



NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL
2020 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION
PRIMARY 6

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Name: _____ ()

Class: Pr. 6 _____

Date: 25 August 2020

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Parent's Signature & Date

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

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. For Booklet A, shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

Section A – Grammar

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. "Jessy baked the cake herself, _____?" her uncle asked.
 - (1) won't she
 - (2) didn't she
 - (3) hasn't she
 - (4) wasn't she

2. Scientists are still hoping to find a cure _____ this rare disease.
 - (1) in
 - (2) to
 - (3) on
 - (4) for

3. The new equipment for the sports teams _____ arrived.
 - (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) has
 - (4) have

4. Ken, along with his classmates, _____ to school every morning.
 - (1) walk
 - (2) walks
 - (3) walked
 - (4) walking

5. My father took my sister and _____ to the library yesterday.
 - (1) I
 - (2) my
 - (3) me
 - (4) mine

6. The players continued with the training _____ the heavy downpour.
- (1) until
 - (2) since
 - (3) despite
 - (4) although
7. "_____ up early to exercise keeps me healthy," my grandfather said.
- (1) Wake
 - (2) Woke
 - (3) Wakes
 - (4) Waking
8. When the cat knocked against the vase in the living room, Alice saw the vase _____ onto the floor.
- (1) drop
 - (2) drops
 - (3) dropped
 - (4) was dropping
9. _____ to her mother's regret, Sheila decided not to further her studies at the university.
- (1) Little
 - (2) None
 - (3) Much
 - (4) Many
10. If he _____ in more effort in his studies, he would not have failed the test.
- (1) put
 - (2) puts
 - (3) has put
 - (4) had put

Section B – Vocabulary

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. The _____ waste produced by the chemical factory must be disposed of in a safe manner.
- (1) perilous
 - (2) hazardous
 - (3) precarious
 - (4) treacherous
12. Aunt Mary's childhood photos always evoke strong feelings of _____. She wished to relive those carefree days.
- (1) grief
 - (2) lethargy
 - (3) nostalgia
 - (4) sensitivity
13. Because of the recent epidemic, Singaporeans have been asked to _____ on travelling overseas until the situation improves.
- (1) hold in
 - (2) hold up
 - (3) hold off
 - (4) hold out
14. Doctors are doing all they can to _____ the pain experienced by the victims of the accident.
- (1) dilute
 - (2) assist
 - (3) sustain
 - (4) alleviate
15. Students from our school are given the _____ to serve the community in many ways and we should be proud of that.
- (1) benefit
 - (2) licence
 - (3) privilege
 - (4) permission

Section C – Vocabulary Cloze

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)

Every culture in Singapore has its own festival to usher in the new year.

For my family, it is the Chinese New Year and I am excited each time the occasion comes around. (16)

Like many Chinese families, my parents often stress the importance of family bonding during Chinese New Year. As such, for the past decade, our extended family have been gathering on Chinese New Year eve to have a reunion dinner at Lucky Gate, our favourite restaurant. This year, things went swimmingly until we arrived at the restaurant. When we got there, the manager contradicted our claims that we had made a reservation there and rudely told us to leave. (17) (18) (19)

We felt disappointed and upset by the incident but fortunately, a nearby restaurant was able to accommodate us. As we were eating, the owner of Lucky Gate called us to apologise for the error and offered us a free dinner. (20)

We declined the offer and my family never went back to Lucky Gate again.

Original

16. (1) event
(2) moment
(3) situation
(4) circumstance

17. (1) prioritise
(2) highlight
(3) overstate
(4) ascertain

18. (1) smoothly
(2) practically
(3) predictably
(4) effortlessly

19. (1) rejected
(2) reversed
(3) examined
(4) considered
20. (1) angry at
(2) dismayed by
(3) devastated by
(4) astonished at

Section D – Visual Text Comprehension

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

The Singapura Experience (Extended)

1 Oct - 31 Dec 2020

Fort Centre

Overview

From Singapore to Singaporean: The Singapura Experience brings to life Singapore's incredible evolution from 1299 to the present day. It comprises an immersive experience within the Fort Centre, and a free and easy exploration through pavilions within the greenery of Fort Gate.

Extra Tickets for November and December!

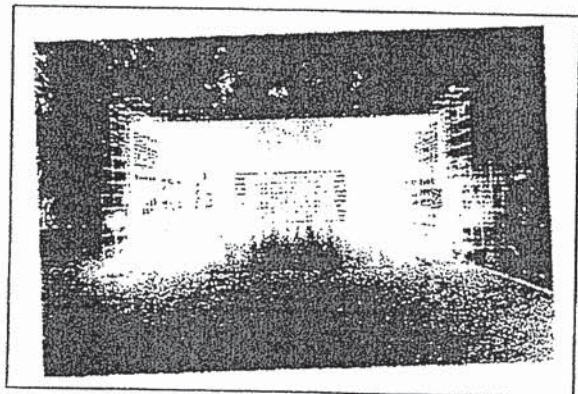
Last chance to book tickets to The Singapura Experience! We have added two more shows daily after 9 p.m. from 29 November to 29 December 2020. Our last day of operation is 31 December 2020.

- Follow our Facebook page for the latest announcements and updates.
- More information on extension details can be found at our FAQ page.

Time Journey (Act 1 to Act 6) at Fort Centre

Singapore's 700-year history: Experience firsthand the sights, sounds and drama of formative events throughout our evolution. This segment requires a ticket for entry. It is a timed experience that will last 60 minutes.

Show Advisory: Recommended only for children aged 5 and above. Please note that there are strobe lights, loud sounds and rotating images during the show. Visitors prone to motion sickness or dizziness should avoid the experience.



Visitor Information

❖ How to get there:

Shuttle Bus

1 Oct – 17 Nov 2020

- Shuttle buses will only be available on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays.

18 Nov – 31 Dec 2020

- There are free shuttle bus services available 7 days a week.
- Wheelchair-friendly shuttle bus services will be available at Plaza Central pick-up/drop-off point from 9.00 a.m. to 11.40 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. to 4.40 p.m. on weekends and public holidays.

❖ Admission Rules:

- Rating: Parental Guidance (PG)
- Visitors are encouraged to arrive 15 minutes before the ticket time to go through registration and view the Visitors' Gallery.

Late Entry Advisory: If you arrive after your ticket time, you will miss your allocated show for the Time Journey, and there is no guarantee that the next show can accommodate you or your accompanying visitors.

- Tickets are not for sale or exchange.
- Tickets are void if altered.
- For enquiries, please contact ticketing@exhibition.com.sg

❖ Visitor Etiquette

- No flash photography is permitted.
- Use of selfie-sticks and tripods is not permitted during the show.
- Do not touch any object on display, or rest on display panel showcases and gallery walls.
- Set mobile phones to silent or vibrate mode, and keep volume down during the show.

❖ Additional Information

- There is narration in English within the Time Journey. Audio guides offering narration in Mandarin, Malay and Tamil will be provided upon request (subject to availability).
- Food and beverages are not allowed within the Fort Centre.
- Smoking is prohibited anywhere within the air-conditioned Fort Centre.
- Event organisers may postpone, cancel, interrupt or stop the show due to unforeseen situations or any other causes beyond their reasonable control.

Adapted from <https://www.bicentennial.sg>

For each question from 21 to 28, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.
(8 marks)

21. Why is an exclamation mark used in the subheading 'Extra Tickets for November and December' in the flyer?
- (1) to draw attention to the extra shows
 - (2) to emphasise the importance of booking the tickets early
 - (3) to announce the date and time of The Singapura Experience
 - (4) to make known the last day of The Singapura Experience
22. What is the main aim of The Singapura Experience?
- (1) to update Singaporeans about the past
 - (2) to encourage Singaporeans to visit Fort Centre
 - (3) for Singaporeans to experience the lights, sounds and rotating images of the past
 - (4) for Singaporeans to explore the events which took place in Singapore in the past
23. Mr Tan does not drive. He would like to take his elderly mother to The Singapura Experience. He should _____.
- (1) telephone the organiser to arrange for a wheelchair for his mother
 - (2) go to the FAQ page to get details about senior citizens going for the experience
 - (3) bring his mother's wheelchair and take her there on a weekend in December
 - (4) arrive at the Visitor's Gallery early and arrange for a wheelchair for his mother
24. According to the flyer, visitors are not allowed to _____.
- (1) lean against the gallery walls
 - (2) take photographs during the show
 - (3) smoke outside the air-conditioned area
 - (4) use their mobile phones at the Time Journey

25. Which of the following statements about The Singapura Experience (Extended) is correct?

- (1) Visitors have to produce tickets to enter both the Fort Centre and Fort Gate.
- (2) The Singapura Experience is made up of one indoor and one outdoor segment.
- (3) Special arrangement will be made for visitors who are late for the timed experience.
- (4) Children aged 5 and above are not allowed to experience the segment at Fort Gate.

26. What is one of the purposes of the section 'Visitor Information'?

- (1) to allow visitors to give feedback about the show at ticketing@exhibition.com.sg
- (2) to ensure that the visitors follow the rules of correct or polite behaviour
- (3) to arouse the interest of the visitors to go for The Singapura Experience
- (4) to check whether the visitors have understood the information presented in the flyer

27. Some information in this flyer is factual while others are opinions. Which of the following statements is a fact?

- (1) Visitors will be satisfied with The Singapura Experience.
- (2) Singaporeans went through an incredible change during its 700-year history.
- (3) Children have to be accompanied by parents in order to be admitted for Time Journey.
- (4) The free shuttle bus services provided make it more convenient for visitors to go to Fort Centre.

28. According to the flyer, if visitors have queries about the admission rules, they can _____.

- (1) refer to the FAQ page
- (2) follow the Facebook page
- (3) email the event organisers
- (4) visit the Visitor's Gallery on that day



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Section E – Grammar Cloze

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) all | (D) between | (G) had | (K) it | (N) to |
| (B) among | (E) for | (H) have | (L) some | (P) when |
| (C) and | (F) from | (J) into | (M) the | (Q) which |

Hiccups are sharp, usually repeated, sounds made in the throat. They are very common _____ people and in most cases, harmless. Hiccups usually come
(29)
after eating or drinking too much or too quickly. The stomach, which is situated right below the diaphragm (a dome-shaped muscle at the bottom of your chest), swells and irritates it. When this happens, the diaphragm pulls down in a jerky way, which makes you suck air _____ your throat suddenly. When the air rushing in hits your voice box, your
(30)
vocal cords suddenly close _____. you will give a loud hiccup. Almost all cases
(31)
of the hiccups last only a few minutes. Some cases of the hiccups can last _____ days or even months, but this is very unusual and _____
(32) (33)
may be a sign of another medical problem.

You _____ probably heard lots of suggestions on how to get rid of
(34)
hiccups. Some people hold their breaths and count _____ ten to get rid of their
(35)
hiccups. Other people drink from the "wrong" side of a glass of water to become hiccup-free. _____ parents even put sugar under the child's tongue to relieve him or
(36)

her _____ the hiccups. The most famous treatment is having someone jump
(37)
out and scare you _____ you are not expecting it. However, hiccups generally
(38)
go away on their own, so these "treatments" are actually ineffective!

Adapted from <https://kidshealth.org>

Score:

Section F – Editing for Grammar and Spelling

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

Kielen started taking part in gymnastics competitions at the age of ten.

He was determined to become an Olympic champion one day. However, he slipped from

(39)

the high bar during training one day and suzteined a terrible head injury. He was so

(40)

badly injured that frequent blackouts happened whenever he blinking his eyes. The

doctor told him that he would have to be confined to his bed and not move

(41)

(42)

unnecessary. Kielen was devastated. He stayed home to recooperait and missed

school for about a year. Each time he passed by the gymnasium after his return to

(43)

school, it seemed to be backening him to go back for his training. Kielen had to

(44)

overcome the chairlenges of that awful injury and retrain his brain to get back his

coordination.

(45)

Kielen's parents stood beside him, giving him a lot of encouragement during

(46)

that period of time. He purseveered and was back in the gymnasium after fifteen

months. With his confidence shaken, it took him almost three years to get back to

where he had been before the accident.

Score:

(47)

Kielen never gave up and sukseeded in becoming the World Cup floor

(48)

champion in 2011, and his greatest moment of glorious was when he qualified for the

(49)

London 2012 Olympics. After be in terrible pain and experiencing setbacks for years,

(50)

Kielen had finally become a Olympic athlete. It was indeed a magnificent example of

the Olympic spirit!

Adapted from <https://www.lifehack.org>

Score:

Section G – Comprehension Cloze

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

The invention of the smartphone enables people to take photographs at their own leisure. _____ the smartphone, photography was usually not an everyday thing. It was a craft reserved for professionals. Now, people have the _____ to take more pictures than before, and more frequently too, as _____ as they own a smartphone.

After I have _____ my first smartphone, I have been taking pictures of small moments of happiness with my family and the little instances of beauty I _____ across when I travel to different parts of the world. Engaging _____ photography like this helps me to cultivate my creativity and makes me appreciate the world around me. It is amazing how we are _____ to document the moments of our lives like this.

Many of us often dwell on the more negative things that happen to us in our everyday lives. For _____, we can go on a great vacation and eat marvellous food, _____ on our flight back, we will complain about the hotel staff who was rude to us at the lobby on our last day. We should train ourselves to spend more time thinking about the good things in life _____ of being so negative. I find that the more I do this, the _____ interesting or pleasurable moments and images I capture. That is _____ the process of taking those pictures allows me to immerse in those moments, leading me to spend more time with them rather than focusing on the sad moments. And this _____ me happier!

People often associate photography with professionals with a certain amount of knowledge but the truth is, practice makes _____. If we do anything on a regular _____, we will improve. Anyone can become a great photographer with a bit of practice.

Adapted from <https://www.forbes.com>Score:

Section H – Synthesis & Transformation

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 criminal repented. It influenced the judge.

The judge _____

67. Mrs Tan asked her son, "Why did you leave my book here?"

Mrs Tan asked her son why _____

68. The workers resigned suddenly. The company could no longer operate.

With the sudden _____

69. Ron had not given a speech before. Ron was nervous.

Not _____

70. The chicken is undercooked. It is not recommended to eat it.

To eat such _____

Score:

Section I – Comprehension

Read this passage and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

Growing up on the dusty streets of Lagos, Nigeria, is not easy. With a population of almost 15 million people, Lagos is the largest city in the country, and the entire continent of Africa. When travellers come from around the world, they are captivated by its many glossy skyscrapers, but there is a far deeper and darker side to it.	1 5
My parents worked in the oil industry, so we were well-off and we lived in a tranquil estate which was fenced off and protected round the clock by armed security guards. In my estate, there were perfectly-paved tar roads, pavements lined with majestic palm trees, and state-of-the-art air-conditioned buildings designed by famous architects. However, each time we left the estate for school or work, we would see the real Lagos. It was one in which roads had potholes, narrow walkways where the sun shone mercilessly on the pedestrians, and poorly-built homes which baked like ovens on sunny days and acted like watering cans on rainy days.	10
While I could see how Lagos was like, my protective parents never allowed me out on the streets. Victor, our gardener, noticed that I had been disturbed by the contrast between my life and that of most other children in Lagos, and he sat me down one day after breakfast.	15
"Nelson, do you really want to experience what life is like in the real Lagos?" Victor asked, in his usual kind but serious tone.	
"Definitely. Can you help convince Papa and Mama? Please?" I pleaded.	20
Victor nodded as he felt that the experience would help me to learn empathy. That night, he proposed a solution that would satisfy both my curiosity and my parents' concern for my safety. Victor would let me live at his home that weekend and I could interact with the children in his neighbourhood. He would act as my bodyguard and would inform my parents every hour about how I was doing. My parents reluctantly agreed to this , though I did not share their sentiments. Instead, my heart was racing at the thought of that weekend in the real Lagos!	25
That Saturday morning, my teary-eyed parents bade me farewell as Victor put me onto his rickety motorcycle and we rode off to his neighbourhood. Along the way, he had to swerve repeatedly to avoid the many potholes on the road to get to his home, making me nauseous. Several times, my heart leapt as we had near misses with children playing outside their homes and chickens escaping from makeshift coops in the homes.	30
By the time I got off the motorcycle, my enthusiasm at experiencing the real Lagos had long turned into fear. I had never imagined the danger that Victor must undergo each time he headed home from work. His son, Jemba, welcomed me at the door and he showed me to his "room". It was not a room, but a corner of the house sealed off by a curtain. It was right next to caged chickens which Victor kept in order to provide their family with eggs, and rarely, meat. Jemba did not have a bed but slept on a mat made from straw.	35 40
"We will share the mat tonight! Which side do you want?" asked Jemba politely. "The side away from the chickens..." my voice trailed off.	

<p>Once I laid my things down, Jemba and I went out to play under the watchful eye of his father. We kicked a small rubber ball around, then chased each other in a game of "Catch", and we threw stones at cans we found on the street. Every hour or so, Victor would walk into the nearest home of a neighbour with a telephone. As the day went on, I began to lose my fear and enjoyed the company of Jemba and Victor. Many children on the street would join us in our games. I had never had so much fun before as everything was spontaneous. When the sun began to set, Victor hurried us home for dinner.</p>	45
<p>When we arrived at Victor's home, we sat down for a simple dinner of eggs and porridge. Victor's wife offered to cook a chicken for me, but I declined, knowing that in their home, eating chicken was reserved only for very special occasions. My visit certainly did not deserve that. We had a great conversation over dinner and chatted till it was close to midnight.</p>	50
<p>As I lay on the straw mat that night, I realised that, no doubt, on the streets of the real Lagos, there was danger. There was poverty and there was suffering. But there was also joy, spontaneity and generosity. And this is what makes the difficult lives the people in Lagos led much more bearable.</p>	55

71. Which word from lines 6-10 tells you that the writer's home was quiet and peaceful? [1m]

72. Why do many outsiders think that Lagos is a rich city? [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. The first one has been done for you. [3m]

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer to
e.g. they (line 3)	travellers from around the world
a. it (line 5)	
b. this (line 26)	
c. that (line 54)	

74. Which **two** of the following words best describe the writer's feelings in lines 34-42? Put a tick ✓ in the box beside each of your answers. [2m]
DO NOT TICK MORE THAN TWO BOXES.

angry	
disgusted	
relieved	

afraid	
enthusiastic	
curious	

75. Write **1, 2** and **3** in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the passage. [1m]

	The writer wanted to experience the streets in Lagos.
	The writer saw that the streets in Lagos were different from his home.
	The writer's parents relented after hearing Victor's proposal.

76. The writer wanted to experience the real street life in Lagos. Why did the characters in lines 21-27 feel differently about the request? [3m]

Character	How they felt	What made the character/s feel that way
The writer's parents	reluctant	
Victor	agreeable	
The writer	enthusiastic	

Score:

77. Based on the passage, 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 writer's parents were upset when the writer left for Victor's home.		
Victor went to the homes of his neighbours with a telephone to chat with them.		
The writer avoided the street children when playing with Jemba.		

78. Was Jemba's room comfortable? Support your answer with two examples on how Jemba's room was described in the text. [2m]

79. Explain how the home which the writer lived in and those in the real Lagos are different. [2m]

80. Do you think that the writer enjoyed his experience staying in Victor's home? Support your answer with an example of what he did in the text. [2m]

*** End of Paper ***

Have you checked your work thoroughly?

Score: