



Temasek Primary School

Preliminary Examination

Primary Six Standard

2019

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2

(BOOKLET A)

Name: _____ () Class: 6 ()

Date: 20 August 2019

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.
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3. Answer all questions.
4. Shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.
5. This booklet consists of **9** printed pages.

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 "The information in these documents _____ strictly confidential. Please do not share it with anyone else," Mr Lee informed his employee.

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

- 2 If she _____ close attention in class, she would not have failed her examination.

(1) pay
(2) paid
(3) had paid
(4) have paid

- 3 The low-lying houses in the village are at risk _____ flooding due to the heavy rains.

(1) to
(2) of
(3) for
(4) with

- 4 Jenny is looking forward to _____ her cousins next week.

(1) met
(2) meet
(3) meets
(4) meeting

- 5 "The boys made this mess, _____?" the principal asked as he looked around the classroom.

(1) won't they
(2) didn't they
(3) haven't they
(4) weren't they

6 "_____ meals for the elderly in the neighbourhood is what I do every Sunday," Mrs Tan told us.

- (1) Prepare
- (2) Prepares
- (3) Prepared
- (4) Preparing

7 "Never in my life _____ such a beautiful voice!" Emily exclaimed while gazing admiringly at the singer.

- (1) I had heard
- (2) had I heard
- (3) have I heard
- (4) I have heard

8 John, as well as his siblings, _____ going to Japan for a holiday next month.

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

9 _____ facing many obstacles in life, the blind man was determined to work hard to support himself.

- (1) Since
- (2) Despite
- (3) Although
- (4) However

10 After I paid for the items, the cashier returned me the wrong change _____ mistake.

- (1) in
 - (2) on
 - (3) by
 - (4) through
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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 deadline for the Social Studies project was _____ as many students could not complete it on time.
- (1) extended
 - (2) continued
 - (3) postponed
 - (4) lengthened
- 12 The national soccer team accepted its defeat _____ and displayed true sportsmanship at the end of the match.
- (1) longingly
 - (2) graciously
 - (3) affectionately
 - (4) sympathetically
- 13 My baby sister's _____ crying throughout the night kept me awake.
- (1) infinite
 - (2) enduring
 - (3) incessant
 - (4) sustained
- 14 The authorities are carrying out construction work on the castle to _____ it to its former glory.
- (1) repair
 - (2) renew
 - (3) revive
 - (4) restore
- 15 His plan to expand his company _____ because of lack of money.
- (1) fell out
 - (2) fell back
 - (3) fell apart
 - (4) fell through

Section C – Vocabulary Cloze

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)

From an airport to a shopping mall, and now a playground within a five-storey garden, Changi Airport has outdone itself. It will stop at nothing to lure travellers. When ~~its~~ next big attraction, Jewel, opens in early 2019, it will showcase thrilling play equipment like sky nets and four different types of slides. Cynics will ask if Changi Airport is deviating from its main role but in an increasingly competitive landscape, an airport has to try out new boundaries. This thinking is perhaps what prompted the government to set up Changi Airport Group in 2009. Changi Airport Group is a corporation that runs the airport under the regulation of the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore. Jewel is a joint venture between Changi Airport Group and CapitaLand Mall Asia.

Adapted from *The Straits Times*, 8 June 2017

- 16 (1) invite
(2) charm
(3) attract
(4) captivate
- 17 (1) exhibit
(2) feature
(3) present
(4) demonstrate
- 18 (1) drifting
(2) varying
(3) straying
(4) differing
- 19 (1) test
(2) check
(3) sample
(4) investigate
- 20 (1) induced
(2) provoked
(3) reminded
(4) summoned

Section D: Visual Text Comprehension

Study this article from a magazine, Parents' Bulletin, and then answer questions 21 to 28.

Let's Keep Myopia in Check!

If you live in Singapore, you probably know what myopia is. Myopia, the medical name for short-sightedness, is commonly mentioned in schools as more than half the children here have the condition by the time they are 12 years old.

"Let's Keep Myopia in Check!" is a campaign that was first launched in 2014 to drive home an important message. The campaign organiser, Health Focus Singapore (HFS), wants young children and their parents to understand that having good eye care habits can bring myopia under control.

In the first few years, the campaign targeted primary school students. Eye care teams from HFS visited each school biannually to conduct eye checks and give assembly talks. The campaign received positive responses and support from various sources increased. By 2017, the number of eye care teams had tripled. That allowed HFS to start sending teams to pre-schools as well. This year, HFS plans to celebrate the campaign's fifth anniversary by engaging the general public in a wide range of activities that promote good eye care.



You can visit www.hfs.org.sg/myopiacampaign for details of all the activities as well as special promotions at some of your favourite stores.

Check out what's in store for you right away so you won't miss out!



Highlights

Eye Checks

Eye care teams from HFS will set up booths at various community centres to conduct free eye checks for the public.

Book your appointment online.

Eye Fitness

Perform daily eye exercises to improve your vision.

Demonstrations available online.

Eye Relaxation

Studies have shown that some pictures can soothe tired eyes.

Images available online.

Eye Health Food Fair

Discover how your diet affects your vision. Get the best deals on food products that are good for your eyes!



Special Promotion at Best Vision Optics



The opticians at Best Vision Optics are known for their professional and friendly service. Customers not only get information on the eyewear accessories they want to buy, but are also advised on the frames and lenses best suited to their needs. Visit Best Vision Optics with this coupon and be entitled to various discounts!

- ☆ Purchase selected frames for \$80 each (Usual Price \$160)
- ☆ Purchase 2 matching pairs of frames for \$140 (Usual Price \$320)
- ☆ Receive a 20% discount on scratch-resistant lenses
- ☆ Receive a 50% discount on the 2nd pair of sunglasses purchased

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 Which of the following is a likely reason why readers might have heard of myopia?

- (1) It is frequently talked about in schools.
- (2) All children have it by the time they turn 12.
- (3) "Let's Keep Myopia in Check!" is a biannual campaign.
- (4) People who live in Singapore have good eye care habits.

22 What was Health Focus Singapore's main reason for starting the campaign?

- (1) the need to bring myopia under control
- (2) the support received from various sources
- (3) the sudden discovery of good eye care habits
- (4) the requests from parents of young children for more information

23 Which of the following statements is correct about the "Let's Keep Myopia in Check!" campaign in 2019?

- (1) It targets mainly school children.
- (2) It includes activities that the public can take part in.
- (3) It aims to further increase the number of eye care teams.
- (4) It will be promoted through assembly talks in secondary schools.

24 What is the similarity between "Eye Fitness" and "Eye Relaxation"?

- (1) They teach people eye care exercises.
- (2) They allow people to make appointments online.
- (3) They invite people to highlight their eye care issues.
- (4) They offer people free access to eye care resources.

25 By visiting the "Eye Health Food Fair", Mrs Yeo can _____.

- (1) eat a balanced diet
- (2) get a free eye check
- (3) find out why she has myopia
- (4) pay less for certain food products

- 26 The opticians at Best Vision Optics provide customers with _____.
- (1) treatment for myopia
 - (2) advice on appropriate frames and lenses
 - (3) services on a wide range of health needs
 - (4) information on the eyewear accessories others are buying
- 27 Anyone who visits Best Vision Optics with the special promotion coupon will be able to _____.
- (1) pay \$80 for any pair of frames
 - (2) save on 2 matching pairs of frames
 - (3) get scratch-resistant lenses for free
 - (4) buy a pair of sunglasses at a discount
- 28 What is the **main** purpose of the article?
- (1) to tell readers about good eye care habits
 - (2) to get readers to visit the opticians at Best Vision Optics
 - (3) to tell readers that myopia is a condition that can be treated
 - (4) to get readers involved in the "Let's Keep Myopia in Check!" campaign

End of Booklet A

(Go on to Booklet B)



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Paper	Max Mark	Score
Booklet A	28	
Booklet B	67	
Total Mark	95	

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) a	(D) in	(G) our	(K) these	(N) where
(B) and	(E) on	(H) the	(L) this	(P) with
(C) by	(F) or	(J) their	(M) what	(Q) would

Every day in 2016, each person in Singapore threw away at least 13 plastic bags. (29) _____ adds up to 27 billion plastic bags discarded here in 2016. (30) _____ can be done to curb the widespread use of plastic bags? For (31) _____ start, the government is trying to encourage people to use both reusable bags (32) _____ food containers. There are also efforts (33) _____ environmental groups such as Zero Waste Singapore's Bring Your Own (BYO) Singapore campaign. Consumers who use (34) _____ own reusable bags at supermarkets are rewarded with discounts or free gifts. However, given the public's excessive use of plastic bags, this effort appears to be slow (35) _____ taking off. A mandatory plastic bag surcharge (36) _____ be one way to drastically cut our reliance on plastic bags.

In Britain, (37) _____ customers pay five pence (about nine Singapore cents) for every plastic bag, plastic bag use plummeted 85 per cent, reported The Guardian, a British newspaper. However, countries must be cautious to ensure there is no compromise (38) _____ cleanliness when plastic bag use is regulated. In Hong Kong, which also has a plastic bag surcharge, exceptions are made when it comes to food hygiene, for instance, and bags are ~~free~~ when used to hold fresh produce and seafood.

Section F – Editing for Spelling and Grammar

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

William Henry Gates was born on 28 October 1955 in Seattle, Washington. As the

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principal founder of Microsoft, Bill Gates is one of the richest and most influenced people

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on the planet. Recent estimates of his wealth put him at US\$84.2 billion. This is the

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ekwivelant of the combined Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of several African economies.

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Growing up, his family was ahflewent but remembering the challenges of the Great

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Depression, his parents encouragemet him to work hard and take nothing as granted.

When he was 13, Gates attended the private Lakeside school and it was here that

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he had his first inntroukshen to computers. In 1973, he enrolled at Harvard, major in

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mathematics and computer science. However, Gates was more interested in persueing his

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own coding, and when he saw an oporchunitee to start his own company, he dropped out

of Harvard without finishing his course. Gates founded Microsoft in 1976 and in the early

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days, he are also involved in several aspects of Microsoft's business such as packing and

sending off orders.

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From 2008, Gates has worked full time on his filantropic interests. It is estimated that he has given away \$28 billion via his charitable foundation - including \$8 billion to improve global health.

Section G – Comprehension Cloze

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Nearly 130 personal mobility devices (PMDs) were seized by the authorities last month in an ongoing drive to deter errant users. The seizures come amid growing debate over (51) _____ such devices should be allowed to (52) _____ the pavement with pedestrians. The Land Transport Authority (LTA) said it had impounded a total (53) _____ 157 devices for offences such as not (54) _____ with regulations and riding on the wrong paths. Under the Active Mobility Act, which came (55) _____ force in May last year, PMD users (56) _____ having their devices seized if they ride on the road, speed or if their devices (57) _____ stipulated limits like the maximum weight of 20 kg. The latest seizures come after LTA officers impounded more (58) _____ 400 devices between February and April this year. In all, about 3700 offences were (59) _____ under the Active Mobility Act in the first year. Mr Denis Koh, chairman of PMD enthusiast group Big Wheel Scooters Singapore, said that while enforcement may deter potential offenders, education would be more (60) _____ in the longer term. "Commercial operators should (61) _____ use of programmes like the Safe Riding Programme to (62) _____ their staff on safe riding techniques since they will be in the public spaces more often," he added.

Concerns over the potential conflict between PMDs and pedestrians (63) _____ recently, with Bukit Batok MP Murali Pillai calling for the devices to be banned (64) _____ Housing Board void decks after one of his residents got into an (65) _____ with a PMD user at her block. Following the debate, readers wrote letters to The Straits Times requesting that Singapore follow in the footsteps of France and Germany, which banned the use of e-scooters on pavements last month.

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 Linda enjoyed the movie so much that she decided to watch it again.

Linda found the movie so _____

- 67 I found out that I had won first prize in the competition. I was delighted.

Much to _____

- 68 Tim was bored so he decided to play with matches.

_____ out of

- 69 Thinking about her four mischievous children, Mrs Ravi smiled.

Mrs Ravi smiled at the _____

- 70 "Would you like another slice of cake?" Ms Sim asked her brother.

Ms Sim asked her brother if _____

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Section I – Open-Ended Comprehension

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

My name was missing from the list. I looked again, hoping that it might somehow appear. All my friends had made it to the cheerleading squad but somehow, my name was not there. I fought back tears, wanting to be strong, and congratulated those who had made it to the squad. But the moment I saw my father's car pull up to the kerb of the school, I hopped inside, closed the door and began to cry.

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I was devastated. How could I have not made it to the cheerleading squad when all of my friends had? I felt lost, betrayed... and **an outcast** among my own friends. I was embarrassed too. I still sat with them at lunch and laughed at their jokes, but it felt different now. I felt as if I did not belong.

Knowing that I could still join the squad the following year, I diligently went over routines on my own, with my mother watching in support. I took gymnastics lessons and asked for training from one of the local college cheerleaders. I was determined to see my name on the following year's list.

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During that year, although I was practising cheerleading on my own, my father suggested that I get involved in a school activity or sport – just for a year. He suggested athletics as anyone could join the team, regardless of his or her ability. My mother supported this idea, keen for me to get my mind off cheerleading for a while. "Well, I've always been the fastest runner in class every year, so I might as well sign up for one season of athletics. I can participate in it until I make it to the cheerleading squad next year," I convinced myself.

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On the athletics team, I quickly learnt that out of 100 students, no one wanted to run the long-distance events – and so I volunteered. I had no idea what I was getting myself into. In the first race, I was in the last place. My lungs were burning and my face was flushed. I had never worked so hard at anything in my life, yet I was the slowest one on the track. Race after race, I continued to come in last. I wanted to quit, and I felt like a failure. But my father reminded me that once you commit to something, you should always follow through. And so I finished the athletics season, obtaining **the same results** as in previous races.

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The next year came and I was thrilled to make it to the football cheerleading squad. But when the athletics season started again, I felt myself drawn to running. Although athletics was not a popular activity like cheerleading was at our school, I signed up again to run the long-distance races. I had no idea why because I had not experienced success. Looking back, I can only guess that I wanted to challenge myself, to see if I could personally improve my running times. I was not running to be cool or to prove anything to anyone else – I was running simply for me. Although I did not come in last that year, I was not winning. The funny thing was, the next year, I received a letter from the new cross-country coach, asking me to consider joining the team. Our school did not have enough runners to make a full team and he was hoping to fill the spaces. I called the coach and told him I would do it.

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Little did I know that **that one simple decision** would **change my life**. Within one year, I became the fastest female cross-country runner on our school's team. A few years later, when I was a senior in high school, I won several races and came in third in a big state event. I was also offered an athletics scholarship.

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Classmates found it strange that I had chosen running over cheerleading, wondering why I bothered training so hard, but I did not care. "Running makes me happy," I would often tell them, my eyes sparkling with joy. It made me different and led to me being proud of who I was. I did not have a reason for choosing running over cheerleading other than that I simply followed my heart and listened to my intuition – that voice inside me. At university, I ran cross-country and became an all-American cross-country runner. I met talented runners from around the world and travelled from coast to coast for races of various distances.

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I knew that when I chose to be a runner, I would be perceived as different. I knew that running was not a cool sport but I chose it because it felt right. I chose to be a runner because I liked the challenge. Running pushed me to work harder than I ever knew I could, and when I chose to be a runner, I chose to be true to myself. That is a decision I am glad I made.

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Adapted from *Running with Heart* by Stacey Ritz

- 71 How can you tell from the first paragraph that the writer was a strong person? [2m]

- 72 Why did the writer feel like "an outcast" (line 7)? [1m]

- 73 Which **two** words from the third paragraph tell us that the writer wanted very much to join the cheerleading squad? Each word is found in a separate sentence. [2m]

- 74 In the blanks below, state the **main** reason why the various characters in lines 14-20 felt that the writer should join the athletics team. [3m]

Character	The main reason why each character felt that the writer should join the athletics team
a) The writer	<hr/>
b) The writer's father	
c) The writer's mother	

- 75 Based on lines 10-39, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

	True/False	Reason
a) The writer's mother was against her joining the cheerleading squad.		
b) Running long-distance races was not easy for the writer.		
c) The writer signed up again to run the long-distance races as she wanted to be popular at school.		

- 76 Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right. [3m]

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer(s) to
a) the same results (lines 27-28)	
b) that one simple decision (line 40)	
c) It (line 46)	

- 77 "...change my life" (line 40). Explain fully how the writer's life changed, in terms of her running ability. [2m]

- 78 State **two** reasons why the writer's classmates found it strange that she had chosen running over cheerleading. [2m]

- 79 Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events took place in the story. [1m]

_____ The writer wanted to quit the athletics team.

_____ The writer asked a local college cheerleader to train her.

_____ The writer was offered a scholarship.

- 80 Which **one** of the following words best describes how the writer felt in lines 52-56?
Put a tick ✓ in the box beside your answer.
DO NOT TICK MORE THAN ONE BOX. [1m]

hopeful

☐

discouraged

☐

embarrassed

☐

surprised

☐

contented

☐

exhausted

☐

End of Paper

ANSWER KEY

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BOOKLET A

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

BOOKLET B

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

Q39	Q40	Q41	Q42	Q43	Q44
influential	it	equivalent	affluent	encouraged	for
Q45	Q46	Q47	Q48	Q49	Q50
introduction	majoring	pursuing	opportunity	was	philanthropic
Q51	Q52	Q53	Q54	Q55	Q56
whether	share	of	complying	into	risk
Q57	Q58	Q59	Q60	Q61	Q62
exceed	than	committed	useful	make	educate
Q63	Q64	Q65			
increased	from	accident			

Q66 Linda found the movie so enjoyable that she decided to watch it again.

Q67 Much to my delight, I found out that I had won first prize in the competition.

Q68 Tim decided to play with matches out of boredom.

Q69 Mrs Ravi smiled at the thought of he four mischievous children.

Q70 Ms Sim asked her brother if he would like another slice of cake.

Q71 She fought back tears and congratulated those who made it to the squad.

Q72 All her friends had made it to the cheerleading squad but she had not.

Q73 deligently / determined

- Q74 (a) The writer was always the fastest runner in her class.
(b) Anyone could join the team
(c) She wanted the writer to get her mind off cheerleading for a while.
- Q75 (a) False Her mother watched in support while she went over routines.
(b) True She had never worked so hard at anything in her life.
(c) False She wanted to challenge herself.
- Q76 (a) Being the last in the long-distance race.
(b) Joining the cross-country team
(c) Running
- Q77 Before the writer joined the cross-country team, she used to come in last but after she joined the team, she became the fastest female cross-country runner on the school's.
- Q78 The writer always wanted to join cheerleading and train so hard for it. However, the writer suddenly joined running.
- Q79 2 The writer wanted to quit the athletics team.
1 The writer asked a local college cheerleader to train her.
3 The writer was offered a scholarship.
- Q80 contented

