]

73 Choose words from paragraph 2 and 3 which have similar meanings to the words below. [3m]

shattering	
sensible	
asked himself	

74 In paragraph 3, which sentence tells us that Minnie would never be a police dog? [1m]

75 What was the difference between Sean's and his neighbour's opinion on Minnie? [2m]

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

_____ Minnie was given a chance to try out as a police dog.

_____ Sean took Minnie in.

_____ Minnie was not obedient enough to be a police dog.

77 In paragraph 4, why did Sean's father insist on a collar that fitted Minnie well? [2m]

_____

_____

78 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
Example she (line 3)	**Example** Minnie
it (line 7)	
was delighted (line 14 and 15)	
seemed to take ages (line 25)	

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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
In sean's last encounter with Minnie, Minnie turned up smelling of garbage.		
Minnie liked the girl who was on the skateboard.		
The girl on the skateboard accepted Sean's apology.		

80 **Do you think Sean was to blame for Minnie's final disappearance? Support your answer with information from the passage. [2m]**

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Booklet B

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Q39	wander	Q48	is	Q57	putting
Q40	familiar	Q49	preferably	Q58	ensure
Q41	of	Q50	satisfaction	Q59	anything
Q42	explanation	Q51	with	Q60	led
Q43	ancestors	Q52	in	Q61	robbed
Q44	written	Q53	looking	Q62	allowed
Q45	occurred	Q54	when	Q63	Although
Q46	surprising	Q55	taken	Q64	hands
Q47	what	Q56	habit	Q65	benefit

Q66 Jack asked his mother if he had to set aside so much time to complete his project.

Q67 The audience found it amusing when the clown could juggled ten balls while riding the unicycle.

Q68 Debbie is looking forward to her school trip to Belgium with excitement.

Q69 No pianist is more accomplished than May in her school.

Q70 The heavy rain pelted down on the old house resulting in the roof being destroyed.

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Q71 Minnie's parents had been excellent police dogs.

Q72 Minnie was supposed to jump through an open window but she jumped through a closed one.

Q73

shattering	smashing
sensible	reasonable
asked himself	wondered

Q74 That was the end of Minnie's career as a police dog.

Q75 Sean believed that Minnie could be obedient in her own way but his neighbour felt that she was difficult.

Q76 1 Minnie was given a chance to try out as a police dog.
3 Sean took Minnie in.
2 Minnie was not obedient enough to be a police dog.

Q77 Minnie was too big for Sean to handle and it could come off easily as it did not fit well.

Q78

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer(s) to
Example she (line 3)	Example Minnie
it (line 7)	stuffed bear
was delighted (line 14 and 15)	Sean
seemed to take ages (line 25)	Minnie to come back

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Q79

	True / False	Reason
In Sean's last encounter with Minnie, Minnie turned up smelling of garbage.	False	Minnie was carrying at an unfamiliar floral scent.
Minnie liked the girl who was on the skateboard.	True	Minnie liked young girls who were going fast.
The girl on the skateboard accepted Sean's apology	False	She asked him to leave her alone.

Q80 Yes, I think so. It is because Sean did not bother to refit her collar.

End

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