



**HENRY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL  
2009 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATIONS  
PRIMARY SIX  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
PAPER 2 BOOKLET A**

NAME : \_\_\_\_\_

CLASS : P6 \_\_\_\_\_

INDEX NO : \_\_\_\_\_

30 QUESTIONS

30 MARKS

**TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLETS A & 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 on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

Booklet A consists of 12 pages, including this cover page.

Parent's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Booklet A : _____ / 30
Booklet B : _____ / 65
<b>TOTAL</b> : _____ / 95

**Booklet A**

<b>Section</b>	<b>Marks</b>	
Comprehension (Graphic Stimulus)		5
Grammar		7
Punctuation		3
Vocabulary		5
Vocabulary Cloze		5
Comprehension MCQ		5
<b>Total</b>		<b>30</b>

Read the advertisement carefully and then answer questions 1 to 5.

# GO EAST This Holiday

15-30 June



**FREE**

## Transformers Meet & Greet Session

15 - 28 June (Except Thursdays),  
3.30pm & 7pm, Event Square

Meet Bumble Bee and Optimus Prime! The hero-bots will make a special appearance and display their powers! Join them for stage games and have your pictures taken!

Limited rooms still available at Costa Sands Resort!

Book at [www.costasands.com.sg](http://www.costasands.com.sg)

### More Reasons to GO EAST

1 - 30 Jun



Spend \$50 (NTUC Member) or \$80 (Public) to redeem a \$5 DE Voucher. You can also purchase the exclusive foldable DE Shopping Bag with Pouch @ \$5 with every \$20 spent!

1 Jun - 31 Jul



Every \$50 spent with NETS entitles you 1 chance to win up to \$8,000 worth of DE Vouchers! NTUC Members enjoy double chances.

### SingTel F1 Roadshow

15 - 21 June, 11am - 9pm  
The Alley

**FREE**

Check out the exciting roadshow offers & stand to win a pair of 2009 F1 SingTel Singapore Grand Prix tickets! Ride the SingTel Ultimate Race Simulators to experience real racing.

Drop this coupon at the SingTel F1 Roadshow & stand a chance to win SingTel F1 Premiums (worth up to \$15 each)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
NRIC No: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact No: \_\_\_\_\_  
Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_



## Downtown East

A leisure and lifestyle destination by NTUC Club

### How to get here:

Just a 10-minute walk from Pasir Ris MRT Station or take bus services 3, 5, 6, 12, 17, 21, 89, 354 & 358.

Free shuttle bus is available from 8.45am at Pasir Ris MRT Station.

1 Pasir Ris Close, Singapore S19599

[www.downtowneast.com.sg](http://www.downtowneast.com.sg)

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 main aim of the advertisement is to \_\_\_\_\_
  - (1) promote the SingTel F1 Roadshow
  - (2) create awareness of Cyber Trends Cirque
  - (3) provide shoppers with opportunities to meet the Transformers
  - (4) encourage readers to visit Downtown East
  
2. According to the advertisement, which one of the following statements is true?
  - (1) Shoppers who spend more than \$50 will receive free DE Shopping Bags.
  - (2) Visitors to the SingTel F1 Roadshow will be given free Grand Prix tickets.
  - (3) Admission to all the 2 major events featured is free.
  - (4) All visitors will have chances to win free shopping vouchers.
  
3. "Limited rooms still available at Costa Sands Resort." This means that \_\_\_\_\_ at the resort.
  - (1) there are not many rooms left for rent
  - (2) there are many rooms for sale
  - (3) the rooms are absolutely free of charge
  - (4) the rooms are comfortable and well-equipped
  
4. If the Kwan family wishes to participate in as many events as possible, they should go on \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) 14 June
  - (2) 15 June
  - (3) 28 June
  - (4) 30 June
  
5. The destination in the advertisement can be reached by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) MRT train directly
  - (2) MRT train and then on foot
  - (3) shuttle bus only
  - (4) walking for 10 minutes

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. "In competitions such as *Singapore Idol*, each of the contestants \_\_\_\_\_ an opportunity to perform before a panel of judges," Jane told her sister.

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

7. "I wish you \_\_\_\_\_ me earlier about the change in today's schedule, dear," complained Mr Muthu.

- (1) tell
- (2) told
- (3) have told
- (4) had told

8. The sales executive from \_\_\_\_\_ the students bought the notebooks is new to the business.

- (1) who
- (2) whom
- (3) which
- (4) whose

9. "We \_\_\_\_\_ our Social Studies project!" the girls announced.

- (1) finish
- (2) finished
- (3) had finished
- (4) have finished

10. Mrs Teo's children had fallen asleep by the time she \_\_\_\_\_ her work.
- (1) completes
  - (2) completed
  - (3) has completed
  - (4) had completed
11. The first thing the children noticed about the two new cats \_\_\_\_\_ their bright blue paws.
- (1) is
  - (2) are
  - (3) was
  - (4) were
12. While Ted \_\_\_\_\_ the new computer games at the Computer Show, a pickpocket stole his wallet.
- (1) admires
  - (2) admired
  - (3) is admiring
  - (4) was admiring

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)

Lucy walked further into the wardrobe, pushing the soft folds of the fur coats aside to make room for herself. "This is certainly an enormous wardrobe (13) I wonder what's inside it," she thought. Then she heard something crunch under her feet.

But instead of feeling the hard, smooth wooden floor of the wardrobe, she felt something soft, powdery and extremely cold. "This is very queer (14) she said, walking further.

The next moment, she found that what was rubbing against her face and hands was no longer soft fur but something rough and prickly. "Why!" exclaimed Lucy (15) It's just like the branches of trees!"

13. (1) , comma  
(2) . full stop  
(3) , comma and inverted commas  
(4) ' full stop and inverted commas
14. (1) comma  
(2) comma and inverted commas  
(3) question mark and inverted commas  
(4) full stop and inverted commas
15. (1) comma and inverted commas  
(2) full stop and inverted commas  
(3) comma  
(4) full stop

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. Mother Teresa was widely admired because she worked with the poor and those \_\_\_\_\_ with diseases.
- (1) afflicted
  - (2) contaminated
  - (3) infested
  - (4) polluted
17. The suspicious lawyer \_\_\_\_\_ all the documents for signs of forgery.
- (1) monitored
  - (2) probed
  - (3) tested
  - (4) scrutinised
18. The teachers were \_\_\_\_\_ when the pupils unashamedly piled their plates high with food at the reception held after the award ceremony.
- (1) appalled
  - (2) depressed
  - (3) petrified
  - (4) resentful
19. The police investigators heard at least three different \_\_\_\_\_ of what had happened from the eyewitnesses of the accident.
- (1) accounts
  - (2) copies
  - (3) duplicates
  - (4) editions
20. "Don't worry. The pain will \_\_\_\_\_ after a few minutes," the doctor reassured the worried parents.
- (1) reduce
  - (2) retreat
  - (3) subside
  - (4) subdue

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)

A huge wave crashed upon the ship and I blacked out.

When I regained consciousness, I found Peter trying to (21) stem the flow of blood from a gash on my forehead. A few drops of blood (22) trickled onto the sand, but the wound was not deep. I learned from Jack later that we appeared to be the only survivors, (23) marooned on an uninhabited island.

I was feeling (24) dejected, to say the least. Our only supplies were sunk in deep water, and it had been raining (25) unceasingly for the past four hours. I was cold and miserable, and beginning to feel the first pangs of hunger.

Then Peter shouted, "Look up there! Coconuts!"

21. (1) diminish  
(2) lessen  
(3) staunch  
(4) terminate
22. (1) dripped  
(2) overflowed  
(3) poured  
(4) spouted
23. (1) abandoned  
(2) deserted  
(3) isolated  
(4) stranded
24. (1) despicable  
(2) despondent  
(3) discontented  
(4) dreary
25. (1) continuously  
(2) eternally  
(3) incessantly  
(4) repeatedly

There was *definitely* something peculiar about Brenda's new teacher, Mrs Thomas. But when Brenda spoke to her friends about it, they thought she was imagining things again.

"Don't be silly," said Tricia, her best friend. "She's just the same as any other person."

"Weird?" repeated Kylie. "All teachers are weird, Brenda, and Mrs Thomas is no different!"

"Nonsense, dear," chided her mother, when Brenda told her. "It's just your imagination. I'm sure that once you get to know Mrs Thomas better, you'll feel differently."

"She'd have to be weird to teach you, anyway," Brenda's younger sister, Emma, piped in.

"Not half as weird as after teaching you for a week, weirdo," Brenda replied sweetly.

"That's enough from you two!" said Dad from behind his newspaper. He had heard it all before. "Stop arguing and get ready for dinner." Brenda and Emma obeyed reluctantly.

However, later that night in bed, just before she fell asleep, Brenda decided that she was right after all. There was something strange about Mrs Thomas, and she was going to investigate.

The following day, she put her plan into action. It was not much of a plan in reality. All she could think of was to follow Mrs Thomas around in the school for the whole day, and try not to let her out of her sight.

During recess, Mrs Thomas entered the Staff Room and sat at her desk. She did not have a cup of tea or coffee or eat a snack. None of the other teachers spoke to her, either.

Mrs Thomas sat until Mrs. Porter, who was on her rounds, whispered something in her ear. Then Mrs Thomas stood up, went outside to the canteen and supervised the pupils there.

After school, however, Mrs Thomas did something different. Instead of going into the Staff Room, she went into Mrs. Porter's office. She knocked on the door and waited until it was opened. She went into the room and the door closed behind her.

Brenda hurriedly climbed up the branches of a small tree nearby. From there, she could see straight into the office without being seen herself. Brenda was well aware that it was against school rules to climb the trees, but she was beyond caring at that point.

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Mrs. Porter had a long electrical cord in one hand. One end was plugged into a wall socket. With her free hand, she reached out and swept up Mrs Thomas' hair from the nape of her neck. Mrs Thomas just stood there, expressionless and motionless.

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Then Mrs. Porter plugged the power cord into the socket at the back of Mrs Thomas' neck.

26. Which statement best describes the reactions of Brenda's friends and family when she told them about Mrs Thomas?
- (1) They thought that she was prejudiced against Mrs Thomas.
  - (2) They felt that she should get to know Mrs Thomas better.
  - (3) They did not believe her as they thought that she was making up stories again.
  - (4) They did not take her seriously as they thought that she was being fanciful as usual.
27. What does "it" in line 16 refer to?
- (1) the constant bickering between Brenda and Emma.
  - (2) the nicknames that Brenda and Emma gave each other
  - (3) Brenda's imaginative stories
  - (4) Emma's rude comments
28. By following Mrs Thomas around in school, Brenda was hoping to \_\_\_\_\_
- (1) prove that she was not a human
  - (2) prevent her from hurting her friends and teachers
  - (3) find an opportunity to talk to her about her strangeness
  - (4) find evidence of unusual behaviour on her part

29. Why did Brenda deliberately break a school rule by climbing a tree?
- (1) She was in the habit of breaking school rules, so she was not worried about breaking one.
  - (2) She ignored the rule because she was determined to find out what was happening.
  - (3) She did not care much about obeying school rules.
  - (4) She was not aware that she had broken a school rule.
30. Mrs Porter was probably trying to \_\_\_\_\_ at the end of the story.
- (1) recharge Mrs Thomas.
  - (2) help Mrs Thomas regain consciousness.
  - (3) hurt Mrs Thomas
  - (4) check Mrs Thomas' neck

**END OF BOOKLET A**



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PAPER 2 BOOKLET B**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Class: P6

**50 QUESTIONS**

**65 MARKS**

**TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 HOUR 50 MINUTES**

**Booklet B consists of 8 pages, including this cover page.**

Section	Marks
Grammar Cloze	10
Editing for Spelling and Grammar	10
Comprehension Cloze	15
Synthesis / Transformation	10
Comprehension Open Ended	20
Total	65

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)

**USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY**

A) a	D) has	G) was	K) into	N) he
B) an	E) have	H) in	L) they	P) she
C) by	F) is	J) on	M) their	Q) with

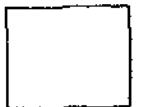
It is important to involve the whole family in activities. When Ana first signed up for the nature guides' course administered (31) \_\_\_\_\_ the Malaysian Nature Society (MNS) more than (32) \_\_\_\_\_ decade ago, she immediately knew she had found something that she could share (33) \_\_\_\_\_ her young family. She got her three children involved (34) \_\_\_\_\_ the various programmes organised by the society, including jungle-treks, snorkeling, camping and caving.

"Our kids (35) \_\_\_\_\_ always loved the outdoors, so getting them involved needed little encouragement," says Ana. As her kids grew, (36) \_\_\_\_\_ joined the different outdoor activities organised by (37) \_\_\_\_\_ schools.

"I watched my kids develop (38) \_\_\_\_\_ strong nature-lovers, just like me," says Ana. Her eldest daughter (39) \_\_\_\_\_ now an officer with MNS where (40) \_\_\_\_\_ organises talks and educational events to promote environmental awareness.

Ana is very proud of her.

Adapted from *Raising Kids Who Care*, Reader's Digest, June 2009



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

Lose the juice! It is not just grapefruit that (41) **effects** medicine absorption.

The latest study shows that both orange (42) but apple juice can also reduce the

(43) **benfets** of some medications. A recent study found that (44) **sevearel** fruit juices

have a negative effect on medications for life-threatening (45) **oilments** such as heart

disease and cancer. (46) On some cases, only half the medicine (47) were absorbed

when taken with juice. Some older (48) **reserch** showed that grapefruit juice caused

(49) dangerous high concentrations of some medicines. What (50) was the bottom

line? Swallow your pills with water.

Adapted from *HealthSmart*, Reader's Digest, June 2009

Fill in each blank with the most suitable word.

(15 marks)

It was easy, for at that time suspicion had not begun to set in. *Past tense*

General Macarthur met his death quite painlessly. He did not  
(51) \_\_\_\_\_ me come up behind him. I had, of course, to choose my time for  
leaving the terrace carefully (52) \_\_\_\_\_ everything was successful.

As I had (53) \_\_\_\_\_, a search was made of the island and it was  
(54) \_\_\_\_\_ that there was no one on it but the seven of us. That immediately  
created (55) \_\_\_\_\_ atmosphere of suspicion. According to my plan, I would  
soon need an ally. I (56) \_\_\_\_\_ Dr Armstrong for that part. He was a simple  
man (57) \_\_\_\_\_ knew me by sight and reputation. It would be impossible  
(58) \_\_\_\_\_ him to think someone in my position could actually be a  
(59) \_\_\_\_\_. Like the rest, all his suspicions were directed  
(60) \_\_\_\_\_ Lombard and I pretended to agree with this.

Though a search (61) \_\_\_\_\_ been made of everyone's room, no  
search had been made of the persons (62) \_\_\_\_\_. That was bound to come  
soon.

I killed Rogers the next morning. He was chopping (63) \_\_\_\_\_ for the  
fire and did not hear me approach. I found the (64) \_\_\_\_\_ to the dining-room  
door in his pocket. He had locked it the night before.

In the midst of the (65) \_\_\_\_\_ following the finding of Rogers' body, I  
slipped into Lombard's room and took his gun. I knew that he had one with him.

Adapted from *And Then There Were None* by Agatha Christie



For each of the questions 66-70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answers 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. He must complete his homework. He cannot go swimming with his friends.

Until \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

67. "Are we going to watch the movie tomorrow?" Jack asked Mr. Ng.

Jack asked Mr. Ng \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

68. She has been rude. All her privileges have been revoked indefinitely.

As a result of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

69. He needs to sign this document for it to be acceptable.

Without \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

70. Jenny's baby brother is very naughty. She enjoys playing with him.

\_\_\_\_\_ although \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



Lady Susan had lost her eyesight completely, so she went to an **ophthalmologist** to help her see again. She made a bargain with the doctor in the presence of a few witnesses. The bargain was that if he could cure her and make her see again, he would be paid handsomely. However, if he could not, she would not be obliged to pay him anything. In other words, he would not receive a single cent for any treatment he has done to her. He agreed to this arrangement.

The doctor had a special ointment. When it was applied to the eyes for a certain period of time, it restored the eyesight of anyone who was sightless. Thus he was confident of receiving his payment.

The doctor began to visit his new patient everyday to apply the ointment. Lady Susan was well-to-do and her house was full of expensive and rare items. Knowing that she could not see, the doctor started stealing the valuables in her house, one by one. When there was nothing left to steal, he decided to cure her and demand his payment.

Lady Susan was a smart old lady. When she recovered her eyesight, she saw that her valuables had been stolen. She suspected that the doctor must be the thief since her servants had been with her for many years and were all loyal and trustworthy. As a result, Lady Susan insisted that she was not cured and refused to pay the doctor. He was astonished when she refused to pay and insisted on his fees. The old woman refused again and the two went to court to settle the matter.

The judge asked the old woman why she refused to pay the doctor.

She answered, "Sir, the doctor is telling the truth. I did promise to give him money if I recovered my sight. However, if I remained blind, I was to give him nothing. Now he declares that he has healed me and so I should pay him but I am still blind."

Everyone in the courtroom looked at the old woman in great surprise.

"How can you say a thing like that? Everyone in the courtroom can see that your eyesight has been restored since you are obviously able to see me and the furniture in the room," said the judge sternly.

"Your honour," replied the old woman. "I really can't see. Before I lost the use of my eyes, I had seen a lot of valuable goods in my house but now, though the doctor swears I am cured of my blindness, I am not able to see a single thing of value in it."

The judge smiled and understood what Lady Susan was trying to say.

He said, "If that is the case, I agree that you are indeed still blind. Perhaps if the doctor continues his treatment for another week, he can ensure that your eyesight is completely restored and you are able to see all your valuables at home once again."

The judge was looking at the doctor sternly as he gave his judgement. The doctor bowed his head and agreed to follow the judge's advice. Lady Susan was happy and agreed to this arrangement.

Adapted from [www.pifara.com/talespin/folktales/online.asp](http://www.pifara.com/talespin/folktales/online.asp)

71. Who is an **ophthalmologist** (paragraph 1)?

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72. What was the agreement between Lady Susan and the doctor?

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73. Why was the doctor very confident of receiving his fee from the old woman?

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74. Which sentence in the passage tells you that Lady Susan was rich?

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75. Why did the doctor wait for some time before he completely cured Lady Susan's eyes?

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76. Why was Lady Susan convinced that the doctor was the guilty one?

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77. Explain clearly why Lady Susan insisted that she was still blind.

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78. Do you think Lady Susan was clever? Why do you say so?

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79. Explain clearly why the judge smiled when he heard what Lady Susan said.

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80. Why do you think the judge asked the doctor to continue his treatment?

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# ANSWER SHEET

**EXAM PAPER 2009**

**SCHOOL : HENRY PARK PRIMARY  
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**TERM : SA2**

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
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Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
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Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
E	L	M	K	F	P

41)affects      42)and      43)benefits      44)several      45)ailments

46)In      47)was      48)research      49)dangerously      50)is

51)hear      52)and      53)expected      54)discovered      55)an

56)choose      57)who      58)for      59)killer      60)at

61)had      62)themselves      63)wood      64)key      65)confusion

66)Until he completes his homework, he cannot go swimming with his friends.

67)Jack asked Mr. Ng if they were going to watch the movie the next day.

68)As a result of being rude, all her privileges have been revoked indefinitely.

**69) Without his signature, this document is unacceptable.**

**70) Jenny enjoys playing with her baby brother although he is very naughty.**

**71) He is an eye doctor.**

**72) The doctor was to cure her eye to receive payment, if she remains blind, he will receive nothing.**

**73) The doctor was confident of receiving his fee from the old women as he had a special ointment which restores eyesight of anyone who was sightless.**

**74) The sentence is "Lady Susan was well-do-to and her house was full of expensive and rare items".**

**75) The doctor waited for some time before completely curing Lady Susan's eyes so that he could steal all her valuables away.**

**76) Lady Susan servants had been with her for many years and were all loyal and trust worthy so she was convinced that the doctor was the guilty one.**

**77) She knew doctor had stolen her valuables and wanted to punish him for that.**

**78) Yes, she was. If she had just accused the doctor, he could everything but saying that she could not see her valuables, she was able to catch the doctor.**

**79) The judge realized that she doctor had stolen the old women's valuables and that was why she did not want to pay the doctor his fee.**

**80) He was probably giving the doctor a chance to return all the stolen items to the old Lady.**