



ROSYTH SCHOOL
PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2020
ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
PRIMARY 6

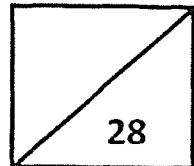
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TOTAL DURATION FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 h 50 min

BOOKLET A

Instructions to Pupils:

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

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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. Every couple _____ given a T-shirt at the carnival last weekend.
- (1) is
(2) are
(3) was
(4) were
2. The teacher has explained the topic a few times _____ the students should have no problem understanding it.
- (1) or
(2) so
(3) yet
(4) because
3. "Passers-by offered to help the injured lady, _____?" the policeman asked a witness.
- (1) did she
(2) did they
(3) didn't she
(4) didn't they
4. All the students but one _____ in the consent forms to their form teacher.
- (1) hand
(2) hands
(3) has handed
(4) have handed
5. The boy would not have missed the bus if he _____ early the previous night.
- (1) slept
(2) had slept
(3) would sleep
(4) was sleeping

6. "Please give me a hand with _____ carton of drinks here," the old man said.

- (1) this
- (2) that
- (3) these
- (4) those

7. Matthew helped his mother _____ an errand before he went to school.

- (1) run
- (2) ran
- (3) runs
- (4) running

8. The salesman said, " _____ you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me."

- (1) will
- (2) shall
- (3) might
- (4) should

9. She knew very little about the buddy _____ she had been assigned to spend time with.

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

10. When we were playing in the garden, the bees flew out of their hive and swarmed _____ us.

- (1) into
- (2) with
- (3) round
- (4) across

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 mark)

- 11 "Let's _____ a plan before we proceed any further with this project," the group leader suggested.
- (1) fish out
(2) draw up
(3) think over
(4) put across
12. The crowds were _____ by the splendid fireworks display and cheered enthusiastically.
- (1) captivated
(2) stimulated
(3) bewildered
(4) preoccupied
13. The hike up the mountain was long and arduous so the _____ climbers had to take a short break.
- (1) active
(2) weary
(3) drowsy
(4) energetic
14. Before the examination, the teachers had to _____ that the furniture in the hall had been arranged according to the recommendations.
- (1) assist
(2) accept
(3) advocate
(4) ascertain.
15. Alice always _____ whenever her mother asks her to help out with the household chores. She would take her own sweet time to complete them.
- (1) resists
(2) hesitates
(3) delegates
(4) procrastinates

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

A bomb was dropped in a village. Peter, a volunteer rescuer with the defence force, arrived at the scene of the blast with his team. The stunned villagers thought it was an (16) earthquake. Peter watched carefully at the sky until the last fighter plane flew past him. (17) Immediately, Peter and his team pulled two families out of the scattered pieces of (18) remains. One of the mothers cried out desperately that her two-week-old baby was missing. (19) The team started digging through the concrete slabs as cautiously as possible to avoid injuring the baby. They finally spotted the child. Using whatever tools at their disposal, they (20) lifted a concrete slab before pulling the baby out. The moment became known as the "miracle baby" rescue, after the scene had gone viral.

Adapted from Buzzfeed, 'The Miracle Baby'.

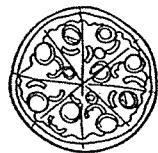
16. (1) crash
(2) outburst
(3) eruption
(4) explosion
17. (1) had an eye for
(2) kept an eye on
(3) turned a blind eye to
(4) saw a bird's eye view of
18. (1) debris
(2) refuse
(3) scraps
(4) garbage

19. (1) excitedly
(2) dejectedly
(3) helplessly
(4) animatedly

20. (1) available
(2) attainable
(3) affordable
(4) achievable

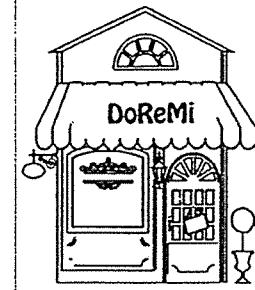
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Study this advertisement and then answer questions 21 to 28.

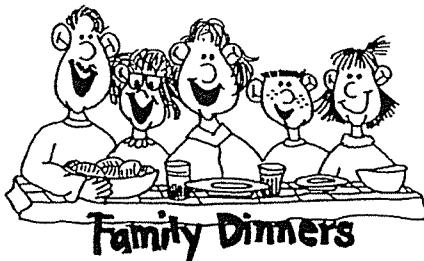


DoReMi Pizza

Re-opening of our outlet at Muffins Mall
on
5 September 2020



Calling all pizza lovers! After two months of renovation, we are back with a fresh new look and new flavours!



Dinnertime Specials on 5 September 2020

For every purchase of a pizza when you dine in with your family of at least 5 members, you

- qualify to participate in the Muffins Mall Grand Draw
- stand a chance to win 5 deluxe-sized pizzas.

No minimum purchase is required.
Prizes are sponsored by Muffins Mall.

For more information on the Muffins Mall Grand Draw, visit www.muffinsmall.com.sg or call Miss Tammy Lim at 6123 1234 during office hours.



EAT with a HEART

As part of our re-opening celebration, DoReMi Pizza is working together with

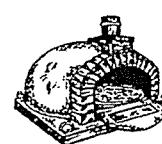


The Giving Plant, a non-profit organisation, that feeds the needy through its food distribution programme. It was established in 1990 by a couple who decided to channel surplus food from eateries to those in need.

For all dine-in customers only!

- DoreMi Pizzza will sponsor one pizza to The Giving Plant for every pizza sold.
- Customers may also make a one-time pledge of \$10 to the organisation.

So HURRY! Come and dine at DoReMi Pizza NOW!!!

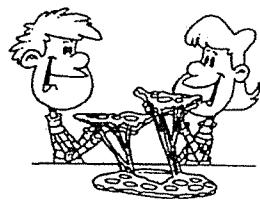


Come and taste the pizzas cooked in a new wood-fired oven, which is the first of its kind in Singapore. Enjoy the live music by a local band when you dine in. Live band available only on Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays. Song dedications can be made on special occasions only. Special appearances by overseas celebrities for autograph signing once a month. Look out for details online.

– Mr Mario, Supervisor.



Open daily except Mondays
Operating hours: 10am – 10pm
(Last order is at 9.30pm)



The HAPPIEST DEALS

For limited period only – 5 Sep 2020 till 30 Sep 2020

To mark the re-opening of our outlet at Muffins Mall, we are giving
the best pizza deals in town.

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL!



The first 10 customers to patronise our restaurant between 12 noon and 2pm during the promotion period will receive a complimentary cup of coffee or a glass of orange juice.

BEAT THE QUEUE!



Your order is just a click away! Order, pay online and self-collect at our newly-opened outlet. What is more? Get a FREE bottle of Cococolo when you spend \$59 and above.



Terms and conditions

- Valid for takeaways only
- Limited to 1 free bottle of Cococolo per customer



Here to serve all year long!
For delivery and takeaway,
please call our HOTLINE at 9122 9122.

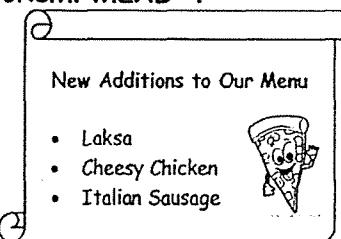
TASTY TWOSOMES

Complete your meal with any two of the following sides for \$10.

- Onion rings
- Spicy wings
- 4-piece chicken nuggets



DOUBLE YOUR HAPPINESS if you buy THE DoReMi MEAL* !



Upsize any of the new flavours from Regular to Deluxe for \$12 instead of \$30.

Get a free dessert with every order from the new flavours.

* Includes a drink and a side dish.



ABOUT US

We can host birthday parties and corporate events for groups of 20 people in our 2 large function rooms. Reservations can only be made through our special events booking hotline at 6123 4567. You can drop by for a site visit before your event. For other enquiries, you may email us at enquiries@doremipizza.com or you may visit our website www.doremipizza.com.sg for other promotions and updates.

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. The main aim of the advertisement is to _____.

- (1) excite pizza lovers with cash vouchers
- (2) raise funds for the children in Sunshine Home
- (3) invite families to have dinner together at the restaurant
- (4) announce that DoReMi Pizza will be resuming its operations

22. To find out more about the Muffins Mall Grand Draw, one should _____.

- (1) email Mr Mario
- (2) call Miss Tammy Lim
- (3) patronise DoReMi Pizza restaurant
- (4) spend more than \$59 at Muffins Mall

23. Why is 'EAT with a HEART' an appropriate sub-heading for that section?

- (1) DoReMi Pizza works closely with The Giving Plant.
- (2) DoReMi Pizza is celebrating its re-opening by sponsoring pizzas.
- (3) More pizzas can be channelled to the needy when DoReMi Pizza sells more pizzas.
- (4) Customers who order pizzas for delivery can make a pledge of \$10 to The Giving Plant.

24. According to Mr Mario, DoReMi Pizza _____.

- (1) invites local celebrities for autograph signing.
- (2) uses a new wood-fired oven to bake their pizzas
- (3) provides music from a local live band only on weekdays
- (4) has a local live band that provides song dedications for all dine-in customers

25. Anyone who wants to hold a birthday party at DoReMi Pizza can make a reservation by _____.

- (1) making a site visit
- (2) calling the hotline at 6123 4567
- (3) emailing enquiries@doremipizza.com
- (4) visiting the website www.doremipizza.com.sg

26. Nick and his parents will be having dinner at DoReMi Pizza on 5 September 2020. If they order a Cheesy Chicken pizza, they are entitled to _____.
- (1) a free dessert
(2) a bottle of Cococolo
(3) five deluxe-sized pizzas
(4) participate at Muffins Mall Grand Draw
27. Before the end of September, anyone who orders a DoReMi Meal _____.
- (1) gets any deluxe pizza for only \$12
(2) enjoys a discounted price for only 3 types of pizzas
(3) receives a free dessert with any order of side dishes
(4) gets a complimentary coffee during its opening hours
28. Which of the following is true of 'The Happiest Deals'?
- (1) Chicken nuggets are sold at 10pm daily.
(2) The promotions are valid for only a limited period.
(3) Cococolo is given out for every delivery purchase from 10am to 10pm
(4) Tasty Twosomes meals comprise chicken nuggets, spicy wings and onion rings.

(Go on to Booklet B)



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BOOKLET B

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	Maximum	Marks Obtained
Booklet A	28	
Booklet B	67	
Total	95	

Component	Question Numbers	Marks Obtained
Comprehension Cloze	51 – 65	
Comprehension Open-ended	71 – 80	

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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.

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|--------------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| (A) although | (D) for | (G) is | (K) their | (N) what |
| (B) also | (E) had | (H) on | (L) to | (P) which |
| (C) from | (F) has | (J) the | (M) was | (Q) with |
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Today, everyone is connected to one another by the Internet. In the past, communication among people _____ restricted by long distances. This barrier
(29) _____ now been lifted with the help of social networking.

(30) Online social networks such as Facebook and Instagram connect people easily in the present world. How then do such networks influence _____ lives of
(31) students today?

_____ so many networking sites on the internet, students are tempted
(32) to abandon _____ homework so that they can chat with friends online. Social
(33) networks provide them with the opportunity to make new friends and comment
_____ the lives of different people. They can _____ create other
(34) (35) online identities that the real world does not allow. Such acts lead _____ a
(36) waste of time that could have been used for studying or learning of new skills.

It is therefore necessary to impose certain regulations over the use of such social networking sites _____ students to safeguard their wellbeing and
(37) personal security. They need to decide _____ really matters in their lives. This
(38) is because participating actively in social networking can affect students' grades as it can distract them from their studies.

Adapted from technicianonline.com, Sep 13, 2015

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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 Rain Vortex in Jewel Changi Airport is the world's tallest indoor waterfall.

(39)

At 40 metres in height, this strukture is located in the centre of the airport. It is

(40)

sirounded by a four-storey terraced forest. A controlled flow of water falls from edge

(41)

(42)

of the opening in the megnificent roof. From there, it streams down seven floors till

basement 2, creating a "cascading bead curtain".

(43)

In the day, the beauty of the waterfall will messmarise visitors as the sunlight

(44)

(45)

shines on them. When the sky outside darkens, the kontinewous pour of the Rain

(46)

Vortex creates a magic display. At night, this 'bead curtain' becomes a screen on which

(47)

a light-and-sound show is projected. Specialty music and mist effects are added to

(48)

(49)

enhancement the performance, which aims to be a unique experience for guests.

(50)

Due to the sheer size of the attraction, visitors can relax in one of the many

viewing points and enjoy the captivating show. The Rain Vortex is indeed worth a visit.

Adapted from <https://www.jewelchangiairport.com/en/attractions/rain-vortex.html>

There are many different kinds of mole rats. The best known is probably the naked mole rat _____ hairless and wrinkled body make it look like a tiny (51) walrus. It is also known as 'sand puppy' and it is native _____ many parts (52) of East Africa.

Naked mole rats are rodents but they live in communities like those of many insects. Several dozen rats live _____ colonies led by one dominant (53) rat—the queen. Like some insect species, the queen is larger than the rest and it is the only _____ to breed and bear young. (54)

Worker mole rats _____ burrows for the whole colony to stay in, (55) using _____ protruding teeth and snouts. Most of the time, they eat the (56) roots and bulbs of plants. _____, they occasionally emerge to search for (57) seeds or other plants. The naked mole rats do not drink as they obtain all the _____ they need through their food. If a predator tries to enter a tunnel, (58) "soldier" mole rats pile up to block the _____ and protect the colony. (59) Snakes are their greatest predators. Thus, these mole rats will put up a fight _____ allowing any snakes into the burrow to eat the queen. (60)

Naked mole rats have many adaptations that _____ them to thrive (61) in a harsh underground environment which has a _____ oxygen level. (62) They can hold their breaths _____ up to 18 minutes in zero-oxygen (63) conditions. Almost completely blind, the naked mole rats _____ on their (64) acute sense of smell and hearing. Their legs are thin and short but they are highly skilful at moving in narrow underground tunnels. They can move backward as fast as they can move _____. (65)

Another amazing fact about the naked mole rats is that while the average mice live for around four years, they may live for more than thirty years.

Adapted from <https://nationalzoo.si.edu/animals/naked-mole-rat>

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. Sam is the class monitor, he strives to be the role model for the class.

Being _____

67. Don't touch the wall as it ~~is~~ freshly painted," Jack reminded his sister.

Jack reminded his sister _____

68. The school attendants are cleaning the school compound more frequently.

The school compound _____

69. Susan persevered and she succeeded in her business.

_____ because of

70. John went to the arcade. His mother did not know.

_____ without

Read this passage and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

It was minutes after midnight and Toffie's howling made me jump out of my bed. I felt my hair stand. A ghost? Are the boys fooling around? That was more likely. I reached the door in three strides and flung it open.

The familiar stench and the boys' cries that greeted me were more frightening than any ghost. **Something was burning!** Leaping down the stairs, with my loyal dog at my heels, I pushed open the door and rang the emergency bell. Seconds later, I was half-way up the stairs leading to the dormitories. A stream of boys collided into me, so I had to grab the iron rail to prevent myself from falling back. I managed to grab Bob, a senior, and bellowed, "Is everyone out of the Junior Dormitory?"

Just then, Ricky, the duty prefect, appeared and shouted above the din, "Take it easy! Don't push!"

I fought my way up. I grabbed Ricky by the shoulders and yelled, "Counted the juniors? Are they all out?"

Ricky replied, "Eighteen, Sir! But I didn't see the two Smith brothers!"

"Go down, line them up and send someone over to the office to call the fire brigade!" I instructed.

With a determined nod, Ricky was gone, leaving me alone on the stairs. The smoke was thickening and the glow beyond it spreading. What troubled me now was the safety of the Smith brothers who had arrived only a week ago. **Then a sickening thought occurred to me.** "They probably don't even know the building well enough!"

Covering my face with a handkerchief, I dashed towards the Junior Dormitory. I was stunned. Seeing the Junior Dormitory ablaze, I could not go on. However, I was terribly unwilling to leave. I stood there, not knowing what to do. Then in the light of the flames, I saw Bob again, who came towards me and gasped, "They're out on the rooftop, Sir!"

When I was at the parade square, I could see two small figures, peering down and right below them, some senior boys were carrying a large canvas sheet. With no time to lose I grabbed Bob by the arm, saying, "The rope in the gym ... the one with the hook ... we'll have to get it!"

We elbowed boys out of our way and returned with the rope shortly. I shouted, "I could make it from the window. Keep that team holding the sheet in position!" Then I ran to the window. I lifted one foot, then I scrambled up the pipe, with the rope around my neck. Once I was on the rooftop, I secured the hook under a window ledge before persuading the Smith brothers to grab the rope. I told the older Smith, Tom, "**This** is strong enough to support a horse. If you slip, there's a canvas sheet to catch you. Don't hesitate!"

Tom's voice seemed steady enough as he said, "I'll do it, Sir. But my brother..."

The younger Smith, Jimmy, an eight year-old, was terrified.

Above the roar of the flames, I could hear Tom coaxing his younger sibling. Between us, we managed to slip the loop over Jimmy's shoulders and tighten it around his waist. However, the boy clung to the pipe with both hands and refused to move. While I was still deciding what to do, I saw Tom's right hand move, just once and very forcefully. Then, he lifted his brother and lowered him down.

After what seemed like ages, Tom and I reached the ground safely. He was grinning and rubbing the knuckles of his right hand.

I asked, "Where's Jimmy?"

He replied, almost apologetically, "He's still unconscious, Sir. I had to do it."

He looked up, grinned again and held up **his bruised knuckles for inspection.**

Adapted from <http://www.englishdaily626.com/comprehension.php?101>

71. Pick out the four-word phrase from the first paragraph which tells us that the author was scared. [1m]

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72. How did the author know that 'something was burning' (line 5)? [2m]

73. What did the author do to alert the boys about the fire? [1m]

74. Which two of the following words best describe Ricky's character in lines 10 -14? Put a tick in the correct boxes. [2m]

calm	<input type="checkbox"/>
anxious	<input type="checkbox"/>
dependable	<input type="checkbox"/>

excited	<input type="checkbox"/>
arrogant	<input type="checkbox"/>
nervous	<input type="checkbox"/>

75. "Then a sickening thought occurred to me." (line 19-20) What did the author think would happen to the Smith brothers? Give two reasons why he thought so. [3m]

Reason 1:

Reason 2:

**What would happen to the
Smith brothers?**

76. The author was faced with a dilemma twice during his attempt to get the Smith brothers out — of the building. Identify the moments when he was unsure of what to do. [2m]

1st instance of dilemma happened when _____

2nd instance of dilemma happened when _____

77. Based on the story, 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) The dog was left in the room when the author went to alert the boys about the fire.		
b) The author was almost pushed down the stairs by the boys.		
c) The author used the stairs to get to the roof.		

78. 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. [2m]

Word from the passage	What the word(s) refer(s) to
That (line 2)	
This (line 33)	

79. Pick out words from lines 36 – 31 which show how Tom handles his brother during the rescue attempt. Each word is found in a separate sentence. [2m]

Before slipping in the loop

After slipping the loop

80. "... his bruised knuckles for inspection." (line 46) Explain clearly how Tom's knuckles became bruised. [2m]

End of Booklet B

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Booklet A

Q 1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
3	2	4	4	2	1	1	4	3	3
Q 11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
2	1	3	4	4	4	2	1	3	1
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28		
4	2	3	2	2	4	1	2		

Booklet B

Q 29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
M	F	J	Q	K	H	B	L	D	N
Q39)	structure	Q43)	mesmerise	Q47)	Special				
Q40)	surrounded	Q44)	it	Q48)	enhance				
Q41)	magnificent	Q45)	continuous	Q49)	unique				
Q42)	to	Q46)	magical	Q50)	at				

Q51)	whose	Q56)	their	Q61)	help
Q52)	to	Q57)	However	Q62)	low
Q53)	In	Q58)	water	Q63)	for
Q54)	one	Q59)	entrance	Q64)	depend
Q55)	make	Q60)	before	Q65)	forward
Q66)	Being the class monitor, Sam strives to be the role model for the class.				
Q67)	Jack reminded his sister not to touch the wall as it was freshly painted.				
Q68)	The school compound is being cleaned more frequently by the school attendants.				

Q69)	Susan succeeded in her business because of her perseverance.
Q70)	John went to the arcade without his mother knowing .
Q71)	Felt my hair stand
Q72)	He smelled familiar stench of something burning and heard the boy's cries.
Q73)	He rang the emergency bell.
Q74)	calm dependable
Q75)	Reason 1) The Smith brothers arrived only a week ago and probably did not know the Junior Dormitory well enough to escape. Reason 2)The fire was getting bigger. →They would be burned in the fire.
Q76)	1 st →he saw that the Junior Dormitory was ablaze. 2 nd →Jimmy clung to the pipe with both hands and refused to move.
Q77)	a)False →The dog followed the author out of the room when he went to alert the boys about the fire. b)True →The boys collided into the author and the author had to grab the iron rail to prevent himself from falling back. c)False→ The author got to the roof by climbing the pipe.
Q78)	(line 2) →the boys fooling around (line 3)→the rope the author was persuading the smith brothers to grab.
Q79)	coaxing forcefully
Q80)	Tom punched his brother forcefully to knock him unconscious so he could bring his brother down from the rooftop using the rope.