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A Methodist Institution
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2023 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER TWO (BOOKLET A)
PRIMARY SIX

Name:_____ **( )** **Class: Primary 6**

Date: 18 August 2023 **Duration of paper: 1h 50 min**

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. This booklet consists of 11 printed pages.
2. Do not turn this page until you are told to do so.
3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Answer all questions.
5. Use a 2B pencil to shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

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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. Both my brother and _____ love Japanese food.

   (1) I
   (2) us
   (3) me
   (4) we

2. Tim rarely loses his things, _____ ?

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

3. The poor lady gave the _____ that she had left to a beggar.

   (1) all
   (2) little
   (3) much
   (4) some

4. The man with _____ you were speaking earlier is my neighbour.

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

5. The necklace was on the table a while ago Someone _____ have taken it.

   (1) will
   (2) shall
   (3) could
   (4) should

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6. Sharon, ~~as well as her cousins~~, _____ in the same primary school.

(1) study
(2) studies
(3) are studying
(4) have been studying

7. Everyone in the class _____ present at the workshop last week.

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

8. To succeed, we must not give up _____ challenging the project is.

(1) while
(2) despite
(3) although
(4) however

9. I sensed a chill _____ down my spine as I imagined the scene in the horror book.

(1) running
(2) has run
(3) runs
(4) ran

10. The boy was praised by his teacher _____ his moral courage in stopping the bullying.

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

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For each question from 11 to 15, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer.
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11. Realising that his car was stolen, Mr Tan decided to _____ a police report.

(1) file
(2) record
(3) deliver
(4) publish

12. To save up for the trip, John has decided to _____ on his spending.

(1) cut up
(2) cut off
(3) cut out
(4) cut back

13. Marc was so _____ in his work that he missed watching his favourite show.

(1) instilled
(2) indulged
(3) immersed
(4) imprisoned

14. Jane's speech was so _____ that everyone donated generously to the charity event she promoted.

(1) confiding
(2) convincing
(3) commanding
(4) compromising

15. "You'd better _____ if you want to make it to the finals!" the coach warned the team.

(1) break a leg
(2) take a rain check
(3) step up your game
(4) run around in circles

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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)

We often feel annoyed by the inconsiderate behaviour of others in public places. Hence, we should practise good <u>etiquette</u> (16). For example, when speaking in public places, we should keep our voices low, but <u>loud enough</u> (17) for our target audience only. This is especially important when we are in <u>enclosed</u> (18) spaces like on board a bus, in a cinema, library or museum. We also need to be <u>aware</u> (19) not to draw attention to ourselves by behaving <u>inappropriately</u> (20). We should not laugh loudly, play or run in busy places like shopping malls and supermarkets. Being considerate and respectful towards others will make shared spaces and experiences pleasant for everyone.

16. (1) values
(2) manners
(3) attributes
(4) upbringing

17. (1) visible
(2) legible
(3) audible
(4) credible

18. (1) locked
(2) confined
(3) sheltered
(4) restricted

19. (1) calm
(2) clear
(3) confident
(4) conscious

20. (1) informally
(2) unsuitably
(3) inadequately
(4) unintentionally

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Study the poster and then answer questions 21 to 28.

Support Local Farms!

Do you know that there is a variety of farms found in Singapore? We have farms that produce vegetables, fish, eggs and milk. Many such farms operate in the Kim Chu Kang area. These farms are one of our sources for food and play an important part in helping us to be more self-sufficient as a nation.

There are several reasons why we should buy from local farms. We can buy fresh produce directly from them. Fresh food tastes better. When food is picked and eaten at its freshest, it not only retains more nutrients, but it also tastes better. Furthermore, by choosing food produced locally, we help keep our local farmers in business.

Besides producing food, these farms offer unique experiences. You can take part in many exciting activities at the monthly farmers' market organised to bring the community together. A small number of the local farms organise educational tours with fun activities such as treasure hunts and cooking classes for visitors. For farms with animals, you can view the milking process of farm animals and even feed them.

Show your support for our local farms by visiting Granji Farmers' Market!



Did you know?



Apart from local farms, we also depend on farms overseas. We buy most of our food from many different countries. We do not depend only on a single source of supply.



To ensure that we do not depend solely on other countries for our food supply, we aim to increase our food production. The target is for our local farms to produce 30% of our food supply by 2030.



We encourage local farms that want to expand their businesses to grow their food overseas as well. Besides sending their food produce back to Singapore, they also produce fresh food for the countries they have set up farms in.

(Adapted from SFA | Our Singapore Food Story – The 3 Food Baskets)

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Granji Farmers' Market

(Address: 50 Farm Road, Singapore 430450)

2 – 3 September 2023 & 7 – 8 October 2023

Come and enjoy two weekends of fun-filled activities!

Mini Zoo

Toddlers can feed and interact with animals like rabbits and chicks. No registration is required.

Dates: 2 & 3 September, 7 & 8 October
Venue: Atrium
Time: 10.30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Admission is free.



Email our staff at Kenny@PCZ.com.sg *if you have queries.*

Yummy Muffins

This is a workshop for 10 and 11-year-olds organised by KidsBake. They will learn how to bake muffins of different flavours. The first 20 participants to sign up will each receive a free recipe book.

Dates: 2 & 3 September
Venue: Gourmet Hall
Time: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Course Fee: $20 per session



Email our staff at Tim@KB.com.sg for registration and other queries.

Veggie Home

Pick up tips on how to grow an edible garden in your home. The activity is open to all visitors. No registration is required for this one-hour talk.

Dates: 3 September, 8 October
Venue: Garden Corner
Time: 9 a.m., 11.00 a.m., 1 p.m., 3.30 p.m.
Admission is free.



Food Galore

Enjoy delicious food cooked with ingredients from local farms.



Support local farmers by buying fresh produce from them.

Granji Cooking Competition

(7 October)

If you are between 13 and 16 years old and love cooking, this activity is for you. There are attractive prizes to be won. Contact our staff at Gary@GFC.com.sg to sign up for it.

Organised by:	**Supported by:**	**For event enquiries:**
Granji Farmers' Community (GFC)	National Food Agency	Email our staff at Dan@LFF.com.sg

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21. The purpose of the question 'Do you know that there is a variety of farms found in Singapore?' is to _____.

(1) list the number of local farms
(2) stress the importance of farming
(3) test the readers' knowledge about farming
(4) arouse the readers' curiosity about local farms

22. According to the poster, to ensure that Singapore has enough food, we _____.

(1) purchase many overseas farms
(2) depend on both local and overseas farms
(3) increase the number of local farms by 30%
(4) insist that all local farms grow their food overseas

23. Which statement is true about local farms?

(1) Only food grown in local farms is fresh.
(2) Visitors are not allowed to buy from local farms directly.
(3) All local farms organise treasure hunts and cooking classes for visitors.
(4) Visitors to local farms can look forward to participating in many activities.

24. The **main** purpose of the poster is to _____.

(1) inform readers about the types of produce
(2) attract readers to organise activities in local farms
(3) persuade readers to buy more from overseas farms
(4) encourage readers to buy produce grown in local farms

25. The purpose of using the exclamation mark in the sentence "Come and enjoy two we of fun-filled activities!" is to _____.

(1) convince readers to visit local farms
(2) inform readers about the local farmers
(3) challenge readers to consider setting up local farms
(4) enthuse readers to attend the farmers' market event

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26. Both Mrs Suni and her teenage daughter enjoy taking part in cooking competitions. They plan to attend the Granji Farmers' Market. Which is the most suitable date she should consider?

(1) 2 September 2023
(2) 3 September 2023
(3) 7 October 2023
(4) 8 October 2023

27. Lynette has registered for the baking workshop and wishes to find out if she will receive a free recipe book. She should send her query to _____.

(1) Tim@KB.com.sg
(2) Dan@LFF.com.sg
(3) Gary@GFC.com.sg
(4) Kenny@PCZ.com.sg

28. Which statement is not true about the Granji Farmers' Market?

(1) The Mini Zoo is organised for young children.
(2) At least two activities require payment of fees.
(3) Visitors can take part in the activities on selected weekends.
(4) Visitors who are interested in gardening may attend The Veggie Home talk.

(Go on to Booklet B)

Please note that the passage for Comprehension questions 71 to 80 in Booklet B is on the next page. You may now go on to Booklet B.

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Read the passage below when you answer questions 71 to 80 in Booklet B.

It was a Monday morning. Father was helping Danny pack his bag for a holiday camp the next day. "Do I really have to go, Father?" Danny asked, stomping his feet. "Son, sometimes the best lessons in life are learnt at camps," Father encouraged. "But I never have the right words to say when talking to someone new," Danny grunted. "Alright, let's make a deal. If you learn something good at this camp, then this shall be the last holiday camp I sign you up for," Father promised. "Deal," Danny replied, frowning as he recalled the uncomfortable conversations he had had with his camp mates the previous year.

The first day at camp flew by with the flurry of activity. Right after dinner, everyone was busy packing their bags in their rooms in preparation for the night walk. That was something Danny looked forward to, especially since he had never gone on one before. Fumbling for coins in his pocket, Danny headed to the canteen to get a bottle of iced tea from the vending machine. "Ah! **the perfect companion** for the night walk!" he exclaimed as he took a few sips and exhaled. Just as Danny was about to secure the bottle cap, he heard footsteps. He was caught off-guard as someone suddenly brushed past him and hit his elbow. The bottle slipped out of his hands and fell to the floor. Light brown liquid gushed out, creating ugly puddles on the floor. Danny caught a glimpse of a boy in a green T-shirt running off into the distance. "How rude!" Danny shouted, gritting his teeth. "Not even an apology!"

Just then, Mr Halim, the camp guide, approached Danny. "What are you doing here inste- " he asked but stopped midway when he saw the mess on the floor. "It wasn't me!" Danny raised his voice in his defence. "I'm sure there's an explanation for this, but there's no reason to use that tone with me," Mr Halim replied as he glared at Danny. "You'll fix this mess you created before we head out for the night walk," he remarked and walked off in a hurry before Danny could explain himself.

"How unfortunate," Danny sulked. "It wasn't even my fault to begin with." Getting down on his knees, he started wiping up the mess. In the silence of the night, all he could hear was the chirping of crickets in the distance. Twenty minutes had passed. Danny managed to calm himself down and think clearly. He recalled how Mother had given him a second chance when he broke her vase by mistake a week ago. Realising that what had happened just now might have been **an accident**, Danny resolved to let bygones be bygones.

Soon, the floor was dry and Danny's work was done. As he got up to leave, he heard a strange sound. It seemed to be coming from behind a pillar. What could it be, Danny thought as he scratched his head. Everyone had left for the night walk. "A lizard? A cricket?" he mused as he inched forward, craning his neck to see what was behind the pillar. From a distance, he spotted something green sticking out of the pillar. He stopped dead in his tracks when he came face to face with the boy he had seen earlier.

"You... you..." Danny started. "Please don't yell at me," the boy begged. "Let me explain. I'm Siva. I felt bad for causing the spill earlier when I ran to get my torch for the night walk. I knew I had to make up for what I had done earlier. That is why I've been here all this while, trying to find the courage to say sorry," he said meekly.

"Well, I was upset at first," Danny admitted. "But not anymore. I figured you might not have done it on purpose," he added. Just then, the boys heard a familiar voice. "I'm glad you've cleaned up the mess. Now, we can all head out for the night walk," Mr Halim remarked with a smile. Nodding his head, Danny replied, "I'm sorry about the incident earlier, Mr Halim."

The next day, Father went to the campsite to fetch Danny when the camp ended. He was pleasantly surprised to see Danny chatting animatedly with another boy. On the drive home, Danny could not stop talking about his new friend, Siva. "I had a good time, Father, and I learnt a valuable lesson about second chances!" Danny chirped. "So, would you be keen to attend another camp the next holiday?" Father asked. Looking at Father, Danny smiled and nodded.

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No.	Contents			Marks
1.	Oral			30
2.	Listening Comprehension			20
3.	Paper 1	SW	CW	55
4.	Paper 2	Booklet A	Booklet B	95
Total Marks				200

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There are 10 blanks, numbered 29 to 38, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A)	are	(D)	despite	(G)	of	(K)	to	(N)	while
(B)	as	(E)	however	(H)	that	(L)	were	(P)	why
(C)	by	(F)	moreover	(J)	them	(M)	when	(Q)	with

Sneezing is a common experience we all share. On an average, each person sneezes about four times a day. Sneezing is our body's way _____ (29) removing anything that may irritate our nose. We often sneeze _____ (30) something tickles or irritates the inside of our nose. Our body has a sneeze centre _____ (31) sends messages to some of our muscles which work together to produce a sneeze. These muscles _____ (32) the chest muscles, muscles of our vocal cords and muscles in our throat.

Another interesting fact is that we cannot sneeze _____ (33) our eyes open. This is only possible if we try really hard _____ (34) we have to fight our body's reflex. No one really knows _____ (35) this happens. Possibly, the brain sends a message to our eyes to close before we sneeze.

_____ (36) avoid embarrassment in public places, we may have tried to hold our sneezes in. _____ (37), we should not do that since it can be dangerous. When we hold _____ (38) in, pressure builds up in the nasal passages and can damage the blood vessels in our eyes or nose. Sneezing is a natural response that we cannot control.

Adapted from *Why We Sneeze* by Beth Orenstein

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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)

I lived with my family in my grandfather's wooden house built on stilts during my childhood days.

(39) [ ] (40) [ ]

The house was seetueted on a big piece of land that was fenced. The rusty gate of the entrens was

(41) [ ]

always locked. It tower over me like a giant watching over the property.

(42) [ ] (43) [ ]

I used to sit in a big swing in the garden with my dog, Fluffy. She seemed to smile wherever

I made the swing go higher. I would pretend it was a bus and 'drive' the kids in the neighbourhood

(44) [ ]

to a make-believe destinayshen.

(45) [ ]

On some okaysians, I cycled along the compound with a long umbrella in one hand. My

(46) [ ]

grandfather's flock of geese had a habit of pinch my legs with their sharp beaks. Therefore, the

(47) [ ]

umbrella was actually an imagineri sword to chase the nasty creatures away.

(48) [ ]

From my parents' bedroom window, I could simple reach out to the tree to pluck rambutans.

(49) [ ] (50) [ ]

That konveniens came at a price. I was bitten by fierce red ants several times by the process,

The house was demolished soon after we moved. Today, I can only recall with fondness that

house on stilts.

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

New Year celebration is never complete without fireworks. Imagine seeing colourful lights bursting in the night sky to usher in the first day of the (51) _____. A fireworks display has always attracted (52) _____ young and old. Thousands will flock to venues near the display area to get the best (53) _____ of the fireworks. Countries around the (54) _____ go to great lengths to put on the best show.

Do you know that fireworks were actually developed (55) _____ China? The first natural 'firecrackers' were (56) _____ of bamboo stalks. When thrown into a fire, the air pockets in the bamboo stalks would cause them to explode. The Chinese (57) _____ that such loud explosion would ward off evil spirits. Later, bamboo stalks were filled with gunpowder which would explode when ignited. That was (58) _____ the first man-made fireworks was invented.

Soon fireworks gained (59) _____ in many countries. In Europe, they were widely used for religious festivals and entertainment. The Europeans eventually began to manufacture their own fireworks. They even (60) _____ the Americans their first taste of fireworks when they settled in America. As interest in them grew, the use of fireworks (61) _____ widespread. Many countries began to include them as (62) _____ of a celebration. In this modern day, fireworks displays can be seen during special events (63) _____ as Christmas and the New Year.

The anticipation of the boom (64) _____ comes after the lights usually makes us happy. We are drawn to the suspense (65) _____ create. No one ever complains after a fireworks display as it sparks joy, lifts our spirits and brings back happy memories.

Adapted from *The National Geographic*

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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 The thief stole the truck when the owner was not looking. He confessed to it.

The thief confessed to _____

_____

67 "A special guest will be visiting the school next week," the teacher informed the class.

The teacher informed the class _____

_____

68 You will receive a free gift if you register for the competition today.

Unless _____

_____

69 Mrs Tan came home from work. She had dinner immediately.

_____ as soon as _____

_____

70 Rita was reluctant to complete her assignment. It upset her mother.

Rita's _____

_____

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Read the passage on page 10 of Booklet A and answer questions 71 to 80. (20 marks)

71 From the first paragraph, pick out a three-word phrase that tells us that Danny was not keen to attend the camp. [1m]

72 Why was Danny looking forward to the night walk? [1m]

73 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. [2m]

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer(s) to
a) The perfect companion (line 10)	
b) an accident (line 25)	

74 Based on lines 4-15, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [2m]

	True / False	Reason
a) Danny was attending a camp for the first time.		
b) When Danny went to get a drink, he thought he was alone in the canteen.		

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75 Circle **one** word that best describes how Danny felt when he saw the boy run off in lines 14-15. DO NOT CIRCLE MORE THAN ONE WORD. [1m]

uncertain / confused / annoyed / threatened

76 From lines 16-26, pick out two separate phrases to show the characters' responses and explain why they responded that way. [4m]

One word that shows Mr Halim was angry with Danny	**Why Mr Halim felt that way**
a)	**b)**
Four-word phrase that shows Danny was no longer affected by the incident	**Why Danny responded that way**
c)	**d)**

77 Which **two** of the following words best describe Danny in lines 27-30?
Put a tick √ in the box beside each of your answers. [2m]
DO NOT TICK MORE THAN TWO BOXES.

disappointed	☐	surprised	☐
regretful	☐	puzzled	☐
curious	☐	shocked	☐

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78 Based on lines 16-37, fill in the following table. [4m]

	What he thought had happened	What actually happened
When Mr Halim saw the spill	a)	b)
	What he thought would happen	**What actually happened**
When Siva saw Danny approaching him	c)	d)

79 Why was Danny's father pleasantly surprised to see him chatting animatedly with another boy? (lines 40-41) [2m]

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80 Why do you think Danny smiled and nodded (line 44)? [1m]

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Booklet A

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

Booklet B

Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
G	M	H	A	Q	B	P	K	E	J

Q39)	situated	Q43)	whenever	Q47)	imaginary
Q40)	entrance	Q44)	destination	Q48)	simply
Q41)	towered	Q45)	occasions	Q49)	convenience
Q42)	on	Q46)	pinching	Q50)	during

Q51)	year	Q56)	made	Q61)	became
Q52)	the	Q57)	believed	Q62)	part
Q53)	view	Q58)	how	Q63)	such
Q54)	world	Q59)	popularity	Q64)	that
Q55)	in	Q60)	gave	Q65)	they

Q66)	The thief confessed to stealing the truck when the owner was not looking.
Q67)	The teacher informed the class that a special guest would be visiting the school the following week.

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Q68)	**Unless you register for the competition today, you will not receive a free gift.**
Q69)	**Mrs Tan had dinner as soon as she came home from work.**
Q70)	**Rita's reluctance to complete her assignment upset her mother.**
Q71)	**Stomping his feet.**
Q72)	**Danny had never gone on a night walk before and was excited to know what it was like.**
Q73)	**a) The bottle of iced tea Danny had bought.** **b) A boy bumping into Danny had making him spill the bottle of iced tea that he had bought.**
Q74)	**a) False --- Danny went for camp the previous when he had uncomfortable conversations with his camp mates.** **b) True --- Danny thought that everyone was in their rooms packing for their night walk and was caught off-guard when he heard footsteps in the canteen.**
Q75)	**annoyed**
Q76)	**a) glared** **b) Danny was rude to Mr Halim by raising his voice at him** **c) Let bygones be bygones** **d) Danny remembered the week ago where he had broken his mother's vase on accident but his mother had forgiven him.**
Q77)	**puzzled** **curious**
Q78)	**a) Danny had spiled the bottle of iced tea because of his carelessness.** **b) A boy had bumped into Danny which caused the bottle of iced tea to slip put of his hands and drop onto the floor.** **c) Siva thought that Danny would yell at him.** **d) Danny forgive him.**
Q79)	**The previous year, Danny did not like to talk to other people and was not keen to attend camp. Danny said that he could not found the right words when taking to someone new but now,he was taking to someone new.**

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Q80)	**Danny wanted to attend the camp the next holiday as he enjoyed camp this holiday.**

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