



**NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL
CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT 1 – 2011
PRIMARY 6
ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2**

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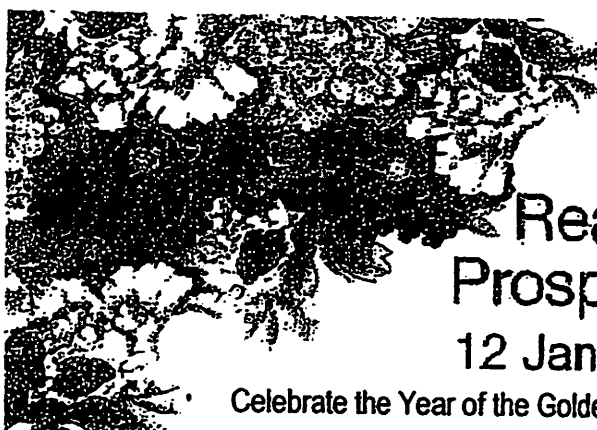
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Total Time for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

1. Do not turn over the page until you are told to do so.
2. Follow all instructions carefully.
3. Answer all questions carefully.
4. Shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

Section A – Graphic-Stimulus Comprehension (5 x 1) marks
Study the following poster and answer questions 1 to 5.





Reap Good Fortune & Prosperity at Peony Jade

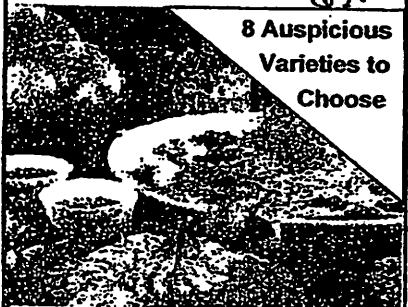
12 January to 17 February 2011

Celebrate the Year of the Golden Rabbit with Peony Jade's culinary creations.



18 Decadent Ingredients

Pot of Ever Growing Wealth Poon Choy



8 Auspicious Varieties to Choose

Yu Sheng "Lo Hei"



Sold out last year!

Mao Shan Wang Durian Nian Gao

Festive Masterpieces

Specially created by our Chef Extraordinaire!

- **Pot of Ever Growing Wealth Poon Choy (MUST TRY!)**
Packed with 18 decadent ingredients, including whole 10-head abalones, Sakura chicken, Golden oysters, Sumo-sized prawns and more!

Reunion Dinner Set Menus

Featuring "Pot of Wealth", "Rainbow Raw Fish Lo Hei" and more. Priced from \$88 per person and \$598 per table.

Take-away Reunion Set Menus

Choose from 5 different menus! Top it up with our signature Prosperity Yu Sheng for a fuss-free reunion feast.

Chinese New Year Buffet Specials

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND! CNY Buffet Specials

- **Reunion Dim Sum High Tea*/Brunch#**
\$32 (high tea) & \$48 (brunch)
- **Reunion A La Carte Lunch*/ Dinner Buffet**
\$58 (lunch) & \$68 (dinner)

* not applicable at Peony Jade @ Keppel Club
 # not applicable at Peony Jade @ Clarke Quay

OCBC Cardmembers enjoy

- **OCBC Poon Choy Package (available for takeaway)**
Poon Choy, Salmon Yu Sheng, BBQ Platter and Nian Gao
- **15% off dine-in a la carte food bill**
- **20% off CNY Takeaways & Goodies.**

We are open throughout Chinese New Year.
 Call us now at 6338 0305 (Peony Jade @ Clarke Quay) and 6276 9138 (Peony Jade @ Keppel Club) for reservations and orders to avoid disappointment!

www.peonyjade.com

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

1. The *main purpose* of the poster on the previous page is to _____.
 - 1) promote OCBC Bank's cards
 - 2) reap good fortune and prosperity
 - 3) attract people to dine at Peony Jade
 - 4) celebrate the year of the Golden Rabbit

2. The restaurant was offering _____ types of Yu Sheng this year.
 - 1) ten
 - 2) five
 - 3) eight
 - 4) eighteen

3. _____ has been a popular dish prepared by the restaurant for Chinese New Year.
 - 1) Pot of Wealth
 - 2) Rainbow Raw Fish Lo Hei
 - 3) Mao Shan Wang Durian Nian Gao
 - 4) Pot of Ever Growing Wealth Poon Choy

4. Based on the information provided in the poster, one can make a reservation at Peony Jade @ Clarke Quay restaurant _____.
 - 1) by calling 6338 0305
 - 2) by calling 6276 9138
 - 3) through OCBC Bank
 - 4) online at www.peonyjade.com

5. Which of the following statements is *true*?
 - 1) There are three Peony Jade restaurants in Singapore.
 - 2) The OCBC Poon Choy Package is only available for takeaway.
 - 3) The Reunion Dim Sum Brunch is available at Peony Jade @ Keppel Club.
 - 4) The Prosperity Yu Sheng comes free with every order of a Take-away Reunion Set Menu.

Section C: Punctuation Discrete (3 x 1) marks

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.

Ruth was on her way home when she saw an old lady struggling to carry a pile of flattened cardboard boxes through a crowded market. Most of the people at the market simply walked past her and barely gave another look. Others only looked at her pitifully and shook their heads.

"Are people so indifferent these days to the plight of others (13) Ruth wondered aloud. She felt sorry for the old lady and rushed over to help her.

"Here, Auntie, let me help you (14) she said gently.

The old lady looked up thankfully at the kind soul who had stopped by to assist her. "Thank you very much, young lady (15) It's so rare to meet someone as helpful as you are!" she exclaimed with a twinkle in her eyes.

- 13) 1) [,] comma
 2) [?] question mark
 3) [, "] comma and inverted commas
 4) [? "] question mark and inverted commas

- 14) 1) [, "] comma and inverted commas
 2) [. "] full stop and inverted commas
 3) [? "] question mark and inverted commas
 4) [! "] exclamation mark and inverted commas

- 15) 1) [,] comma
 2) [.] full stop
 3) [, "] comma and inverted commas
 4) [. "] full stop and inverted commas

Section D – Vocabulary (5 x 1) marks

For each question from 16 to 20, one of the four options is the correct answer. Make your choice and shade the corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

16. "Don't just sit there staring at the telephone while you wait for Amy to call.
_____!" Mother hollered.
- 1) A stitch in time saves nine
 - 2) A watched pot never boils
 - 3) A leopard cannot change its spots
 - 4) A bird in hand is worth two in the bush
17. During a routine check at the Woodlands Checkpoint, the police seized several cartons of _____ cigarettes from a car.
- 1) corrupted
 - 2) counterfeit
 - 3) contraband
 - 4) condemned
18. Amelia was incensed by the _____ service she received at the restaurant and complained to the manager.
- 1) harsh
 - 2) severe
 - 3) offensive
 - 4) atrocious
19. After discovering a new plant species, the botanist's rise to fame was _____.
- 1) hasty
 - 2) prompt
 - 3) meteoric
 - 4) exaggerated
20. The housewife got a few good bargains by _____ with the vendors at the bazaar.
- 1) haggling
 - 2) pleading
 - 3) debating
 - 4) transacting

Section E – Vocabulary Contextual (5 x 1) marks

For each question from 21 to 25, choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

Thaipusam is a Hindu festival that falls in January or February. The Hindus (21) remember the birthday of the Hindu deity Subramaniam. The Hindus show the sincerity of their (22) faith on this occasion. Many (23) devout Hindus will pray for help and make vows. When their prayers are answered, they will (24) carry out their vows.

To do this, a devotee would pierce his cheeks, tongue, face or other suitable body parts with sharp objects. Next, he would carry a kavadi, a cage-like structure decorated with peacock feathers and aluminum plates on his shoulders. An (25) elaborate kavadi can weigh up to 15kg! Finally, the devotee would walk about 4km to complete his journey of faith. That is really quite an extraordinary feat to match by any ordinary man!

Adapted from <http://www.etour-singapore.com/thaipusam-singapore.html#meaning>

21. 1) worship
2) dedicate
3) anticipate
4) commemorate
22. 1) love
2) belief
3) inspiration
4) motivation
23. 1) divine
2) fervent
3) virtuous
4) righteous
24. 1) fulfil
2) attain
3) resolve
4) promise
25. 1) refined
2) delicate
3) intricate
4) flamboyant

Section F – Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1) marks

Read the given passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

Hummingbirds are the tiniest birds in the world. They have amazing speeds and unbelievable colours. The Aztecs used dead hummingbirds for earrings and made entire cloaks out of their skins. As the skins are tough and pretty, they are often used for ladies' brooches, hat ornaments, and flower-type arrangements in the Victorian era.

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These amazing stunt pilots are fascinating creatures with the most rapid wingbeats of any bird and a heart rate of up to 1, 260 beats per minute. The most impressive thing about hummingbirds is their energy. If a man weighing about 80kg wanted to live the life of a hummingbird, he would have to burn 150,000 calories a day and lose 45kg of perspiration per hour!

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Rumour has it that the inventor of helicopters observed hummingbirds in flight. Both helicopters and hummingbirds can hover, take off, and land vertically. Both also fly sideways and backwards. Hummingbirds rotate their wings in circles, enabling them to fly in any direction. Choppers fly with rotating blades, but *they* are unable to fly upside down like the hummingbirds sometimes do when being attacked.

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Despite their quick beating wings, hummingbirds are not the fastest flying birds. These skilled fliers also have difficulty walking – they can hop a little, but need to use their wings to move, even when they are on the nest. With beaks like swords and tongues like extra-long straws, they power themselves on nectar, visiting up to 1000 flowers a day. Hummingbirds also feast on spiders and strain gnats while in mid-air.

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Plants that depend on hummingbirds for pollination seem especially made for them. Their blossoms project out to prevent the birds from entanglement in leaves and vines. Trumpet-shaped flowers accommodate their long beaks. Although hummingbirds have no sense of smell, other feeders are not enticed because these flowers lack fragrance.

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Hummingbirds have colour vision similar to humans and are not good singers, managing only chirps, squeaks and twitters. Their magnificence lies in their colour. Their feathers are iridescent, with the colours changing constantly depending on the light source and the angle of the viewer. These amazing creatures make their appearances in a variety of places. If you ever spot them, do not miss out on a spectacular air show!

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Adapted from http://www.ehow.com/list_6885155_hummingbird-children.html

For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Choose the correct answer and shade the corresponding oval on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

26. The word "*they*" in line 15 refers to _____.
- 1) helicopters
 - 2) hummingbirds
 - 3) the rotating blades
 - 4) the hummingbird's wings
27. What is the one thing that hummingbirds can do and helicopters cannot?
- 1) They can hover in the air.
 - 2) They can rotate their wings.
 - 3) They can fly in an inverted position.
 - 4) They can fly forward, sideways and backwards.
28. The unique characteristic of the plants that depend on hummingbirds for pollination is that _____.
- 1) their blossoms are spread out.
 - 2) they have trumpet-shaped flowers
 - 3) they lack a sweet scent in the flowers
 - 4) their leaves and vines are arranged to prevent entanglement
29. Which word has the same meaning as "rainbow-coloured"?
- 1) iridescent
 - 2) fascinating
 - 3) spectacular
 - 4) unbelievable
30. Based on the text, which of the following sentences is *true*?
- 1) Hummingbirds were used to make accessories.
 - 2) Hummingbirds are the fastest birds in the world.
 - 3) The inventor of the helicopter observed hummingbirds.
 - 4) Only hummingbirds can feed on nectar in trumpet-shaped flowers.

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Section G – Grammar Cloze (10 x 1) marks

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40 in the passage below. From the list of words in the box, choose the most suitable answer for each blank and write its letter (A to Q) in it. "I" and "O" have been omitted to avoid confusion in marking.

Use each word only ONCE.

(A) as	(D) could	(G) less	(K) the	(N) under
(B) by	(E) from	(H) more	(L) their	(P) which
(C) can	(F) however	(J) our	(M) up	(Q) with

Scientists have predicted that the world's supply of fossil fuels will run out very soon. There is an urgent need to come (31) _____ with alternative energy sources to meet the world's demands. The solution comes in (32) _____ form of biofuels.

Biofuel can be derived (33) _____ plants or other living organisms. It is touted (34) _____ an alternative energy source. This can reduce the world's consumption of fossil fuels and carbon emissions. Unfortunately, growing the plants and processing them into fuel consume a lot of energy as well. Waste oil (35) _____ also be turned into a form of biofuel known as biodiesel. (36) _____, it must first be filtered to get the burnt food out. The oil is then broken down into smaller fatty acids. At times, these fatty acids are combined with a chemical to form clumps of soap instead, (37) _____ slows down the production process.

In Singapore, a student, Kenneth Lai, and two of his classmates from Singapore Polytechnic found a way to make biodiesel production from waste oil (38) _____ efficient. (39) _____ the supervision of their mentors, the trio tested various methods of mixing the waste oil more evenly in the production process. The students' success has prompted them to find a company to partner them in (40) _____ efforts. They are also considering offering consultancy services to biodiesel manufacturers.

Adapted from <http://www6.lexisnexis.com/publisher/>

Section H – Editing for Spelling and Grammar (10 x 1) marks

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

I was about seven when my father left Porbandar for Rajkot. At a primary school in

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Porbandar, there was **hard** anything to note about my studies. I was only a **mideoker**

student. Later, I went on to high school, having reached my twelfth year. I do not remember

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having ever **telling** a lie while in school. I used to be very shy. My books and my lessons

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were my sole **kompanians**. I would run to school at the stroke of a hour and run back

home as soon as it ended – that was my daily routine.

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An incident **occur** during my first year in high school. Our school had the

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preevalage of hosting a visit by the educational inspector. He had given us a spelling test.

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However, one of the words was **unfameleer** to me. My teacher tried to prompt me with the

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point of his boot without success. I was **ignerent** of the fact that he wanted me to copy

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from my neighbour. **By** the end, **all** the boys spelt every word correctly except me. I never

could learn the art of 'copying'.

Section I – Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

An army of thousands of volunteers has taken to the streets of Queensland, Australia to rebuild the state after the recent devastating floods. The scale of the effort is enormous, being Australia's biggest (51) _____ rescue operation. As many as 50,000 people have (52) _____ up to assist the clean-up. Thousands have already joined the effort, armed with shovels, picks, boats and trucks.

(53) _____ the waters have largely receded in Queensland, many homes are still without power. The withdrawing floods have revealed the (54) _____ of the damage. The flood waters have (55) _____ 16 lives and left dozens missing. They are still (56) _____ havoc across the nation. Several towns in other states of Australia remain under (57) _____ from the rising waters. The authorities have warned that the conditions may continue to get (58) _____.

The so-called "inland tsunami" last Monday tore through anything in its way. Trees and power poles were (59) _____ and swept away. Many houses and cars were also completely (60) _____ in the floods. Many people had to be (61) _____ from their homes and housed in evacuation centres when the floods came. Some survivors at the centres told tales of their (62) _____ escapes from the flood. Others lamented the (63) _____ of family members and friends who had perished in the floods.

Volunteers in Queensland have been quick to (64) _____ a hand. People have been turning up at homes – without being asked – to sort (65) _____ the debris. Sports stars from around the world have also pledged to help the country during this difficult time.

Adapted from "Flood of kindness hits Queensland", The Sunday Times 16 January 2011

Section J - Synthesis / Transformation (5 x 2) marks

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

66. "My father bought my sister and me a puppy," Aaron told me.

Aaron told me that _____

67. Sue has good writing skills. Sue's writing skills are not as good as Sharon's.

In comparison with _____

68. The girls still went camping although it was a week before the examinations.

Despite _____

69. All the guests have arrived for the party. Mr Goh has not arrived.

_____ except

70. He was very persistent. He finally got his way.

Due to _____

Section K – Comprehension (10 x 2) marks

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.

In a little village in Argentina, little Tito lay in bed, trembling under a thin blanket. His mother, Juana, touched his forehead, then burst into tears. Kino, her husband, looked out of the doorway of his hut and sighed deeply. Juana turned towards Kino and said, "Dear, why won't you go and fetch the doctor? Tito is burning up. Look at his face, it is all red!"

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Kino replied, "Oh, my dear, I know poor Tito is very sick. But do you think Senor George would come and treat Tito if we have no money to pay him?"

Juana did not respond as she knew it was the truth. Senor George would only treat those who could afford his services. Unable to bear the sight of his crying family, Kino left the hut in the forest and walked towards the beach.

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Kino was a pearl diver who struggled to make ends meet. Every morning, he would row out to the ocean and dive for pearls on the sea bed. Though pearls were extremely valuable in the cities, Kino was unaware of their true value. Often, he would trade a small bag of pearls for a bag of rice. The recent hurricane had made things worse for Kino. The ocean was extremely dangerous, with waves over four metres high sweeping the coast for the past month. Brave but foolish pearl divers who had gone out during the hurricane season were found days later, as lifeless as logs in the sea. Kino had not gone out to the ocean since the hurricane started and he was running out of money to buy food and other necessities for his family.

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Kino stared at the raging waves and then at his canoe on the beach. Without blinking, he ran into the canoe and paddled furiously against the strong waves. After paddling for half an hour, he found a calm spot near the reefs and dropped a little anchor to secure his canoe. He looked up to the skies, prayed to all the gods he had known, took a deep breath and dived into the ocean. He swam with all his might towards the sea bed and began to search under the reefs for oysters with pearls. To his dismay, all he found were a few oysters with no pearls in them.

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As Kino returned to the surface to catch another breath, he could see a huge oyster half-buried in the sea bed. He sucked in all the air that he could, then dived in towards the huge oyster. Inside the oyster was a pearl, a pearl bigger than any he had ever seen or imagined. He forced open the oyster and dug the pearl out. As he held on to the pearl, he realised that it was so heavy that he struggled to rise to the surface. After tossing the football-sized pearl into the canoe, he climbed into it and paddled furiously back to shore to see his family.

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"Tito, Juana, look at this! We are safe! We can go and get Senor George!" Kino shouted excitedly as he entered the hut.

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Juana looked at Kino and instead of a smile, she continued weeping. Kino dropped the pearl and ran over to touch his son. His body was cold. The scorpion's

sting was left untreated for too long. Kino wept like he had never wept before. He then looked at the pearl and then at Tito, and shouted, "What's the point of this giant pearl when I could not even save my son? I wasn't even around for his last breath!" In rage, he ran out towards the beach again, and threw the pearl with all his might into the devouring ocean. He sank onto the sand and wept. 40

Adapted from "The Pearl" by John Steinbeck.

For each question from 71 to 80, write your answer in the space provided. All answers must be in complete sentences.

71. Why did Juana burst into tears after touching Tito's forehead?

72. Who was Senor George?

73. What was "the truth" mentioned in line 8?

74. Which five-word phrase in the fourth paragraph tells you that Kino worked hard to make a living?

75. Why did Kino sell the pearls so cheaply?

76. How did the hurricane make things worse for Kino?

77. What does the phrase "as lifeless as logs in the sea" (lines 17 – 18) tell you about the pearl divers who had gone out during the hurricane?

78. Which sentence in the fifth paragraph tells you that Kino was unsuccessful during his first dive for pearls?

79. Why did Juana continue to cry after Kino had told her the good news?

80. What caused Tito's illness?

END OF PAPER

ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2011

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TERM : CA1

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

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
4	3	1	4	2	2	1	3	1	3	2	1	1	M	K	E	A

Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
C	F	P	H	N	L

- 41)hardly 42)mediocre 43)told 44)companions 45)the
46)occurred 47)privilege 48)unfamiliar 49)ignorant 50)In
51)ever/flood/emergency 52)signed 53)Although 54)scale/severity/degree
55)taken 56)creating 57)threat 58)worse 59)uprooted
60)destroyed 61)evacuated 62)narrow 63)loss/death/passing
64)lend 65)through

- 66)Aaron told me that his father had bought his sister and him a puppy.
67)In comparison with Sharon's writing skills, Sue's are not as good.
68)Despite the fact that it was a week before the examinations, the girls still went camping.
69)All the guests except Mr Goh have arrived for the party.
70)Due to the fact that he was very persistent, he finally got his way.
71)Juana was worried as Tito was ill.
72)Senor George was a doctor in the village.
73)The truth was that Kino and Juana were too poor to get the doctor to treat Tito.
74)It is "Struggled to make ends meet".
75)Kino was unaware of the true value of the pearls.
76)He was not able to dive for pearls to buy food and other necessities for his family.
77)They (had) drowned and were floating on the ocean's surface.
78)It is " To his dismay all he found were a few oysters with no pearls in them".
79)Tito had died and it was too late to save him.
80)A scorpion's sting caused Tito's illness.