HENRY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
2018 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY SIX
PAPER 2 BOOKLET A

NAME : _____

CLASS : P6 _____

INDEX NO : _____

28 QUESTIONS

28 MARKS

TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 HOUR 50 MINUTES

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

Shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

Parent's signature: _____

Booklet A	_____ / 28
Booklet B	_____ / 67
TOTAL	_____ / 95

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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. Kerrine, as well as her brother, always _____ fishball noodles. every Friday.

   (1) eat
   (2) eats
   (3) ate
   (4) eating ( )

2. Thomas drew a picture of a tree, to _____ Jonathan added some apples.

   (1) who
   (2) what
   (3) whom
   (4) which ( )

3. "I remember Mrs Tan _____ our class to bring scissors and glue for our next Art lesson," Jane commented.

   (1) tell
   (2) tells
   (3) told
   (4) telling ( )

4. Some ships belonging to that company _____ off that coast a decade ago.

   (1) was sunk
   (2) were sunk
   (3) was sinking
   (4) were sinking ( )

5. "I have explained this concept a few times. _____, I will have to run through this topic with you again," said the teacher impatiently.

   (1) Before that
   (2) Even though
   (3) Nonetheless
   (4) Consequently ( )

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6. Ronaldo, the famous soccer player, was greeted warmly by his fans _____ his arrival at the airport.

(1) at
(2) in
(3) on
(4) to ( )

7. Zachary and his brother were shocked to discover that their luggage _____ left behind at the hotel.

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

8. My grandfather _____ in the company for more than fifty years when he retires next year.

(1) worked
(2) has worked
(3) will have worked
(4) has been working ( )

9. The concert _____ by the time Lily and her family arrived last evening.

(1) begins
(2) began
(3) has begun
(4) had begun ( )

10. "The Principal needs to sign the two documents, _____ he?" asked the clerk.

(1) has
(2) does
(3) hasn't
(4) doesn't ( )

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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. "It's just a _____," comforted the nurse as she pointed to the wound on the boy's knee.

(1) stain
(2) smear
(3) scrape
(4) smudge ( )

12. Ken Lim was _____ the first prize in the essay competition.

(1) granted
(2) awarded
(3) conferred
(4) honoured ( )

13. She leaned forward to pat the dog but quickly _____ when it growled at her.

(1) gave in
(2) threw in
(3) took back
(4) drew back ( )

14. The _____ of his controversial online post on social media could be damaging to his career.

(1) retention
(2) repression
(3) repercussion
(4) reverberation ( )

15. After a long and arduous hike, the _____climbers could not continue with their journey and stopped to take a short break.

(1) active
(2) weary
(3) drowsy
(4) energetic ( )

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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)

During the June holidays, John and his family went on a beach vacation. First on their itinerary was John's favourite, snorkelling!

As he swam in the deep blue sea, he **(16)** marvelled at the beautiful marine life. Suddenly, something strange and red caught John's eye. He approached it **(17)** cautiously, making sure he did not alarm the red sea creature. To John's horror, it was a turtle stuck in a red plastic bag. John felt **(18)** anxious as he watched the turtle trying desperately to free itself from the bag. John's father helped to remove the bag from the turtle and it swam away to freedom.

Since then, John and his family made a **(19)** determined and intentional effort to reduce their plastic footprints. John became an active marine conservation **(20)** advocate and often takes part in activities to help raise public awareness and support for the protection of marine life.

16. (1) accepted
(2) admired
(3) approved
(4) appreciated ( )

17. (1) gradually
(2) discreetly
(3) confidently
(4) thoughtfully ( )

18. (1) worried
(2) crossed
(3) flattered
(4) heartened ( )

19. (1) profound
(2) pervasive
(3) conscious
(4) composed ( )

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20. (1) activist
(2) contributor
(3) stakeholder
(4) broadcaster ( )

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Study this flyer carefully and answer questions 21 to 28.

POP CULTURE COMPANY PRESENTS

DANCE FESTIVAL



FOOTWORK

Discover the joy of movement and fall in love with dance at *Footwork* workshops. Conducted by professional instructors, these basic workshops are designed for adults and youths with little or no experience in dance.

There's no better way to fall in love with dance than to try dancing yourself. *Footwork* gives you the opportunity to learn popular dances from experts and pick up some moves in the months leading up to the DANCE Festival.

DANCE Festival, held from 9 to 21 November 2018, is Singapore's only biennial festival that celebrates a variety of dance forms from internationally and locally acclaimed dance practitioners.

Save the dates and come dance with us!

BUY YOUR TICKETS FROM 2 TO 14 SEPTEMBER 2018
Online Booking: www.pop-culture.com/footwork
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WHAT'S IN STORE FOR YOUR FEET...

POP NIGHT

Spice up your weekends and learn a new dance form or two in these workshops. Bring along a friend who is as crazy about K-POP and DISCO ROCK!



Venue: Studio 1
Duration: 1hr 30 min with short breaks
Fees: $28 per pair

CLASSICAL NIGHT FEVER

This fun and exciting class will introduce young dancers, aged 3 – 12 years old, to different levels of ballet while focusing on having fun; moving and developing poise and performance skills. Come register with us!



Venue: Studio 2
Duration: 1hr with short breaks
Fees: $10 per person

FAMILY DAY OUT

Learn the choreography with your parents! A great way for families to bond together. This is ideal for little ones aged 7 – 12 years old.



Bhangra
K-pop
Hip hop
Salsa
Swing
Tango

Venue: Studio 3
Duration: 1hr with short breaks
Fees: $15 per pair / $20 for three people
Children must be accompanied by an adult. Accompanying adult must be at least 18 years old and above.

BABY STEPS

It is never too young to start! Specially designed for little ones aged 3 – 6 years old. In this workshop, little tots and their parents can have lots of fun twirling together!



Jazz baby
Hip Hop baby
Tap baby
Pop baby

Venue: Studio 4
Duration: 1hr with short breaks
Fees: $14 per pair / $20 for three people
Children must be accompanied by an adult. Accompanying adult must be at least 20 years old and above.

The 3-week long workshops will begin on 2 October 2018.
For a complete list of all workshops and schedule during the festival, visit www.pop-culture.com/footwork/schedule

Sponsors: Mediacorp Peel Fresh, The Ballet School Singapore, Vans Off the Wall

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For each question from 21 to 28, 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. (8 marks)

21. The main purpose of the flyer is to _____.

(1) list the different types of dance workshops
(2) promote bonding amongst senior citizens and toddlers
(3) encourage people to discover the joy of learning new dance moves
(4) encourage people to meet different dance experts and compete in the dance competition.

( )

22. The *DANCE* Festival is held _____.

(1) Once a year
(2) Twice a year
(3) Once every 2 years
(4) Once every 2 weeks

( )

23. The main organiser of FOOTWORK is _____.

(1) *DANCE* Festival
(2) The Ballet School
(3) Popculture company
(4) VANS "OFF THE WALL"

( )

24. Based on the flyer, which of the following statements is true?

(1) The dance workshops are held during the *Dance* Festival.
(2) There are only 4 dance workshops held during this festival.
(3) To book a minimum of 10 tickets, one should call 6478 2957.
(4) A minimum of 2 participants is required to participate in "Baby Steps".

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25. Which group of 'Popculture' members will get to enjoy a discount of 15%?

(1) A couple signing up for "BABY STEPS"
(2) A family of 3 signing up for "CLASSICAL NIGHT FEVER"
(3) A group of 4 friends signing up for " Pop NIGHT" and "BABY STEPS"
(4) A family signing up for "FAMILY DAY OUT", "POP NIGHT" and " baby steps "

( )

26. Alice and her best friend Sharon, are interested in learning a dance form which develops their poise and performance skills. They can only afford to spend one hour per session in the evening.

They are recommended to participate in _____.

(1) POP NIGHT
(2) BABY STEPS
(3) FAMILY DAY OUT
(4) CLASSICAL NIGHT FEVER

( )

27. What is the similarity between "FAMILY DAY OUT" and "CLASSICAL NIGHT FEVER"?

(1) The tickets are sold at $10 per participant.
(2) They encourage families to take part together.
(3) The minimum age for a participant is 7 years old.
(4) The workshops last for an hour with short breaks in between

( )

28. The main reason of putting visuals in the descriptions of the 4 workshops is to _____.

(1) show all the professional instructors involved
(2) demonstrate all the dance steps involved in the workshops
(3) show one of the possible dance forms that will be taught in the workshops
(4) explain the health benefits gained from joining the dance workshops

( )

End-of-Booklet A

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PAPER 2 BOOKLET B

Name:_____**( ) Class: P6**_____

Section	Marks	
Grammar Cloze		10
Editing for Spelling and Grammar		12
Comprehension Cloze		15
Synthesis / Transformation		10
Comprehension Open Ended		20
Total		67

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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) a	(D) by	**(G) into**	**(K) out**	**(N) were**
(B) after	(E) despite	(H) of	**(L) some**	**(P) while**
(C) but	**(F) had**	(J) over	**(M) through**	**(Q) with**

Winters were always bitter and harsh in Albert's hometown. There was _____ severe snow storm looming with strong winds and the visibility was greatly
(29)
reduced. Albert and his siblings _____ to stay away from school because of the
(30)
threatening blizzard. All the children in the village _____ forced to stay at home as
(31)
the schools were closed. _____ of sheer boredom, Albert and his siblings had to
(32)
think of ways to occupy themselves. They attempted to entertain themselves _____ some board games in their cottage on the hill. After playing the games for
(33)
_____ time, they decided to venture out of their cottage to sculpt a snowman.
(34)

In no time, the cold and chill sent Albert's siblings scrambling back _____
(35)
their house. However, Albert was oblivious to the brewing storm. _____ he was
(36)
sculpturing a snowman, a howling gust of wind swept him off his feet. He fell heavily on his back. He yelled for help frantically _____ his hoarse voice was drowned out by the
(37)
swirling wind.

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All of a sudden, he heard some voices. A great sense of relief surged his numb and cold body. He knew he was safe. (38)

Adapted from The Wintry Solstice and Other Short Stories

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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)

When you think of a wolf, one of the first things that probably comes to

(39) [ ]

mind is their loud howl at full moon. These creatures **were** thought to be one of the most

ferocious predators in the animal kingdom. The wolf is a highly social animal. It lives

(40) [ ] (41) [ ]

within the same group for many of its life. The members of the pack cooparate in hunting,

(42) [ ]

feeding and caring for the young and even defending their territory **with** other packs.

(43) [ ]

Only 'Alphas' which are the top male and female wolves are permit to breed, while

(44) [ ]

any attempts to do so by others are punished. Generally, wolves are very altheletic,

(45) [ ]

capable of incredible endurance such as **persueing** a **prey over** long distances or

(46) [ ]

ploughing through chest-high snow for long periods. **Through** **quite** capable of ripping

(47) [ ]

apart even the strong of men, the wolf in the wild is extremely fearful of people.

[ ]

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(48) [ ]

These animals will not usually attack humans unless they are porvoked. They are carnivores and they eat everything from deer and moose to rabbits and mice. Wolves (49) [ ] (50) [ ] have great adabtabillity and high intelligence. They have tremendous strength which allows them to take down their prey easily. They work in teams to hunt large animals. Their hunting skills are so advanced that they can survive anywhere.

Adapted from kids.nationalgeographic.com/explore

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

Elephants are fast disappearing from the wild. Without urgent international action, (51)_____ could be gone within a generation. Most people know that elephants have long been (52)_____ for their ivory. In the 1970s, half of the elephant population in Africa disappeared — ruthlessly slaughtered for their ivory tusks. In 1989, (53)_____ international ban was imposed on the ivory trade. This means that while it is still legal to sell ivory within one's own country, it is (54)_____ to export it to other countries. Unfortunately, many tourists still purchase ivory jewellery and art objects while (55)_____ . African and Asian countries, resulting in a constant demand for ivory.

In addition to (56)_____ threatened by the ivory trade, Asian elephants are also hunted for their hide and bone. In Thailand, the hide is made into shoes and hand bags. And in China, the bone is (57)_____ into bone ash and used in traditional medicines to (58)_____ ulcers of the skin and stomach.

An even greater (59)_____ to elephants than poaching may be habitat loss. As human populations expand, more land is used for agriculture. Human beings (60)_____ encroached into elephant habitats. The critical overlap of human and elephant habitats has caused problems for both the elephants and humans. Occasionally, it is the elephants (61)_____ accidentally harm the humans.

Elephants sometimes raid farmers' fields and damage their crops as well. Human attempts to drive elephants (62)_____ from their land sometimes lead to them being injured, accidentally or deliberately.

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In Asia, (63)_____people would rather capture a wild elephant and train it (64) _____ purchase one. They find it much more attractive to have a large, productive adult elephant at hand, than to breed elephants and wait ten years for the babies to (65) _____ up.

Unfortunately, many of the methods used to capture elephants result in the death of these animals. The fate of these wild elephants depends on the willingness of human beings to act with compassion and integrity.

Adapted from: http://www.earthskids.com/ek-elephants.aspx



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For each of the questions from 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. "Don't tell me how you have managed to solve the puzzle," John told his sister.

John told his sister _____ ___

_____

67. The students were dismissed early. The canteen vendors panicked as the food was not ready.

With the early _____ ___

_____ _____

68. Arun had not baked a cake before and made a huge mess in the kitchen.

Not _____ _____

_____ _____

69. Peter is friendly and helpful. His friends sing praises of him.

_____ because of his

_____ _____ . ___

70. It can be very tiring to work all day without taking a break

Working _____ _

_____ _ ___

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Read this passage and answer questions 71 – 80.

"Talking of the prices of birds, I've seen an ostrich that cost $300," said the old man, recalling his travels in his youth. "$300!"

I looked at him over my spectacles. I had seen **another** that the owner refused to sell at $400. You would have thought that five ostriches would have been cheap. But the point was, one of them had swallowed a diamond.

The ostrich got it off Sir Padishah from India who was wearing a turban, with the diamond on it. The bird pecked at it suddenly and had it. It then went and mixed with the others. The birds' keeper was not present at that moment, so he did not know which bird it was. The news about the incident spread throughout the ship. In no time, everyone was talking about it. Padishah was greatly affected by the loss.

I did not feel very sorry for him. **The owner** had been boasting about his diamond ever since he boarded the ship that was travelling from Bombay to Southampton.

The keeper of the five ostriches refused Padishah's proposals to get it out by way of medicine or stomach pump.

One of the passengers whose son was a lawyer in London, argued lawfully that what the bird swallowed had become part of it. The only thing that Padishah could do was to sue for damages. Thus, he went privately to the keeper and made an offer for all five ostriches.

However, the keeper said that he did not have the authority to sell them. He was asked to approach the owner, Mr. Potter who was also onboard the ship.

Padishah found Potter in the viewing deck and offered him $250 for the five birds. This was twice the original cost of the ostriches. Potter said that he would not sell them because he meant to kill them one by one to find the diamond. Padishah burst into tears upon hearing it and Potter was caught by surprise. After thinking it over, Potter relented and decided not to kill the ostriches.

Potter offered to sell the birds separately to different people by auctioning off each bird at a starting price of $80.

You must understand this diamond was a valuable one – a diamond merchant from Belgium, who was with us, had priced it at $3000 to $4000 when Padishah had shown it to **him** and this idea of an ostrich gamble caught on.

So the auction began with the diamond merchant finally getting a bird that seemed to be sick, possibly due to indigestion, with a winning bid of $180. At once,

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he got a gun and shot it. There was no diamond when **the dissection** was over. This total disregard for the creature's life persuaded Potter to state that the remaining ostriches were not to be put down until the ship reached Southampton.

Obviously, the bids for the other birds were higher. Oddly enough, Padishah did not secure any of **them**. He claimed that he would file a lawsuit. Later, he even gave his name and address to those who had bought the birds so that they would know where to send the diamond. None of them wanted his name and address and none of them would give him theirs.

How did it end? A week or so after arriving at Southampton, I was shopping in London and guess who I saw? Padishah and Potter were walking arm-in-arm and having a grand time.

If you think about it, and yes, I have thought of that too. There is no doubt the diamond was real and Padishah was a famous Indian prince. I have often seen his name in the newspapers. But whether the bird swallowed the diamond was certainly another matter.

Adapted from *A Deal in Ostriches* by H.G Wells (Published in 1894)

71. Which sentence from the third paragraph tells us that the ostrich had swallowed the diamond? (1m)

72. 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
another (line 3)	
owner (line 11)	
him (line 31)	

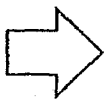
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73. Based on lines 6-15, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. (3m)

	True/False	Reason
No one could identify which ostrich took the diamond.		
The narrator liked Sir Padishah.		
The keeper stood his ground in not retrieving the diamond.		

74. Based on lines 16-26 fill in the blanks below to show how Sir Padishah responded to each situation. (2m)

When he realised that he could only sue for damages,



he _____

_____

When Potter said that he would kill the ostriches one by one,



he _____

_____

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75. Based on the whole story, what made Potter announce to the potential buyers that the remaining ostriches were to remain alive **until** they reached Southampton? (2m)

_____

_____

76. What was the effect on the auction when the first ostrich was shot? Why was that so? (2m)

_____

_____

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

_____ Potter sold off all the ostriches.

_____ The diamond was swallowed by one of the ostriches.

_____ Padishah showed off the diamond after boarding the ship.

78. Which **two** words from lines 22-36 show that Potter changed his plan about the ostriches? The two words are found in separate paragraphs. (2m)

[ ] and [ ]

79. Which two of the following words best describe how the buyers of the ostriches felt in lines 36 – 39? Put a tick ✓ in the box beside each of your answers. (2m)
DO NOT TICK MORE THAN TWO BOXES.

generous	☐	greedy	☐
selfish	☐	anti-social	☐
proud	☐	sorry	☐

☐

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80. Do you think the narrator believed that one of the ostriches swallowed the diamond? Support your answer from the passage. (2m)

_____ _____ _____

_____

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EXAM PAPER 2018(P6)

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TERM : SA2

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

39)are 40)most 41)cooperate 42)against 43)permitted

44)althletic 45)pursing 46)Although 47)strongest

48)provoked 49)adaptability 50)strength 51)they 52)hunted

53)on 54)illegal 55)visiting 56)being 57)turned

58)cure 59)threat 60)have 61)that 62)away

63)most 64)than 65)grow

66)John told his sister not to tell him how she had managed to solve the puzzle.

67)With the early dismissal of the students, the canteen vendors panicked as the food was not ready.

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68)Not having baked a cake before, Arun made a huge mess in the kitchen.

69)Peter's friends sing praises of him because of his friendliness and helpfulness.

70)Working all day without taking a break can be very tiring.

71)The bird pecked at it suddenly and had it.

72)(line3) --- an ostrich

(line11) --- Sir Padishah

(line31) --- the diamond merchant from Belgium

73)True / When the ostriches ate the diamond, the bird owner was not there, thus he did not know which ostrich.

False / The narrator did not felt sorry for Sir Padishah when he lost the diamond as he kept boosting about it.

True / The keeper refused Sir Padishah's proposals to get the diamond out of the ostriches by medicine or stomach pump.

74)→he went privately to the keeper.

→he burst into tears upon heating it.

75)He did not want then to know that they had been cheated because none of the diamond in it.

76)The birds for the other birds got higher. The potential buyers think that there would be a higher chance of getting the diamond as there are only 4 ostriches left.

77)3 , 2 , 1

78)relented and persuaded

79)selfish / greedy

80)No, I do not. When the ostrich gamble is happening, Sir Padishah did not secure any of the ostriches. Also Sir Padishah is walking with Potter and having a great time, is the ostriches swallowed the diamond it will not happen.

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