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英文 ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

BOOKLET A

Total Time for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

Shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

Name: _____

Class: Primary 6 _____

Date: 25 August 2009

Total	30
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Study the advertisement below and then answer questions 1 to 5.

Momiko Children Festival

PUPPETrazzi



In collaboration with Viva fund-raising project

Dates: 18 - 21 December 2009

Venue: Viva City Atrium

Make your own puppet! Make it come alive!

Let the world-renowned puppeteer, Gepetto, show you how you can make your own puppet and make it come alive. Sign up for our workshop at Viva City! Learn the tricks of puppet manipulation.

It's FUN, EASY and FREE!

Workshop Time Slots:

Weekdays: 12 noon to 2 pm
5 pm to 7 pm
(on Parade Day, 12 noon to 3 pm only)

Weekends: 12 noon to 3 pm
4 pm to 7 pm

Parade Day (21 December 2009)

- Starts at 5 pm
- Registration time: 4.15 pm to 4.45 pm
- The puppet that you parade will be someone else's
- For children aged 6 and below, one accompanying adult is required

- For children aged 7 and above
- Free-of-charge, first-come-first-served basis
- Maximum of 30 participants at any one time slot
- Bring-Your-Own (BYO) recycled materials

Highlights

- Make puppets and contribute to our goal of 1500 puppets for the Parade
- Take part in the Parade
- Display your puppet for everyone to see
- Use BYO recycled materials and work with both original and thematic ideas
- Learn to appreciate the process of making puppets

Organiser:
Momiko Toy Company

Sponsors:
Viva City & ACT IT International

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. The event, PUPPETrazzi, is organised by _____.

- (1) Viva City
- (2) ACT IT International
- (3) Momiko Toy Company
- (4) BYO Recycling Company

2. If you participate in PUPPETrazzi, you will _____.

- (1) get to design and make your own puppet
- (2) make use of the recycled materials provided
- (3) be as famous as the world-renowned puppeteer, Gepetto
- (4) help to break the record of making 1500 different puppets

3. Children attending the workshop can _____.

- (1) recycle their puppets
- (2) sell their puppets for charity
- (3) learn how to manipulate puppets
- (4) parade their own puppets on Parade Day

4. Paul wants to take part in PUPPETrazzi parade. He can report at _____.

- (1) 12.25pm
- (2) 2.25pm
- (3) 4.25pm
- (4) 6.25pm

5. Which of the following information about the event is **not** true?

- (1) PUPPETrazzi is held over four days.
- (2) ACT IT International is one of the sponsors.
- (3) The duration of every workshop is two hours.
- (4) Children will learn to appreciate the joy of making puppets.

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. They have never been here before, _____?
- (1) are they
 - (2) have they
 - (3) aren't they
 - (4) haven't they
7. The author _____ the novel for the last eight months and has yet to complete it.
- (1) is writing
 - (2) was writing
 - (3) has been writing
 - (4) had been writing
8. _____ slow my grandmother is, I will still wait for her patiently.
- (1) However
 - (2) Whoever
 - (3) Whatever
 - (4) Whichever
9. The dialogue session with the minister last night made me _____ intimidated.
- (1) felt
 - (2) feel
 - (3) feels
 - (4) feeling
10. Due to his offence, the criminal is liable _____ two years of imprisonment.
- (1) to
 - (2) on
 - (3) by
 - (4) with

11. Both tennis players have been warned but till now, neither of them _____ to take it seriously.

- (1) seem
- (2) seems
- (3) has seemed
- (4) had seemed

12. The whole village was _____ from civilisation by the flood waters.

- (1) cut up
- (2) cut off
- (3) cut down
- (4) cut across

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)

A group of men was gathering to prepare their own part of the celebrations for Theseus and Hippolyta's wedding (13) They were rehearsing a play.

"Is everyone here?" asked Quince, the carpenter (14) who was in charge of the group.

"Call all the names and let's see," suggested Bottom, the weaver (15) and let everyone know what the play is about."

Extracted from Comedies From Shakespeare

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

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. The police have decided to _____ with the kidnapper's plans and give him what he wants.

- (1) satisfy
- (2) grapple
- (3) wrestle
- (4) comply

17. These reports have been tampered with and there is not a grain of _____ in them.

- (1) fact
- (2) truth
- (3) honesty
- (4) sincerity

18. After much persuasion, my mother finally _____ and agreed to let me go on the camping trip.

- (1) lost
- (2) relented
- (3) permitted
- (4) surrendered

19. I could not see the man in the dark and could only make out his _____.

- (1) sketch
- (2) portrait
- (3) shadow
- (4) silhouette

20. Jeanny threw her hands up in _____ when Danny still could not understand what she was trying to tell him.

- (1) exhortation
- (2) exhilaration
- (3) exasperation
- (4) exaggeration

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)

Ants are our co-rulers of the land. An estimated ten thousand trillion strong worldwide, they weigh roughly (21) the same as all of humanity. They abound (22) everywhere except on icy mountain peaks and around the Poles. From underground to tree-tops, they serve as the chief predators of insects and other invertebrates and the principal (23) scavengers of small dead bodies. Although their 12 000 known species make up (24) only about 1.4 percent of the world's insect species, their share of the collective (25) body weight is easily ten times greater.

Extracted from National Geographic August 06

21. (1) exactly
(2) definitely
(3) unerringly
(4) approximately
22. (1) infect
(2) thrive
(3) prosper
(4) manifest
23. (1) basic
(2) crucial
(3) primary
(4) necessary
24. (1) devise
(2) concoct
(3) formulate
(4) compose
25. (1) united
(2) pooled
(3) cohesive
(4) combined

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

I passed through the Customs with little or no difficulty and entered Ecuador through the frontier village of Huaquillas. The whole place was bustling and the money-changers made a bee-line for my car, scrambling to get the first opportunity to do some business. I had missed the bank at the last big town, so I was **forced to accept** their rates of exchange.

5

The village consisted of a single earth street with a row of shacks on either side. Both the guards and the officials were very kind and helpful. They had experienced the dangers of the jungle. After my papers had been examined, they wished me luck and I rolled on into the jungle.

Ahead of me was a thirty-two-kilometre track running in a finger of dense jungle that stretched down to the coast. No road ran through it. Animals and occasional vehicles had made a kind of track with deep ruts which was constantly being invaded by the fast-growing tropical undergrowth on both sides of it.

10

I drove slowly over the first eight or ten kilometres fairly satisfactorily. By careful manoeuvring, I prevented the wheels from slipping into the deeper ruts.

15

I was now arriving at the Ecuadorian Customs post, where the friendly guards told me that the next twenty kilometres were almost impassable. There had already been several afternoons of heavy rain. On the following day, the road barrier would go down until the next dry season.

20

My whole schedule had been wrecked. I abandoned my vehicle and started to trudge along the path. Soon, muddy patches began to appear in the track and I was ploughing deep through mud.

Adapted from Coleman's Drive by John Coleman

For each question from 26 to 30, four options were given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

26. Why do you think the money-changers made a bee-line for the author's car?

- (1) The village was too crowded.
- (2) They were running out of time.
- (3) They wanted to do business with the author.
- (4) The author was eager to change money with them.

27. The phrase "forced to accept" (line 5) tells us that the rates were _____ to the author.

- (1) unfair
- (2) illogical
- (3) intimidating
- (4) threatening

28. The guards and the officials were kind and helpful _____.

- (1) as it was the culture of the villagers
- (2) as the author was the first visitor for the day
- (3) to welcome the author to the Huaquillas village
- (4) as they knew the dangers the author would face in the jungle

29. The track that the author took to Ecuador was _____.

- (1) broad and bumpy
- (2) broad and smooth
- (3) narrow and smooth
- (4) narrow and bumpy

30. What difficulty did the author encounter towards the last part of his journey?

- (1) His vehicle broke down.
- (2) He was blocked by the road barrier.
- (3) He was unable to drive to his destination.
- (4) He had to travel another twenty kilometres.

End of Booklet A



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BOOKLET B

Total Time for Booklets A & B: 1 hour 50 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

Write your answers in this booklet.

Name: _____

Class: Primary 6 _____

Date: 25 August 2009

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.

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|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|------------------|
| (A) in | (D) as | (G) on | (K) of | (N) though |
| (B) with | (E) for | (H) its | (L) and | (P) therefore |
| (C) where | (F) which | (J) from | (M) until | (Q) nevertheless |
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Have you heard of a fight using tomatoes? La Tomatina tomato fight in Spain happens every year on the very last Wednesday in August _____ the partying starts earlier in the week. The highlight _____ the festival is the tomato fight _____ takes place between 11am and 1pm on that day.

The event has become one of the highlights _____ Spain's summer festivals calendar _____ thousands of people flocking to this little Valencian town _____ this chaotic event.

Such are the numbers going to La Tomatina that the event has become a victim of _____ own success. The sheer number of people means that it is extremely difficult to get anywhere near the central area _____ the tomato lorries arrive so you may well find yourself a few streets away _____ the main action. _____ there are many people in the same boat and the street partying goes on no matter where you are. If you get a chance, would you want to be involved in such an extraordinary fight?

Extracted from: <http://www.spanish-fiestas.com/spanish-festivals/la-tomatina-tomato-battle-bunyol.htm>

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

(41)

The Merlion statue was slight damaged last Saturday afternoon. It is only one of

(42)

(43)

many **struckchers** hit by the frequent lightning storms that zapped across Singapore each

year. The country has one of the highest rates of lightning activity in the world as its hot

(44)

tropical weather is ideal in the formation of storm clouds.

(45)

Most lightning dissolves harmlessly into the ground. If a building is strike,

(46)

residents can find their power and telecommunications **desrupted** by the massive

(47)

surge in **electrikal** current.

Between 1982 and last year, the National Environment Agency's Meteorological

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Services Division defects lightning on an average of 186 days per year. Lightning hits

each square kilometre of land 12 to 20 times each year. As a result, lightning rods

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(50)

on buildings have been **mandatri** since 1979, as they help **intesept** lightning bolts.

Adapted from The Straits Times March 3 2009

The usefulness of batteries is unquestionable. You probably have a dozen things that are (51) _____ by batteries: your mobile phone, calculator, TV remote, camera, torch, and the list (52) _____ on.

Batteries are incredibly useful. (53) _____, as they run on various chemicals and poisonous metals (54) _____ mercury, cadmium and nickel, you should not just (55) _____ them in the bin.

If you throw batteries on a rubbish heap or in a landfill, the chemicals (56) _____ contain will leak into the soil and groundwater. This results (57) _____ pollution. Eventually, the chemicals will (58) _____ up in our food and water, and (59) _____ wants that!

If you throw a battery in an incinerator, heavy metals like mercury can vaporise and be released (60) _____ the air. When it rains, they fall back to Earth, (61) _____ the rivers and oceans.

Incinerating batteries can also (62) _____ to poisons like mercury and cadmium becoming concentrated in the cinders that are left (63) _____. When these are dumped, the poison leaks from this residue into the environment.

You can (64) _____ the amount of batteries you use by buying rechargeable products. They cost a little more, but you can use them (65) _____. You can play a part in practising the 3Rs which are reduce, reuse and recycle.

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. Jenny stayed at home to watch 'The Chingay'. She did not go for her aerobics class.

_____ instead of _____

67. Muthu tried very hard to reason with Mrs Tan but she refused to listen to him.

No matter _____

68. Wash and scrub the kitchen regularly. The kitchen will be clean.

With regular _____

69. Mr Yong last saw his neighbour fifteen years ago.

_____ since _____

70. "Where did you buy these magazines?" Mrs Lee asked her son.

Mrs Lee asked _____

"Singapore, here we come," Zainal breathed to himself. A sigh escaped him. He was relieved that everything was over and he was excited that they were on their way home. "Singapore, here we come!" This time he shouted it aloud to the open sea.

As Zainal ~~spotted a group of men on the island~~ he raced over to the yacht and cavorted in front of her. ~~He waved his hand, hoping to catch a closer look.~~
 "We're probably going in different directions. Dity."

Zainal leant back against the rail and observed the others. Kheng Peng was pointing to the right of the yacht to an island sliding past. Nigel looked as well. Zainal knew what they were looking at and he knew too why Bruce was not looking. For a moment, ~~he did not look up from what he was doing, but~~
~~continued to work with some piece of equipment.~~

This was Balam Island, an island Bruce never wanted to see again as long as he lived – a place of the nightmares that still haunted his sleep.

As soon as they whizzed past the island, Zainal and Kheng Peng went to prepare lunch, leaving the Wallace brothers, Nigel and Bruce, on the deck. The brothers ~~were deeply tanned from countless days sailing the yacht.~~ Kheng Peng and Zainal had joined the brothers aboard the yacht for a scuba-diving treasure hunt. Like the Wallace boys, they too had a brown healthy glow from the sun.

When lunch was ready, Zainal and Kheng Peng prepared the table while Nigel brought up the dishes.

"What's the matter, Bruce?" Nigel asked. He had noticed a frown.

His brother replied, "It's the barometer. Its reading has dropped slightly. I've reset the gauge. We'll see what it's like after lunch. It's probably nothing. Let's dig in."

After lunch, Bruce decided to give the barometer another tap, to see if the weather was in for a change. His fingernail clicked against the glass and he could hardly believe his eyes. The needle in the instrument jumped to the left, leaving him in no doubt that **something was brewing**. The weather was indeed changing.

"Just to be sure," Bruce murmured to himself. He tapped the barometer once more. It was holding steady, but it had not risen. He then looked round the sky. The sky was no longer a deep blue. The yacht slowed down, gliding to a halt as the wind completely died away.

Bruce called to Nigel, Zainal and Kheng Peng, "Sorry to disturb your slumber, you guys. We need to talk."

They woke up and hastened to the deck, where all the boys had noticed the change in weather. "What's going on?" they asked in unison.

For a moment there was silence. Recalling the hardship they suffered at Balam Island, all four boys were aware that they could depend on one another to see them through the impending storm. Not wasting precious time, the boys gathered quickly together to discuss how they should prepare themselves for it. Feeling worried, they sensed that their way back to Singapore would not be smooth-sailing after all. 40

Adapted from 'Missing in Mekong' by Duncan Watt

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71 Which word in the first paragraph has the same meaning as 'feeling at ease and assured'?

72 What does "her" in line 6 refer to?

73 Did Zainal manage to catch a closer look at the dolphin? Give a reason to support your answer.

74 What did Bruce do to show that he was trying to avoid looking at Balam Island?

75 Referring to paragraph 5, had Zainal and Kheng Peng been on board the yacht with the Wallace boys for a long period of time? Give one reason to support your answer.

76 In paragraph 7, Nigel noticed that Bruce was frowning. Why did Bruce frown?

77 What does 'something was brewing' (line 29) tell us what the boys could expect later?

78 Explain clearly what the boys had 'to talk' (line 35) about?

79 How did the boys know they could trust one another in times of trouble?

80 In what way had the boys' feelings about their journey back home to Singapore changed by the end of the story?

ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2009

**SCHOOL : HOKKIEN PRIMARY
SUBJECT : PRIMARY 6 ENGLISH**

TERM : SA2

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

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
2	4	3	4	2	3	4	4	3	1	4	4	3	N	K	F	G

Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
B	B	H	C	J	Q

41)slightly 42)structures 43)zap 44)for 45)struck

46)disrupted 47)electrical 48)detected 49)mandatary

50)intercept 51)powered/operated 52)goes 53)However

54)live 55)throw 56)they 57)in 58)end

59)nobody 60)into 61)polluting 62)lead 63)behind

64)reduce/limit/decrease 65)again/repeatedly

66)Jenny stayed at home to watch the 'The Chingay 'instead of going for her aerobics class.

67)No matter how hard Muthu tried to reason with Mr Tan ,She refused to listen to him.

68)With regular washing and scrubbling,the kitchen will be clean.

69)It has been fifteen years since Mr Yong last seen his neighbour.

70)Mrs Lee asked her son where he had bought those magazines.

71)The word is "relieved."

72)It refers to yacht.

73)No, Zainal did not manage to get a closer look at the dolphin. Zainal shouted to the dolphin and she tried to move forward hoping to get a closer look but they were going in different directions.

74)Bruce did not bother to raise his head from what he was doing and kept on fiddling with some piece of equipment.

75)Yes, they had. All of the boys had a brown healthy glow from the sun and they had boarded the yacht for a scuba-diving treasure hunt.

76)Bruce had noticed that the barometer's reading had dropped slightly and indicating impending storm.

77)The boys expect that there would be a storm as the temperature drops.

78)They had to talk about how they should prepare themselves when the storm comes.

79)The boys recalled the hardship they had suffered together at Balam Island and knew that they could trust one another.

80)They were excited at first but they were worried in the end as they knew that their trip would not be smooth sailing.