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NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL
PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2017
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:

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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. Neither of the boys _____ playing basketball later this afternoon.

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

2. No sooner had I closed the front door _____ the doorbell rang again.

   (1) did
   (2) than
   (3) then
   (4) when

3. Let your mother and _____ decide where to go during the holidays.

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

4. _____ heir will be chosen to inherit _____ old lady's fortune.

   (1) A ... an
   (2) A ... the
   (3) An ... a
   (4) An ... the

5. The shock of hearing the bad news made him _____ pale.

   (1) turn
   (2) turns
   (3) turned
   (4) to turn

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6. All the bags, except the old brown one, _____ found in the store room yesterday.

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

7. Marilyn is one of the prefects who _____ the pledge every morning.

(1) recite
(2) recites
(3) reciting
(4) had recited

8. It's been a long time since we had a class outing, _____ it?

(1) is
(2) has
(3) isn't
(4) hasn't

9. John was so tired after soccer practice yesterday that he _____ on the floor and fell asleep.

(1) lie
(2) lay
(3) lied
(4) laid

10. I do not think that I would like to join the art club as I have never been keen _____ painting.

(1) at
(2) of
(3) on
(4) for

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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. I do not know why Charles appears so _____ these days. He looks so dull and inactive.

(1) agile
(2) boring
(3) restless
(4) lethargic

12. Not wanting to draw any attention to himself, William exited through the back door as _____ as possible.

(1) carefully
(2) discreetly
(3) sheepishly
(4) conspicuously

13. The millionaire's family was _____ when he decided to leave his entire fortune to charity and not to them.

(1) astounded
(2) exhilarated
(3) intimidated
(4) pessimistic

14. Although Jason did not know what was in that _____, he drank it anyway.

(1) collation
(2) concoction
(3) compound
(4) concession

15. As the sky began to darken, it became obvious to the fishermen that a storm was _____.

(1) eminent
(2) ominous
(3) imminent
(4) prominent

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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)**

Hougang MRT station was shut down for an hour on 2 April as police were called in to investigate an unattended bag.

Commuters were not <u>allowed</u> (16) into the station and trains in both directions on the North-East Line did not stop at the station. Those who were in the station were asked to leave. Commuters were <u>redirected</u> (17) to bus services or other train stations. The station re-opened at about 4pm after the bag was found not to contain anything <u>suspicious</u> (18).

Officers from the Ang Mo Kio Police Division and the Public Transport Security Command, with the assistance of SBS Transit, traced the owner of the bag who was <u>apprehended</u> (19) at the station at about 4.35pm. The incident <u>triggered</u> (20) a security alert and shutdown of the station. The man was later charged in court with causing annoyance to the public.

16. (1) coaxed
    (2) permitted
    (3) approved
    (4) exempted

17. (1) altered
    (2) averted
    (3) diverted
    (4) deflected

18. (1) dubious
    (2) vulnerable
    (3) unassuming
    (4) apprehensive

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19. (1) arrested
(2) subdued
(3) assaulted
(4) summoned

20. (1) caused
(2) evoked
(3) mustered
(4) generated

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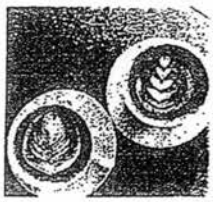
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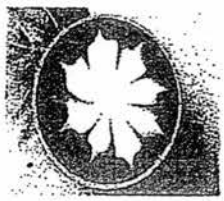
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Study this flyer carefully and then answer questions 21 to 28. (8 X 1 mark)

The Coffee Company
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Open to all aged 12 years old and above!







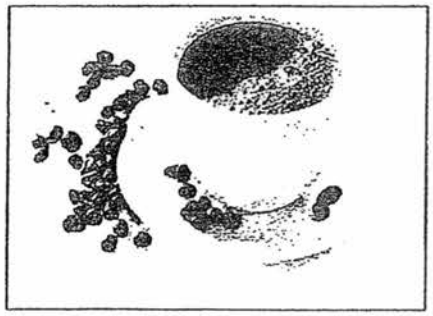
Amazed by how baristas can make such smooth, thick and creamy milk for connoisseurs to enjoy their coffee?

Do you want to draw beautiful patterns and designs in your coffee just like the professionals do?

Well ... now you can!

The Milk & Coffee Art workshop will teach you the basics of milk steaming and lay a solid foundation for you to make numerous coffee art designs in your coffee cup!

Join now and show off your new skills to all your friends!



This 2-hour workshop will see you steaming milk to perfection. Participants will be trained on how to properly steam milk to achieve the smooth, thick and creamy texture perfect for coffee art.
The second half of the class will focus on the techniques behind designing and hands-on practice with our coffee machines.

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* Sign up now at *thecoffeecompany.com*

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6 SURPRISING FACTS ABOUT COFFEE



Coffee is the second most traded product on earth
According to the Global Exchange, there are approximately 25 million farmers in over 50 countries involved in producing coffee, making it the second most traded commodity after oil, followed by natural gas and gold.

Espresso is a strong Italian coffee
Espresso is made by forcing boiling water through pressed coffee grounds. Although espresso has more caffeine per unit volume, it actually has about a third of the amount of caffeine as a regular cup of coffee because it is consumed in smaller quantities.

There are two types of coffee beans : Arabica and Robusta
Seventy percent of coffee beans are Arabica. Although Robusta has twice as much caffeine, it is less popular as it is slightly more bitter.

The majority of coffee is produced in Brazil
Brazil produces 40% of the world's coffee, which is twice as much as Colombia and Vietnam which rank 2nd and 3rd respectively in coffee production.

The world's most expensive coffee costs $300 a kilogram
It comes from the faeces of a Sumatran wild cat. The cat, called a Luwak, is unable to digest coffee beans consumed and they are fermented in the stomach. When the beans are excreted, they produce a smooth, chocolatey coffee.

Coffee drinkers have lower risks of certain diseases
Researchers have found that older patients with high levels of caffeine in their blood were more likely to avoid Alzheimer's disease. Studies have also shown caffeine has positive effects on Type 2 diabetes and Parkinson's disease, and offers protection against skin cancer in women.

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21. The main aim of this flyer is to _____.

(1) promote milk and coffee products
(2) promote the milk and coffee art workshop
(3) educate participants on the basics of milk steaming
(4) teach participants how to draw patterns and designs in their coffee

22. Which of the following is <u>not</u> a requirement of the workshop?

(1) Participants must register online.
(2) Participants must pay for the workshop.
(3) Participants must be at least 12 years old.
(4) Participants must have a solid foundation in design.

23. The country that ranks second in coffee production in the world is _____.

(1) Brazil
(2) Vietnam
(3) Sumatra
(4) ~~Colombia~~
Colombia

24. Participants will learn to _____.

(1) design coffee cups
(2) steam milk for coffee art
(3) show off their skills to their friends
(4) select good quality coffee products

25. A person who is specially trained in the making and serving of coffee drinks is known as a _____.

(1) barista
(2) participant
(3) receptionist
(4) connoisseur

26. The most traded commodity on earth is _____.

(1) oil
(2) gold
(3) coffee
(4) natural gas

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27. Why does espresso contain less caffeine?

(1) More water is added to the coffee.
(2) It is consumed in smaller quantities.
(3) Only pressed coffee grounds are used.
(4) Boiling water is forced through the coffee grounds.

28. Which of the following statements is **true**?

(1) There are three types of coffee beans.
(2) Robusta coffee beans contain less caffeine.
(3) Luwak comes from the faeces of a Sumatran wild cat.
(4) Coffee drinkers have a lower risk of Alzheimer's disease.

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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 14 September 2017. 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)	a	D)	also	G)	as	K)	from	N)	only
B)	after	E)	an	H)	both	L)	it	P)	that
C)	always	F)	and	J)	for	M)	most	Q)	the

The Great Barrier Reef is one of the seven natural wonders of the world. Located off the coast of Queensland in northeastern Australia, _____ (29) is the largest living thing on earth. It is _____ (30) extremely ancient and enormous ecosystem comprising living coral growing on dead coral dating back as much as twenty million years.

Visible _____ (31) outer space the Great Barrier Reef is one of the _____ (32) magnificent places on earth. Because of its natural beauty both below _____ (33) above the water's surface, the reef has become one of the world's most sought _____ (34) tourist destinations.

_____ (35) the world's largest coral reef, it contains an abundance of marine life _____ (36) generations, people have travelled to see the coral, schools of fish, turtles, whales and dolphins _____ (37) call the reef home. Not only is the reef a breeding area for humpback whales migrating from the Antarctic, it is _____ (38) the habitat of a few endangered species including the large Green Sea Turtle and the Dugong, which is commonly called Sea Cow. In recent years, marine scientists have raised concerns about the effects of pollution and global warming on this natural wonder.

Marks

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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)

In this electronic age, children need time for meaningful family connections. Time in

(39) [ ]

the garden allows that to happen. Planned what goes into a garden, planting the seeds and

(40) [ ] (41) [ ]

watching them grow give children a sense of purpurse and responsibility. There is a meeriad

of scientific concepts one can discuss with one's children when tending to a garden. In

(42) [ ]

addition, making sure that the plants get enough water and sun fostered mindfulness in

(43) [ ]

children. The concepts learned while gardening, like using food scraps for fertileizer or using

(44) [ ]

gathered rainwater, can instill onto children a deep respect and sense of responsibility for

taking care of our planet.

(45) [ ]

When children particepate in gardening, the fruits and vegetables that they are

(46) [ ]

inspeired to eat will no doubt have a positive effect on their body. The act of gardening itself

(47) [ ] (48) [ ]

can also promotes a healthy body. Some say a lack of childhood exposure for germs

(49) [ ]

actually increases a child's susceptability to diseases like asthma and allergies by

suppressing the development of the immune system. As such, getting dirty while gardening

(50) [ ]

may actually strong a child's immunity and overall health. Most importantly, the joy a child

gets from eating a fruit that he has grown himself is priceless.

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

The duck-billed platypus is one of the most unusual creatures in the animal kingdom. Long time ago, no one had actually seen anything like it and it _____ (51) a long time for people to believe that an animal like the platypus really _____ (52). When the skin of the platypus _____ (53) arrived in the British Museum in 1798, the museum scientists thought that someone _____ (54) stitched a duck's beak onto the body of a mammal. It was no _____ (55) that they thought so. It had webbed feet and its snout was like a duck's beak. The body was covered with fur and it also had a beaver-like tail. Scientists were further puzzled _____ (56) they discovered that the platypus _____ (57) eggs like a snake and suckled its young like _____ (58) mammals.

A platypus swimming up a stream can easily be mistaken _____ (59) a piece of log. Its most remarkable _____ (60) is its snout. The platypus uses its beak to scoop up aquatic worms, shellfish, insects and other small animals from the bottom of a stream. It stores the food in its cheek pouches until it rises to the water _____ (61) to chew and swallow it. A platypus swims with its paddle-like front legs and steers with its hind legs and tail.

On _____ (62), the platypus moves a bit more awkwardly. However, the webbing on its feet retracts to _____ (63) individual nails that enable the creature to run. Platypuses live in burrows that they dig in the banks of streams, Keeping the entrance just above the water level. They are shy animals and sleep in their burrows during the daytime.

During the nineteenth century, many platypuses were _____ (64) as their fur was in great demand, vastly decreasing their population. Hunting has been _____ (65) by the government since 1912. However, other man-made changes continue to be a threat to their existence.

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. You can only buy the medicine over the counter if you have a doctor's prescription.

Unless _____

_____.

67. Duncan told his mother that he had met Samuel at the playground the previous weekend.

Duncan said to his mother, "_____

_____."

68. You are consistently late for school. You should get rid of the bad habit.

_____ being _____

_____.

69. The supervisor was negligent. A worker was seriously injured in an accident.

_____ led to _____

_____.

70. There was an unsightly mess in his room. His mother told him to get rid of it.

He _____

_____.

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

With rhythmic sweeps of its tail, the humpback whale swam along the eastern coast of Australia. The creature that weighed nearly thirty tonnes was beginning its migration to the rich feeding grounds of Antarctica, thousands of miles to the south and still many weeks away.

It had either failed to realise the shark net anchored off the coast of Australia, or it did not know how to avoid it. Within seconds, the whale found itself enveloped in two hundred metres of nylon net and rope. Neither was the whale able to reverse because humpback whales cannot swim backwards nor could it swim forward because the net was firmly secured to the ocean bed by a hundred kilograms of chain and two very heavy anchors. The whale spun around and threw itself out of the water to try and break free. However, the net wrapped even more tightly around its body. With its mouth, blowhole, left fin and tail bound tight, the whale struggled to rise above the water for air. Finally, using all its strength in one last bid for freedom, it thrashed again and again until one of the chains snapped and an anchor broke free. Still bound by the weight of the massive chain and the remaining anchor, the whale resumed its migratory path as if unwavering in its desire to head south.

Some time later, the marine centre in Queensland received a call that an entangled humpback whale had been spotted. A rescue team consisting of a helicopter and a small boat with three divers was soon despatched. After several hours of fruitless searching, the captain of the boat received a message on his marine radio. The helicopter pilot had located the whale a little further out than expected. The pilot had also noticed that the whale was not alone. Humpback whales sing to each other across vast stretches of ocean and support injured companions so the whale had been joined by three others. With four whales present, the rescue mission had suddenly become potentially far more dangerous. There was no way of knowing if the whales would turn aggressive.

As they approached the trapped whale, the divers lowered themselves into the water to assess the situation. Then, suddenly, the three other giant mammals bore down on **them** and they braced themselves for the impact. Six feet away from them, however, the whales wheeled away gracefully, swimming underneath and around the men showing interest and appearing to be inquisitive. They did not appear to be aggressive.

The divers swam to the trapped whale's head and began slicing the net in which it was caught. It was exhausting work. The weight of the chains kept the head of the whale largely under water, so the men had to dive, cut and then surface for air. Since the whale was moving forward, they had to swim to its head to start again each time. The men felt like car mechanics doing repairs to a lorry while it was motoring down the road. The whale was struggling to obtain enough air but it watched the divers intently. Its eyes, each the size of a human fist, followed their every move. As the men worked, the mammal seemed to sense that they only wanted to help and it grew calmer and slowed down. Then one of its companions swam underneath and nudged its head to the surface, assisting the creature to breathe. As the whale broke the surface and exhaled through its blowhole, it threw up a fine, cool mist.

The weakened whale had no reaction as the divers lined up for the final cut to save it. Eventually the rope parted and the net fell away. Minutes passed and still the whale did not respond. At last, with a gentle sweep of its tail, it slowly swam away. Picking up speed, it headed towards its companions. When it reached them, all four mammals began tail-slapping the water, as if applauding the achievement of the rescue team. Watching from a distance, the rescue team felt an overwhelming sense of satisfaction. Then, turning together, the whales swam south towards Antarctica.

Adapted from 'To Free a Giant' by John Parish

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71. According to paragraph 1, why was the whale swimming to Antarctica? [2m]

_____

_____.

72. Which sentence from paragraph two tells us that the whale was trapped within a short time? [2m]

73. Why had the rescue mission 'suddenly become potentially far more dangerous' (line 23)? [2m]

_____

_____

74. Which word in paragraph 4 tells us that the divers thought of the whales as curious creatures? [1m]

75. Look at the table below. What do the words on the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right. [2m]

Word from the passage	What the word refers to
it (line 6)	
them (line 26)	

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76 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
The captain of the boat was the one who first located the whale.		
The divers thought that they were in danger when the three whales swam towards them.		
Before the whale was freed, the divers helped it to rise to the surface to breathe.		

77. Explain clearly why the rescuers felt like 'car mechanics doing repairs to a lorry while it was motoring down the road'. [2m]

_____

_____

78. How were the divers able to tell that the weakened whale had slowly regained its strength after they freed it from the net? [2m]

_____

_____

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

_____ The whale was joined by three other whales.

_____ The whale found itself enveloped in nylon net and rope.

_____ The trapped whale watched the divers attentively.

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80. Look for a word in paragraphs 2 and 3 which is of the same meaning as the word or words in the table below. Write your answer in the column on the right. [3m]

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1	2	2	4	1	4	1	4	2	3
Q 11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
4	2	1	2	3	2	3	1	1	1
Q 21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28		
2	4	4	2	1	1	2	4		

Booklet B

Q29	Q30	Q 31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
L	E	K	M	F	B	G	J	P	D

Q39)	Planning	Q43)	fertiliser	Q47)	promote
Q40)	Purpose	Q44)	in	Q48)	to
Q41)	myriad	Q45)	participate	Q49)	susceptibility
Q42)	fosters	Q46)	inspired	Q50)	strengthen

Q51)	took	Q56)	when	Q61)	surface
Q52)	existed	Q57)	laid	Q62)	land
Q53)	finally	Q58)	all	Q63)	show
Q54)	had	Q59)	for	Q64)	hunted
Q55)	wonder	Q60)	characteristic	Q65)	banned
Q66)	Unless you have a doctor's prescription, you cannot buy the medicine over the counter.				
Q67)	Duncan said to his mother, "I met Samuel at the playground last weekend."				
Q68)	You should get rid of the bad habit of being consistently late for school.				

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Q69)	The supervisor's negligence led to a worker being seriously injured in an accident.
Q70)	He was told by his mother to get rid of the unsightly mess in his room.

Q71)	The whale was migrating to Antarctica which is a rich feeding grounds.
Q72)	Within seconds, the whale found itself enveloped in two hundred metres of nylon net and rope.
Q73)	Three other whales joined the injured whale after the humpback whales sang to each other and the rescuers did not know whether the whales would turn aggressive or not.
Q74)	inquisitive
Q75)	It → the shark net Them → the divers

Q76

Q76 (i)	False	The helicopter pilot had located the whale first and messaged the captain of the boat.
Q76 (ii)	True	The divers braced for impact when the three whales bore down on them.
Q76 (iii)	False	One of the divers swam underneath and nudged the whale's head to the surface, assisting it to breathe.
Q77)	As the weight of the chains was heavy and kept the head of the whale largely under water, the rescuers had to dive, cut and then surface for air and at the same time, the whale was moving forward which caused the rescuers to swim to its head to start again each time like starting the engine of a stalled lorry.	
Q78)	The whale started to move minutes after the divers freed it from the net and increased speed later.	
Q79)	2,1,3	
Q80)	unwavering enveloped fruitless	

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