RIVER VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1/ 2019
ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
PRIMARY 6

Name : _____( )

Class : P6 _____ Mark : _____/28

Date : 16 May 2019

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BOOKLET A

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

Instructions to candidates

1. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
2. Follow all instructions carefully.
3. Answer all questions.
4. Shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

	Marks	Maximum Marks
Paper 1 **Situational Writing**		**15**
Paper 1 **Continuous Writing**		**40**
Paper 2 Booklet A		**28**
Paper 2 Booklet B		**67**
Paper 3 Listening		**20**
Paper 4 Oral		**30**
Total		**200**

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For each question from 1 to 10, four options are given. Choose the correct answer and shade the oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. Sonia has the _____ chapters left to read in the class.

   (1) fewer
   (2) fewest
   (3) least
   (4) lesser ( )

2. They could not help but _____ the article posted on social media about bullying.

   (1) notice
   (2) notices
   (3) noticed
   (4) noticing ( )

3. The family _____ house was burned down was devastated.

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

4. Jane and _____ planned to complete their project by the end of the month.

   (1) he
   (2) his
   (3) him
   (4) himself ( )

5. The marathon that Frank is participating in begins _____ sunrise.

   (1) at
   (2) by
   (3) in
   (4) from ( )

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6. _____ the brilliant detective work, the kidnapping case was never solved.

(1) Despite
(2) Although
(3) Much as
(4) Even though ( )

7. "All the equipment _____ in tip-top condition!" announced Lucy as she looked at the equipment she was checking.

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

8. Walter saved up his pocket money to buy _____ ukulele for himself.

(1) a
(2) an
(3) any
(4) some ( )

9. We had to move out of our house for a month as the leaking roof was _____ repair.

(1) at
(2) in
(3) with
(4) under ( )

10. They _____ know each other, but they are talking like old friends.

(1) never
(2) rarely
(3) hardly
(4) seldom ( )

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For each question from 11 to 15, four options are given. Choose the correct answer and shade the oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

11. Due to the large number of applicants, his name was _____ left out of the list.

(1) abruptly
(2) purposely
(3) voluntarily
(4) inadvertently ( )

12. The scouts who were first-aid trained _____ immediately when the accident happened and saved the day.

(1) liaised
(2) evaded
(3) evacuated
(4) responded ( )

13. The hunter was lucky to survive the _____ bear attack and lived to tell the tale.

(1) vicious
(2) wicked
(3) heartless
(4) repulsive ( )

14. The cake you bought was beautifully decorated and _____. My guests had nothing but praises for its taste.

(1) delectable
(2) captivating
(3) nauseating
(4) sumptuous ( )

15. The hikers decided to _____ and have a good rest before resuming their journey the next day.

(1) call it a day
(2) break the ice
(3) get their act together
(4) throw caution to the wind ( )

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For each question from 16 to 20, four options are given. Choose the correct answer and shade the oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

In the world of flora and fauna, new discoveries are still being made. Until 2003, scientists did not know that the (16)reclusive purple frog existed. It lives completely underground except for two weeks a year. During monsoon season, the purple frog (17)surfaces from its hiding. But when the rains are gone, it retreats into the ground. The purple frog is a unique dark purple species of frog. Since it has a round, (18)bloated body that is only seven centimetres long, it is said to resemble a small doughnut. The frog's pointy white nose helps it stand out. The purple frog uses its hind legs to (19)burrow into the ground. There it (20)forages for food in the moist layers of the earth. One of its favourite food is termites.

This is indeed a very unusual find.

Adapted from The Mailbox

16. (1) lonely
    (2) demure
    (3) solitary
    (4) sociable ( )

17. (1) evolves
    (2) emerges
    (3) develops
    (4) materialises ( )

18. (1) gaunt
    (2) pudgy
    (3) swollen
    (4) stuffed ( )

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19. (1) nose out
(2) hollow out
(3) squeeze in
(4) rummage through ( )

20. (1) inspects
(2) explores
(3) ransacks
(4) searches ( )

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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.
Study this feature from a magazine, The Student Times and answer questions 21 to 28.

Let's fight diabetes and have a Prosperous Chinese New Year!

written by Student Editor, Tan Meng Lee

Are you aware that 1 in every 4 Singaporeans has the risk of having diabetes* in his lifetime? To help you combat diabetes, and to enhance your festive mood, our school's editorial team has prepared some useful tips and a recipe for a healthier Chinese New Year.

One month before the festive celebration begins...

Shopping for festive treats:

1. Choose products that have lower sugar, salt or fats content.
2. Opt for sugar-free sweets or dried fruits without added salt or sugar.
3. Purchase sugar-free beverages.



Looking your best for the New Year:

1. Take the stairs daily instead of the lift.
2. Try a new activity to get fit and look trim! Aim for at least an hour of physical activity of moderate intensity daily (e.g. skipping, jogging and swimming).
3. Do a massive spring cleaning of your house! A 30-minute session of spring cleaning can burn up to 75 calories and it contributes to your 60 minutes of physical activity per day.



Tips for a healthy Reunion Dinner

1. Include a variety of colourful vegetables.
2. Choose healthier wholegrain food (e.g. brown rice and wholemeal flour).
3. Use healthier cooking methods (e.g. steaming, boiling or stir frying with less oil).
4. Eat more fish and less fatty meats.
5. Avoid overeating.



**Get your family members to take a 2-minute Diabetes Risk Online Assessment at www.letsfightdiabetes.sg. The Diabetes Risk Online Assessment is for 18-39 year olds. If they are 40 and older, they could see the doctor for health screening (including diabetes). Be the first 100 participants to complete the assessment and receive a surprise reward! Complete the online assessment now!*

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Try this recipe!



Easy to follow healthy recipe for **Steamed Muffins** contributed by Sally Cheng

This recipe makes 6 muffins. Each one contains 70 calories.

Ingredients:

- 60g sugar
- 25ml water
- 50g wholemeal flour
- 50g plain flour
- 4g baking powder
- 1 egg
- 60ml low fat milk

Method

- Line the muffin trays with muffin cups.
- Boil the sugar with 25ml of water in a pot.
- Sieve wholemeal flour, plain flour and baking powder into a mixing bowl.
- Add the egg, milk and sugar to the flour mixture and stir well together.
- Pour the mixture to fill each of the muffin cups.
- Place the muffin trays into the steamer.
- Steam them over high heat for 15-20 minutes.



We want to hear your comments!

What do you think of our tips and recipe?
Would you be trying out the recipe with your family?
Do you have more tips and recipe to share?

Email to the Chief Editor, Nina Tan, at the_little_writer@studenttimes.com.sg. Your ideas might be published in our next issue!

Have a passion for writing?

We are looking for more writers to join our school editorial team. If you are keen to be part of this rewarding experience, write in to our teacher-in-charge, Mrs Fandi, at fandi_adeny@studenttimes.com.sg. Please include a line or two on why you wish to join us.



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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) and write your answer in the brackets provided.

21. As Susan is worried about getting diabetes, she should consider _____.

(1) adding lots of salt into her steamed vegetables
(2) replacing sugary drinks with unsweetened beverages
(3) deep frying meat with half a bottle of healthier choice oil
(4) using only plain flour instead of wholemeal flour to bake her cake ( )

22. What should one consider for a healthy Reunion Dinner?

(1) Eat more vegetables and fatty meats.
(2) Use more oil to make the dishes tastier.
(3) Be mindful of the amount of food you eat.
(4) Serve steamed white rice instead of brown rice. ( )

23. John wants to get the surprise reward. Which one of the following activities must he do?

(1) Get a doctor's diagnosis for diabetes.
(2) Complete the Diabetes Risk Assessment online.
(3) Attend a health screening that includes a diabetes test.
(4) Print and mail out his completed Diabetes Risk Assessment. ( )

24. Which of the following is recommended if the reader wants to look fit and healthy for the new year?

(1) Use the stairs occasionally.
(2) Read articles on skipping and jogging.
(3) Exercise every day for at least 60 minutes.
(4) Do spring cleaning one day before the new year. ( )

25. Which one of the following is <u>not true</u> of the Steamed Muffin recipe?

(1) Muffin cups are used to line the muffin trays.
(2) All the ingredients must be mixed at the same time.
(3) Both types of flour have to be sieved before mixing.
(4) The mixture must be steamed for 20 minutes. ( )

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26. Jenna would like her recipe to be published in the next issue of The Student Times. She should write to _____.

(1) Nina Tan
(2) Mrs Fandi
(3) Sally Cheng
(4) Tan Meng Lee ( )

27. What is the main objective of the questions in the section "We want to hear your comments!"?

(1) to arouse interest in reading the article
(2) to suggest to readers what they can write about
(3) to show readers that the article is thought-provoking
(4) to check how much readers have understood the article ( )

28. What is the main purpose of the article?

(1) to share healthy recipes
(2) to send well wishes to the readers
(3) to suggest ways to prevent diabetes
(4) to promote the benefits of exercising ( )

End of Booklet A

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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. (10 marks)
EACH WORD CAN ONLY BE USED ONCE.

(A)	a	(D)	in	(G)	other	(K)	than	(N)	then
(B)	each	(E)	less	(H)	out	(L)	the	(P)	who
(C)	from	(F)	oneself	(J)	quite	(M)	themselves	(Q)	whom

During the 1980s, the African elephant population was a casualty of human desires. The number of elephants declined (29)_____ well over a million to about 600 000. It is estimated that more (30)_____ seventy elephants were killed (31)_____ day! Thousands of baby elephants, called calves, were left to take care of (32)_____. The African elephant was (33)_____ a threatening situation.

What was happening to the elephants? They were being killed by poachers (34)_____ wanted their ivory tusks. The ivory was valued around the world. It was used for jewellery, statues, knife handles, billiard balls and (35)_____ products.

Organisations that protect animals and look (36)_____ for their welfare were outraged. They devised (37)_____ plan to alleviate the situation. They began a publicity campaign to spread awareness of the problem. Some large companies helped by refusing to buy ivory and asking their customers to do the same.

International laws were eventually passed. These laws made the killing of elephants (38)_____ appealing to the poachers. The sale of ivory was made illegal around the world. What will be the outcome of these efforts? Well, only time will tell.

Adapted from Inferencing by Jennifer Rozines Roy

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Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or a grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes. (12 marks)

Thanks to television, films and books, you'll hear many 'stories' about what caused dinosaurs to become extinct. Strangely, you won't (39) [ ] find many facts to back up those thearees!
(40) [ ]

One fayvered story is that the dinosaurs were destroyed by aliens (41) [ ] who wanted to populate the planet with his own creatures -- humans!

Accordingly, the dinosaurs were too much of a threat, and so they were (42) [ ] (43) [ ] wiped up. It will cause an absolute sensation if any airveedence is found to support this!

Another idea is that the earth's vegetation changed quickly, and (44) [ ] the dinosaurs were 'poisoned' upon the consume of the vegetation or when they ate prey that had been feeding on this vegetation. (45) [ ] (46) [ ]

Regreterbly, this too was not an accepted explain. (47) [ ] (48) [ ]

What it boils about to is that, like most mistries, no one really (49) [ ] knows the answer for sure. You might even be wondering why all the fuss is about when it happened so many millions of years ago. Well, think

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about this -- dinosaurs 'ruled the earth' for many millions of years, and

(50) [ ]

yet they died out <u>yertualy</u> 'overnight' (in geological terms). Humans have only been around for a bit less than four million years. How long will we last?

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

Every boy on Javier's block had a bike. Javier (51)_____ for one too. One night, Javier decided to try his luck. "Please, Mum," Javier said as he walked to his mother at the kitchen sink, "can I have a bike for my birthday?"

His mother gave him a plate to dry. "Your grandfather in Mexico is sick and needs money to see a (52)_____. I'm sorry, Javier. A bike (53)_____ too much. We will have a piñata for your birthday as we always do."

Javier went to his bedroom. He did not want his mother to see how (54)_____ he was. He sat down on his bed and stared. (55)_____ would he ever get a bike? The situation was looking (56)_____.

Then he remembered something that he had (57)_____ in class. It was a saying. "Where there's a will, there's a way." It meant that you could (58)_____ a way to get what you wanted. You just had to want it (59)_____ to keep trying.

The next day, Javier saw his neighbour, Mrs Martinez, (60)_____ in her garden. She was an old lady and there were too many weeds for her to pull by herself. Javier (61)_____ to help. She smiled and told him to get some gloves in the old shed behind the house.

When Javier opened the door, he saw the gloves. He also saw a bike. It was old and rusty, and the (62)_____ were flat, but it looked perfect to Javier.

He heard a voice behind him. "That was my youngest son's bike," Mrs Martinez said. "Do you like it?"

"Oh yes!" said Javier.

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"Get the (63)_____ and help me. When we finish, I will give you a cool drink," she said.

Javier picked up the gloves slowly. How could he have (64)_____ that Mrs Martinez would give him such a fine gift for such a (65)_____ favour?

He turned around. Mrs Martinez was smiling. "And the bike, of course," she added.

Adapted from Summer Bridge Reading

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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. Mrs Tan assumed that every student wanted the author's autograph.

Mrs Tan made _____

_____

67. The police shouted to the gangsters, "Come out now with your hands above your heads."

The police instructed _____

_____

68. You cannot compare the two experiments because the variables are different.

There is _____

_____

69. Unless you pay for your purchases using this credit card, you will not qualify for the discounts.

Only if _____

_____

70. Dave, like me, is not signing up for the course.

Neither Dave _____

_____

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Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 79. (20 marks)

Riley only felt really bad when he thought about his parents. They must have thought his boat sank in the storm. They must be wondering if he was dead. Riley felt sorry for them. But he was enjoying his new-found freedom.

Soon, he was worried again. It was about lighting the fires. He had some matches, but his supply was running low. He did not want to eat raw fish. "Sushi," he thought. "Gross!" Then he remembered something he had read a long time ago.

Riley made a small pile of dry grass and twigs. He got the glasses he used for reading and held it over the twigs and grass. Sunlight shone through a lens onto the pile. Riley held his glasses very still until a circle of light centred over a tiny spot. After a while, the grass began to smoke, Riley blew gently on the pile. A flame shot up, and soon the little pile was burning. After that, Riley knew he did not have to worry about eating raw fish.

The challenge of surviving on the island was exciting – for a while. It made Riley feel good to know that he could take care of himself. But as the days passed, he found himself thinking more and more about home. He missed his parents. Riley also never thought he would miss talking. He would have so much to share about how he survived after the shipwreck.

Riley walked up the beach with a string of fish, his body dark from the sun. His hair was so long it brushed his shoulders as he walked. Riley was thinking about water. He had constructed a device to collect rainwater. He tied some sticks together to make a box frame. Then he tied his raincoat over the top so it dipped in the middle. Next, Riley punched a hole in the bottom of the raincoat and put a five-litre jug under it. When it rained, the coat served as a funnel. Rainwater flowed into the jug. It was worrisome, though. Even with this device, Riley had only enough water left for a week. If it did not rain or he was not rescued soon, he would be in dire straits.

Riley looked out to sea and saw something in the horizon. It was a small cruise ship! This was his **ticket off the island**. But the ship was too far from shore. Riley had to act fast.

Riley grabbed his T-shirt and glasses. He jumped on his sailboat and twisted the cap off the gasoline tank. He poked his T-shirt into the tank to soak up the gasoline. Next, he pulled his shirt back up. He directed the sunlight onto his T-shirt with the glasses. Shortly, the T-shirt burst into flames. The explosion knocked

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Riley off his feet. He got up quickly and brushed off the sand on his skin. He looked at the clouds of black smoke billowing up into the sky. People on the cruise ship could not possibly miss the fire.

"I'm going to be rescued. I have much to share with Mum and Dad," mumbled Riley to himself as he watched the cruise ship turning in his direction.

Adapted from Action Adventure
By Richard Gifford

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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES

71. Why was Riley on the island? [1m]

_____

_____

72. Why was Riley thinking about water? [2m]

_____

_____

73. Describe the purpose of the following items Riley used in the story. [2m]

Item	Purpose
a) burning grass and twigs	
b) raincoat	

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74. From line 19 to 36, choose a word that has the same meaning as the following phrases. [3m]

a) assembled	
b) performed the functions of	
c) pointed to	

75. 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
a)	Riley felt lonely on the island.		
b)	Riley had been on the island for quite some time.		
c)	Riley was seriously injured by the explosion.		

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76. The table below shows the causes and results of events in the passage. Fill in the blanks using the information from the passage. [3m]

	Cause	Result
a)		Riley stopped worrying about eating raw fish.
b)	The ship was too far from where Riley was.	
c)		The cruise ship turned to the direction where Riley was.

77. What did Riley mean when he thought that the cruise ship was his "ticket off the island"? (line 27) [2m]

78. How was Riley's relationship with his parents? Explain your answer clearly. [2m]

79. Based on the story of how Riley made efforts to survive on the island, use an adjective to describe him with supporting evidence. [2m]

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Booklet A

Q 1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
2	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	4	3
Q 11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
4	4	1	1	1	3	2	3	2	4
Q 21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28		
2	3	2	3	2	1	2	3		

Booklet B

Q 29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
C	K	B	M	D	P	G	H	A	E

Q39)	theories	Q43)	evidence	Q47)	down
Q40)	favoured	Q44)	consumption	Q48)	mysteries
Q41)	their	Q45)	Regrettably	Q49)	what
Q42)	out	Q46)	explanation	Q50)	virtually

Q51)	hoped	Q56)	bad	Q61)	decided
Q52)	doctor	Q57)	learnt	Q62)	tyres
Q53)	costs	Q58)	find	Q63)	gloves
Q54)	sad	Q59)	enough	Q64)	thought
Q55)	How	Q60)	weeding	Q65)	small
Q66)	Mrs Tan made an assumption that every student wanted the author's autograph.				
Q67)	The police instructed the gangsters to go out then with their hands above their heads.				
Q68)	There is no comparison between the two experiments because the				

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	variables are different.
Q69)	Only if you pay for your purchases using this credit card will you qualify for the discounts.
Q70)	Neither Dave nor I am signing up for the course.
Q71)	Riley's boat almost sank in the storm and he was stranded on the island.
Q72)	Riley had only enough water for a week and he would be in dire straits if it did not rain soon for him to collect water.
Q73)	

a)	He used the fire to cook raw fish.
b)	It is to serve as a funnel for the water to flow in the jug.

Q74)	a)constructed b)served c)directed
Q75)	

a)	False	He was enjoying his new-found freedom.
b)	True	Riley's hair was so long that it brushed his shoulders.
c)	False	The explosion knocked Riley off the feet but was not injured.

Q76)

a)	He managed to lit a fire	
b)		He burnt a t-shirt and caused an explosion so the people could see him.
c)	The explosion caused by Riley was great, resulting with clouds of black smoke billowed up the sky.	

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Q77)	Riley meant that the people on the cruise ship could rescue him out of the island.
Q78)	Riley's relationship with his parents was good. Riley missed his parents and wanted to talk to them.
Q79)	Resilient. Riley tried to make fire to cook raw fish and constructed a device to collect rainwater to survive on the island.

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