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AI TONG SCHOOL
2021
MID-YEAR EXAMINATION
PRIMARY 6

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)
BOOKLET A

Total Time For Booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES
Do not open the booklets until you are told to do so.
Follow all instructions carefully.
Answer all questions.

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Class: **Primary 6** _____

Date: **11 May 2021**

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Paper 1	Paper 2	Paper 3	Paper 4	Total Marks
55	95	20	30	200

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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) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(10 marks)

1 All the furniture that Mrs Lim wants to get rid of _____ actually still in good condition.

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

2 "Gabriel hardly ever falls ill, _____?" asked Ruth.

(1) did he
(2) does he
(3) didn't he
(4) doesn't he

3 During a birthday party, my twin sisters introduced a friend of _____ to my cousin.

(1) their
(2) them
(3) theirs
(4) themselves

4 Free lollipops will be given out _____ random during the carnival.

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

5 With _____ hints given by the teacher, the students were surprised by how fast Harold could solve the puzzle.

(1) few
(2) little
(3) some
(4) many

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6 The Discipline Master would not have caught Ramly for sporting long hair _____ he cut his hair last weekend.

(1) should
(2) would
(3) had
(4) did

7 Due to the sudden heavy rain, Sandra saw many people _____ to take shelter at the nearby shopping mall.

(1) rush
(2) rushes
(3) rushed
(4) rushing

8 Bala was the boy _____ was appreciated by my grandmother for the good deed he had done.

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

9 By the end of this year, my cousin _____ from medical school.

(1) graduates
(2) is graduating
(3) has graduated
(4) will have graduated

10 The bleeding _____ the cut on Melvin's forehead needs to be stopped as soon as possible.

(1) resulting from
(2) regardless of
(3) giving rise to
(4) in spite of

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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) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(5 marks)

11 Even though John was deemed as a/an _____ competitor to win the race, he surprised everyone by clinching the gold medal.

(1) wrong
(2) feeble
(3) unlikely
(4) impossible

12 Not wanting to alert the burglars of their presence, the police surrounded the crime scene _____.

(1) steadily
(2) securely
(3) speedily
(4) stealthily

13 Wanting to ease the _____ between the siblings after their heated argument, Holly told a hilarious joke.

(1) conflict
(2) tension
(3) unhappiness
(4) disagreement

14 _____ by nature, Woody never fails to speak honestly in all situations.

(1) Candid
(2) Inspiring
(3) Talkative
(4) Optimistic

15 Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, our holiday plans _____ as we could no longer travel overseas.

(1) fell through
(2) fell behind
(3) fell away
(4) fell out

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

"You may begin," the invigilator announced. Hearing those words, I took a deep breath to **prime** (16) myself for the Math examination. Math had always been my **Achilles heel** (17), a subject I struggled greatly to manage because of my poor understanding of the concepts. However, I had the **resolve** (18) to do my best this time. Hence, I made the effort to practise countless problem sums **laboriously** (19) in the past few months, with the hope of strengthening my understanding of the Math concepts. This was definitely an **uphill** (20) task as I had to overcome many challenges in my revision, but I definitely saw myself getting better. With much hope, I bravely opened the question booklet to attempt the problem sums.

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16
(1) help
(2) ready
(3) support
(4) challenge

17
(1) hatred
(2) enemy
(3) downfall
(4) weakness

18
(1) determination
(2) responsibility
(3) patience
(4) courage

19
(1) enthusiastically
(2) strenuously
(3) carefully
(4) wearily

20
(1) scary
(2) boring
(3) painful
(4) demanding

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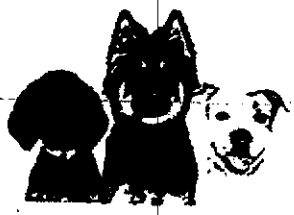
Study this article from a magazine, Pathways, and then answer questions 21 to 28.

Shining the Spotlight on Animal Trainers

Interesting Discoveries Made by an Animal Trainer

Do you know your pets well? Do you know what it means when they make certain sounds or behave in certain ways? Animal trainer, Thomas Chia, has had pets all his life and is convinced that we can gain some insight into how animals think by studying their way of playing. Dogs are of particular interest to him. Unlike most other animals, these canines continue playing throughout their lives, regardless of age, and that naturally makes them the best choice for his research.

Thomas reads everything he can about canines. Besides observing his own dogs play, he takes them to various places and films them interacting with other dogs. Back home, he repeatedly watches the video recordings in slow motion so that he can analyse their behaviour patterns.



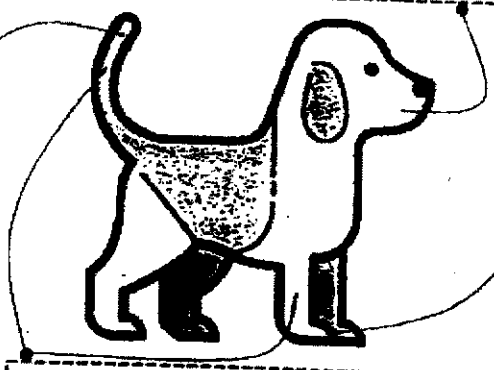
Thomas' dogs, Chief, Lexi and Russ

As time went by, Thomas' research showed him that dogs expressed their thoughts and feelings in a number of ways.

What dogs do to get different messages across

Dogs do not just bark! They also make sounds like growling, grunting, yelping, and howling to communicate.

Dogs wag their tails a little more to the right when they see their owners or something that appeals to them, and a little more to the left when they see non-threatening strangers and surroundings that are new to them.



Dogs that already know each other well slap their paws down when they meet. This is how they say hello to their friends!

Dogs bend down on their front legs to invite other dogs to play. They usually stick their tails up in the air at the same time!

When the opportunity for you to spend some time with dogs comes up, see if Thomas' deductions can help you understand them better!

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What do animal trainers do?

- ★ *interact with the animals to help them get used to human voice and contact*
- ★ *teach the animals to respond appropriately to different cues*
- ★ *ensure that the animals eat a proper diet and get adequate exercise*
- ★ *monitor the animals' health and physical condition in order to recommend medical care when necessary*
- ★ *customise the training programmes to suit the animals' moods, capabilities and mastery of skills*



We need more animal trainers!



Do you have a love of animals, patience and good communication skills?
Are you willing to get your hands dirty and do unglamorous work?
Can you perform tasks which may be physically tiring at times?

In recent years, the number of people keeping pets has steadily increased. Unfortunately, many of these well-intentioned owners do not know how to ensure the well-being of their pets. That is where animal trainers come in!

The Animal Welfare Institute is offering free two-day introductory courses on animal behaviour to anyone aged 10 and above! If you are interested in registering for one of the courses below, please write in to Ms Paige Hong at paige_hong@awi.sg. Only a limited number of places is available, so hurry!

Course 1 15 and 16 May 2021 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.	**Course 2** 29 and 30 May 2021 8 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Course 3 5 and 6 June 2021 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.	**Course 4** 19 and 20 June 2021 8 a.m. – 11 a.m.

For more information, please visit the institute's website at www.awi.sg.

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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 shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(8 marks)

21 What does 'they' in the first paragraph of 'Interesting Discoveries Made by an Animal Trainer' refer to?

(1) animals
(2) canines
(3) trainers
(4) pets

22 Which of the following did Thomas **not** do as part of his research?

(1) watch his dogs at play
(2) read books about dogs
(3) film his dogs playing with him
(4) study video recordings of dogs

23 Dogs slap their paws down when they want to _____.

(1) feel closer to other dogs
(2) ask other dogs to play with them
(3) greet dogs that they already know well
(4) make friends with dogs they meet for the first time

24 When developing training programmes, animal trainers will most likely take into account the animals' _____.

(1) fitness levels
(2) dietary needs
(3) natural abilities
(4) physical appearance

25 What is the purpose of the questions in the section "We need more animal trainers!"?

(1) to get readers interested in training animals
(2) to check whether the article has inspired the readers
(3) to give readers an idea of what it takes to be an animal trainer
(4) to show that the writer of the article wants to know the readers better

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26 Christopher wants to attend a course before he starts work at noon, but will be very busy in May. Which course should he sign up for?

(1) Course 1
(2) Course 2
(3) Course 3
(4) Course 4

27 Which of the following statements about the courses is true?

(1) They are intended for adults.
(2) Participants do not need to pay.
(3) There will be sufficient number of places available.
(4) Those who want to sign up must call Ms Paige Hong.

28 What is the **main** purpose of the article?

(1) to describe how dogs communicate with one another
(2) to provide information about people who train animals
(3) to highlight the need to make sure animals are well taken care of
(4) to attract attention to the courses run by the Animal Welfare Institute

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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) along	(D) from	(G) it's	(K) over	(N) where
(B) at	(E) is	(H) of	(L) up	(P) which
(C) down	(F) its	(J) on	(M) was	(Q) who

Jurong Bird Park turns 50 in June 2021. To mark _____ (29) 50th anniversary, admission tickets to the park for the month of June will be priced _____ (30) only $2.50, the cost of the ticket when the park first opened in 1971.

Visitors can also look forward to a Special Bird Show _____ (31) pioneering birds of the park will be featured. One of the birds _____ (32) will be making a special appearance _____ (33) Big John, a sulphur-crested cockatoo that is well _____ (34) 50 years old.

Apart _____ (35) the bird shows, visitors will be able to catch a glimpse _____ (36) how the park has evolved since it first opened. Photos of the park's early days will also be put _____ (37) around the park to allow visitors to take a walk _____ (38) memory lane.

The park will soon be relocated to Mandai. Hence, do visit Jurong Bird Park before the big move happens.

Adapted from: www.straitstimes.com

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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)

Dear Diary,

(39) [ ]

I had received an unexpected act of kindness today. I had forget to bring

(40) [ ]

along my umbrella, having careless packed my bag last night. On my way to school,

(41) [ ] (42) [ ]

the sky turned ominous from a matter of seconds. Then, a defenning roar of thunder filled the air before a storm followed.

(43) [ ]

Quickly, I komsidered how I could possibly manage the situation to avoid getting drenched. A sheltered walkway I had planned to take to school was

(44) [ ]

unfortunately inacesible because of some upgrading works. Seeing that, I knew I

(45) [ ] (46) [ ]

had to be adapt and devise another plan, as I could, there weren't other

(47) [ ]

sheltered paths that I could think on.

Left with no choice I was going to brave the rain to get to school. Though I

(48) [ ] (49) [ ]

could run fast as an atheletik student, I knew there was no garentee that I wouldn't

(50) [ ]

be drenched in such a downpour. Suddenly, a fammilar voice asked if I would like to share his umbrella. Uncle Meng, a cleaner from my school, was my saviour!

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Fill in the blanks with a suitable word. (15 marks)

Singapore commemorated Total Defence Day on 15 February 2021. At a Total Defence commemoration event, the Guest-of-Honour, Mr Zaqy, shared how Singaporeans had strongly lived _____ (51) the spirit of Total Defence last year. Coming from all walks of _____ (52), Singaporeans of different backgrounds have helped one another by banding _____ (53) during the virus outbreak last year.

Interestingly, many young Singaporeans had volunteered to lend a _____ (54) hand to others. Some had cooked free meals for the needy using healthier _____ (55) such as olive oil, vegetables and low-fat meat. Others assisted with _____ (56) the home-cooked meals door to door. A few artistic individuals even paid for materials out of their own _____ (57) so that they could make face masks and shields. These were _____ _____ (58) given out free of charge to anyone who needed either one of _____ (59).

We also read many heart-warming stories about how neighbours were looking out for elderly residents who were living _____ (60) without family members. In fact, there were many encouraging reports on how neighbourly ties have _____ (61) during the Circuit Breaker, simply because neighbours were the closest human connection many could find other than their family members living _____ (62) the same roof.

Commemorating Total Defence Day on February 15 is a _____ (63) affair. This serves as an annual reminder that we were once _____ _____ (64) to defend ourselves, having fallen to the Japanese. However, Total Defence has been our beam of _____ (65) that guided us through difficult times such as the SARS outbreak in 2003 and the threat of terrorism over the past decades. With everyone playing our part, we will rise above our challenges and emerge stronger in this current pandemic.

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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 in the given sentence(s). (10 marks)

66 As Beth had told the truth, the teacher forgave her

_____ for being

_____

67 The government announced that the country will be locked down. It shocked many people.

_____ by the government that

_____

68 Julia tried hard to persuade me. I still did not go to the party.

However _____

_____

69 Bob was embarrassed. He hid it by staying in his room.

To hide his _____

_____

70 "When did you draw this picture?" Mrs Siva asked her son.

Mrs Siva asked her son _____

_____

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

"Ian, Please take good care of Lily tonight. Dad and I will be home right after the wedding dinner," Mrs Wong instructed Ian before leaving the house that evening.

Once his parents had left, Ian thought it was a golden opportunity to indulge in the latest online episode of the detective series he had been following. No one would be nagging at him to revise his work. Moreover, his little sister, Lily, was still taking her nap. He would only need to get their dinner ready after Lily's nap. All he needed to do was to heat up the food Mrs Wong had prepared beforehand. Soon, Ian positioned himself comfortably in front of the computer and started watching the highly anticipated show.

"Ian, I'm hungry. Is dinner ready?" Lily asked when she awoke from her nap. Being engrossed in the show he was watching, Ian dismissed Lily's request impatiently and told her to eat some bread first. Having the most exciting part of the show interrupted was the last thing he needed. Moments later, a sudden holler from the kitchen caught Ian's attention! Then the sounds of a pot crashing onto the floor resounded in the air. Could something have happened to Lily? Arrested by sheer panic, Ian jumped out of his seat and dashed to the kitchen.

Upon reaching the kitchen, Ian saw a worrying scene. What a mess! A pot of piping hot noodles had spilled onto Lily's thighs. There were soup and noodles all over the floor too. The poor girl, who sat motionlessly on the floor, was wailing uncontrollably. She must be in excruciating pain! Ian panicked as he saw Lily's predicament. However, he knew he had to act fast. Taking deep breaths to clam his nerves. Ian rushed over to help Lily onto her feet, before walking her to the toilet. Then, he placed her scalded thigh under cool running water, hopping to ease the immense pain she was experiencing.

Fifteen minutes later, Lily's wails had subsided into occasional sobs. Even then, Ian wanted to get Lily to the doctor so that proper treatment could be given to her burn wounds. Thankfully, there was a neighborhood clinic in the next block. Without hesitation, Ian piggybacked Lily. Though it was difficult, Ian bit the bullet and headed to their destination. Along the way, Ian panted heavily and perspired profusely as he was getting tired. Yet, he did not give up. That was the least he could do to make it up to his sister.

Upon reaching the clinic, the nurses quickly assisted Ian and Lily. Everything happened in a blur when the doctor attended to Lily. However, the doctor praised Ian for his quick thinking as it had prevented Lily's wounds from worsening. Although Ian was heartened to receive the praise, he was far from being comforted. The doctor's affirmation could not remove the guilt he was feeling deep inside. His selfishness had caused Lily to be hurt. What sort of elder brother was he?

After being assured by the doctor that Lily's burn wounds should recover in the next two weeks, Ian apologized, "I'm so sorry, Lily. I don't know what I can do to make it up to you..." Surprisingly, Lily did not hold it against her brother. With all that Ian had done for her when she got hurt, Lily already felt loved and cared for by him. Still, Ian had another hurdle to cross. Ian knew his parents would be angry with him. But, having to explain the entire situation to them was necessary. Importantly, Ian must have the courage to face the music and accept whatever punishment that would come his way. Causing his fear of the possible consequences aside, Ian made up his mind to speak with his parents that night. Hand in hand, the sibling made their way home.

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71 Which two-word phrase from lines 3-8 shows that it was the best time for Ian to do something he liked? [1m]

Do not write in this space.

72 Explain clearly why Ian had "dismissed Lily's request" (line 10). [2m]

73 Based on lines 9-22, 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) Ian's attention was captured by the sounds of a pot crashing onto the floor.		
b) A pot of noodles had toppled in the kitchen.		
c) Lily was calm despite the pain she was experiencing.		

74 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
a) dinner (line 6)	
b) show (line 8)	
c) it (line 26)	

75 What were two things that Ian had done to ensure Lily's wounds were attended to after getting scalded? [2m]

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76 Which **two** words in lines 16-22 describe the extreme discomfort Lily was in? Each word is found in a separate sentence. [2m]

Do not write in this space

a)	b)

77 From lines 23-34, give a reason to show why Ian had "to act fast" (line 20). [1m]

_____

78 Which two words from lines 29-34 best show how Ian felt when he was at the clinic with Lily? Put a tick ✓ in the box beside each of your answers.
DO NOT TICK MORE THAN TWO BOXES. [2m]

assured		nervous	
comforted		remorseful	
glad		selfish	

79 Based on lines 35-43, Lily did not blame Ian for her injury.

a) Pick out a five-word phrase from lines 35-43 that shows Lily not blaming Ian for her injury. [1m]

b) What personal quality had Lily shown by not blaming Ian for her injury? [1m]

_____

80 What "hurdle" (line 39) did Ian have to cross? What must Ian do to overcome this hurdle? [2m]

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

BOOKLET B

Q29	Its	Q30	At	Q31	Where	Q32	Which	Q33	Is
Q34	Over	Q35	From	Q36	Of	Q37	Up	Q38	Down

Q39	Forgotten	Q40	Carelessly	Q41	In
Q42	Deafening	Q43	Considered	Q44	Inaccessible
Q45	adaptable	Q46	Might	Q 47	Of
Q48	Athletic	Q49	Guarantee	Q50	Familiar

Q51	Out	Q52	Life	Q53	Together	Q54	Helping
Q55	Choices	Q56	Distributing	Q57	Pocket	Q58	Then
Q59	These	Q60	Alone	Q61	Enhanced	Q62	Under
Q63	Yearly	Q64	Left	Q65	Light		

Q66	The teacher forgave Beth for being truthful.
Q67	The announcement by the government that the country will be locked down shocked many people.
Q68	However hard Julia tried to persuade me, I still did not go to the party.
Q69	To hide his embarrassment, Bob stayed in his room.

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Q70 Mrs Siva asked her son when he had drawn that picture.

Q71 Golden opportunity

Q72 Ian was engrossed in the show he was watching and he did not want the most exciting part of the show to be interrupted.

Q73

	True / False	Reason
a) Ian's attention was captured by the sounds of a pot crashing onto the floor.	False	Ian's attention was captured by the sudden holler from the kitchen
b) A pot of noodles had toppled in the kitchen.	True	A pot of hot noodles spilled onto Liliy's things.
c) Lily was calm despite the pain she was experiencing	False	Lily sat motionlessly on the floor, wailing uncontrollably.

Q74

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer(s) to
a) Dinner (line 6)	The food Mrs Wong had prepared beforehand
b) Show (line 8)	The latest online episode of the detective series
c) It (line 26)	Piggybacking Lily

Q75 Ian placed Lily's scalded thigh under cool running water and got her to the doctor to get her wounds properly treated.

Q76
a) Excruciating
b) Immense

Q77 He had to prevent Lily's wounds from worsening.

Q78 Glad , Remorseful

Q79
a) Did not hold it against
b) Lily was forgiving

Q80 Ian had to explain the entire situation to his parents. Ian had to cast aside his fear of the possible consequences.

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