

ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOL (JUNIOR)



SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1 - 2011
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY 6

Name : _____ ()

Class : P 6 . ()

Date : 6 May 2011

BOOKLET A

30 Questions

30 Marks

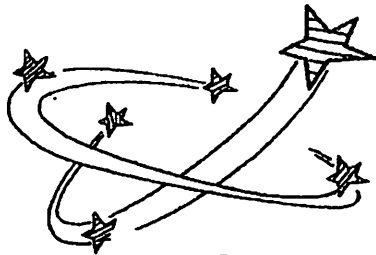
Total Time For Booklet A and B : 1 hour 50 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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This paper consists of 11 printed pages (inclusive of cover page)

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



25th
Anniversary

STAR CITY MEGA DEALS

MOONTEC LEVEL 2 METEO BALLROOM • 10-13 MARCH 2011 •

**ALL BRANDS! LOW PRICES!
WHILST STOCKS LAST!**



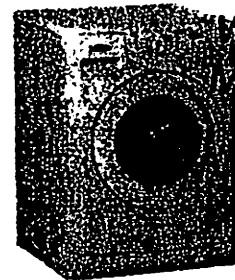
Refrigerators
from
\$499

Limited to 5 sets per store



TV sets
from
\$349

FREE \$50 Robin Mood voucher
for \$999 purchase and
above



Washing
Machines
from
\$330

Limited to 3 sets per store



Laptops
\$799

FREE upgrade to 4GB RAM + Bag



Digital cameras from
\$1099

FREE
8GB SD Card + SD 16GB Card + Dry
Box + Cleaning Kit + Card Reader +
Bag (except POSE550D)

WHAT'S MORE ...

DAILY WHITE GOLD DRAW!

Enjoy a \$100 rebate
when you sign up for the YObank StarCity
Platinum Visa Card

Get the YObank StarCity Platinum Visa Card and enjoy a
\$100 rebate off your purchases. Promotion is valid from 10-
13 March 2011.

FREE Star City Shopping Voucher

Get a FREE \$30 shopping voucher with every \$888 purchase

Every \$50 = 1 Chance

Exclusively for YObank Cardmembers,
Every \$30 = 1 Chance

One Daily Winner = 20g of 999.9
White Gold Pendant worth \$2000

**Grand Draw Winner = 1KG of 999.9
White Gold Bar worth \$60,000**

STAR CITY

Operating Hours: 11am-10pm 1 Woodlands Circle Industrial Park Tel:62228818. All advertised models,
free gifts and lucky draw are available only from 10-13 Mar 2011 at Moontec Level 2 Meteo Ballroom,
while stocks last. All prices stated are inclusive of GST. Pricing and details are correct at press time.

Other Terms and Conditions apply. Limited to one customer for advertised models and free gifts. Receipts must be produced
for exchange of gifts. Draw is applicable to purchases for every \$50 in a single receipt with combined items or combined up to
3 receipts within the same day. Draw dates and times: 10-13 Mar 2011 8pm daily.

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. (5 marks)

- 1 The purpose of this advertisement is to _____.
- (1) attract people to buy the products
 - (2) look for people to win their grand draw
 - (3) help people know about certain products
 - (4) inform people about free gifts for certain purchases
- 2 Which of the following is not a free gift when you buy a digital camera?
- (1) dry box
 - (2) card reader
 - (3) camera bag
 - (4) tripod stand
- 3 Those who sign up for the YObank Star City Platinum Visa Card enjoy a _____.
- (1) \$100 rebate off their purchases only
 - (2) \$100 rebate and a chance to win \$50
 - (3) \$100 rebate and a chance to win \$30
 - (4) \$100 rebate and a chance to win the white gold bar
- 4 Mrs Robinsons bought a TV for \$1000 and can get a _____.
- (1) \$100 rebate off her purchases
 - (2) white gold pendant worth \$2000
 - (3) free Star City shopping voucher only
 - (4) Star City voucher and a Robin Mood voucher
- 5 Penelope went to Star City on 14 March 2011 at 8pm to find out if she had won the lucky draw and _____.
- (1) claimed her free gifts instead
 - (2) was told that the draw was over
 - (3) learnt that she did not win the white gold bar
 - (4) realised she had to go to Moontec Meteo Ballroom

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 Mr Ong made Donny _____ on the tight rope for ten minutes.

- (1) balance
- (2) balances
- (3) balanced
- (4) balancing

7 It was Rajah and Angelina who organised the party all by _____.

- (1) himself
- (2) herself
- (3) ourselves
- (4) themselves

8 Neither Muthu nor his friends _____ attentive in class just now.

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

9 Sam hardly ever gives in, _____?

- (1) is it
- (2) isn't it
- (3) does he
- (4) doesn't he

10 The children had _____ on the grass and were bitten by ants.

- (1) lie
- (2) lay
- (3) laid
- (4) lain

11 The police worked tirelessly in search _____ a serial killer.

- (1) of
- (2) for
- (3) with
- (4) about

12 _____ of an oversight by the coach, the team could not enter the competition.

- ~~(1) Despite~~
- ~~(2) Except~~
- (3) Because
- (4) Regardless

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)

Jack walked into his house breathless and exhausted.

"What happened (13) his wife asked.

"It's a great idea I had (14) he gasped, smiling proudly. "I ran all the way home behind the bus and saved myself fifty cents."

His wife frowned. "That's just like you (15) Jack, always thinking small," she said, shaking her head disapprovingly. "Why couldn't you have run behind a taxi and saved yourself six dollars?"

Adapted from "Run Home"

- 13 (1) ["?"] inverted commas and question mark
(2) ["?"] question mark and inverted commas
(3) ["!"] inverted commas and exclamation mark
(4) [!"] exclamation mark and inverted commas

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

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

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 His cutting words _____ my heart. I broke down and cried.
- (1) rippled
 - (2) melted
 - (3) pierced
 - (4) warmed
- 17 The team will be halved from eight to four members, as _____.
- (1) unity is strength
 - (2) great minds think alike
 - (3) too many cooks spoil the broth
 - (4) the pen is mightier than the sword
- 18 Let's wait for the current situation to _____ before we take the next step.
- (1) get over
 - (2) blow over
 - (3) hand over
 - (4) carry over
- 19 "Please _____ this book and hand it to the Principal now," instructed my teacher.
- (1) take
 - (2) bring
 - (3) fetch
 - (4) send
- 20 A _____ of visitors from different countries came specially to witness the inaugural Youth Olympics held in Singapore.
- (1) herd
 - (2) flood
 - (3) team
 - (4) school

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)

Night fishing is nothing new to us, but there is a new twist to this practice that many people may think is absolutely insane. It is called skishing and its concept is very simple.
(21)

All you need to do is to put on a wetsuit and flippers, jump into the water with a fishing pole,
(22)

and swim out into the water to fish. It does not always happen at night. Judging from interviews with skishermen, they appear to be the sort who appreciate the thrill of the experience, but are
(23)

mainly looking for a more solitary excursion, away from the throngs of daytime fishermen. Even
(24)

bad weather does not stop them. It is a very dangerous sport, with the thrill intensified by the
(25)

threat of sharks, riptides and boat propellers.

Adapted from 'Skishing' by Charles W. Bryant, HowStuffWorks.com

- 21 (1) confusing
(2) senseless
(3) inappropriate
(4) unacceptable
- 22 (1) get
(2) buy
(3) don
(4) bring
- 23 (1) danger
(2) challenge
(3) excitement
(4) enthusiasm
- 24 (1) heaps
(2) crowds
(3) pressures
(4) collections
- 25 (1) alleviated
(2) worsened
(3) heightened
(4) aggravated

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Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

The novelist Colm Toibin once recounted a story about observing a Cantonese man sitting on a Kowloon footpath reading a book. The man's face was stern with concentration, his finger tracing the line being read. At times the man's expression would screw up in frustration at his progress. Finally, the reader looked up at the sky, his face beaming. Whether from a sudden joyous facility with the act of reading, or revelation from what was written, or delight at how the story resolved, it does not matter. What mattered is he was in possession of something deliciously private – a connection between him and the writer, between the real world and that world inscribed upon the pages. 5

What would the world be like without books? There is always talk that the latest technology signals the demise of the book. Decades ago, radio was what would do it. Then came TV. And now the Internet. The machines change, but the act has stayed the same. The simplest form of technology prevails – pages printed into a sheaf and bound between covers. There is something reassuring about such simplicity. 10

Literature is the story of ourselves, the record of who we are, where we came from, and where we are going. Non-fiction illuminates the world for us and fiction explains what non-fiction cannot. Through books we first travel. In those wanderings we become best acquainted with humanity through the characters we come to know more intimately than anyone else – whether we love, loathe, fear, or fawn over them. 15

The narrator in Kahlil Gibran's *The Prophet* helps me comprehend my faults and aspirations. Holden Caulfield and Harry Potter make me feel less alone. King Lear, Hannibal Lecter and Boromir are cautionary tales for who we could become if we are not careful. Reading is our deepest connection to what makes us human, and part of a larger society. 20

Reading a book is also the last truly private act in a world that has become too public. As nourishment for the mind, it is slow food in a world given over to fast food. Blogs, text messages, e-books, and the like bring topicality, portability, instant gratification, much as newspapers and magazines do. However important such forms are, they endure only as long as the stuff they are printed on. The comforts of books: they defy time, break borders, and repudiate mortality. 25

It is important that we work to give every person the opportunity to enjoy books as shelters, sustenance, and roads forward. To imagine a world without books is to imagine a world without thought. A world without feeling, compassion, history, or voice. 30

Adapted from "A World Without Books" by Miguel Syjuco

- 26 The Cantonese man experienced a happy moment when he was reading a book and _____.
- (1) looking up at the sky
 - (2) beaming at Colm Toibin
 - (3) enjoying what was written in it
 - (4) his fingers tracing the line being read
- 27 The simplest form of technology that prevails is the _____.
- (1) book
 - (2) radio
 - (3) Internet
 - (4) television
- 28 In the passage, the phrase 'those wanderings' in line 16 refers to _____.
- (1) reading about travelling
 - (2) travelling through books
 - (3) knowing where we are going
 - (4) becoming acquainted with humanity
- 29 According to the passage, literature allows the writer to gain _____.
- (1) humanity and power
 - (2) compassion, history or voice
 - (3) love, hate and fear for the future
 - (4) comprehension of his faults and aspirations
- 30 The writer prefers reading books to blogs and emails because it _____.
- (1) nourishes the mind
 - (2) is better than fast food
 - (3) gives us more comfort
 - (4) brings portability and instant gratification

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Name : _____ ()

Class : P 6 - ()

Date : 6 May 2011

Parent's Signature

BOOKLET B

50 Questions

65 Marks

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- 1 Do not open the booklet until you are told to do so.
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Booklet	Component	Possible Marks	Marks Obtained
A	-	30	
B	Grammar Cloze	10	
	Editing for Spelling & Grammar	10	
	Comprehension Cloze	15	
	Synthesis and Transformation	10	
	Comprehension OE	20	
	Total	65	

This paper consists of 8 printed pages (inclusive of cover page)

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) after | (D) each | (G) more | (K) their | (N) what |
| (B) before | (E) from | (H) much | (L) there | (P) when |
| (C) but | (F) his | (J) some | (M) these | (Q) with |
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In 1911, two men set out from different parts of the Antarctic to journey to the South Pole. Nobody had ever reached the South Pole before and (31) _____ man wanted to be the first to arrive (32) _____. One of the men was a Norwegian explorer, Roald Amundsen. Amundsen had at first planned to go to the North Pole, (33) _____, someone else had reached it just before he set off. The other man journeying to the South Pole was a British explorer called Captain Robert Scott.

(34) _____ Captain Scott and his men at last reached the South Pole, they saw a tent (35) _____ a Norwegian flag on it. Amundsen had beaten them to the Pole! He had written a letter to Captain Scott and had left the letter in the tent. (36) _____ the letter, Scott learnt that Amundsen had reached the Pole one month (37) _____ them. Sad and disappointed, Scott and his men began their return journey but they never reached (38) _____ ship. The weather grew steadily worse, making it difficult for them to move quickly. Exhausted and short of food, (39) _____ brave men could go no further.

A year later, their bodies were found in their tent. We know (40) _____ happened to them because Captain Scott had kept a diary which was found in the tent. This year, we commemorate the centenary of this race.

Adapted from Create and Communicate

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For each word in **bold**, write the correct spelling of the word in the box. For each underlined word, write the correct grammatical form of the word in the box. (10 marks)

Dear Lucy,

(41)

Thank you for your email. It was great to hear from you and of all your **advanchures** during

(42)

the December holidays. I was most interesting to read about your trek in the jungles of Sarawak to

(43)

look for the rather **unik** flower **Rafflesia**.

(44)

(45)

I **azume** that you are aware that the **Rafflesia** is known as a largest flower on earth and

(46)

(47)

has a strong **oder** of decaying flesh. I recent read that the flower, in full bloom, can measure

(48)

up to one metre in diameter, and weigh about eleven kilogrammes. Imagine that! It is heavy

(49)

(50)

than a new-born baby! I do hope you take some photographs. I am very **kean** to see the pictures of

this rare flower, so in your next email, please attach a photograph or two.

School work beckons so I will stop here for now and email you over the weekend.

Yours truly,

James

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

The people of Switzerland were not always free and happy as they are today. Many years ago the people were proud (51) _____, whose name was Hermann Gessler, ruled (52) _____ them, and made their lot a bitter one indeed.

One day this tyrant set up a tall pole in the public square of Atdorf, and put his own cap on the (53) _____ of it; and then he gave orders that every man who came into the town should bow down before it. However, there was one man, named William Tell, who would not do this. He stood up straight, and laughed at the swinging cap. He would not (54) _____ down to Gessler himself.

When Gessler (55) _____ of this, he was very angry. He was afraid that other men would disobey, and that soon the whole country would rebel (56) _____ him. Hence, he made up his mind to punish the bold man.

William Tell was known as a famous hunter. No one in all the land could (57) _____ with a bow and arrow so well as he. Gessler knew this, and so he thought of a cruel plan to make the hunter's own skill bring him to grief. He ordered that William Tell's little (58) _____, Walter, should be made to stand up in the (59) _____ square in Atdorf with an apple on his head; and then he gave the command to William Tell that he shoot the apple with one of his (60) _____.

William Tell (61) _____ with the tyrant not to have him make this test of his skill. "What if the boy should move? What if my hand should tremble? What if the arrow should not carry true?" "Will you make me kill my boy?" he said. "Say no more," said Hermann Gessler. "You must hit the (62) _____ with your one arrow. If you fail, my soldiers shall kill the boy before your eyes."

Without another word, William Tell fitted the arrow to his crossbow. He took aim, and let it fly. The boy stood firm and still. He was not afraid, for he had all faith in his father's skill. The arrow whistled (63) _____ the air. It struck the apple fairly in the centre, and carried it away. The people who saw it (64) _____ with joy.

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As William Tell was turning away from the place, an arrow which he had

(65) _____ under his coat dropped to the ground. "Fellow!" cried Gessler, "what do you mean with this second arrow?" "Tyrant!" was Tell's proud answer, "this arrow was for your heart if I had hurt my child."

Adapted from <http://www.tell.ch/schweiz/william-tell.htm>

Synthesis/Transformation

For each of the items 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 given one(s).

(10 marks)

66 Helen tells lies. She prefers that to getting into a lot of trouble.

_____ would rather _____

67 Adam sprained his right thumb. He participated in the Asian Tennis Tournament.

In spite of _____

68 "Johnny started the fight," said Marcus to the Principal.

Marcus told the Principal _____

69 All of us were present at the school dinner.

None of us _____

70 Ahmad emerged top of his cohort in the recent examinations. He can now have his pick of scholarships.

Having _____

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Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Pascal had not been able to fall asleep that night. Around the plantation the air seemed full of whispered secrets. As he lay in the cabin doorway, he worried about how people treated him now that Mama was dead.

After work that afternoon, he had walked past some men and when he greeted them, they had all stopped talking. Didn't they know that even though he worked in the Big House, he wouldn't tell the master?

In fact he had secretly saved one of those men from a beating one day. Master had seen the slave with apples he had picked to feed his children. As soon as Master had run after the man, Pascal had used his big walking stick to break a window. When Master turned back to run to his Big House, the other slave and Pascal had both escaped.

The night air by his slave cabin door was sweet but also full of mystery and secrets. He listened to the breathing of six other slaves who lay alongside him on the crowded cabin's dirt floor. From his pad, he glanced out the open doorway.

When a shadow hesitated by his doorway, Pascal sat up. "Who's that?" he asked in a whisper. "Pascal? It's me, Gideon."

"Gideon? You are back? Is that really you, Gideon?" Pascal could hardly believe it. His heart seemed squeezed-to-bursting with happiness. As he stood to hug his tall brother, tears flowed from his eyes. How wonderful to have his brother back! Gideon had run away from the plantation two years ago. He hadn't been caught or killed in the war, as everyone had thought.

"Yes, it's me. I have come back for you and Mama." "But Gideon, Mama's dead. She kept asking for more food for the slaves. Folks saw the overseer shoot her down by the creek."

Since her death, Pascal hadn't any family left among the slaves. But now Gideon was back. Gideon pulled Pascal to his side and hugged him and rested his chin on his little brother's head. Pascal felt warm, close to his brother. No one hugged him since Mama died.

Gideon heaved a sigh and said, "All this time, I wanted to tell Mama the news. I wanted to tell her that we are free now."

"Free?" Pascal held his breath and wiped his eyes. Was this the news that the other slaves had been whispering about? "Are you sure, Gideon?"

"President Lincoln freed us slaves two years ago. And better still we are going to have our own land." "Land?" Men from other cabins scrambled to crowd around Gideon. They called out to one another about what Gideon had just announced.

Pascal dressed quickly. He stuffed all he owned – shirt, tin cup, hairbrush, and three marbles into a potato sack. He tied the sack on his walking stick and limped to the door. They could own land to farm? Now there was something to look forward to!

Pascal was so excited that he almost tripped over his lame foot. Where had Gideon been all this time? How far had he travelled? Questions exploded in his mind, but he would have to wait to ask them. People were whispering in a circle around Gideon.

Heart drumming, Pascal ran stumbling along the path as Gideon continued to speak with the other men. "Nelly," he whispered as he arrived at the cabin he wanted. "What's going on, Pascal?" Nelly asked as she stepped out. "My brother Gideon's here. He says we are free and can own land now. I am going with him. Do you want to come? I will look after you since there is no one here to take care of you."

Adapted from 'Forty Acres and Maybe a Mule' by Harriette Giliem Robinet

WRITE YOUR ANSWERS IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71 Who was Pascal?

72 Why did Pascal find it difficult to sleep that night?

73 What were people afraid Pascal would do since he worked in the Big House?

74 How had Pascal helped one of "those men" (line 7)?

75 What does the word 'it' in line 16 refer to?

76 Which phrase in paragraph 6 has the same meaning as "overjoyed"?

77 What was the good news that Gideon had come to share?

78 Explain clearly how Pascal's mother was heroic?

79 Why did "questions explode" (line 37) in Pascal's mind?

80 In your own words, give two ways which show that Pascal was a kind-hearted boy.

END OF PAPER

ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2011

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TERM : SA1

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
Q	E	B	K	M	N

- 41)adventures 42)interested 43)unique 44)assume 45)the
 46)odour 47)recently 48)heavily 49)took 50)keen
 51)man 52)over 53)top 54)bow 55)heard
 56)against 57)shoot 58)son 59)public 60)arrows
 61)argued 62)apple 63)through 64)jumped 65)hidden
- 66)Helen would rather tell lies than get into a lot of trouble.
 67)In spite spraining his right thumb, Adam participated in the Asian Tennis Tournament.
 68)Marcus told the Principal that Johnny had started the fight.
 69)None of us was absent from the school dinner.
 70)Having emerged top of his cohort in the recent examinations, Ahmad can now have his pick of scholarships.
 71)Pascal was a slave who had worked in the Big House.
 72)He was worried about how people would treat him now that Mama was dead.
 73)People were afraid that Pascal would tell master about what they were talking in them getting a beating.
 74)Pascal had secretly saved one of those men from a beating by using his big walking stick to break a window for both of them to escape.
 75)It refers to the fact that Pascal's brother Gideon had finally returned after two years.
 76)The phrase is "heart seemed squeezed-to-bursting with happiness".
 77)The good news was that President Lincoln freed the slaves including Pascal and Gideon two years ago and they were going to have their own land.
 78)She kept asking for more food for the slaves and as a result was shot by the creek.
 79)He was excited about the good news and wanted to ask Gideon where he had been and how reliable the news was.
 80)He had saves another slave from being beaten be Master and he had never complained to master about anyone. He volunteered to look after Nelly.