

PEI HWA PRESBYTERIAN PRIMARY SCHOOL
FIRST SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2009
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY 6
PAPER 2

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Date : _____

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BOOKLET A

Total time for Booklet A and B : 1 hour 50 minutes

Booklet	Type	Max. Marks	Marks Obtained
A	Multiple-Choice	30	
B	Open-Ended	65	
Grand Total		95	

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- Answer all questions.
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A lifetime of fun with sports! Join us NOW to enjoy sporting privileges, benefits and more!

It's time for a whole new year filled with lots of sports and fun with Sport On! Kids Club! Take part in our wide range of exciting sports activities for a great way to have fun, keep fit and bond as a family!



***Be a Sport On! Kids Club member for only \$10 (usual price: \$200)**

This offer is only valid till 30 June 2009

Enjoy exclusive benefits and discounts such as:

- *A Sport On! Kids Club membership (valid till 31 December 2009)
- *Goodies worth \$30
- *Enjoy Sports workshops for FREE or from as low as \$5 (usual price : \$10)
- *Easy access to online resources such as cool events, fun games and chat on www.sportonkids.com.sg

Visit www.sportonkids.com.sg for more details

So, what are you waiting for?

Get your dad and mum to sign you up as a member TODAY!

Check out our March 2009 workshops!

Kidz Yoga by Ananda Yoga Society of Singapore (AMYS)

This workshop will teach you yoga posture and games in a fun and creative way!
Date & Time : 07 March 2009 (Saturday) / 2.30pm – 4.00pm

Intro to Hip Hop Dance Workshop by Studio Wu Pte Ltd

Learn all the basic steps Hip Hop and Street jazz dance and impress your friends with your new found performance skills.
Date & Time : 14 & 15 March 2009 (Saturday & Sunday) / 4.00pm – 5.00pm

Gymnastic Fun Day by Sky Pte Ltd

Develop great body posture and learn basic ballet techniques to surprise your friends and family with your fluid moves!
Date & Time : 21 March 2009 (Saturday) / 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Rhythm Gym by D'xmage

Master simple techniques of rhythm and hip hop gym, and even participate in a demonstration on apparatus and a hands-on try-out session!
Date & Time : 28 & 29 March 2009 (Saturday & Sunday) / 12.00pm – 1.00pm

For more information on the workshops, visit www.sportonkids.com.sg >Events



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

(5 marks)

1. According to the advertisement, Sport On! Kids Club offers sports activities

- (1) for children to impress their friends
- (2) for children only to have fun and relax
- (3) for children to surprise their friends and family
- (4) for children and their families to have fun and keep fit

2. A person who wants to enjoy the membership discount at Sport On! Kids Club must enrol as a member by _____

- (1) March 2009
- (2) June 2009
- (3) September 2009
- (4) December 2009

3. Andy wants to make an enquiry about Sport On! Kids Club. He should call the office on _____

- (1) Tuesday at 2pm
- (2) Wednesday at 7pm
- (3) Friday at 8am
- (4) Saturday at 10am

4. The _____ workshop would take up the ~~least~~ amount of time.

- (1) Kidz Yoga
- (2) Intro to Hip Hop Dance
- (3) Gymnastics Fun Day
- (4) Rhythm Gym

5. Which of the following statements below is TRUE?

- (1) One can be a member of Sport On! Kids Club for only \$10 for the whole of 2009.
- (2) All sports workshops can be enjoyed for free by everyone.
- (3) The Hip Hop Dance Workshop is for beginners only.
- (4) All the workshops for the month of March in 2009 are held on Saturdays.

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

6. Sandra, together with her family, _____ five different countries so far this year.
- (1) visits (2) have visited
(3) has visited (4) has been visiting
7. "I left my glasses here just now. Has anyone _____ them?" Grandma asked.
- (1) see (2) saw
(3) seen (4) seeing
8. Your parents usually take dinner at home, _____ ?
- (1) is it (2) do they
(3) isn't it (4) don't they
9. The pickpocket _____ the bus by climbing out of its window.
- (1) got on (2) got off
(3) got round (4) got through
10. When Ross dashed across the road, he came close to _____ run over by a truck.
- (1) be (2) been
(3) being (4) have been
11. Neither Sally nor Stanley _____ convinced that five thousand dollars _____ a lot of money.
- (1) is...is (2) is...are
(3) are...are (4) are...is
12. _____ seems to know where the invited speaker is. The audience is getting restless and the organisers may have to carry on with the rest of the programme.
- (1) Nobody (2) Everybody
(3) Anybody (4) Somebody

For each question from 13 to 15, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (3 marks)

James headed for the food section in the supermarket as he tried to remember the things he had to get (13) tomatoes, bread, butter, cheese and ham. Once he was ready to pay for his purchases, James went up to the cashier.

"That will be six dollars, please," the cashier said politely (14) Are you a member of NTUC?"

James shook his head while giving her the exact payment. Then he quickened his pace as he was excited about making a sandwich meal for his family. In his haste, James knocked into a group of children, one of whom was holding a football in his hand. After apologising to them, he helped to retrieve the children (15) football which had rolled away.

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

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

16. He was imprisoned for being for an _____ in the bank robbery.

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| (1) investigator | (2) eye-witness |
| (3) assistant | (4) accomplice |

17. Lynn opened the door _____ so as not to wake her sister who was sleeping.

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| (1) gingerly | (2) meticulously |
| (3) sheepishly | (4) abruptly |

18. Despite some thorough effort over the last two months, the police are not able to hunt down the criminal who had escaped from prison. He has remained _____.

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| (1) mysterious | (2) elusive |
| (3) invisible | (4) daring |

19. Heredity is a major contributory _____ to hearing impairment.

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| (1) factor | (2) variable |
| (3) facet | (4) characteristic |

20. Our neighbours have been helping us. We have _____ to help them in future.

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| (1) a reaction | (2) a perception |
| (3) an obligation | (4) an expectation |

For each question from 21 to 25, 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)

The uneventful day left Peter, John and the twins, Jimmy and Jane, bored stiff. It was not surprising then that Peter's suggestion for some night adventure in the woods was met with cheers from the others, including Sparky, the family dog. Nothing was going to stop the gang even as a dark storm (21) covered the entire sky.

Armed with several tools in their haversacks and torches in their hands, Peter and John led the way and (22) prepared themselves for action. The twins kept closely behind as Jane ensured that Sparky was by her side. Tired and increasingly frightened, Jane was about to plead with her brothers to turn back when they spotted a house and hastened their pace in excitement. The boys entered the unlit house through a creaky, broken door but Jane held Sparky tightly and refused to enter the scary place. The sight of the grass-strewn floor and the whiff of an overwhelming stench coming through the door that was ajar caused Jane's expression to change. That expression was (23) shocking in a way that frightened others.

Suddenly, a rumbling sound coming from the far end of the house was followed by her brothers' screams. Before Jane could (24) muster enough courage to make a run for the safety of her home, Peter emerged alone from the door and gave Jane (25) a blank look before falling to the ground.

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| 21. | (1) blanketed
(3) camouflaged | (2) concealed
(4) illuminated |
| 22. | (1) motivated
(3) rehearsed | (2) steeled
(4) inclined |
| 23. | (1) grisly
(3) cowardly | (2) unearthly
(4) ghastly |
| 24. | (1) summon
(3) generate | (2) recruit
(4) boost |
| 25. | (1) a drowsy
(3) a startled | (2) an emotional
(4) an impassive |

Read the passage below and answer questions 26-30.

The punishing heat of the day was lifting as the sun sank majestically behind the towering skyscrapers. Megan bumped her bicycle over a ridge on the pavement. Her tyres screeched to a halt when she heard someone shouting, "Thief! Stop Him! Thief!"

Instinctively, Megan whirled around and saw an impeccably attired lady in heels pursuing a man. However, her hair was in disarray and she was gasping for breath. The thief, a lean middle-aged man with a noticeable scar across his left cheek, was sprinting away with a beige handbag in his right hand. Megan gave chase immediately. Muscles straining and heart pounding, she began closing in on him. Before long, she was right behind him. 5

The man suddenly stopped in his tracks, turned around and glared at Megan. Then he moved towards her menacingly with a clenched fist. Her heart pounding in her ears, Megan gripped the handlebars of the bicycle, wondering if she should turn and flee. She stole a glance over his shoulder and realised that she had pursued the thief into an alley. It was deserted save for a scavenging cat rummaging for food in the rubbish bins. 10

Suddenly, a big crow swooped down. It flapped its wings in the man's startled face and pecked him on the head. Then it flew swiftly back to its perch in a crack on a roof. The man reeled back in surprise and when he had regained his composure, picked up some stones and hurled them at the crow. Enraged, the crow attacked him again with his beak and claws. Defeated, the man squatted down and covered his face with his hands, yelping in pain. 15 20

Meanwhile, Megan had remained rooted to the spot. Just then, the lady arrived with two policemen. They rushed towards the man as the crow flew away. The man stood up cautiously and was instantly handcuffed by the policemen. His face was scratched and he was livid. As he was led away, he shook his fist at the crow on its perch.

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

26. The snatch-theft happened _____.

- (1) early in the morning
- (2) late in the morning
- (3) early in the afternoon
- (4) late in the afternoon

27. Megan was able to catch up with the thief quickly as _____.

- (1) she had cornered him in a deserted alley
- (2) she could run faster than the thief
- (3) she had chased him on her bicycle
- (4) the thief had slowed down to confront her

28. The word in the passage that has the same meaning as 'in a threatening manner' is _____.

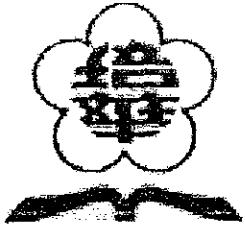
- (1) 'menacingly' (line 11)
- (2) 'swiftly' (line 16)
- (3) 'cautiously' (line 23)
- (4) 'instantly' (line 23)

29. The crow's second attack on the thief _____.

- (1) stopped him from scavenging the food in the rubbish bin
- (2) gave the police time to arrest him
- (3) gave Megan time to direct the police to the thief
- (4) caused serious injury to the thief's fist

30. Which of the following statements is not true?

- (1) The thief wanted to frighten Megan off to make his escape.
- (2) The thief was able to prevent the crow from attacking his face.
- (3) The thief retaliated when the crow attacked him the first time.
- (4) The thief was arrested in the end.



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BOOKLET B

Section	Max. Marks	Marks Obtained
Grammar cloze	10	
Editing	10	
Comprehension Cloze	15	
Synthesis & Transformation	10	
Comprehension Open-ended	20	
Total	65	

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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. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) by	(D) however	(G) also	(K) when	(N) yet
(B) the	(E) and	(H) them	(L) one	(P) us
(C) under	(F) in	(J) can	(M) a	(Q) besides

Do you get nervous when you tell a lie—not just a little white lie, but a big, serious lie? Lying causes different physical changes _____ different people, but everyone is affected in _____ way or another. Some people get sweaty; others go pale. Although lying can help _____ escape from danger, it _____, without a doubt, increases _____ chances of us being punished if we are caught. _____, telling a serious lie will put our mind _____ a lot of stress. Our bodies get ready to make a run for it: we get sweaty palms, our heart rate _____ blood pressure increase. We start breathing heavily as well.

_____ we lie, micro-expressions on our faces --such as raising the outside corner of the eyebrows - _____ give us away.

Correct each word in **bold** for Spelling and each underlined word for Grammar.
Write the correct word in the relevant box. (10 marks)

Some people think that caving is an unusual hobby. But the

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facinasion I feel when journeying into the unknowingly never fails to

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excite me. Sometimes the exploration can be very **rigeruos**, depending

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on the type of cave. Some caves are so narrow and dark and it is easy to

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be **bewielded**. Even so, nothing equals an exhilaration and thrill of

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discovery an underground cavern decorated by stalagmites and stalactites

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that **resambel** the giant, glistening **lushtros** jewels we read about in

bandits' caves.

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Heavy is the burden resting on the shoulders of twenty-three year old Miss Jasila Badardin. But the spunky girl _____ (51) to face things in a light-hearted way by downplaying _____ (52) problems and responds to the challenges _____ (53) smiles, shrugs and girlish chuckles. " _____ (54) will always be full of problems. You just have to _____ (55) them squarely, good or bad," says Jasila. "I _____ (56) in having confidence as well as a very positive _____ (57) when faced with any problem," she added.

There is no _____ (58) the pressure and financial burden that Jasila has to handle _____ (59) to many of her peers. Her parents rely _____ (60) on her to see to all their _____ (61) needs; trivial or otherwise. Not only is Jasila their only child, she is also the family's sole _____ (62), working as an assistant in a local pharmacy.

Her mother _____ (63) from epilepsy and her father is a diabetic. Being weak, they have to be _____ (64) by their daughter for their frequent medical check-ups. With 80% of her \$900 _____ (65) going to the household and her parents' medical expenses, there is little left for Jasila to spend on herself.

Adapted from Straits Times Saturday 11 April 2009

For each of the questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s). (10 marks)

66 The boys were jubilant that their team won the race.

Much _____

67 JK Rowling created the Harry Potter series and it had made her a multi-millionaire.

The _____

68 Grandpa has many annoying habits but he is still well-loved.

_____ *notwithstanding.*

69 She was very determined to overcome her bad habit and replace it with a useful hobby. That inspired me.

I was inspired _____

70 "When I'm here tomorrow, will you teach me more about stamp collecting?" Jane asked Uncle Sam.

Jane asked Uncle Sam _____

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

I got up really early and ironed Dad a shirt. One without the swinging golden tassels he so loved. Or those with pictures of cowgirls in purple, riding dappled horses; those were his favourites. I chose the simplest white shirt with a slight tinge of pink around the collar and the sleeves. I hoped people would think Dad was a conservative dresser, not a flamboyant one, especially when this was his first outing with me since I started school here.

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While he was getting dressed in the other room, Dad announced that he was going to wear a really special belt buckle to bring me luck in the race. I grimaced and was worried for a moment. When he came into the kitchen, he was wearing one I had not seen before – that of a kangaroo in mid-hop. I gave him a hug, partly because it was a kind thought, and partly because I was relieved he was not wearing the huge one with a grinning skeleton riding devilishly on a motorcycle. Dad hugged me in return, flashing his megawatt smile.

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In the truck on the way to school, he played me one of his Carla Tamworth tapes. It was the song about a marathon runner who realized at the end of the race he had left his sweetheart's photo in the motel room so he ran all the way back just to get it.

I could see that Dad was trying to inspire me. I wished he would stop. "Dad, I'm only in the hundred metres race and I'm up against an ace runner. I know what the result's going to be," I sighed.

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Dad grinned and played the song again. I looked at him in mock horror. "What it's saying, Rowena girl," he said, "is that we can do all kinds of things even when we think we can't. Come on, it can't be so bad." He beamed and tapped his fingers in time to the music. Soon he was singing along in his lovely baritone. I gave him an insipid smile, sinking further into the leather seat. Dad smiled and carried on, louder this time.

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When we got to the sports complex, the first event was about to commence. Kids and parents were standing around, some talking quietly, some trying to soothe or avoid each other's nerves and clutches. Teachers were scurrying about with stopwatches and clipboards, clucking and shooing competitors into place. The flurry of movement seemed to amuse Dad. He chuckled aloud. But it only served to further unnerve me. I clenched my fists to stop the butterflies in my stomach.

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"Well, Rowena," asked Dad, "are we going to be stunned fungi here all day or are you going to introduce me to some of your friends?" I laughed. Dragging him to the prancing ponies which were Dora and Jordan, I was glad that Dad was there with me. It was my first race in my new school and I needed his confidence to boost my own.

30

At the starting line later, I looked up at the stands trying to spot Dad. For a moment, I regretted insisting on the white shirt. Just then, I heard the song again. Glancing at my fellow competitors, the ace runner included, I knew that whatever the result might be, Dad would be cheering his loudest. *That* was enough for me.

35

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71 Which word in paragraph one shows that the writer's father would attract attention with his dressing?

72 Based on Rowena's actions in the first 2 paragraphs, what can we conclude about the effect that Rowena's father's dress sense had on her?

73 Why did the writer 'grimace' and 'worry' at her father's announcement in line 7? Was it necessary?

74 Why did the writer's father repeatedly play Carla Tamworth's song?

75 What did Rowena's 'sinking further into the leather seat' (lines 21 and 22) show about her feelings towards her father's playing of the song?

76 At the sports complex, which sentence clearly shows the writer's attempt to quell her anxiety despite her father's confidence?

77 Which 2-word phrase in paragraph 7 **best** shows that the writer was unnerved by the scene before her?

78 What **had** caused the writer to be momentarily upset at the starting line?

79 Explain fully what "That" in the last line refer to? Why was it important to the writer?

80 In what way had the writer's opinion of her father changed by the end of the story?

End of Paper

ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2009

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TERM : SA 1

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
4	2	1	1	3	3	3	4	2	3	1	1	3	2	1	4	1

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
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B	Q	C	E	K	J

- 45) bewildered 46) the 47) discovering 48) with
- 49) resemble 50) lustrous 51) decide 52) her 53) with
- 54) life 55) face 56) believe 57) attitude
- 58) denying 59) compared 60) fully 61) daily

64) accompanied 65) salary

- 66) Much to their jubilation, the boy's team won the race.
- 67) The creation of the Harry Potter series had made JK Rowling a multi-millionaire.
- 68) Grandpa is still well-loved, his many annoying habits notwithstanding.

69)I was inspired by her determination to overcome her bad habit and replace it with a useful hobby.

70)Jane asked Uncle Sam if he would teach her more about stamp collecting when she was there the next day.

71)The word is "flamboyant."

72)She was embarrassed by the way he dressed.

73)She was worried that her father's dressing would embarrass her. It was not necessary as he did not.

74)It was because the writer's father was trying to inspire the writer.

75)She felt that it was dull and did not think much of her father's efforts.

76)The sentence is "I clenched my fists to stop [the] butter flies in my stomach."

77)The 2-word phrase is "stunned fungi."

78)Her inability to spot her father at the spectator's stands caused it.

79)It refers to the writer's father's confidence in her. It was important to her because she needed it to boost her own.

80)At first she was not impressed by her father's efforts to boost her confidence but by the end of the story she was greatly impressed.