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CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)

Primary 6

Mid-Year Assessment

13 May 2019

English Language

Paper 2 Booklet A

Duration of Paper (Booklets A & B): 1 h 50 min

28 questions
28 marks

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(10 marks)

1. Katherine made a beeline for the canteen as soon as she heard the recess bell _____ .

   (1) ring
   (2) rang
   (3) rung
   (4) was ringing

2. After taking a wrong turn, Mr Kumar will now have to make _____ U-turn at _____ road junction over there.

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

3. Bonnie, together with her classmates, _____ jam on the bread just now.

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

4. Caitlyn and Mother have heard so many great reviews about the musical that they are looking forward to _____ it.

   (1) watch
   (2) watches
   (3) watched
   (4) watching

5. Other than you and _____ , the rest must meet Mr Fang in the library during recess to pack the shelves.

   (1) her
   (2) she
   (3) hers
   (4) herself

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6. Not only _____ some of the songs, but she also sang them.

(1) did she compose
(2) is she composing
(3) does she compose
(4) was she composing

7. During the camp, most of the rice on the plates _____ left untouched.

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

8. The black and white stripes of the zebra _____ it camouflage with its surroundings.

(1) help
(2) helps
(3) helping
(4) has helped

9. Danny, _____ overseas for a long time, is happy to be finally home again.

(1) is
(2) was
(3) had been
(4) having been

10. Overhunting has resulted in the decline _____ the population of deer.

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

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(5 marks)

11. His doting parents _____ him with luxury such as the latest gadgets and branded clothes.

(1) rained
(2) blessed
(3) covered.
(4) indulged

12. There is a _____ that thousands of years ago, a Chinese empress discovered how to make silk from caterpillar cocoons.

(1) fable
(2) myth
(3) rumour
(4) tradition

13. With the tickets all snapped up within the first hour, the response to the movie was indeed _____.

(1) excessive
(2) extravagant
(3) overpowering
(4) overwhelming

14. Being a friendly boy, Ethan tried to _____ a conversation with the new student who just joined his class.

(1) strike at
(2) strike up
(3) strike off
(4) strike out

15. Gigi's conviction to render help was _____ when she saw the smiles on the orphans' faces.

(1) elevated
(2) enlarged
(3) sharpened
(4) strengthened

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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.

(5 marks)

Often, there is no way of telling if food is contaminated because it may not smell, taste or even look different. However, if food safety is not adhered to (16), contaminants may find their way into food and cause food poisoning. If that happens, food poisoning or foodborne illnesses can happen.

Recently, there has been a spate (17) of food poisoning reports in Asia where food is either handled or stored wrongly (18) at food centres. However, many food poisoning cases go unreported, especially if the foodborne illness is not fatal or serious (19). By practising hygiene prior to handling and storing food and making sure that all utensils and surfaces are clean, food contamination can be kept at bay (20). Food safety is vital at home too. Home cooks need to keep to three fundamental procedures for food safety at home: Clean, Separate and Store.

Adapted from 'Play Safe with Food' by Sng Ee Ping

16. (1) observed
(2) regarded
(3) compiled
(4) scrutinised

17. (1) rise
(2) wave
(3) series
(4) outburst

18. (1) unfittingly
(2) incorrectly
(3) inaccurately
(4) unbecomingly

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19. (1) grim
(2) grave
(3) deadly
(4) disastrous

20. (1) banned
(2) excused
(3) excluded
(4) prevented

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

NEW 3R Museum at 123 GoGreen Avenue has opened!

The newly-opened 3R Museum is a creative museum that aims to promote education and engagement on the 3Rs (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle) among individuals and households. With more people on board, it will in turn create greater awareness on waste minimisation and recycling among businesses and organisations as well!

In addition to our regular exhibitions and activities, we have special events lined up in May. Join us to learn how we can do our part to save our environment.

Sign up for membership and enjoy a waiver of your admission fees all year round!

Child/Student	Individual	Senior
• **$10** for 1-year membership per person • For children or students (Aged 3 - 20 years old or full-time students)	• **$20** for 1-year membership per person • For adults (Aged 21 - 59 years old)	• **$15** for 1-year membership per person • For seniors (Aged 60 years and above)

If you enjoy interacting with people, join us as a museum volunteer for an enriching experience!

3R Museum presents ...



Exhibition

Packaging Makes All the Difference

Production Date: 3 May
Expiry Date: 31 May

Drawing from the museum's rich artefact collections, Packaging Makes All the Difference is a showcase of how packaging technology has developed over the years. It also presents the various people that have shaped Singapore's complex food packaging history, from producers and designers to retailers and consumers. What is even more interesting is that it explores the future of packaging and eco-friendly practices towards reducing our environmental footprint. Come join in the exciting line-up of events!

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SPECIAL PROGRAMMES IN MAY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1	2	**Opening Special** Explore the Food and Craft Market for delicious treats. Bring your own containers and get a discount for not using disposable products! 12 p.m. – 6 p.m. Open to all for free 3	4	5
6	**Upcycling Fun** **Have a go at making your own Mother's Day gift by recycling old bottles.** A.M. Session : 9 a.m. – 10.30 a.m. (For Wednesday only) P.M. session : 3 p.m. – 4.30 p.m. Only 20 seats available at each session. Registration Fee : $15 *Take $10 off if you bring your own bottles and recycled materials. 7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	**Pack It Creatively** 3 p.m. – 4.30 p.m. Registration Fee : $12 Learn more about the innovative food packaging designs from our home-grown DIY sushi chain 16	17	18	19
Storytelling Session [Age : 4-8] 1 p.m. Glass Atrium, Level 3 Free Admission 20	21	22	23	24	**Weekend Special** 4 p.m. – 7 p.m. Enjoy a relaxing picnic indoors with a screening of short films and performances by our local talents at no cost. 25	26
27	**Curator Tour** Join our experienced curator for exclusive after-hours tour of the exhibits 7.30 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. Registration Fee : $8 28	29	30	31		

Visit the website www.3Rmusuem.com for more details. ☺

Presented by:
The 3R Museum

Supported by:
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(8 marks)

21. "Packaging Makes All the Difference" exhibition is organised by _____.

(1) 3R Museum
(2) Carton Paradise
(3) ZeroWastage@Sg
(4) Sustainable Society

22. What is the main aim of the 3R Museum?

(1) to explore the future of packaging and eco-friendly practices
(2) to promote education and engagement on the 3Rs to the public
(3) to share about what have shaped Singapore's food packaging history
(4) to learn more about the creative food packaging designs from local companies

23. Why is the word "NEW" written in the text capitalised?

(1) to emphasise section headings
(2) to stir interest about the museum
(3) to show that the words are proper nouns
(4) to encourage the reader to practise the 3Rs

24. Eva, who is a student, is thinking of signing up for the membership. According to the flyer, she should sign up if she wants to _____.

(1) enjoy special rates when attending the special programmes in May
(2) learn more about what to do to save the environment
(3) be a museum volunteer for an enriching experience
(4) enter the 3R Museum for free all year round

25. Jane and Peter enjoy reading stories and listening to them. Which programme would you recommend them?

(1) Curator Tour
(2) Upcycling Fun
(3) Pack it Creatively.
(4) Storytelling Session

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26. What is the similarity between the two programmes "Opening Special" and "Upcycling Fun"?

(1) Both programmes require you to pay a registration fee.
(2) Both programmes take place during the same time slots.
(3) Both programmes allow you to make your own craft and bring it home.
(4) Both programmes allow you to save money when you play a part in saving the earth.

27. Some of the information in this flyer shows facts; others are opinions. Which of the following information shows a fact?

(1) Delicious food is served at the Food and Craft Market.
(2) The cost of a one-year membership for a student is $10.
(3) At the Weekend Special, participants will enjoy a relaxing picnic indoors.
(4) Participants can learn about innovative food packaging designs at Pack It Creatively.

28. Which of the following is <u>true</u> of the special programmes in May?

(1) All special programmes in May require a fee.
(2) There are no special programmes on Mondays.
(3) Most of the special programmes are held in the morning..
(4) Every weekend in May is packed with special programmes.

END OF BOOKLET A

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Primary 6
Mid-Year Assessment
13 May 2019

English Language
Paper 2 Booklet B

Duration of Paper (Booklets A & B): 1 h 50 min

52 questions
67 marks

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Booklet A	28
Booklet B	67
Total	95

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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)	from	(G)	however	(K)	to	(N)	out
(B)	an	(E)	had	(H)	into	(L)	of	(P)	which
(C)	and	(F)	has	(J)	through	(M)	or	(Q)	who

Three days ago, I witnessed one of the most devastating disasters in living memory. My uncle and I noticed unusual cloud rising from the peak _____ (29) a volcano around midday. Later, we realised it was a volcanic explosion which had released so much ash that it blocked _____ (30) the sun.

My uncle and I immediately joined the rescue team _____ (31) sailed to the village nearest to the volcano. The people _____ (32) had fled from the village immediately survived. Those who stayed, _____ (33), were caught in an avalanche of hot ash, rocks and poisonous gas, which swept _____ (34) the village. Houses either caught fire _____ (35) were destroyed.

The next few days, my uncle and I worked tirelessly rescuing residents _____ (36) burning houses. During one of the rescue expeditions, my uncle _____ (37) a fall and his right ankle was trapped among the debris. Although we managed _____ (38) free his ankle eventually, he suffered a joint dislocation.

I fear that village will never fully recover from such a catastrophe but I am glad that my uncle and I are alive.

Adapted from 'Ancient City in Ruins' by Katelyn Woodworth

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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)

Eczema is a condition that causes a person's skin to become inflamed or irritated. No matter

(39) [ ]

which part of the skin is affected, eczema is almost always itchy. Eczema is relatively prevelernt in

children as most of them outgrow the condition when they reach adulthood. The specific cause of

(40) [ ] **(41)** [ ]

eczema remain unknown but it could be due to a combination of genetic and environment

factors.

(42) [ ]

To alleviate the symptoms of eczema, those afekted must be mindful of the internal and

(43) [ ]

external triggers. For starters, they should keeping their stress level low and avoid

(44) [ ]

common food allergy such as dairee, eggs and nuts. External factors such as dust and other

(45) [ ] **(46)** [ ]

irritants can also agravate the skin. The condition is not contageous and cannot pass from person to

person.

(47) [ ]

Those with eczema can improve the condition of his skin by properly moisturising it.

(48) [ ]

Taking lookwarm showers also helps to prevent excessive loss of moisture from the skin. Finally,

(49) [ ]

ointments or oral medication may provide relieve from the symptoms.

(50) [ ]

Although there is no cure for eczema, most people can effective manage their condition. They

just have to adjust their lifestyle and habits accordingly.

Adapted from 'www.webmd.com'

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

The word 'chocolate' conjures up images of sweet desserts such as candy bars and ice cream. _____ (51) to the bitter chocolate of the past, the chocolate of _____ (52) is a sweet and edible treat. Modern chocolate makers add a lot of sugar and milk to sweeten its _____ (53). As such, chocolate is always irresistible to those with a sweet tooth.

Chocolate is made from the fruit of cacao trees. The fruits are called pods and _____ (54) pod contains around 40 cacao beans. The beans have to be fermented first in order to _____ (55) out the unique flavour in them. After fermentation, the beans are dried and roasted to create cocoa beans. _____ (56) are further processed to make white or dark chocolate.

Chocolate is generally stored _____ (57) from other foods so it would not absorb their aromas. Ideally, chocolates are packed and stored at a place _____ (58) the correct humidity and temperature. _____ (59) doing so it will prevent the chocolate from absorbing too much moisture and losing its original flavour.

Recent studies _____ (60) shown that consuming chocolate may allow one to reap a range of _____ (61) benefits. One study suggests that drinking hot chocolate every day could _____ (62) the brain healthy and reduce memory decline in older people. _____ (63) also helps improve blood flow to parts of the brain where it is needed.

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Despite its health benefits, chocolate can have negative effects on our body too. Excessive consumption of chocolate can _____ (64) weight gain in some people due to its high sugar content. Those who are trying to _____ (65) down or maintain their weight should therefore limit their chocolate consumption.

All in all, eating chocolate can have both health benefits and risks. Hence, moderation is the key.

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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 Mrs Tan bought eggs from a farmer. His chickens roam free.

_____ whose

_____

67 David did not greet the teacher. He entered the classroom.

Without _____

_____

68 "Would you mind returning the library books?" my sister asked me.

My sister asked me if _____

_____

69 Siti learnt that her cousin would be getting married. She was greatly excited.

It was with _____

_____

70 Andy had not ironed clothes before and made a mess of it.

Not _____

_____

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

Two tickets. Only two tickets to the big quarterfinals basketball game the next day. Three pairs of eyes all focused on the tickets in Father's outstretched hand. Marcus, the older, asked impatiently, "Only two tickets? But, Dad, which of us gets to go with you?" My younger brother, Caleb, looked at Father with his eyes sparkling with anticipation.

"Dad, can't you get more tickets?" I asked. I was just as eager as my brothers were for a night out with Father.

"I'm afraid not as **they** were all sold out," Father answered, shaking his head.

It did not take long for Marcus and Caleb to get into a squabble, each arguing for their right to be the '**chosen one**'. Barely had I uttered another word when Father held up his hands in a 'time-out' signal. We quietened down.

"Alright, alright," said Father, "I'll decide who deserves it most by tomorrow morning. Go to bed now, boys and girl!"

The next morning, before Father left for his morning exercise, he reminded us to get started on our Saturday chores. We nodded our heads. As soon as we finished breakfast, we set about with our respective chores. In no time, we were done. However, nobody wanted to take the trash out. It was the most dreaded task!

"I'm going to pick up the morning newspapers!" Marcus announced and winked at Caleb. Taking the **cue** from Marcus, Caleb followed behind him and they headed for the door. "Not again," I groaned inwardly. "I have been doing this for the umpteenth time."

I heard the familiar "thump... thump... thump" of the basketball bouncing off the driveway. I glanced out of the kitchen window and saw Marcus practising on his shot while Caleb cheered him on. Frustrated, I **knocked on the window three times.** When the boys looked up, I **meaningfully held up an empty milk carton and pointed at the rubbish bin in the kitchen.** Marcus casually nodded to me and held up his five fingers. Mirroring his older brother, Caleb did the same. I sighed and reached for the almost-full rubbish bin. I took it out to the garbage container outside.

"Guys, three minutes left," I reminded them sarcastically as I lifted the lid on the garbage container and emptied the contents from the bin. Marcus and Caleb were too engrossed in their game to hear me. I rolled my eyes in annoyance as I began to replace the lid on the garbage container. Then, I noticed an envelope taped to the inside of the lid. Curious, I opened the envelope and pulled out a folded piece of paper. "To **the one who deserves to go**," the paper read, and inside of it was a ticket to the basketball game. I could not believe that I was the one who got to go to the game! "The ticket!" I waved it in the air. Marcus and Caleb stopped playing and stared at me dumbfounded.

"Well done!" Father said when he returned home. That evening turned out to be as special as I had imagined: a father and a daughter cheering their team to victory.

Adapted from 'Two Tickets to the Big Game' by J Styron Madsen

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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

71 How can you tell from the first paragraph that the children wanted to go to the game? [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
they (line 7)	
chosen one (line 9)	
cue (line 18)	

73 Explain clearly why the author's father held up his hands in a 'time-out' signal (line 10). [2m]

_____

_____

74 Write 1, 2, and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred, based on information from lines 11 to 26. [1m]

_____ The author's father sent the children to bed.

_____ The author's father went for his morning exercise.

_____ The author's father reminded the children to do their chores.

75 Which word from lines 20 – 26 tells you that Caleb imitated Marcus's behaviour? [1m]

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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 author was the middle child.		
Marcus returned to his chores after he collected the morning newspaper.		
The author knew that a ticket was taped to the inside of the lid.		

77 How did the author urge her brothers to do the chores? List two actions. [2m]

(i) _____

(ii) _____

78 Which **two** of the following words best describe how the author felt in lines 27 – 34? Put a tick ✓ in the box beside each of your answers. [2m]

tired	☐	confused	☐
hopeful	☐	excited	☐
upset	☐	distracted	☐

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79 Based on the information from the passage, fill in the blanks with the reasons for the actions. [3m]

Action	Reason for the action
Marcus was the first to ask Father who he was giving the ticket to.	Marcus could not _____ _____
Marcus and Caleb did not hear the author when she spoke to them on her way to the garbage container.	They were not _____ _____
Marcus stopped practising on his basketball shot and stared at his sister.	He could not _____ _____

80 Explain clearly why the author was "the one who deserves to go" (lines 31-32) to the basketball game. [2m]

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BOOKLET A

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

BOOKLET B

Q29) L

Q30) N

Q31) C/P

Q32) Q

Q33) G

Q34) H/J

Q35) M

Q36) D

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Q37) E

Q38) K

Q39) prevalent

Q40) remains

Q41) environmental

Q42) affected

Q43) keep

Q44) dairy

Q45) aggravate

Q46) contagious

Q47) their

Q48) lukewarm

Q49) relief

Q50) effectively

Q51) Comparing

Q52) today

Q53) taste

Q54) each

Q55) bring

Q56) They

Q57) away

Q58) with

Q59) By

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Q60) have

Q61) health

Q62) keep

Q63) It

Q64) cause

Q65) slim

Q66) Mrs Tan bought some eggs from a farmer whose chickens roam free.

Q67) Without greeting the teacher, David entered the classroom.

Q68) My sister asked me if I would mind returning the library books.

Q69) It was with great excitement that Siti learnt that her cousin would be getting married.

Q70) Not having ironed clothes before, Andy made a mess of it.

Q71) The children's eyes were all focused on the tickets in Father's outstretched hand.

Q72)

They	The tickets to the big quarterfinals basketball game
Chosen one	The person to go to the big quarterfinals basketball game
Cue	The wink

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Q73) Marcus and Caleb were squabbling and Father wanted them to quieten down.

Q74) 1 > 3 > 2

Q75) mirroring

Q76)

The author was the middle child.	True	Marcus was older than the author and the author was older than Caleb.
Marcus returned to his chores after he collected the morning newspaper.	False	Marcus went to practise his basketball shot after collecting the morning newspaper.
The author knew that a ticket was taped to the inside of the lid.	False	The author only realised that the ticket was taped to the inside of the lid when she took out the trash.

Q77) i: The author knocked on the window three times.

ii: The author held up an empty milk carton and pointed at the rubbish bin in the kitchen.

Q78) upset, excited

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Q79)

Marcus was the first to ask Father who he was giving the ticket to.	Marcus could not wait to know who could go to the game.
Marcus and Caleb did not hear the author when she spoke to them on her way to the garbage container.	They were not listening to the author as they were too engrossed in their game.
Marcus stopped practising his basketball shot and stared at his sister.	He could not believe that his sister got to go to the game.

Q80) The author completed the most dreaded task which was to take out the trash when her brothers refused to do it. Therefore, she spotted the ticket taped to the inside of the lid.

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