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2011 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION
ENGLISH LANGUAGE – PAPER 2
LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION
PRIMARY 6

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Date : 24 August 2011

BOOKLET A

30 Questions

30 Marks

Duration of Paper: 1 h 50 min

Note:

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Read carefully the instructions given at the beginning of each part of the booklet.
3. Do not waste time. If a question is difficult for you, go on to the next one.
4. Check your answers thoroughly and make sure you attempt every question.
5. In this booklet, you should have the following:
 - a. Page 1 to Page 10 (including 1 blank page)
 - b. Questions 1 to 30

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



Hop On – Hop Off

Sydney's only open top tourist bus service
Our double-decker buses with the unique open top provide the best value sightseeing worldwide.

Hop on, hop off as many times as you like, for 24/48 hours and you can change between the Sydney and Bondi Tour.



Sydney + Bondi

34 STOPS including:

- ▲ Sydney Harbour Bridge ▲ Opera House
- ▲ Circular Quay ▲ The Rocks ▲ Darling Harbour
- ▲ Bondi Beach ▲ Kings Cross

5 top reasons to tour with CITYSIGHTSEEING

1. Fantastic 360° views looking from the open top double-decker
2. Great photographs without glare from window glass
3. 1 ticket valid for 24 hours for 34 stops to hop on and hop off around Sydney & Bondi
4. Professional commentary in English recorded by an Australian television personality
5. HOP ON – HOP OFF Service – take a full tour round, use the bus to get from one place to another, or do both!

* 2 adults + 2 children

** time may vary according to season;
an hour earlier in winter, please check with the driver

For any enquiry, call: 02 9567 8400

24hr ticket 48hr ticket

Adult	\$35	\$56
Children (5-16)	\$20	\$32
Backpackers	\$30	\$48
Seniors	\$25	\$40
Family *	\$80	\$128

Buy Your Ticket

- On the bus at any stop • Visitor Centre
- Hotels • Travel Agents • ATS Centres

First tour starts at 8.30am

Last tour ends at 7.30pm **

Frequency: Every 15 – 20 min

10% off your next CITYSIGHTSEEING Tour

Keep your ticket and present it to a staff in any of our tours worldwide to receive your discount.

Over 80 tours worldwide including:

Belfast	Dublin	Oxford
Bristol	Edinburgh	Naples
Brussels	Glasgow	Singapore
Cardiff	Istanbul	Windsor
Copenhagen	London	York

For a full listing of all our tours, please visit our website:

www.city-sightseeing.com

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 advertisement was put up by _____
- (1) Tour Sydney
 - (2) Citysightseeing
 - (3) Hop On – Hop Off
 - (4) Sydney + Bondi Explorer
- 2 If Mr and Mrs Tan, who have two sons aged 14 and 17, wish to tour Sydney on the Hop On – Hop Off bus, they would need to buy _____
- (1) 4 'Adult' tickets
 - (2) 1 'Family' ticket
 - (3) 2 'Adult' and 2 'Children' tickets
 - (4) 3 'Adult' and 1 'Children' tickets
- 3 As the Tan family is touring Sydney in summer, they should end the tour by _____
- (1) 6.30pm
 - (2) 7.30pm
 - (3) 7.45pm
 - (4) 8.30pm
- 4 Michelle has forgotten to buy a bus ticket from the hotel she is staying at. She can then buy it _____
- (1) online
 - (2) on the bus
 - (3) by calling 02 9567 8400
 - (4) from the counter at Opera House
- 5 Based on the advertisement, a person who has bought the Hop On – Hop Off bus ticket in Sydney _____
- (1) cannot stop at Bondi Beach
 - (2) can only take the bus 34 times
 - (3) cannot buy a discounted ticket in Singapore
 - (4) can listen to the commentary only in English

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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 He'd be waiting at the airport, _____?

- (1) had he
- (2) would he
- (3) hadn't he
- (4) wouldn't he

7 All but Hillary _____ a scolding by the teacher earlier this morning:

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

8 Be careful with the penknife _____ you hurt yourself.

- (1) so
- (2) lest
- (3) unless
- (4) because

9 It is impressive that Joy is good _____ mastering both Malay and Chinese languages.

- (1) at
- (2) on
- (3) for
- (4) with

10 Jacob is used to _____ in the room all by himself.

- (1) sleep
- (2) sleeps
- (3) slept
- (4) sleeping

11 If Frank _____ attention to the direction given, he would not have lost his way.

- (1) pays
- (2) paid
- (3) had paid
- (4) would pay

12 _____ of the girls is going to the party.

- (1) All
- (2) Any
- (3) Many
- (4) None

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)

Sandy was a school prefect and she was always eager to help. One day, she noticed a girl standing on one side of a field (13) alone. The rest of the pupils were enjoying a game of soccer at the other side of the field. Sandy approached the girl and asked if she was alright. The girl nodded her head. A little while later, Sandy noticed the girl was still standing in the same spot by herself. Approaching again, Sandy offered, "Would you like me to be your friend?"

The girl looked at Sandy suspiciously and replied hesitantly, "I (14) I suppose."

Feeling she was making progress, Sandy then asked, "Why are you standing here all alone (15) ?"

With an incredulous look on her face, the little girl said with great exasperation, "I have to! I'm the goalkeeper!"

Adapted from www.ahajokes.com

- 13 (1) [-] dash
(2) [:] colon
(3) [-] hyphen
(4) [:] semi colon
- 14 (1) [,] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [...] ellipsis points
(4) [!] exclamation mark
- 15 (1) [.] full stop
(2) [?] question mark
(3) [."] full stop and inverted commas
(4) [?"] question mark and 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 Suzanne's family broke down in tears when she was _____ of theft and was sentenced to a year in prison.

- (1) acquitted
- (2) convicted
- (3) exonerated
- (4) condemned

17 As a counsellor, Mdm Tay's job entails providing career _____ to fresh school-leavers.

- (1) support
- (2) approval
- (3) guidance
- (4) opportunities

18 The pupils were so _____ in the science experiment that they failed to notice the curtain had caught fire.

- (1) entranced
- (2) enthralled
- (3) engrossed
- (4) enchanted

19 Some movies are not appropriate for young viewers as they sometimes contain _____ murder scenes.

- (1) hideous
- (2) atrocious
- (3) repulsive
- (4) gruesome

20 Judging by the way Hong Wen was _____ dressed, Mr Lee could tell that there was nobody to care for him at home.

- (1) scruffily
- (2) chaotically
- (3) haphazardly
- (4) ostentatiously

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)

Mr Rashid works for the Singapore Land Authority. Since 2001, he has always been available whenever something needs fixing at the headquarters. Be it a broken chiller or (21) faulty laptop connection, he will handle any maintenance work. The office dynamo has never (22) turned down requests, even returning over weekends to prepare venues for meetings, (23) ensuring almost single-handedly that everything is ready come Monday morning. Mr Rashid says being hardworking has been his nature all along. He might seem quiet and unassuming but he is sociable and humorous. He engages in good-natured friendly conversation and is (24) usually seen giving high-fives to the other staff returning from lunch. Despite his humble (25) ways, it is clear he takes pride in his work and is popular with his colleagues.

Adapted from 'The Go-To Guy', Challenge, May/June 2011

- 21 (1) at hand
(2) in hand
(3) on hand
(4) off hand
- 22 (1) defective
(2) incorrect
(3) deficient
(4) imperfect
- 23 (1) sets
(2) sites
(3) spots
(4) scenes
- 24 (1) banter
(2) charade
(3) jousting
(4) mockery
- 25 (1) timid
(2) docile
(3) gentle
(4) modest

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

I have just turned fifteen. I am what society calls a 'troubled teen'. I have been in and out of the juvenile court eleven times. I have been in five different homes.

When did my life fall apart? Maybe it was doomed from the beginning but it seemed to me that life changed the day my mother died. Everything went downhill for me from that day on. For one, I was so sad that I could not even function. I did not want to get out of bed, let alone go to school. Because of that, I was labelled a 'truant'. 5

I never knew my father. So when my mother died, I went to live with my sister. She was twenty-five and with a life of her own, she did not want a kid around. Realising that I was just in the way, I knew it would be better if I left. So one day, I did. My sister reported my disappearance to the police. The police found me and took me to a detention facility. There, I was labelled 'homeless'. 10

Then, the court sent me to a group home. I did not feel like I belonged there because the youths who were placed there had done bad things like stealing and using drugs. I had done neither of those. I have never committed any crime. The only thing I had done was 'leave' when I did not feel like I belonged. I do not consider myself a bad guy and I am fairly bright. In school, I even got good grades. More than anything else, I see myself as a boy without parents – and that is a problem. I believe that even if your relationship with your parents is rocky, at least you have a home. 15

Feeling that the group home was not for me, one day, I just slipped out. The police found me again and brought me back. This time, I was labelled a 'runaway'. I was brought back to the group home and I decided to stop running. I did not want any new label for each one carried a terrible penalty. 20

With good behaviour, I am supposed to be released in thirteen days. The even better news is that I have met my father and he has agreed to have me live with him. I really hope that my father and I become a real family. I am hoping my father will be someone who is going to let me have my feelings and not tell me to 'buck up and be a man' as I was told by the warden at the group home. I am still sad about my mother's death and I hope my father will allow me to talk about her. I hope he wants me in his life and that he does not feel that he is stuck with me as my sister had felt. 25

I am hoping for other things too. I am looking forward to going back to school and having friends. I hope the labels I have picked up and the places I have been will not keep me from having nice friends. So if you meet me or someone like me, please be open-minded and give me a chance to be a good friend. I would like you to keep in mind that not everyone with a past is a bad person. He could be just a person who has been down on his luck. 30 35

Adapted from 'Taste Berries | Teens'

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(5 marks)

26 The writer has been to court _____ times.

- (1) five
- (2) eleven
- (3) thirteen
- (4) fifteen

27 The writer believed that his life fell apart the day _____.

- (1) he was born
- (2) his mother died
- (3) he stayed with his sister
- (4) he was placed in a group home

28 The word 'there' (line 11) refers to the _____.

- (1) school
- (2) group home
- (3) juvenile court
- (4) detention facility

29 Why did the writer feel he did not belong in the group home?

- (1) He had his sister to look after him.
- (2) He was the only one without parents.
- (3) He had better grades than the other youths.
- (4) He had never stolen like some of the youths.

30 Which of the following statements is true?

- (1) The writer was labelled a 'truant' for running away from school.
- (2) The writer hopes his father will want him to talk about his mother.
- (3) The writer hopes his father will allow him to voice out his feelings.
- (4) The writer was labelled a 'runaway' for running away from his sister's house.



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BOOKLET B

50 Questions

65 Marks

In this booklet, you should have the following:

- a. Page 11 to Page 18
- b. Questions 31 to 80

BOOKLET	OBTAINED	POSSIBLE
BOOKLET A		30
BOOKLET B		65
TOTAL		95

Parent's Signature : _____

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) about | (D) from | (G) most | (K) their | (N) when |
| (B) and | (E) is | (H) over | (L) these | (P) which |
| (C) by | (F) its | (J) so | (M) this | (Q) with |

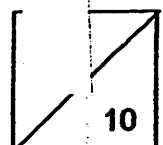
Snakes evolved from lizards over 100 million years ago. Pythons still have evidence of _____ in the form of tiny hips and leg bones under their skin, with a pair of (31) claws where their hind feet used to be. _____ reptiles can go a long time (32) without food but snakes hold the record. There have been many cases of snakes going without food for well _____ a year with no ill effects. (33)

Pythons can detect warm-blooded mammals and birds by body heat alone.

They have heat sensing pits on their lips. _____ connect to the visual part of (34) their brains, so essentially, they are getting an infrared picture of their prey. Despite popular lore, a snake's tongue _____ not venomous. Snakes and many lizards flick (35) _____ tongues in and out to aid their sense of smell. The minute particles that (36) are picked up are analysed _____ an organ in the roof of the mouth, it allows (37) them to smell things beyond the capabilities of the human nose.

Many geckos can walk along walls _____ ceilings by hanging on with (38) tiny hairs on their toe pads. The strands of hair are _____ fine that they can (39) even hang onto glass. Most snakes are equipped _____ rows of pointy, (40) backward pointing teeth to grip and swallow large food items.

Adapted from the display wall in Sydney Wildlife World



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

The event was one for the history books. At the stroke of midnight, Malaysia

(41)

formally handed in ownership of Tanjong Pagar Railway Station to Singapore. The

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(43)

station are built in 1932. The interior of the station was **spaishious**. The tall ceiling

(44)

of the main hall ensured enough sunlight and barely needed **flooresent** lights to

brighten it up.

(45)

(46)

On 30 June 2011, people of all ages **disended** on the railway station as the

last time. Just after 11pm, the last train, with the Sultan of Johor at the driver's

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sit, pulled out of the station for good and the shutters were sadly drawn.

(48)

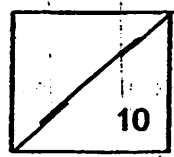
What does the future hold for the station? Sure, the station, with all its

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grandier, will be conserved as a national monument. However, plans for its

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usage have yet to be **anounsed**.



Adapted from www.channelnewsasia.com

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Bullying affects many young people. There are three main areas of bullying: physical, verbal _____ psychological.
(51)

Physical bullying could include hitting, kicking, pushing or _____ someone up.
(52)

Verbal bullying means _____ nasty things to people. Some bullies use this type of bullying
(53)

on people who look different _____ them, for example, people who have a different colour
(54)

skin. Psychological bullying means picking _____ someone without saying anything to
(55)

them or touching them. Instead, the bullies hurt their victims _____ not speaking to them
(56)

at all or not including them in the things they do.

Bullying often happens at a time and a place _____ it will not be seen by teachers or
(57)

parents. This could be during recess, between lessons and in the toilets. In boarding schools,

bullying attacks _____ a lot. The children cannot go home to get away from the bullies and
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nowhere is safe. Cases of bullying _____ very common. Some children are bullied nearly
(59)

every day. They live their lives in fear and misery _____ of it. They become unhappy, and
(60)

find it difficult to _____ on their schoolwork. If you are being bullied, tell someone about it.
(61)

_____ can be done to stop the bullies if no one knows what they are doing.
(62)

Bullies often _____ insecure and worried but they want people to think they are
(63)

tough. They think that they _____ to be forceful to get what they want. They want other
(64)

people to feel _____ bad as they do. Bullies should ask themselves how they would feel if
(65)

they were treated in the same way as they treat other children.

Adapted from 'We're Talking About Bullying'

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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 Yong Sheng was diligent. He did not pass his test with flying colours.

In spite of _____

67 Helen drank her coffee. The waitress offered to refill the cup.

No sooner _____

68 "Did you visit your grandfather like I have asked you to?" Mrs Lee asked her son.

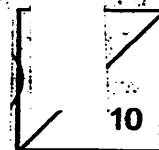
Mrs Lee asked _____

69 I will help you with your homework when I am done with my chores.

_____ until

70 Kali followed the doctor's order strictly. He wanted to recover as soon as possible.

In order to _____



Susan Magdalene Boyle is a Scottish singer who gained instant fame after her superb audition in a television talent show competition, 'Britain's Got Talent'. Born in Blackburn, Scotland, to immigrant parents Patrick and Bridget Boyle, Susan became a worldwide sensation when video clips of the audition and her subsequent performances on the talent show were posted on the internet.

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The youngest of four brothers and six sisters, Susan was born when her mother was 47. She was briefly deprived of oxygen during the difficult birth and was later diagnosed as having learning difficulties. She was bullied as a child and was nicknamed 'Susie Simple' at school. After leaving school with only a few qualifications, she was employed as a trainee cook for six months. That was the only job she had before becoming a singer.

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Susan has always loved singing and is blessed with the voice of an angel. When she was younger, she took singing lessons from a voice coach. She sang in local choirs and performed at pubs in and around her village. In 1999, Susan used all her savings to pay for a professionally-cut demo. She sent copies of her demo CD to record companies, radio talent competitions and national television stations in the hope of being noticed as a professional singer. She also took part in singing competitions and did well enough to clinch the top prize in some. However, prior to her life-changing audition, she was seldom taken seriously as a singer as people were often turned-off by her plain appearance on stage. In fact, she was often ridiculed.

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Susan was very close to her mother. When her father died and her siblings had gotten married, she dedicated herself to care for her ageing mother. After Susan won several local singing competitions, her mother urged her to enter 'Britain's Got Talent'. Her mother wanted her to take the risk of singing in front of an audience larger than the parish church which she was used to. Susan was apprehensive initially. She believed people were being chosen for their looks. She also thought she was too old for the competition.

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In 2007, Susan's mother died at the age of 91. A neighbour reported that Susan was so devastated at her mother's death that she would not come out of her house for a few days or answer the telephone or the doorbell. After she got over the death of her mother, she was motivated to continue to seek a musical career to pay tribute to her beloved mother. She then decided to fulfil her mother's wish for her to enter the talent show.

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When Susan first appeared in front of the judges and hundreds of people in the audience, they did not look impressed with the way she presented herself on stage. She hardly had any make-up on her face, her hair was dishevelled and her dress was frumpy. In fact, when she said that her dream was to be a professional

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singer, the audience sniggered and shook their heads. Even the judges looked at her in disbelief. However, all that changed when she sang the first note of the song 'I Dreamed a Dream'. Her powerful voice stunned both the judges and audience. At the end of her performance, she was given a standing ovation. One of the judges said, "Without a doubt, that was the biggest surprise I have had in three years of the show. That was an incredible performance." Another judge who had tears in her eyes said, "I honestly think we were being very cynical and that was the biggest wake-up call ever."

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Although Susan did not win the competition, she was placed the runner-up. Apart from being well-known globally, what she had gained the most was fulfilling her dream.

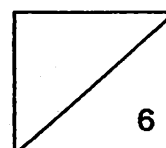
Adapted from http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Susan_Boyle#Biography

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71 What is Susan's occupation?

72 Which word in the passage tells you that her parents were not Scottish?

73 Based on the passage, what could have led to Susan's learning disability?



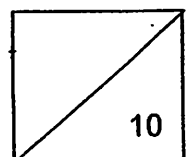
74 What does 'that' in line 10 refer to?

75 What does it mean to have a 'voice of an angel' (line 12)?

76 Why was there a need for Susan to send copies of her demo CD to record companies?

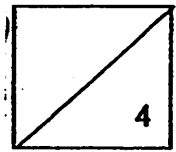
77 State two ways in which Susan showed her devotion to her mother after her mother's death.

78 Quote the sentence from the passage which showed the audience's appreciation of Susan's performance.



79 How did Susan become globally known?

80 Explain fully what the judge meant when she said "that was the biggest wake-up call ever" (line 44) (lines 45-46)



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Booklet A

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
2	4	2	2	4	4	4	2	1	4
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
3	4	1	3	4	2	3	3	4	1
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
3	1	2	1	4	2	2	4	4	3

Booklet B

Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
M	G	H	P	E	K	C	B	J	Q

Q41	Q42	Q43	Q44	Q45
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Q46	Q47	Q48	Q49	Q50
for	seat	surely	grandeur	announced

Q51	Q52	Q53	Q54	Q55	Q56	Q57	
and	beating	saying	from	on	by	where	
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- Q66) In spite of the fact that he was diligent, Yong Sheng did not pass his test with flying colours.
- Q67) No sooner had Helen drunk her coffee, the waitress offered to refill the cup.
- Q68) Mrs Lee asked her son if he had visited his grandfather like she had asked him to.
- Q69) I will not help you with your homework until I am done with my chores.
- Q70) In order to recover as soon as possible, Kali followed the doctor's order strictly.
- Q71) She is a singer.
- Q72) The word is "immigrant".
- Q73) The lack of oxygen during her difficult birth could have led to her learning difficulty.
- Q74) It refers to her being a trainee cook.
- Q75) It means to have a sweet voice.
- Q76) Susan wanted to be noticed as a professional singer.
- Q77) She continued to seek musical career to pay tribute to her mother and fulfilled her mother's wish for her to enter the talent show.
- Q78) The sentence is "At the end of her performance, she was given a standing ovation".
- Q79) She became globally known through video clips of her audition and her subsequent performances on the talent show which were posted on the internet.
- Q80) She meant that the judges and the audience suddenly realised that they should not have been too hasty in judging her based on her look.