

PEI CHUN PUBLIC SCHOOL
PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2019
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2
(BOOKLET A)

Additional materials: Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) Total Time For Booklets A & B : 1 h 50 min

Name : _____ (.)

Class : Primary 6 / _____

Date : 21 August 2019

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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5. SHADE YOUR ANSWERS IN THE OPTICAL ANSWER SHEET (OAS) PROVIDED.

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. Deborah has yet to submit her assignment to Mrs Tan, _____?
 - (1) has she
 - (2) does she
 - (3) hasn't she
 - (4) doesn't she

2. "Please accept this small token in appreciation _____ all you have done for us," the old lady said to me.
 - (1) to
 - (2) of
 - (3) on
 - (4) with

3. The small boy exclaimed fearlessly, "If the bully had hit me, I _____!"
 - (1) retaliate
 - (2) will retaliate
 - (3) would retaliate
 - (4) would have retaliated

4. The doctors are puzzled as the cause of the victims' deaths _____ still unknown.
 - (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were

5. Xin Yi was caught cheating during the English examination and was _____ suspended from school.
 - (1) however
 - (2) moreover
 - (3) nevertheless
 - (4) subsequently

6. Natasha brushed the insect off when she felt it _____ up her leg.
- (1) wriggles
 - (2) wriggled
 - (3) wriggling
 - (4) had wriggled
7. The car _____ engine had overheated was towed away.
- (1) that
 - (2) which
 - (3) whom
 - (4) whose
8. "Your project contains too _____ information on the diet of the locals. Please include more facts on that," our Social Studies teacher advised us.
- (1) few
 - (2) little
 - (3) much
 - (4) many
9. My mother told us, "Uncle Lee _____ not have gone on holiday. I have just met him at the supermarket."
- (1) could
 - (2) might
 - (3) ought
 - (4) should
10. Video footage of the suspects behind the attacks _____ by police and investigations are ongoing.
- (1) was studied
 - (2) were studied
 - (3) is being studied
 - (4) are being studied

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. My parents decided to _____ our family vacation until the Primary School Leaving Examination is over.

- (1) put in
- (2) put on
- (3) put off
- (4) put out

12. Paul was utterly _____ by the unusual turn of events. He could not understand why such a peculiar thing happened.

- (1) curious
- (2) bewitched
- (3) concerned
- (4) bewildered

13. In spite of the torrential downpour, the players' spirits were not dampened. They went on to _____ victory.

- (1) seize
- (2) clinch
- (3) clutch
- (4) secure

14. As the volcano started to erupt, the fears of the people residing nearby _____ and they began to panic.

- (1) mounted
- (2) extended
- (3) expanded
- (4) proliferated

15. Every year, Mr Segar's banana plantation _____ a rich harvest. He gets a huge profit from the sale of the bananas because of their good quality.

- (1) gains
- (2) yields
- (3) obtains
- (4) achieves

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)

I was about to cross the road in Taipei's upscale Xinyi District when something pungent smacked me in the face. That was how I knew I was getting close to one of Taiwan's most prominent and putrid-smelling restaurants.

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For nearly 30 years, Wu Hsu Pi-Ying has been running the family business. She uses a secret fermenting process passed down by her parents to create 10 varieties of stinky tofu, a beloved Taiwanese dish made from a potent fermented paste.

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Often referred to as the national snack of Taiwan, stinky tofu gives off an unpleasant odour that is very intense. It engulfs its surroundings in a nasty stench that is

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reminiscent of sour milk and rotting garbage. Love it or loathe it, these spiced and sliced fermented slabs pack a uniquely spoiled taste which symbolises Taiwanese street food.

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(20)

Adapted from <http://www.bbc.com/travel/story/20190507-taipeis-tasty-house-of-stink>

16. (1) disliked
(2) popular
(3) ordinary
(4) avoided
17. (1) diluted
(2) strong
(3) smooth
(4) thick
18. (1) immerses
(2) circles
(3) hides
(4) lifts
19. (1) comparable with
(2) different from
(3) suitable with
(4) unlike of
20. (1) accept
(2) allow
(3) adore
(4) abhor

Study this advertisement and then answer questions 21 to 28.

Wanda Estate Community Garden Fund-Raising Carnival

The residents of Wanda Estate are raising funds to start their very own community garden where they hope to enjoy the beauty of nature and build strong friendships with one another! Come and support their cause and join in this two-day carnival organised only for this year to raise funds for the resident-initiated project!



JOIN US!

Dates: 26 and 27 October 2019
Time: 10am to 6pm
Venue: Wanda Estate
(open space between blocks 15 and 17)
Admission: \$4 per person

- ☆ Each carnival booklet contains food, games and rides coupons worth \$10 which can be used at the stalls. Cash payments will not be accepted.
- ☆ Carnival booklets are available from the Wanda Estate Town Council Customer Service Counters from now until 27 October 2019.
- ☆ Carnival booklets can also be purchased from the ticketing booths at the carnival.

To find out more about the community garden project, visit the website set up and maintained by some of the residents at www.ourgarden.com. A mini exhibition will also be put up at the carnival to provide information about the project.

Supported by:



Wanda Estate
Town Council



Parks
Singapore

The following is an account written by Mdm Clara Sim, a Wanda Estate resident, who has witnessed the astounding transformation of the estate over the years. Mdm Clara lives in the same block as Mdm Cindy, the elderly lady mentioned in the account.

Ten years ago, Wanda Estate was not a pleasant place to live in. Homes in the estate were mostly old and unpainted. Doors and windows looked like they needed repairs. Trash and abandoned furniture could be seen everywhere. Residents worked very hard to make ends meet and nobody really cared about the environment they lived in.

One day, an elderly lady moved into the estate and lived all by herself in a flat on the ground floor. Nobody knew much about her but soon, everybody began to notice the difference she made to the estate. You see... Mdm Cindy was a gardener for more than half of her life. The rich family she had worked for lived in a huge mansion surrounded by a vast plot of land which Mdm Cindy had transformed singlehandedly into a beautiful garden.

Mdm Cindy looked at the small piece of land in front of her flat with a few miserable plants and imagined how beautiful it could become. Although she was much weaker and moved more slowly than her younger days, she lovingly and diligently tended the seedlings she had planted on the land.

In just a few months, the other residents of Wanda Estate noticed the change. Because of Mdm Cindy's tireless efforts, they became motivated to care more about the environment they live in. Today, Wanda Estate has become one of the most charming places in Singapore to live in.



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. Based on the flyer, which of the following is true of the carnival?
- (1) The carnival is an annual event.
 - (2) The carnival is supported by Parks Singapore.
 - (3) The carnival is free admission for everyone to join.
 - (4) The carnival is a fun event with food, games and a flower exhibit.
22. According to the flyer, the Wanda Estate Community Garden Project was the brainchild of _____.
- (1) Mdm Cindy
 - (2) the residents of Wanda Estate
 - (3) the Wanda Estate Town Council
 - (4) the www.ourgarden.com website owners
23. According to the account, the residents of Wanda Estate did not care about the environment they lived in because _____.
- (1) they were preoccupied with making a living
 - (2) there was no one like Mdm Cindy to inspire them
 - (3) there was too much trash and junk everywhere
 - (4) their homes were already very old and in disrepair
24. How do we know that Mdm Cindy was a capable gardener?
- (1) She had lived by herself.
 - (2) She had inspired the residents of Wanda Estate.
 - (3) She had become weaker and moved more slowly.
 - (4) She had transformed a vast plot of land singlehandedly into a beautiful garden.
25. The word "efforts" in the last paragraph of Mdm Clara Sim's account refer to _____.
- (1) Getting rid of trash seen everywhere
 - (2) Taking care of plants on a small piece of land
 - (3) Working for a rich family who lived in a huge mansion
 - (4) Encouraging the residents to care more about the environment they lived in

26. According to Mdm Clara Sim's account, Mdm Cindy made the residents of Wanda Estate realise that _____.

- (1) they were living in run-down conditions.
- (2) funds could be raised to transform their town.
- (3) they need to work very hard to make ends meet.
- (4) with diligent care, even a small plot of land can be transformed into a beautiful garden.

27. What is the purpose of the exclamation marks in some sentences on the first page of the flyer?

- (1) to add excitement to the carnival
- (2) to encourage the public to start their own garden
- (3) to show admiration for the residents of Wanda Estate
- (4) to attract the attention of the residents of Wanda Estate

28. The main purpose of the flyer is to _____.

- (1) appeal for cash donations
- (2) raise awareness of the fund-raising carnival
- (3) honour Mdm Cindy for her contributions to Wanda Estate
- (4) inform the residents of Wanda Estate about the community garden project

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Paper 1 (Situational Writing)	15
Paper 1 (Continuous Writing)	40
Paper 2 (Booklet A)	28
Paper 2 (Booklet B)	67
Paper 3	20
Paper 4	30
TOTAL	200

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5. WRITE YOUR ANSWERS IN THIS BOOKLET.

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) as	(D) but	(G) is	(K) on	(N) will
(B) at	(E) for	(H) of	(L) up	(P) within
(C) between	(F) in	(J) off	(M) was	(Q) would

Bethany Hamilton first tried to surf at the age of five. She could catch a wave and stand _____ on the board without help _____ the age of eight. She entered
(29) (30) her first competition the following year and won. Before long, the Hawaii native had her own sponsor and _____ being home-schooled to accommodate her training
(31) schedule. She was barely a teenager, yet her dream _____ becoming a
(32) professional surfer seemed not just possible _____ almost inevitable. Then,
(33) _____ Halloween morning 2003, the unthinkable happened.
(34) _____ Hamilton rested on her board during one of her practice sessions, a
(35) tiger shark came from nowhere and bit _____ her left arm which had been
(36) dangling in the water. She lost a lot of blood but survived the ordeal. She began to heal but she wondered whether she _____ ever surf again. She did not want people to pity her.
(37) So, _____ a week she made a promise to herself - she would get back on her
(38) surfboard. She kept her promise and was back on her surfboard just twenty-six days after the accident.

Adapted from <https://allthatsinteresting.com/bethany-hamilton>

Score:

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

Marcus insisted that I travel halfway across the world to Greece. After

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much persuade, I agreed. Upon our arrival at the Ritsana refugee camp, we were

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intreeged by how the refugees were living their lives. We were show around the

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camp by the adults and we had a gleemse into their lives. These people were happy

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because they were safe from the war, since having little to no money.

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Marcus and I played football with the children, learnt to cook the dilactable

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local food and tirelessly built more makeshift homes in preparation to more

refugees. In no time, it was the last night of our trip.

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The fire outside krackeled as we threw more wood in and eloominated the

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area around us. I dusted the remnents of sawdust on my hands on my trousers. I

(49)

was content see the refugees happy with just their simple needs satisfied. Having

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us spend the day with them and treating them with respect made them happy. I

realised that true happiness came from being able to be present for those in need.

Adapted from Inspire, Issue 16

Score:

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

The phenomenal success of Finding Dory, the much-awaited sequel to the 2003 film, Finding Nemo, is being met with mixed feelings by marine experts. That is because though the movie is the perfect platform to _____ attention to the sorry state of our coral reefs, it may _____ result in endangering both the reef and its inhabitants further.

This trend was first observed following the release of Finding Nemo, when the Clownfish became the pet of _____ for every young child. As a result, the number of clownfish in the wild _____, disrupting the natural ecosystem. Fortunately, before the situation became irreversible, marine experts _____ to find a way to breed the fish in captivity.

While marine experts have since been _____ to successfully breed more than 300 different marine aquarium fish, there are several _____ that have proven to be elusive. _____ them is the Blue Tang or Dory fish, which has failed to breed in captivity despite various _____ made by scientists. Hence, all the Blue Tangs currently being sold in pet stores have been _____ directly from the ocean.

Though that is bad _____, what is even more alarming is that most Blue Tangs are caught with the _____ of cyanide. The chemical compound stuns the fish, allowing them to be easily captured and sold to pet stores. Cyanide is toxic to humans, so exposure to it _____ the surrounding marine life. Even the captured fish are not immune to the effect of the poison.

It is no _____ that the World Wildlife Foundation are urging fans of the movie not to "Find" Dory, but to "Defend" the beautiful fish! This means not rushing out and making an impulsive _____ of a Blue Tang after watching the film. Instead, we should rehabilitate and put them back into the ocean.

Adapted from <https://www.doconews.com/2016/7/7/why-finding-dory-for-your-aquarium-may-not-be-a-good-idea>

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. Geena was too slow. She did not win the race.

Geena was not _____

67. All of the artist's paintings were not sold at the auction

Not one of _____

68. Betty asked her son, "Will Mrs Han be returning your test paper this afternoon?"

Betty asked her son _____

69. The supermarket manager was distributing vouchers to the elderly yesterday.

Vouchers _____

70. The pupils asked the teacher to repeat her explanation because they were confused.

As a result of _____

Score:

¹ Clyde Preston kicked a can that was on the ground. He could not believe that this was happening. He muttered under his breath. He had an important meeting to attend to, but his wife had taken the car without his knowledge. His employee had offered to lend him his, but Clyde could not find it. "I don't have time for this!" Clyde lamented.

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² His restaurant had been suffering losses and he was counting on a potential investor he was supposed to meet. When he thought all hope was lost, he remembered the restaurant's old van. Shaking his head at the predicament he was in, he hopped in and drove off, half-relieved that he was on his way. 'Camellia's Place', named after his late mother, was his life's work. His family ran the business for many decades, and the lack of business lately was perturbing. It was a little puzzling as the restaurant was located in a scenic town, where tourists from all walks of life pour in for photographs.

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³ Everything seemed normal that day. Little did Clyde know that fate had more in store for him. At this moment, in a tunnel about 50 metres ahead, Clyde spotted something burning. When he got closer, he stopped in his tracks. A tour bus was on fire! The tourists on the bus clambered out from the back door, stumbling towards him. Panic filled their eyes as they tried to escape the flames, which had, by this time, almost engulfed the entire bus. There was another problem. The vehicles behind him piled up, causing a massive jam.

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⁴ Clyde wasted no time. Though he was shaking like a leaf, he managed to punch in the number to the fire department with shaking hands. As thick smoke billowed out of the tunnel, Clyde knew every second counted. There was no way the tourists could outrun the choking, blinding fumes. He stepped on the accelerator. Clyde jumped out of the van and opened the sliding doors to empty his cargo. As they started to pile in, Clyde shouted to the bus driver to stop extinguishing the flames as his efforts were futile. He motioned for the dazed bus driver to get into the van. Knowing that there was no time to argue, he gave in. Once all the tourists were accounted for, Clyde noticed one of them had a torchlight with him. He instructed the petrified man to shine it onto the tunnel roof to see how high the smoke had risen. As a former volunteer firefighter, he knew that hot smoke would creep to the ceiling and once it cools, it would sink to the ground, causing suffocation. The smoke seemed to be catching up with the van.

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⁵ At breakneck speed, Clyde tried to outrun the danger that was looming over the van. As if things could not get any worse, unsuspecting drivers from the other direction were coming towards him. Clyde flashed his headlights to signal them to go back. Most of them got the cue, including a massive coach ferrying 50 passengers on route to the harbour for a cruise. Packed like sardines, with hearts thumping wildly, the tourists bumped around in the van in a nerve-wrecking race against time. They heaved a huge sigh of relief when they saw the light at the end of the tunnel. Clyde drove them to a nearby gas station. Inside the van, the tourists were clearly traumatised but when they opened the doors to reveal postcard-perfect scenery, out they came, one by one, smiling. They were glad to be safe and sound.

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⁶ "Thank you for giving us another shot at life," the bus driver said. The grateful tourists all took turns to hug their hero. Clyde accepted their thanks with much embarrassment. "I just did what anyone would do," he said humbly.

Adapted from Readers' Digest – The Hero That Rescued Tourists from a Fire in Gudvangen Tunnel

71. Which **four-word** phrase in paragraph 1 suggests Clyde was frustrated? [1m]

72. Why was the meeting important to Clyde? [2m]

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

- _____ Clyde asked the bus driver to get into the ^{van} ~~bus~~.
- _____ The tourists escaped from the burning bus.
- _____ Clyde called the fire department.

74. Choose words from paragraphs 2 to 4 which have similar meanings to the words below. (3m)

disturbing	
climbed	
frightened	

75. 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
this (line 4)	
It (line 11)	

76. Based on the information from the passage, fill in the blanks in the following table. [3m]

Action taken	Reason for the action
	Clyde wanted to drive his van up to where the bus was as fast as he could.
Clyde opened the sliding doors and emptied his cargo.	
	Clyde wanted to get the bus driver to safety.

77. 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
Clyde knew that something was burning only after he had entered the tunnel.		
Clyde knew what to do to save people from a fire.		
All the tourists on the bus were rescued.		

78. In line 32, what was the danger that Clyde was trying to outrun? [1m]

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79. In paragraph 5, list two pieces of information that showed the tourists were glad they managed to escape. [2m]

(i) _____

(ii) _____

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80. Based on the last paragraph, what kind of person do you think Clyde was? Support your answer with a piece of evidence from the passage. [2m]

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- End of Paper -

ANSWER KEY

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BOOKLET A

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
1	2	4	1	4	3	4	2	1	3
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
3	4	2	1	2	2	2	1	1	4
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28		
2	2	1	4	2	4	1	2		

BOOKLET B

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

Q39	persuasion	Q43	despite	Q47	illuminated
Q40	intrigued	Q44	delectable	Q48	remnants
Q41	shown	Q45	for	Q49	seeing
Q42	glimpse	Q46	crackled	Q50	happier

Q51	draw	Q56	able	Q61	news
Q52	also	Q57	species	Q62	help
Q53	choice	Q58	Among	Q63	harms
Q54	dwindled	Q59	attempts	Q64	wonder
Q55	managed	Q60	caught	Q65	purchase

Q66. Geena was not fast enough to win the race.

Q67. Not one of the artist's paintings was sold at the auction.

Q68. Betty asked her son if Mrs Han would be returning his test paper that afternoon.

Q69. Vouchers were being distributed to the elderly by the supermarket manager yesterday.

Q70. As a result of their confusion, the pupils asked the teacher to repeat her explanation.

Q71. muttered under his breath

Q72. Clyde's restaurant had been suffering losses and he was counting on a potential investor he was supposed to meet so the meeting was important to save the restaurant.

Q73

3_ Clyde asked the bus driver to get into the van

1_ The tourists escaped from the burning bus.

2_ Clyde called the fire department.

Q74.

disturbing	perturbing
climbed	clambered
frightened	petrified

Q75

this (line 4)	It refers to Clyde having to find his employee's car.
It (line 11)	It refers to the lack of business in Clyde's family restaurant.

Q76

Clyde stepped on the accelerator.
.....	Clyde wanted the tourist on the tour bus to get into the van and away from the burning bus.
Clyde told the bus driver to stop trying to extinguish the flame and get into his van.

Q77

.....	False	He was 50 metres away from the tunnel when he spotted something burning.
.....	True	Clyde was a former volunteer firefighter.
.....	True	All the tourists were accounted for in the van.

Q78. Clyde was trying to outrun the smoke that was catching up with the van.

Q79. i) They heaved a huge sigh of relief when they saw the light at the end of the tunnel.

ii) They came out one by one, smiling when they saw the postcard- perfect scenery.

Q80. He was humble. He accepted the tourists' thanks with much embarrassment.

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