



**PEI HWA PRESBYTERIAN PRIMARY SCHOOL
PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION**

**PRIMARY 6
ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
(BOOKLET A)**

20 AUGUST 2019

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Total time for Booklets A and B: 1h 50min

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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). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (10 marks)

1. "Would you like _____ tea to go along with your meal?" asked the waiter politely.

- (1) much
- (3) a few

- (2) some
- (4) many

2. She is the one _____ invention helped many people.

- (1) who
- (3) which

- (2) whom
- (4) whose

3. She was discouraged _____ she never gave up.

- (1) yet
- (3) since

- (2) and
- (4) although

4. He was confronted _____ many difficult problems when he started his business.

- (1) by
- (3) with

- (2) for
- (4) about

5. While his friend was _____, David ran over to help him.

- (1) shout
- (3) shouted

- (2) shouts
- (4) shouting

6. "Xiaoling hardly comes to the library, _____?" asked Mr Lim.

- (1) is she
- (3) does she

- (2) isn't she
- (4) doesn't she

7. I would have missed the plane _____ I not _____ there in time.

- (1) had...rush
- (3) had...rushed

- (2) have...rush
- (4) have...rushed

8. After being stung by the jellyfish, he continued to swim _____ he never had an injury.

- (1) owing to
- (3) as though

- (2) in spite of
- (4) regardless of

9. I _____ pass you the notes at the canteen if you need it.

- (1) might
- (3) should

- (2) could
- (4) would

10. Jason, along with his friends, _____ to take part in the upcoming competition.

- (1) has decided
- (3) decides

- (2) have decided
- (4) decided

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). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

11. She gasped in _____ when she learnt that she had won the competition.

- (1) embarrassment
- (3) acknowledgement

- (2) enlightenment
- (4) astonishment

12. All furniture must _____ with the new regulations to ensure they are safe to use.

- (1) fit
- (3) agree

- (2) comply
- (4) compare

13. Despite the _____ manner in which her enemies spoke to her, she was not afraid.

- (1) reassuring
- (3) intimidating

- (2) infuriating
- (4) encouraging

14. The successful businessman won many awards for his contributions during his _____ career.

- (1) lucrative
- (3) illustrious

- (2) scandalous
- (4) insignificant

15. Before they knew it, the flood _____ on them and they had to flee.

- (1) closed in
- (3) closed down

- (2) closed off
- (4) closed up

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

A new school term has just begun! Some of you may be excited while some of you may be **(16) apprehensive**. It could be because some of you have done well in the earlier semester and are looking forward to doing even better this semester. Or, it could be because you **(17) fared** poorly and you are worried that the new semester will only be worse.

Whatever the case may be, it is **(18) crucial** to put the past behind you and start afresh. It is never too late to achieve your dreams so long as you do one important thing – set your goals!

A goal is a desired outcome that a person visualises, plans and sets out to achieve. Life without goals is **(19) beating the air** and a waste of energy and effort. You can have all the **(20) potential** in the world, but without focus, your abilities and talent are useless. Likewise, you cannot achieve anything unless your efforts are focused on a goal.

16. (1) angry
(2) relaxed
(3) anxious
(4) desperate

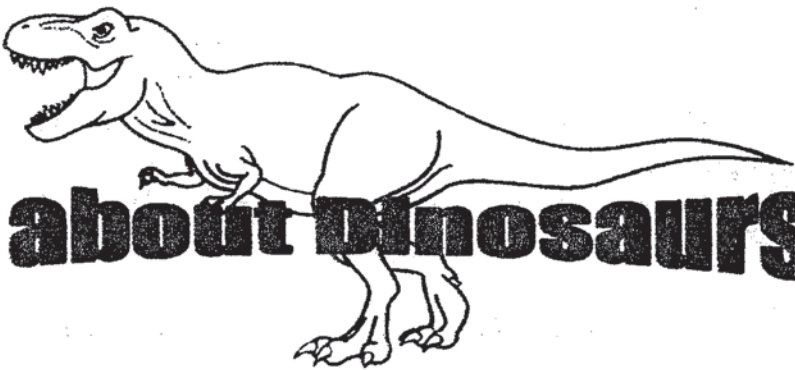
17. (1) handled
(2) projected
(3) managed
(4) performed

18. (1) trivial
(2) painful
(3) needless
(4) essential

19. (1) violent
(2) unstable
(3) pointless
(4) effortless

20. (1) reliability
(2) creativity
(3) capability
(4) responsibility

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



All about dinosaurs!

1 September to 31 October 2019 at Sunshine Mall
11 am to 9 pm daily

Ride on the backs of prehistoric giants. Catch dino-movie screenings. Get up close and personal with real fossils. Immerse yourself in the fantastic prehistoric world of dinosaurs at Sunshine Mall!

Take your pick of our awesome activities!

Photo with Triceratops and Friends

Date: 9 September to 31 October

Time: 12pm to 9 pm

Last admission at 8.45 pm

Spend \$30 in a day and get up close and personal with life-sized dinosaurs for an Instagram-worthy photo! Kids can also ride on the backs of these massive creatures.

All About Fabulous Fossils

Date: 1 September to 31 October

Time: Thursday & Friday at 7 pm,

Saturday & Sunday at 2 pm

Join us for enthralling educational talks by Fossil Finders to learn about these prehistoric giants and their lives before our time. Stay on your toes to find out who would win in a showdown between a T-Rex and Triceratops. Admission is FREE!

Dino Movie Screening

Date: 12 September to 26 September

Time: Monday to Friday at 3 pm,

Saturday & Sunday at 7 pm

Catch complimentary screenings of 'The Good Dinosaur' and 'Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom' and munch on FREE popcorn* when you spend \$30 in a day.

*While stocks last.

DIY DinoCraft Workshops

Date: 1 September to 31 October

Time: 12pm to 9 pm

Last session is at 8.30 pm

Spend \$30 in a day and your crafty kids can join in our fun DIY Dino Tail and Paper Dinosaur Hat craft workshops. Classes are guided and simple to follow! The best part? Participants get to bring their creations home as a souvenir from the event.

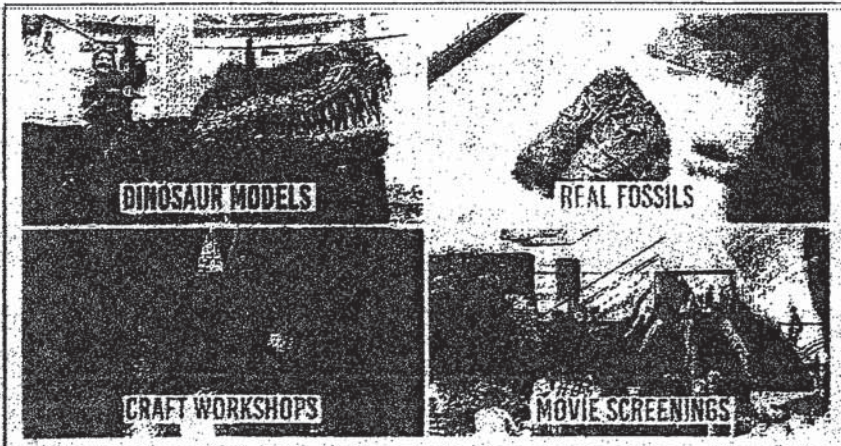
What our participants say:

"My son enjoyed a few of the activities thoroughly. His favourite activity was where he got to ride on a life-sized dinosaur's back and take a photo with it as a memento! His childhood's dream has always been to ride on a dinosaur and it was fulfilled at the 'All About Dinosaurs!' event. Thank you, Sunshine Mall!"

Mei Juan, mother of one

"Going to the mall has always been a lonely activity for me because my husband and two sons do not enjoy it. However, with the introduction of 'All About Dinosaurs!', my sons have been asking to go to Sunshine Mall almost every other day! As my sons wanted to participate in the different activities, my husband now encourages me to shop more at Sunshine Mall. My sons especially enjoy the DIY DinoCraft workshops where they get to create their own dinosaurs and keep them. We have also learnt more about dinosaurs through the talks by Fossil Finders. The free movie screenings allowed me to bond with my children as we watched the movies together and discussed them when we went home."

Nurhalizah, regular shopper and mother of two



**Don't
Miss
These
Exciting
Activities!**

SHOPPING REWARDS AT SUNSHINE MALL!

From 1 September to 31 October 2019, Sunshine Mall will be giving away gift cards when you shop or dine at any participating store – it's your chance to buy a new outfit or stock up on back-to-school items for the kids. Spend a minimum of \$150 at participating stores to receive a \$10 gift card!

21. What is the purpose of the exclamation mark in the heading, 'All about Dinosaurs!'?

- (1) to show that the event is for children
- (2) to convey excitement about the event
- (3) to draw attention to the dinosaur image
- (4) to ensure that the title is visible to readers

22. Susan spent \$50 on 5 September at Sunshine Mall. She can participate in _____.

- (1) all of the activities
- (2) none of the activities
- (3) only the 'All About Fabulous Fossils' activity
- (4) only the 'Dino Movie Screening' activity and get free popcorn

23. Vicky can only take her daughter to Sunshine Mall during the weekends. What time should she arrive at Sunshine Mall if her daughter is interested in the 'All about Fabulous Fossils' talk?

- (1) 11.30 am
- (2) 1.30 pm
- (3) 6.30 pm
- (4) 8.00 pm

24. What is the meaning of the word 'complimentary' under the 'Dino Movie Screening' activity?

- (1) free
- (2) valuable
- (3) excellent
- (4) unlimited

25. According to the flyer, what is true about what Mei Juan said?

- (1) Her son is thankful to Sunshine Mall.
- (2) Her son's childhood dream was never fulfilled.
- (3) Her son enjoyed the 'Photo with Triceratops and Friends' activity the most.
- (4) Her son participated in all the activities during the 'All about Dinosaurs!' event.

26. Nurhalizah's experience of going to the mall has changed because _____.

- (1) her interest in dinosaurs has grown
- (2) her husband and sons now accompany her to the mall
- (3) her husband now encourages her to do more shopping
- (4) she participated in all of the 'All about Dinosaurs!' activities

27. Which one of these statements is **true** about the shopping rewards in Sunshine Mall?

- (1) Gift cards will be given out to customers throughout the year.
- (2) Customers need to spend at least \$150 in participating stores to get one gift card.
- (3) Gift cards will be given when customers spend any amount at participating stores.
- (4) Customers can only buy new outfits and back to school items in order to get the gift cards.

28. The **main** purpose of the 'All About Dinosaurs' event is to _____.

- (1) reward shoppers with gift cards
- (2) spread awareness about dinosaurs
- (3) create unforgettable memories for shoppers
- (4) attract customers to shop more at Sunshine Mall



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Marks (Booklet A) :	28
Marks (Booklet B) :	67
Total Marks (Booklets A and B) :	95

This booklet consists of 9 printed pages, excluding the cover page.

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) for	(D) before	(G) to	(K) over	(N) are
(B) it's	(E) other	(H) its	(L) were	(P) was
(C) of	(F) after	(J) on	(M) when	(Q) during

National Parks Board (NParks) was alerted to the sighting of a crocodile in Sungei Kadut in a drain on June 21. The employees (29) _____ concrete company, Star Ready Mix, spotted the crocodile (30) _____ their coffee break. It was lying motionless in the drain as they looked (31) _____. Soon videos taken of the crocodile were posted and shared on social media.

It was only at 8.20am that NParks was alerted (32) _____ the sighting of the animal. (33) _____ the officers arrived, they had to work with trained contractors to secure it. (34) _____ the crocodile was being transferred to a crocodile farm, photos of it tied up and lying on the pavement (35) _____ taken by onlookers and then circulated online.

The Public Utility Board (PUB) told The Straits Times that (36) _____ officers would be patrolling the surrounding drains in Sungei Kadut and the nearby Kranji Reservoir (37) _____ the next few days in case there were (38) _____ crocodiles.

Members of the public are advised to stay calm and back away slowly should they encounter a crocodile and should not approach, provoke or feed the animal.

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error.
Write the correct word in each of the boxes numbered 39 to 50. (12 marks)

My schoolmates and I visited *The Bicentennial Experience*. We were filled
(39) (40)
with excitement and curiyocity during the trip. This commemorate event brought
(41)
us back in time to discover key moments and watch memorable events unfolding in
(42)
Singapore's transformation from as far back since 1299. The event comprised
(43)
two parts, naming the *Time Traveller* and *The Pathfinder*.
(44)
The *Time Traveller* was a 60-minute dairzling multimedia show. It presented
(45)
a powered experience of Singapore's history over more than 700 years! We
(46)
watched all five acts that were shown in the gallarvs.
(47)
The *Pathfinder* are a set of pavilions with interactive elements situated
(48) (49)
within the greennary of Fort Gate area to allow for free and easy exeplarasion.
(50)
After that, my classmates and I penned and edresed our thoughts in our
worksheets to someone living in the future. What a meaningful learning journey!

Fill in each blank with a suitable word

(15 marks)

Dengue fever is a disease transmitted by the bite of an infected female Aedes mosquito. A mosquito is infected (51) _____ it consumes a blood meal from a dengue-infected person. This disease is (52) _____ in the regions of Southeast Asia and in Singapore. Dengue fever presents itself (53) _____ flu-like symptoms that show up about two to fourteen days after the victim has been bitten by (54) _____ infected mosquito. If it is a (55) _____ case, the symptoms will resolve on their own within two to seven days. In severe cases, an infected person will show symptoms like persistent vomiting, serious abdominal pain and internal bleeding. An individual who (56) _____ treatment at this stage, could die.

In Singapore, the dengue menace remains a thorn in Singapore's side (57) _____ the relentless efforts to combat it. Instead of having reduced dengue cases each year, dengue is striking (58) _____ with a vengeance. Dengue cases were low for the years 2017 and 2018. However, by the first half of 2019, dengue cases had risen rapidly. It is a signal that Singapore could be heading towards a major dengue (59) _____ this year. Why is this happening? Warming temperatures brought about by climate change will make mosquito eggs hatch faster. This (60) _____ the time it takes for a mosquito to become a biting adult. Additionally, the hotter weather allows the pests to venture farther afield. Thus, that helps to (61) _____ dengue's range. This would mean that mosquitoes can now thrive in more places where they could not do so (62) _____.

More can be done to (63) _____ mosquito breeding in the bud in order to prevent the rise of dengue cases. Doing the "10-minute 5-step Mozzie Wipe-out" routine regularly helps to keep our homes free of the Aedes mosquito. It clears the breeding grounds of the mosquitoes by (64) _____ stagnant water sources that sit inside and outside of our houses. Next, prevent mosquito bites by applying insect (65) _____, wearing long covered clothing and sleeping under mosquito nets. By following these measures, we can save ourselves from the dengue menace.

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. No one could see clearly. The lighting was poor.

_____ due to

67. The soldiers are building the wall.

_____ the soldiers.

68. The lunch did not leave anyone unsatisfied.

Everyone was _____

69. This dish is not as tasty as that one.

That dish _____

70. ^{he} ^{go} ^{her} ^{the next day}
~~"You must come to my birthday party tomorrow," Nancy told Sean.~~

Nancy told Sean _____

**This is a
blank page.**

Brendan and his wife, Katy, were the poorest amongst the farmers. Their young son, Sean, was a happy child, oblivious to the grinding poverty suffered by his parents and his grandfather. He was a curious child and would ask many questions.

Sean's parents were always far too worn out at the end of the day to have any patience left to answer any of his questions. Brendan reminded his wife, "The rent is due soon, and we've hardly any money to pay the landlord." "Too many mouths to feed here," she grumbled in response. Grandpa still had a zest for life despite the hardships. Only he would patiently answer all of Sean's questions after a tiring day working on the farm. He would always remind Sean of the saying: Treat your parents the way you want your children to treat you. 5

Slowly, the joyous days for Sean began to wane. Sean grew aware of the mood of misery that surfaced with frequent arguments at the dinner table. The sound of the same complaint was heard over and over again. He had heard it all before but he began to listen carefully to try to understand the cause. "Too many mouths to feed. If we could trim the food costs, we might be able to save some money," Katy said. Clearly money was the root of the problem. As far as Sean could tell, his father resisted the complaints that came from his mother. Brendan replied agitatedly, "But Katy – he's my very own father!" As Brendan brooded, his brow would furrow. Grandpa grew listless and despondent through the miserable winter days and nights. They talked around him as if he did not exist. When the heated exchange began between his parents, Sean would notice the distant gaze of his Grandpa. Also, Grandpa's replies to Sean's questions were reduced to mere nods and mumbles. 10 15 20

Then it happened on a wintry day. "Now is as good a time as any," Katy said angrily to her husband, her voice raised and insistent. All at once Sean understood. The solution to their desperation would be to have one less mouth to feed. Grandpa was to be turned out to fend for himself. Brendan and Katy walked the old man to the door. Grandpa did not protest. Somehow, they had prepared him for this – their last act of filial responsibility, and he knew it was coming. 25

Sean saw his grandfather being moved toward the door. Katy's conscience was pricked. She hesitated and said, "Here, let's give him a blanket." "Wait, Mother!" her little son shouted. "Just give him half a blanket, I beg you." Surprised by their son's outburst, they asked him why. "Please give Grandpa half of the blanket. Then I will have something to give to you both when it's my time to turn you out." Momentarily stunned, Katy and Brendan gave each other an anxious, knowing look as they knew what goes around comes around. Katy and Brendan corrected the situation immediately. Katy, trying to sound as genuine as possible, replied, "I believe we should do our utmost to take care of Dad, shouldn't we?" 30 35

Sean's plan had worked! Knowing that Grandpa would be fine, Sean's heart felt lighter. Lying in his bed, the scene of his parents ushering Grandpa to the door kept replaying in his mind. A stinging heaviness lingered in his chest as he thought about his parents' actions.

The whole episode left a deep impression in Sean's mind. For Sean, he had already made up his mind... to live out Grandpa's words. 40

Adapted from: *The Blanket* retold by Greta B. Lipson.

71. How was the situation faced by Sean's family different from the other farmers? [1m]

score

72. Choose words from paragraphs one, two and five, which have similar meanings to the words shown below. [3m]

gruelling	
enthusiasm	
pierced	

score

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

_____ Sean wanted to know the cause of his parents' arguments.

_____ Sean noticed his parents were quarrelling more.

_____ Sean thought of a solution.

score

74. "Clearly money was the root of the problem." (lines 14 - 15). What suggestion did Katy give to solve this problem? [2m]

score

75. Based on the first three paragraphs, state one behaviour of Grandpa before and after the home situation worsened. [2m]

	Before the home situation worsened.	After the home situation worsened.
Grandpa's behaviour		

score

76. Other than helping Grandpa to keep warm, what was the real reason for Katy to give Grandpa a blanket? [2m]

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]

	Statement	True/False	Reason
a.	Sean's parents were always ready to answer his questions.		
b.	Brendan remained expressionless when he heard about Katy's suggestion to their money issues.		
c.	Grandpa was taken aback by the terrible fate awaiting him.		

score

78. Which five-word phrase from paragraph five shows that Brendan and Katy might eventually become victims of their own actions? What might be the consequence of Brendan and Katy's action? [2m]

score

79. Which **two** of the following words best describe how Sean felt in paragraph six?
Put a tick ✓ in the box beside each of your answers. [2m]
DO NOT TICK MORE THAN TWO BOXES.

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> miserable | <input type="checkbox"/> puzzled |
| <input type="checkbox"/> frightened | <input type="checkbox"/> ecstatic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> embarrassed | <input type="checkbox"/> relieved |

score

80. Would Sean grow up to be like his parents? Why/Why not? Support your answer with evidence from the passage. [2m]

score

END OF BOOKLET B

ANSWER KEY

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BOOKLET A

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

BOOKLET B

Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
C	Q	J	G	M	D	L	H	A	E

Q39	Q40	Q41	Q42	Q43	Q44
curiosity	commemorative	unfold	as	namely	dazzling
Q45	Q46	Q47	Q48	Q49	Q50
powerful	galleries	was	greenery	exploration	addressed
Q51	Q52	Q53	Q54	Q55	Q56
when	common	with	an	mild	neglects
Q57	Q58	Q59	Q60	Q61	Q62
despite	back	outbreak	shortens	increase	before
Q63	Q64	Q65			
nip	clearing	repellent			

Q66 No one could see clearly due to the poor lighting.

Q67 The wall is being built by the soldiers.

Q68 Everyone was satisfied with the lunch.

Q69 That dish is tastier than this dish.

Q70 Nancy told Sean that he had to go to her birthday party the next day.

Q71 Sean's parents were the poorest amongst the farmers.

Q72

gruelling	grinding
enthusiasm	zest
pierced	pricked

Q73 2 Sean wanted to know the cause of his parents' arguments.

1 Sean noticed his parents were quarreling more.

3 Sean thought of a solution.

Q74 It was to turn Grandpa out of the house to have one less month to feed.

Q75

	Before the home situation worsened.	After the home situation worsened.
Grandpa's behaviour	He would patiently answer all of Shawn's questions even after a tiring day working on the farm.	He grew listless and despondent.

Q76 Katy wanted to "repay" what she did to Grandpa as she felt a but guilty about what she did.

- Q77**
- a. False | They were always far too worn out at the end of the day and did not have patience to answer Shawn's questions.
 - b. False | He was agitated because he did not want to throw his father out.
 - c. False | Grandpa knew that it would happen.

Q78 The phrase is "what goes around comes around". Brendan and Katy might be thrown out by Shawn in the future.

Q79 miserable & relieved.

Q80 No. As he understood that what goes around comes around, he understood that his children would do what he did and he would get thrown out by his children, which would not be something he likes.

