



Anglo-Chinese School (Junior)
Anglo-Chinese School (Primary)

2020 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER TWO (BOOKLET A)
PRIMARY SIX

Name: _____ ()

Class: Primary 6 ____

Date: 20 August 2020

Duration of paper: 1h 50 min

For each question from 1 to 10, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(10 marks)

1. My sister is looking forward to _____ in the art competition.
(1) participate
(2) participates
(3) participated
(4) participating
2. Stella _____ succeeded in solving the puzzle if she had not given up after her first attempt.
(1) will have
(2) must have
(3) would have
(4) should have
3. Madam Lim felt a spider _____ up her leg and jumped in horror.
(1) crawl
(2) crawls
(3) crawled
(4) was crawling
4. "I would advise you _____ spending too much time playing video games," said the teacher.
(1) on
(2) for
(3) over
(4) against
5. This book is very popular but _____ are aware of who the author is.
(1) few
(2) little
(3) many
(4) much

6. The project submission deadline was meant to be today, but it has _____ been extended by two weeks.

- (1) while
- (2) since
- (3) except
- (4) because

7. Each of the students _____ given a ticket to the fair recently.

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

8. When Jenny removed the warm cake from the oven, she realised that she _____ to add sugar.

- (1) forget
- (2) forgot
- (3) has forgotten
- (4) had forgotten

9. Mei Li decided not to study overseas _____ the recent travel restrictions.

- (1) owing to
- (2) in spite of
- (3) regardless of
- (4) resulting from

10. "That boy lost his mobile phone in the school field, _____?" asked Jared.

- (1) didn't he
- (2) hasn't he
- (3) hadn't he
- (4) shouldn't he

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For each question from 11 to 15, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(5 marks)

11. Tom _____ his father. He likes fishing as much as his father does.

- (1) takes in
- (2) takes on
- (3) takes up
- (4) takes after

12. The conman's disguise did not work as the detective _____ him immediately.

- (1) retraced
- (2) perceived
- (3) recognised
- (4) distinguished

13. Upon seeing the box full of toys, the girl _____ towards it excitedly.

- (1) strolled
- (2) strutted
- (3) scurried
- (4) sashayed

14. The audience responded with _____ applause when Kurt finished his splendid performance.

- (1) ominous
- (2) laborious
- (3) thunderous
- (4) prosperous

15. Durians are _____ on buses and trains because of their strong smell.

- (1) omitted
- (2) rejected
- (3) exempted
- (4) prohibited

For each question from 16 to 20, choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

Henry was hard at work in his room. After a while, he found himself nodding away as he had been intently reading his textbooks and revision notes. Feeling tired, he rubbed his eyes and stretched his arms. He was so exhausted that he could not understand another word! He badly needed a break.

Henry proceeded to the kitchen to get a cold drink. He caught a faint smell of freshly-baked brownies. When he reached the kitchen, he saw a whole tray of brownies, straight out of the oven. He cut himself a piece and ate it with contentment. Soon, he realised he had gobbled down the entire tray of brownies. He quickly hid the empty tray, hoping no one would find out.

16. (1) observantly
(2) attentively
(3) watchfully
(4) clearly

17. (1) comprehend
(2) scrutinise
(3) analyse
(4) realise

18. (1) puff
(2) gust
(3) whiff
(4) breath

19. (1) warmth
(2) fondness
(3) tenderness
(4) satisfaction

20. (1) nibbled
(2) digested
(3) devoured
(4) swallowed

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Study this flyer and then answer questions 21 to 28.

Hike Singapore

1st October to 31st October 2020



For many of us, all we see in Singapore are high-rise buildings and shopping malls. However, you will be surprised by the amount of greenery that you can find within the city-state and her offshore islands. The best way to explore this? Hiking, of course!

Participate in Hike Singapore, a new initiative to get Singaporeans into the great outdoors. By doing so, you will get to explore the hiking trails in Singapore and appreciate the lush greenery the country has to offer. Not only will you get to enjoy the benefits that come with hiking, you will also enjoy the time to bond with friends and family. This is something we often forgo due to the busy lifestyles we lead.

THE FIVE BENEFITS OF HIKING:

Fitness

Hiking is a good way to improve our fitness, particularly if our route includes some hills, which will force our heart to work harder. Taking a hike on the slightly uneven surface of a trail also strengthens our muscles and improves our sense of balance.

Sharper Mind

Hiking helps our minds stay sharp. How, you may ask? Thanks to the extra oxygen that is taken in during exercise, our brain is more alert.

Stress-Buster

Another benefit of hiking is that it helps to relieve stress. Studies have suggested that spending time in green spaces enables our tired minds to rest after the prolonged use of the computers and mobile phones.

Creativity

Walking in nature allows our minds to wander freely which in turn leads to more creativity. Many experts have suggested that walking in nature allows our minds to wander and encourages creativity. This will, in turn, allow new ideas to flow freely.

Sleep Quality

A strenuous hike helps in ensuring that we get a good night's sleep. The tired body will naturally get sleepy later in the night and one can look forward to a good night's rest!

Visit www.hikesingapore2020.sg for information on all hiking trails in Singapore.

If you have any questions about the event, please email enquiries@hikesingapore2020.sg

Four Hiking Trails to Explore

Merah Park	The easiest of the four suggested trails, this 1-kilometre hike should take you less than 30 minutes. Bird enthusiasts will enjoy the special bird hides along the way. You can observe bird species such as eagles and woodpeckers from them.
Victoria Nature Park	Located at the north of the island, this easy 2-kilometre hike should take about an hour. There are plenty of fruit trees such as jackfruit and bananas. Do look out for the dragonflies. There are at least 56 species that have been recorded in the park, almost half of the dragonfly species found in Singapore.
Coconut Marine Park	This 2-kilometre trail, located along the south-west shore of Singapore, is a little challenging and will take you about 2 hours from one end to the other. Keep your eyes open for the hidden beaches along the way.
Ridge Community Park	Ridge Community Park offers the most challenging trail of 5-kilometres, which will take most hikers about 3 hours to complete. However, once on the trail, you will get to enjoy the beauty of the streams and lakes as well as the many squirrels and monkeys.

Health and Safety Tips:

Wear comfortable footwear

- Choose well-fitting footwear with good ankle support. Make sure they are comfortable enough so you do not get blisters on that long hike.

Select the right trail

- Start off with a shorter and easier trail especially if you have not exercised in a while, or are uncertain of your fitness level.

Check the weather

- Take note of lightning alerts as you check the weather forecast before you begin your hike.

Stay hydrated

- Drink plenty of water during your hike, especially when it is hot.

Carry essentials

- Bring along a small backpack with items like a first-aid kit, mosquito repellent and healthy snacks.

Walk with a friend

- Hike with a partner as a safety precaution. This will ensure there is someone to keep you company and seek help should there be an emergency.



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Adventure Singapore

For each question from 21 to 28, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3, or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(8 marks)

21. Look at the last sentence of the first paragraph, 'Hiking, of course!' Why is the exclamation mark used at the end of the sentence?

- (1) to convey excitement of going hiking
- (2) to emphasise the importance of hiking
- (3) to show urgency of making Singapore a green city
- (4) to draw attention to the many high-rise buildings you can see

22. What is the main aim of Hike Singapore?

- (1) Promote new hiking gear offered by Adventure Singapore.
- (2) Teach people the names of the greenery around Singapore.
- (3) Help people compare the city-state and her off-shore islands.
- (4) Encourage Singaporeans to explore the outdoors with others.

23. According to the flyer, which of the following is true of the benefits of hiking?

- (1) It gives you a better appetite.
- (2) It forces you to wander freely.
- (3) It helps to develop a creative mind.
- (4) It results in less sleep as people are too tired.

24. Jacob wants to find out more about the hiking trails. He should _____.

- (1) visit each trail location
- (2) contact Adventure Singapore
- (3) send an email to the organisers
- (4) check the information on the website

25. Mrs Wee would like to show her son some birds spotted in natural surroundings. Which trail should she select?

- (1) Merah Park
- (2) Victoria Nature Park
- (3) Coconut Marine Park
- (4) Ridge Community Park

26. What is the similarity between the Victoria Nature Park and the Coconut Marine Park?

Both trails _____.

- (1) feature similar trees and animals
- (2) are located at similar parts of Singapore
- (3) can be covered in the same length of time
- (4) requires participants to walk a similar distance

27. According to the flyer, which of the following is **not** true about the advice given to hikers?

- (1) Hike with a friend who can look out for you.
- (2) Select a trail suitable for one's own fitness level.
- (3) Ensure weather conditions are appropriate for being outdoors.
- (4) Prepare suitable footwear by purchasing brand new hiking shoes.

28. What is the **main** aim of this flyer?

- (1) provide health and safety tips on hiking
- (2) tell people about Adventure Singapore
- (3) share details about the four hiking trails
- (4) encourage people to participate in 'Hike Singapore'

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PRIMARY SIX

Name: _____ () Class: Primary 6 _____

Date: 20 August 2020

Duration of paper: 1h 50 min

Parent's/Guardian's signature

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. This question paper consists of 9 printed pages.
2. Do not turn this page until you are told to do so.
3. Follow all instructions carefully.

No.	Contents			Marks	Marks Obtained
1.	Oral			30	
2.	Listening Comprehension			20	
3.	Paper 1	CW	SW	55	
4.	Paper 2	Booklet A	Booklet B	95	
Total Marks				200	

There are 10 blanks, numbered 29 to 38, 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

(A) are	(D) during	(G) it	(K) to	(N) which
(B) at	(E) in	(H) on	(L) were	(P) while
(C) can	(F) is	(J) them	(M) when	(Q) with

People have been keeping parrots as pets for many centuries. Some keep them for companionship _____ others keep them for their intelligence. However, the birds' ability _____ (29) _____ mimic human speech and produce a variety of sounds _____ the major (30) _____ (31) reason for people's fascination.

How do parrots produce sounds? Humans have vocal cords, which _____ located high (32) in the throat. _____ we speak, we release air, which passes over the vocal cords and makes (33) _____ vibrate. Unlike humans, parrots do not have vocal cords. Their vocal organs or 'voice (34) boxes', located _____ the bottom of the 'windpipe' or trachea, are sound creators. Tiny (35) muscles move in their 'voice boxes' to create the different sounds they make. As parrots do not depend _____ their mouths and tongues like humans to change the sounds they produce, they (36) _____ sing without opening their beaks. (37)

Parrots learn to talk by imitation, just as young children learn to speak by listening to their parents. _____ training, bird trainers pronounce each word slowly and clearly. This way, (38) parrots are able to repeat them easily.

Today, parrots are still a favourite pet among people all over the world.

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Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes. (12 marks)

The tea ceremony is a unique Japanese tradition. During the ceremony, tea is prepared and drunk in the traditional tea room.

Tea was introduced to Japan when tea seeds were brought in from China. It was first drunk (39) (40) for a medicinal beverage. This beverage only gained popuelarity among people years later. The (41) wealthy members of sosiety would organise tea drinking parties among themselves. They would (42) then show off their expensive tea bowls and their knoedle about tea.

(43) Today, the tea ceremony were practised as a hobby. One of the main purposes of this (44) ceremony is for guests to expeerance the warm and friendly treatment of the Japanese host.

(45) Usually, the traditional tea ceremony took place in a venue surrounded by a garden. The (46) garden is kept simple and peaceful to enkouraje a calm spirit. Flowers with bright colours or deep (47) scents sceents are avoided as they are a distraction.

The host prepares the tea in front of the guests. Each piece of equipment for preparing tea (48) is carefully selected and has their specific place. One of the key things to pay attention to is the (49) host's hands and not the made of the ted itself. Her hand move are considered a part of the "art of tea".

Hence, the Japanese tea ceremony is not only about the taste of the tea, but the manner in which it is served.

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Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

To help keep Singapore clean and safe from the spread of germs and illnesses, each and every one of us should play a part by practising habits of good public hygiene.

The quickest and simplest habit to adopt would be good hand hygiene. We use our hands constantly – touching many different (51) _____, shaking hands with people, eating our meals, typing on our laptops or even playing at school. Naturally, our hands then are the biggest carriers (52) _____ germs.

By washing our hands with soap and water, we can get (53) _____ of germs and prevent the spread of diseases. We should also wash our hands before eating or cooking food and after (54) _____ the toilet. We must also remember to wash our hands after coughing or sneezing and after being in (55) _____ with someone who is ill.

Another good habit to adopt is to turn (56) _____ from other people and cover our noses and mouths with tissue paper when we cough or sneeze. If this is not done, droplets of liquid carrying germs from the nose and mouth will be (57) _____ in the air and other people will (58) _____ them in. We should then throw these dirty or used tissue paper away (59) _____ delay.

We should practise social (60) _____ by visiting a doctor if we have a cough, a runny nose, a sore throat or a fever. It is advisable to (61) _____ crowds until we are well again.

Besides practising personal hygiene, we need to play our part by (62) _____ our surroundings clean, well-ventilated and pest-free. Therefore, we should aim to keep all toilets dry and clean and (63) _____ our trays after eating. In school, we should keep our tables clean by wiping down after our (64) _____ at the canteen.

(65) _____ these habits are easy to adopt, we should practise them consistently. As Singaporeans, let's each do our part to keep Singapore clean and safe.

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Score:

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 Uncle Ben will be here tonight if his flight is not delayed.

_____ unless

67 I was horrified to discover that burglars had broken into my house when I was not at home.

Much to _____

68 My brother said, "I'm excited about going to the zoo today."

My brother said _____

69 Only Ali and Chee Meng do not like playing sports.

Everyone, with the exception _____

70 My pet dog was chewing my slippers in the balcony.

My slippers _____

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Score:

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

(20 marks)

Jonah would never forget how he managed to overcome his shyness and make new friends all because of the timely advice he had heeded a month ago. He remembered that day clearly.

The bell for recess resounded through the corridors at Glendale Primary School. However, instead of heading to the canteen like all the other children did, Jonah, a new student at the school, retreated to the library. He pushed open the swinging door and headed for the nearest bookshelf. Other than the incessant drone of the air-conditioner, the library was quiet and there was barely a soul in sight. Far in a corner, he spotted Mrs Lim, the librarian, who was too busy shelving some books to pay any attention to him. The windows to the library looked out to the canteen. Jonah could hear children laughing and chatting. He wished he was outside playing with some friends but he did not let this bother him.

Suddenly, Jonah heard a rustling sound in the corner. He spun around and saw a pair of eyes peeking at him from behind the bookshelves. Jonah abruptly turned back, eyes wide as saucers. "Oh dear!" he whispered. He peeked over his shoulder again and saw a smaller boy on crutches walking towards him.

"Hi," the boy muttered awkwardly from behind Jonah. "Can I sit with you?" he asked.

"Um...yes," Jonah said, his face flushed red with embarrassment. The boy pulled out the chair next to him and sat down.

"I'm Henry. Why are you reading here when you could be playing with your friends instead?"

"Uh..." Jonah looked around the library, avoiding Henry's gaze. He did not want Henry to know the real reason he was in the library. What would Henry think of him if he knew Jonah did not have any friends? It would make Jonah feel more miserable. Sensing Jonah's hesitation, Henry replied, "It's alright. Finish reading your book. I'll sit with you!"

As Jonah turned the page, he realised Henry was still sitting there, watching him steadily. He had the same look in his eye as Jonah's father during the quiet car rides home from school. Jonah was helplessly tight-lipped whenever his father asked whom he had played or eaten with at school. From his silence, Jonah's father knew he was lonely. It was not that Jonah did not have any friends. They all just happened to live really far away. Jonah would stay up late at night chatting on the computer with his old friends from his previous school. Somehow, it made him feel close to them despite the distance. After being transferred to a new school, Jonah realised how difficult it was to make new friends. Furthermore, everyone had different interests and their own circle of friends already.

"I know how you feel," Henry said, as if he could read Jonah's mind. "I know what it's like to be lonely now that I'm here. Just look at my cast. With this broken leg, I'm stuck here the whole week and cannot go out to play!" Henry said in frustration. "That's why I turn to books for comfort to keep myself occupied," he continued, smiling.

"I'm not lonely," Jonah replied.

"Oh, come on," Henry said, rolling his eyes. "I can see it in your face. You look miserable."

Jonah was startled as he had not expected a total stranger to sense his loneliness. "Just say hello to someone today," Henry encouraged. "I promise they'll respond. Once you've made the first move, it just gets easier."

Jonah sighed, not knowing what to do next. Henry obviously did not understand how challenging that was going to be. However, Jonah appreciated the advice and thanked him before making his way out of the library. In the hallway outside the library, a boy from Jonah's class was crouched on the floor, picking up pens, pencils, and highlighters that had dropped out of his pencil case. Fighting the urge to just walk away, Jonah leaned down and picked up a few pens. Then, he remembered what Henry had advised him.

"Hello, I'm Jonah. Let me help you," he offered. The boy looked up at him.

"Thank you! My name is Ruben."

Victory at last, Jonah thought, feeling proud of himself.

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Adapted from *Lonely* by unknown author

- 71 Pick out a five-word phrase from the second paragraph that tells us that the library was not crowded. [1m]

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- 72 Why were Jonah's eyes "wide as saucers" (line 11)? [2m]

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- 73 Based on paragraphs 2 and 8, fill in the blanks below. [2m]

When Jonah went to the new school (Paragraph 2)

⇒ he did not _____

When Jonah's father asked him about his friends from school (Paragraph 8)

⇒ he did not _____

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- 74 Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right. [3m]

Word (s) from the passage	What the word (s) refer (s) to
this (line 9)	
The boy (line 15)	
It (line 20)	

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- 75 Based on lines 5-29, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

	True / False	Reason
a) Mrs Lim ignored Jonah because she dislikes children.		
b) Jonah felt comfortable when Henry wanted to sit with him.		
c) Jonah kept in touch with his old friends from his previous school.		

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- 76 What did Henry mean when he said "I know how you feel"? (line 30) [2m]

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- 77 Why do you think Henry rolled his eyes at Jonah in line 35? [1m]

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- 78 Which two of the following words best describe how Jonah felt in lines 39-43? Put a tick ✓ in the box beside each of your answers. [2m]
DO NOT TICK MORE THAN TWO BOXES.

grateful

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satisfied

☐

proud

☐

shocked

☐

lonely

☐

helpless

☐
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79 Fill in the following table by identifying the correct word(s) from the passage. [2m]

Question	Word (s) from the passage
a) Which word from lines 36-40 tells us that Henry's advice was not easy?	
b) Which three-word phrase from lines 41-43 tells us that Jonah tried to resist the thought of not helping the boy?	

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80 What was the victory and why was Jonah proud of himself (line 46)? Support your answer with information from the passage. [2m]

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Booklet A

Q 1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
1	3	1	4	1	2	4	4	1	1
Q 11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
4	4	3	3	4	2	1	3	4	3
Q 21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28		
1	4	3	4	1	4	1	4		

Booklet B

Q 29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
P	K	F	A	M	J	B	H	C	D
Q39)	as		Q43)	is		Q47)	scent		
Q40)	Popularity		Q44)	experience		Q48)	its		
Q41)	society		Q45)	takes		Q49)	making		
Q42)	knowledge		Q46)	encourage		Q50)	Movements		

Q51)	surface	Q56)	away	Q61)	avoid
Q52)	of	Q57)	spread	Q62)	keeping
Q53)	rid	Q58)	breathe	Q63)	return
Q54)	using	Q59)	without	Q64)	meals
Q55)	contact	Q60)	responsibility	Q65)	since
Q66)	Uncle Ben will be here tonight unless his flight is delayed.				
Q67)	Much to my horror, I discovered that burglars had broken into my house when I was not at home.				
Q68)	My brother said that he was excited about going to the zoo that day.				

Q69)	Everyone, with the exception of Ali and Chee Meng, likes playing sports.
Q70)	My slippers were being chewed in the balcony by my pet dog.
Q71)	Barely a soul in sight
Q72)	He was shocked as he had seen a pair of eyes peeking at him from behind the bookshelves.
Q73)	→have friends →reply
Q74)	(line 9) --- Jonah wishing her was outside playing with some friends. (line15) --- Henry (line 20) --- Henry's thought of Jonah if he knew Jonah did not have friends.
Q75)	a)False --- Mrs Lim was too busy shelving some books to pay attention to Jonah. b)False --- His face flushed red with embarrassment. c)True --- Jonah would stay up late at night chatting on the computer with his old friends from his previous school.
Q76)	Henry meant that he knew that Jonah felt lonely.
Q77)	He did not believe that Jonah was not lonely.
Q78)	grateful helpless
Q79)	a)challenging b)fighting the urge
Q80)	He was excited because he had managed to overcome his fear of making friends and overcoming his shyness.