



Rulang Primary School

**CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER TWO
BOOKLET A
2009**

Name : _____ ()
Class : Primary 6()
Setter : Ms Rachel Lye

Marks : _____ / 30
Date : 26th February 2009

30 Questions

Total Time for Booklets A and B : 1 Hour 50 Minutes

Instructions to Pupils :

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Follow **all** the instructions carefully.
3. Answer **all** the questions.
4. This question booklet consists of **10** printed pages, including the cover page.

Section A : Graphic Stimulus (5 marks)

Study the advertisement below and answer questions 1 to 5.

MID-YEAR RENOVATION FAIR!

- Where you get your dream home at the lowest cost ever!

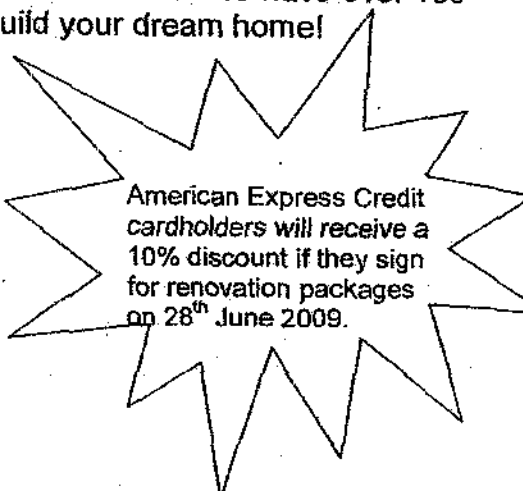
Looking for a contractor to renovate your house? Look no more! We have over 100 contractors with us who will help you to build your dream home!

Design and Build

With over 50 interior designers waiting on hand, they can help you design your dream home, down to the finest details. As long as you sign up for the package at the fair, you do not have to pay for the interior design. You get it absolutely free!

Choose and Build

If you only want to renovate a particular part of your house, fret not! We have an array of living room, kitchen, bedroom and toilet designs for you to choose from. Simply select the one that you like from our database of 500 designs and we will build it for you!



American Express Credit cardholders will receive a 10% discount if they sign for renovation packages on 28th June 2009.

With over 15 showrooms set up, you can feast your eyes on the workmanship of the contractors before making any decision.

Head down to Sunlight City Convention Hall 572.

The fair will only be around for 3 days, starting 28th June 2009, from 10am to 10pm daily.

Just bring along your floor plan and we will take care of the rest for you!



For more information, keep your eyes peeled for advertisements published in The Straits Times or you can visit our website at www.renovationfair.com.sg.

This fair is brought to you by our proud sponsors:



Johnson Builders



Stamford Reno



Home & Deco



The Furniture People

For each question from 1 to 5, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade its number on the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. In order to enjoy a 10% discount on her renovation package, Miss Chan must _____
 - (1) use the services of an interior designer
 - (2) sign up for her package after 28th June
 - (3) choose a design from the database of 500 designs
 - (4) use her American Express credit card to pay for her renovation package

2. Which one of the following can Mr Lim do if he is interested in renovating his 4-room flat?
 - (1) Choose a design from the database.
 - (2) Approach an interior designer for help.
 - (3) Call up Johnson Builders for more details.
 - (4) Check out the workmanship of the contractors at the fair.

3. Which of the following companies is one of the sponsors of the fair?
 - (1) Home & Deco
 - (2) Stratford Reno
 - (3) Jackson Builders
 - (4) The Furniture Mall

4. For more information on the fair, one can _____
 - (1) read the magazines
 - (2) call up the contractors
 - (3) visit the website at www.renovationfair.com.sg
 - (4) head down to Sunlight City Convention Hall 572

5. The renovation fair will end _____
 - (1) on 28th June 2009
 - (2) on 30th June 2009
 - (3) after 30th June 2009
 - (4) before 28th June 2009

Section B : Grammar (7 marks)

For each question from 6 to 12, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade its number on the Optical Answer Sheet.

6. The vigilance of Mr Tan _____ in the capture of the burglar yesterday.

- (1) results
- (2) resulted
- (3) will result
- (4) may result

7. _____ her handicap, she took part in the Olympics and achieved a gold medal in swimming.

- (1) If
- (2) Unless
- (3) Despite
- (4) Although

8. You mentioned that Susan attended the meeting yesterday, _____?

- (1) didn't you
- (2) wasn't she
- (3) haven't she
- (4) couldn't you

9. Uncle Richard, _____ we visited last weekend, will be getting married next month.

- (1) who
- (2) who's
- (3) whom
- (4) whose

10. All the equipment _____ destroyed in the huge fire last year.

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

11. Miss Tang will be conducting a test _____ our reflexes tomorrow.

- (1) of
- (2) at
- (3) in
- (4) on

12. The persistent rain over the weeks _____ the flood at the village.

- (1) has worsened
- (2) have worsened
- (3) has been worsened
- (4) have been worsened

Section C : Punctuation (3 marks)

For each question from 13 to 15, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade its number on the Optical Answer Sheet.

"I have a piece of good news for you (13) announced Mrs Lee when she stepped into the classroom. Our hearts raced at the anticipation of the news that Mrs Lee was about to share. What was the good news?

"Are you going to give us presents?" Jonathan, our class clown, inquired loudly. The class cheered loudly at that comment.

Mrs Lee did not reply (14) Instead, we caught a glimpse of a sly smile spreading across Mrs Lee's face. Many of us started to squirm in our seats. The news did not seem to be good at all.

Usually, good news only meant the following for Mrs Lee (15) extra supplementary classes, more homework or mock tests. The next few words out of her mouth confirmed our suspicion. Like deflated balloons, we started to sink deeper into our seats.

13. (1) [,"] comma and inverted commas
(2) [."] full stop and inverted commas
(3) [?"] question mark and inverted commas
(4) [!"] exclamation mark and inverted commas
14. (1) [.] full stop
(2) [,] comma
(3) [?] question mark
(4) [!] exclamation mark
15. (1) [:] colon
(2) [,] comma
(3) [.] full stop
(4) [;] semi-colon

Section D : Vocabulary (5 marks)

For each question from 16 to 20, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade its number on the Optical Answer Sheet.

16. You need to _____ and listen to us. Your project will not work if you fail to get the co-operation of the whole team.

- (1) jump the gun
- (2) get off your high horse
- (3) be a doubting Thomas
- (4) let the cat out of the bag

17. Serene could not locate her mother in the midst of the _____ after the explosion.

- (1) array
- (2) chaos
- (3) turmoil
- (4) devastation

18. Doing handicraft is her _____. She excels in it.

- (1) flaw
- (2) forte
- (3) blotch
- (4) blemish

19. The teacher reminded us that we had to _____ by our class rules or we would be severely punished.

- (1) abhor
- (2) abide
- (3) adorn
- (4) adhere

20. Katherine thoroughly enjoyed the musical and highly _____ it to her friends.

- (1) implored
- (2) endorsed
- (3) advocated
- (4) recommended

Section E : Vocabulary Cloze (5 marks)

For each question from 21 to 25, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Shade its number on the Optical Answer Sheet.

Darren stared at his trembling hands in his lap. He could not believe that he
(21)
had driven the car into the old lady. What was he thinking? He deeply regretted that
last mug of beer he downed at the bar an hour ago. He should have known better!
(22)
For the longest time, he did not budge from his seat. He did not dare to venture
(23)
out of his car at all. Wild thoughts filled his mind as he thought of how unpromising
(24)
his future would be. Just as he was getting overwhelmed with emotions, he heard a
faint groan. It was coming from the old lady! Half-relieved, he alighted from his car
(25)
to check on her, keeping his fingers crossed.

21. (1) rickety
(2) wobbly
(3) shaking
(4) unstable

22. (1) sipped
(2) slurped
(3) swigged
(4) swallowed

23. (1) stir
(2) shift
(3) shunt
(4) shuffle

24. (1) grim
(2) bleak
(3) dreary
(4) lonely

25. (1) soft
(2) quiet
(3) muffled
(4) inaudible

Section F : Comprehension MCQ (5 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

Saint Valentine's Day, or more commonly known as Valentine's Day, is widely celebrated all over the world on the 14th of February each year. On this day, people would send handmade Valentine cards and gifts like chocolates and candies to their loved ones and friends. Husbands and boyfriends would buy roses for their wives and girlfriends and take them out for romantic dinners to celebrate their love together. Despite the hype about the month of love and romance, not many know the exact origin of Valentine's Day. 5

One of the legends that revolves around Valentine's Day comes from Rome. Emperor Claudius II, or more commonly known as Claudius the Cruel, had difficulty recruiting men as soldiers. He believed that single men made better soldiers and declared all engagements and marriages null and void throughout Rome. A priest, St Valentine, saw the injustice in the decree. Flouting the decree, he secretly married young couples. He was eventually arrested and condemned. As a punishment, he was beaten to death and beheaded on February 14th, around the year 270. To commemorate this priest who sacrificed his life for love, people started celebrating their love for each other on February 14th, and named the day Valentine's Day. 10 15

Another school of thought had it that Valentine's Day came about due to the holiday, the Festival of Lupercalia. The festival was held on February 14th to honour Juno, the Queen of Roman Gods and Goddesses. During those times, boys and girls were segregated. The young people had a custom that began on the eve of the festival. Each girl's name would be written on a piece of paper and placed in a jar. Each boy would then draw a name from the jar and be paired with the girl whose name was printed on the paper. The young children would continue to see each other throughout the year even after the festival and they usually ended up falling in love and getting married. 14th February was subsequently declared as St Valentine's Day around 498 A.D. 20 25

The other origin of Valentine's Day comes from France and England. During the middle ages, it was believed that the middle of the month of February, 14th February, was the beginning of the birds' mating season. This added to the idea that the middle of February should be a day for romance. They decided to name it Valentine's Day. 30

Whatever the origin of Valentine's Day it may be, the practice of celebrating Valentine's Day is here to stay. No doubt cynics may criticise the much celebrated festival as cliché and passé, it is a great opportunity for people to let those whom they love know how much they mean to them and care for them. It is a day when one knows how fortunate he is to love and be loved. 35

For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade its number on the Optical Answer Sheet.

26. Which of the following is **not** a way people celebrate Valentine's Day?

- (1) They take their loved ones out for dinner.
- (2) They handmade cards for their loved ones.
- (3) They send out birthday cards to their loved ones.
- (4) They give chocolates and candies to their loved ones.

27. What was St Valentine being punished for?

- (1) He secretly married young couples.
- (2) He saw the injustice in the decree of the Emperor.
- (3) He announced that single men made better soldiers.
- (4) He cancelled all engagements and marriages throughout Rome.

28. According to the passage, Emperor Claudius abolished the marriage system because he _____.

- (1) had difficulty recruiting soldiers
- (2) wanted to go against St Valentine
- (3) wanted the Romans to get married secretly
- (4) did not like it when the Romans get married

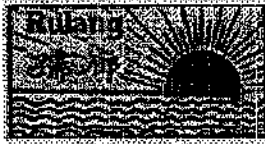
29. How did the young people of Rome celebrate the Festival of Lupercalia?

- (1) Boys fell in love with the names they drew.
- (2) Boys married the girls whose names they drew.
- (3) Boys wrote their names on pieces of paper and placed them in a jar.
- (4) Boys drew names of girls and were paired with them for the entire festival.

30. Which word has the same meaning as 'passé' (line 35)?

- (1) Chic
- (2) Popular
- (3) Defunct
- (4) Outdated

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50 Questions

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Instructions to Pupils :

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Section G : Grammar Cloze (10 marks)

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40, 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. EACH WORD CAN ONLY BE USED ONCE.

(A) about	(B) although	(C) and	(D) as	(E) at
(F) but	(G) in	(H) into	(J) it	(K) on
(L) that	(M) then	(N) up	(P) which	(Q) while

Old Mrs Huang sat in the creaky rocking chair, lounging after supper. As the old record (31) _____ the gramophone played, her mind wandered off to a thought that had been on her mind a lot recently. Just a week ago, he was still sitting in the armchair facing her, sipping his hot tea (32) _____ reading the newspapers. How was she to know (33) _____ his life would end prematurely due to a heart attack? Tears of sorrow started to well up (34) _____ her eyes once again.

Just (35) _____, the song stopped playing. Mrs Huang looked up absent-mindedly (36) _____ made a mental note to send the gramophone for repairs the next day. In the past, her husband would do it for her (37) _____ he was no longer around to repair the old player. As she got (38) _____ to turn off the player, a knock on the door caught her attention. In the dim light of the living room, she could tell that it was nearly midnight. She was (39) _____ to dismiss it when she heard another knock. It sounded like her husband knocking on the door when he needed her to open (40) _____ urgently. She made her way to the door as fast as her legs could carry her and threw the door open...

Section H : Editing For Spelling and Grammar (10 marks)

Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box.

Tamara stood in front of the mirror and stared hard at her reflection. She was
(41)
dorning a brand new dress which she bought recently. At that time when she bought
(42)
it, she thought it look flattering on her hips, but now, she felt that it made her look fat.

(43)
She turned to her husband who attention was on the newspapers he was
reading. "Do I look fat in this dress?" Without even lifting his head, her husband
(44) (45)
replied, "You always look **fabulous** in my eyes." Not **satissfryed** with his half-hearted
answer, Tamara went on to probe him further.

"Don't you think it makes my hips look humongous? The cutting of the dress
(46) (47)
makes my legs look short and my arms **flabile**! Look! Even the colour ~~bring~~ bring out the
wrinkles on my face!" Tamara exclaimed.

(48)
Finally, heaving a sigh, her husband drop the newspapers and looked up. On a
(49)
flat tone, he commented, "Well, at least your eyesight is working perfectly." At that, he
(50)
returned his gaze to his **entraining** newspapers, leaving Tamara to fume.

Section I : Comprehension Cloze (15 marks)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Have you ever wondered how the silly old bear wearing a red t-shirt and his animal friends came about? (51) _____ he conjured out of thin air or was he a real bear?

If you trace the history of Winnie the Pooh, it was, in (52) _____, a real bear. During World War I, troops from Winnipeg, Canada, were being transported to Eastern Canada, and from there, on to Europe. On the way, the lieutenant bought a small female bear cub from a hunter who had killed her mother and (53) _____ her "Winnipeg", after his hometown. He then called her "Winnie" for (54) _____.

Winnie then (55) _____ the mascot of the Brigade and went to Britain with the unit. She was subsequently presented to the zoo in London in 1919. During her time there, she became a popular (56) _____ and lived there till 1934.

(57) _____ that time, the son of A. A. Milne, an author, became smitten by the bear. He loved Winnie and was even (58) _____ to spend time inside her enclosure when he visited her at the zoo.

Inspired by his son's love for the animal, A. A. Milne (59) _____ to write books about Winnie and his son. The other characters were based on the stuffed animals that, his son, Christopher Robin, owned. Some of the characters were based

on real-life animals that they found in a forest near (60) _____ home. It is this forest that the 100-Arce-Woods is based (61) _____.

The very first story was published in 1926. More of the stories on Winnie the Pooh were published in the (62) _____ that followed. The books became very popular with the old and young (63) _____ and were translated into many languages so that children living in other parts of the world get to enjoy them too.

Today, Winnie the Pooh is still a hot favourite (64) _____ children and adults. Although he has been around for decades, his popularity is still (65) _____ all over the world.

Section J : Synthesis (10 marks)

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).

66. James studied hard. He failed the test.

despite

67. Jimmy found Mrs Goh's lost cat. She gave him ten dollars as a reward.

To

68. Eric is an arrogant boy. He refuses to listen to others' suggestions.

such

that

69. Connie won the award. She was the most polite pupil in class.

Being

70. "Were you here yesterday when Mr Chan gave out the worksheet?" Lily asked Jane.

Lily asked

Section K : Comprehension (20 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

Much about the Egyptian king, King Tutankhamun, would not be made known to the public if not for the famous archaeologist, Howard Carter. He was the one who discovered the tomb of the fairly unknown pharaoh then in 1922. Despite the fame Howard received from the discovery of the tomb, there were many rumours surrounding around his great find.

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Howard spent years in Egypt, searching for a pharaoh's tomb which had yet to be robbed. Many of the pyramids were emptied of their treasures thousands of years ago but Howard hoped that the caves in the Valley of the Kings might still contain a tomb undiscovered, untainted and ready for him to explore. On 26 November 1922, he was duly rewarded for his years of efforts. He managed to unearth the top of a staircase. After weeks of digging, he came to an entrance of a burial chamber. He had found the tomb of the young King Tut. He called upon the organiser of the expedition, Lord Carnarvon, to witness the great breakthrough. Subsequently, they spent long periods of time unearthing the most spectacular and precious find of the century.

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In spite of the fame that came with the discovery, people started to talk about the curse of the mummy. It was believed that Howard had unearthed a 3000-year-old curse that the Egyptian priests had placed in the tomb to protect the king. It seemed that those involved in the expedition with Howard started to die, one by one, of unexplained causes.

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Lord Carnarvon died on 6 April 1923, less than a year after the discovery of the tomb. It was said that he died from a mosquito bite on his left cheek which later on became infected. Coincidentally, there was a strange mark on the mummy's face on the left cheek as well. The night that Lord Carnarvon died in Cairo, the lights in the Egyptian city went out and that threw the people into darkness. At the same time, back in Hampshire in England, Lord Carnarvon's dog gave a final howl and collapsed and died. People started to attribute the death of Lord Carnarvon to the curse of the mummy.

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In the months that followed, the participants of the expedition started to die one after another. Some were reported to have committed suicide while others were said to have died of unnatural causes. By the time the 21st victim was claimed, people were shuddering with fear over the curse of King Tut. They blamed Howard for incurring the wrath of the Egyptian pharaoh. It appeared that unrelated deaths were laid at the tombstone of King Tut.

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Howard, however, did not believe in the curse. He lived until 1939, when he died of natural causes, albeit he was the first one to enter the tomb. It was later discovered that some of the deaths previously claimed to be related

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to the curse of the mummy were not related to the discovery of the tomb at all.

While it has been proven that most of the deaths were not related to the curse of the mummy, people still enjoy the mystery that surrounds the 'curse'. As a result, the curse of the mummy still lives vividly in the memories of many today. 40

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. Who was Howard Carter?

72. What was Howard Carter looking for when he went to Egypt?

73. Whose tomb did Howard Carter discover?

74. How did Lord Carnarvon die?

75. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as 'untouched'?

76. Do you think that the people were happy with Howard for unearthing the Egyptian tomb? Which sentence tells you so?

77. How many people were said to have died due to the curse of the mummy?

78. Why do you think that people still choose to believe in the curse of the mummy although it has never been proven to be true?

79. Why did Howard not believe in the curse of the mummy?

80. Based on your reading of the passage, would you say that the curse of the mummy is true? Give a reason for your answer.

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ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2009

**SCHOOL : RULANG PRIMARY
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Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
M	C	F	N	A	J

- 41)donning 42)looked 43)whose 44)fabulous
- 45)satisfied 46)flabby 47)brings 48)dropped 49)In
- 50)enthralling 51)Was 52)fact 53)named 54)short
- 55)became 56)attraction 57)At 58)allowed 59)decided
- 60)their 61)on 62)years 63)alike 64)among 65)growing
- 66)James failed the test despite the fact that he studied hard.
- 67)To reward Jimmy for finding her lost cat, Mrs Goh gave him ten dollars.
- 68)Eric is such an arrogant boy that he refuses to listen to others' suggestions.
- 69)Being the mast polite pupil in class,Connie won the award.

70) Lily asked Jane if she had been there the previous day when Mr Chan was giving out the worksheet.

71) He was a famous archaeologist who discovered the tomb of king Tut.

72) He was looking for a tomb that remained and discovered and yet to be robbed.

73) Howard Carter discovered the tomb of king Tutankhamun.

74) Lord Carnarvon died from a mosquito bite on his left cheek which was infected.

75) The word is "untainted."

76) No, they were not happy with Howard for unearthing the Egyptian tom. The sentence is "They blamed Howard for incurring the wrath of the Egyptian pharaoh."

77) Twenty-one people were said to have died due to the curse of the mummy.

78) They enjoy the mystery that surrounds the "curse" and wants it to continue.

79) He thought he should be the first to die as he was the first one to enter the tom.

80) Howard carter died of natural causes and not the curse of the mummy.