



PRIMARY 6 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2024

Name: _____ () Date: 16 August 2024
Class: Primary 6 () Time: 8.00 a.m. – 9.10 a.m.
Duration: 1 hour 10 minutes

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 1

SITUATIONAL WRITING (15 Marks)

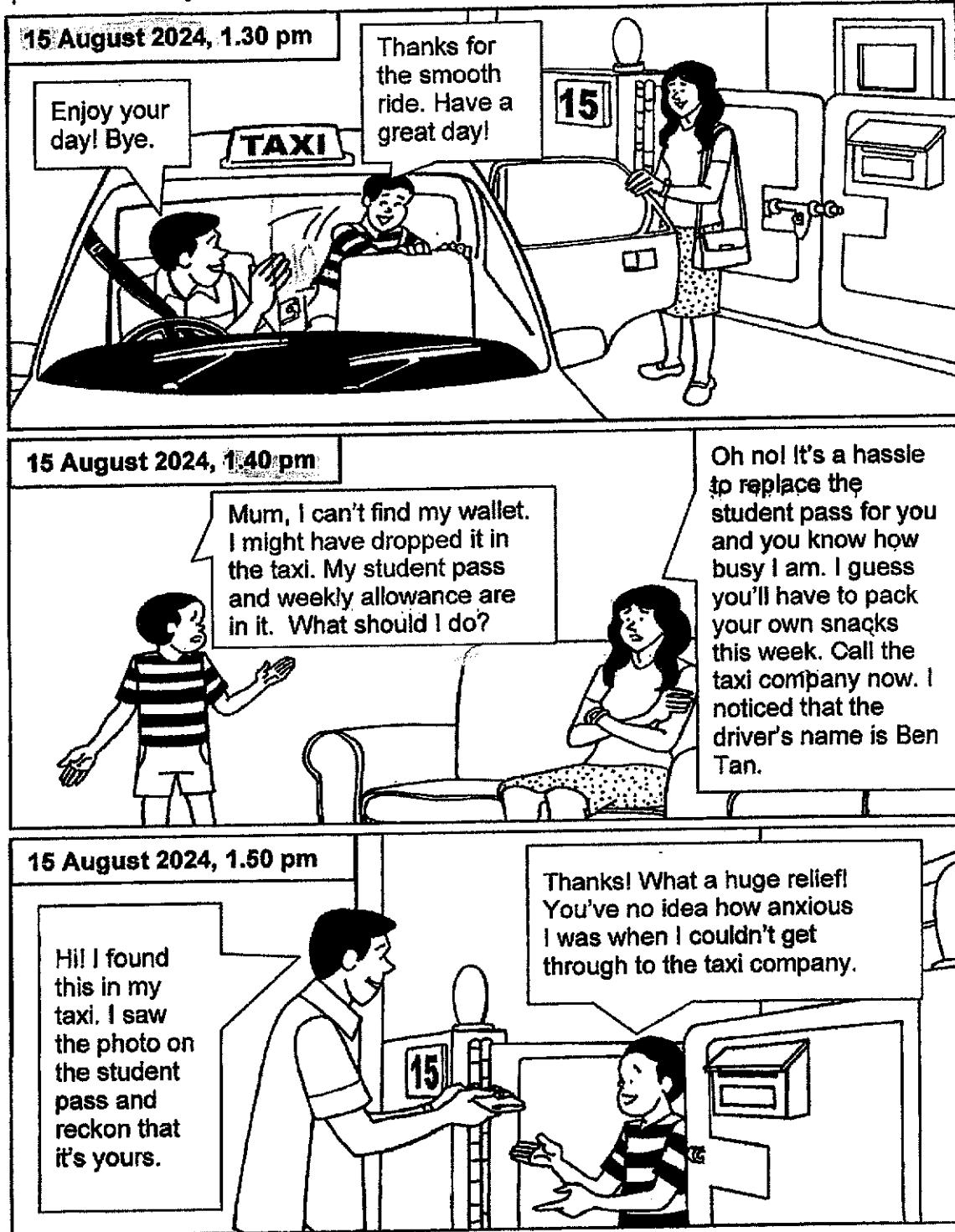
CONTINUOUS WRITING (40 Marks)

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5. Write your answers on the answer sheets provided.

Part 1: Situational Writing (15 marks)

1. The pictures below show what happened after John alighted from a taxi. Study the pictures carefully.



Your Task

Imagine you are John Lee.

Write an email to the manager of the taxi company, Mr Fandi, to inform him about his staff's good deed.

You are to refer to the pictures and information on page 2 for your email.

In your email, include the following key information:

- the date of the incident
- when and where you discovered that you had misplaced your wallet
- what the inconvenience to your mother was
- why you were still worried in spite of taking up your mother's suggestion
- how the taxi driver found out who the wallet's owner was

You may reorder the points. Remember to write in complete sentences.

Part 2: Continuous Writing (40 marks)

2. Write a composition of at least 150 words about working hard for a reward.

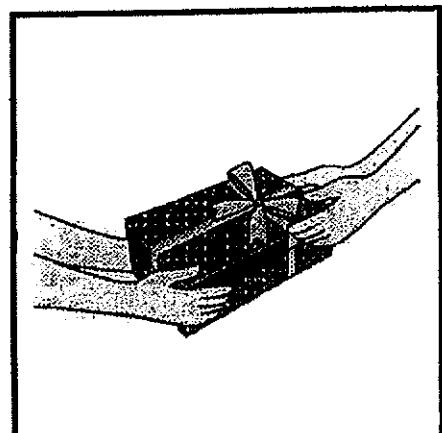
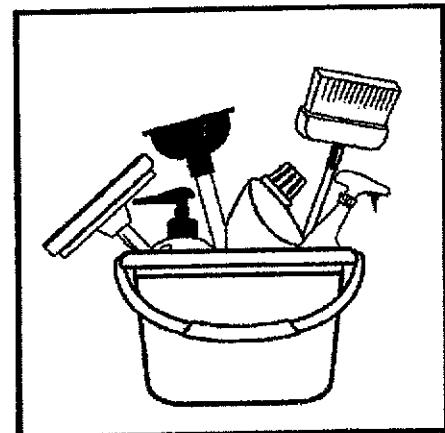
The pictures are provided to help you think about this topic.

Your composition should be based on one or more of these pictures.

Consider the following points when you plan your composition.

- What was the reward?
- How was the reward earned?

You may use the points in any order and include other relevant points as well.



End of Paper



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

Parent's signature: _____

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2 (BOOKLET A)

Booklet A	/28
Booklet B	/67
Total	/95

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

1. Write your name, class and register number.
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3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Answer all questions.
5. Use a 2B pencil to shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

This booklet consists of 10 printed pages.

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 OAS. (10 marks)

1. "Don't hesitate to contact me _____ you need any kind of help," said my brother reassuringly.
(1) might
(2) could
(3) would
(4) should

2. _____ their lunch break, the construction workers have been working continuously since nine in the morning.
(1) Besides
(2) Owing to
(3) Apart from
(4) In addition to

3. "She's never attended any of the meetings, _____?" Muthu asked me.
(1) did she
(2) has she
(3) didn't she
(4) hasn't she

4. Mr Kumar is the teacher _____ you must report to at the campsite.
(1) who
(2) which
(3) whom
(4) whose

5. The scientist could not conclude the experiment because there is _____ information to support it.
(1) few
(2) little
(3) much
(4) many

6. "It was Mrs Jaya, and not her children, who walked home by _____ yesterday," Grandfather told us.
- (1) himself
(2) herself
(3) ourselves
(4) themselves
7. The sportsmanship that our athletes have been exhibiting over the years _____ truly commendable.
- (1) is
(2) are
(3) was
(4) were
8. There was a surge _____ excitement when the school team scored a goal during the football match.
- (1) on
(2) of
(3) with
(4) towards
9. "Did you know that the earrings in the display case _____ to a princess who will be visiting Singapore soon?" asked the museum guide.
- (1) belong
(2) belongs
(3) belonged
(4) have belonged
10. I have never heard my mother _____ that song before.
- (1) sing
(2) sang
(3) sung
(4) sings

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 OAS. (5 marks)

11. The milk powder was immediately _____ after a strain of bacteria was found in the test samples.

- (1) recalled
- (2) revoked
- (3) reviewed
- (4) recollected

12. Jade spoke _____ about attending the graduation concert with a sparkle in her eyes.

- (1) heatedly
- (2) forcefully
- (3) vigorously
- (4) animatedly

13. The _____ son ensured that his retired parents were financially taken care of by starting a savings account for them.

- (1) filial
- (2) loyal
- (3) tactful
- (4) faithful

14. As Mr Jiang was a man of dignity, he refused to do anything that would _____ his principles.

- (1) guard
- (2) oppose
- (3) degrade
- (4) compromise

15. We are confident that the management team will use their _____ to select deserving recipients for the scholarship.

- (1) selection
- (2) operation
- (3) discretion
- (4) permission

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 OAS. (5 marks)

It was my turn to wash the dishes that night. Unwinding from the day's work, my parents were lounging in the living room, sipping tea and watching television. Meanwhile, my brother had retired to his room. I whistled a tune as I gave the greasy saucepan a good scrub, the bottom charred with stubborn bits of food. "Why not inject some fun into such a mundane task?" I thought. Setting the timer on the oven, I challenged myself to finish cleaning the saucepan in three minutes. I scrubbed relentlessly, my hands nearly giving out from the effort. Shortly after, I had completed the task. It had just taken me two and a half minutes! Surpassing my goal, I pranced around the kitchen but stopped abruptly. The sight of the mountain of plates awaiting my attention made me sigh in resignation.

- 16. (1) rejoined
(2) marched
(3) withdrawn
(4) surrendered

- 17. (1) stuck
(2) burnt
(3) ablaze
(4) studded

- 18. (1) tedious
(2) daunting
(3) complicated
(4) monotonous

- 19. (1) In no time
(2) Out of the blue
(3) All of a sudden
(4) Without warning

- 20. (1) Beating
(2) Achieving
(3) Exceeding
(4) Overcoming

Study this article from a magazine and then answer questions 21 to 28.



Eat More Fruit and Vegetables Day

For a healthier and happier you!

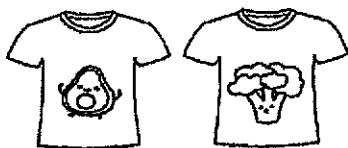
Come on down to Orchard Community Club

26 September 2024, 8a.m. to 7p.m.



In conjunction with The Health Organisation (THO), we are celebrating *Eat More Fruit and Vegetables Day* once again to remind us of the importance of including fresh food in our meals to promote a healthy lifestyle. Daily consumption of fruit and vegetables can prevent or control obesity and chronic diseases such as arthritis and asthma.

Participants wearing green will receive a mystery gift sponsored by Jolly Cafe. Come dressed in green to support eating more greens and promote a healthy lifestyle.



Farmer's Market

Shop for fresh produce from local farmers. Show this cut-out to receive a 10% discount.

Time: 8a.m. to 6p.m.

Venue: Atrium



Award-Winning Jolly Café

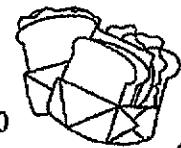
Enjoy a scrumptious, healthy farm-to-table brunch from 11a.m to 3p.m. Walk-in only.

Caesar Salad: \$12

Avocado on Toast: \$10

Kale and Cucumber Juice: \$7

Roasted vegetable sandwich: \$10



Fun activities for children 6 to 12 years old

- Enjoy playing on the world's first vegetable-themed bouncy castle.
- Meet-and-Greet: Miss Lettuce, Mr Kale and Mrs Cauliflower.
- Free food-tasting sessions: 10a.m. to 11a.m. and 11a.m. to 12p.m. Only 50 vacancies are available for each tasting session.

More hydration. More life!

Eat water-rich foods to stay hydrated. Cucumbers and lettuces contain over 95% water. The high-water content helps to maintain energy and optimise our heart and muscle function. Proper hydration is essential for good health.



DID YOU KNOW?

- A pomegranate can hold up to 1400 seeds.
- Green beans are fruit.
- Each pineapple plant produces one pineapple a year.
- Blackberries and strawberries are not berries, but a banana is.

Check out the following fun activities:

Free Storytelling Session



Time: 9a.m. to 10a.m.
Venue: Reading Room

Listen to a magical story about a boy who joined forces with vegetables to fight evil bacteria. Learn to make origami vegetables after the storytelling session. This activity is only for children below ten.

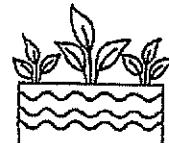
Cooking Classes



Session 1: 4p.m. to 5p.m.
Session 2: 5p.m. to 6p.m.
Venue: Cafe
Fee: \$10 per participant
(recommended for 12 and above)

Take part in Session 1 to learn to make tasty and flavourful dishes like vegetable curry and *Gobi* (fried cauliflower). You could also make a plant-based burger with mushrooms and tofu in Session 2. Recipes will be given out after the workshop.

Alternative Farming



Time: 2p.m. to 3p.m.
Venue: Room 1
Fee: \$20 per person (materials included)

Discover the science of hydroponics. Instead of soil, use water to grow vegetables. You can even build your own hydroponic planter with your child at the workshop.

Grow Your Own Vegetables



Time: 6p.m. to 7p.m.
Venue: Garden
Fee: \$30 per participant (must be at least five years old)

From ginger to spinach, we will teach you how to grow vegetables at home from vegetable scraps that would otherwise end up in the trash. Receive a seed packet to get you started at home.

Home Composting



Time: 3p.m. to 5p.m.
Venue: Garden
Fee: \$10 per adult (all materials included)

Make your own compost to reduce the amount of waste sent to the landfill. This hands-on workshop will teach you what kind of food waste you can use and how to transform it into nutrient-rich compost for your plants.

An apple a day keeps the blues away!

Research shows fruit and vegetables can boost emotional well-being in just two years.

They can increase creativity and curiosity too. So, what are you waiting for?

Incorporate more fruit and vegetables into your daily food intake!



THO recommends 5 A Day
(5 portions of fruit and vegetables)

Register for all activities at www.orchardcc.sg by 15 September 2024.
For enquiries, email ask@orchardcc.sg or call 6234 5688.

Reasons for 5 A Day:

- Fruit and vegetables are packed with vitamins.
- They can prevent digestion problems.
- They taste delicious.
- Many varieties to choose from!

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 OAS. (8 marks)

21. All participants will _____.

- (1) have a good time at the bouncy castle
- (2) need to make a reservation to dine at Jolly Café
- (3) get a 10% discount at the Orchard Community Club
- (4) be rewarded if they are correctly attired to support the event

22. Which of these statements is **not** true?

- (1) Children will get to meet a few vegetable mascots.
- (2) Jolly Café contributes to the cost of organising the event.
- (3) This is not the first time that the event is being organised.
- (4) Children who arrive before noon will enjoy the free food-tasting sessions.

23. Ravi is five years old. Which activities can he participate in on his own?

- (1) Alternative Farming and Storytelling
- (2) Food Tasting and Cooking Classes
- (3) Bouncy Castle and Cooking Classes
- (4) Storytelling and Grow Your Own Vegetables Workshop

24. Which one of the following words **best** describes the section 'DID YOU KNOW'?

- (1) intriguing
- (2) imaginary
- (3) far-fetched
- (4) inspirational

25. Mr Han is attending the workshop held at the Garden at 3 p.m. He will

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- (1) have to bring his own materials
 - (2) have to pay a fee of thirty dollars
 - (3) learn how to grow vegetables at home
 - (4) be turning food waste into plant fertilisers

26. Why is the colon (:) used in 'Reasons for 5 A Day:'?

- (1) to state the benefits of eating apples
- (2) to further elaborate the information from THO
- (3) to simplify the facts about fruit and vegetables
- (4) to list information on why we should eat those foods

27. What is the similarity between Cooking Classes and Grow Your Own Vegetables?

- (1) They are held in the afternoon.
- (2) They are conducted concurrently.
- (3) They provide the chance for experiential learning.
- (4) They require online registration on 15 September 2024.

28. What is the main purpose of this article?

- (1) to urge readers to lead a healthy lifestyle
- (2) to advertise Farmer's Market and Jolly Café
- (3) to organise fun activities for the young and old
- (4) to educate the public on how they can prevent chronic diseases

Please note that the passage for Comprehension questions 71 to 80 in Booklet B is on the next page. You may now go on to Booklet B.

Refer to the passage below when you answer questions 71 to 80 in Booklet B.

The villagers gathered eagerly at the bus stop at the crack of dawn. The level of excitement was further heightened by the arrival of Anna, who had earned herself a place in her dream school – a prestigious one – in the bustling city with her stellar results. "Congrats! We are so proud of you!" the people chanted in unison.

Although flattered, she felt awkward. Anna blushed and waved away the praises. Her father was obviously heartened by that. "My sweetie, no matter where you go, always value what you have, use what you have and trust what you have." His words of wisdom were a constant source of empowerment for her. Giving her father a long loving hug, Anna promised him that she would do him proud. Soon, the bus pulled over, breaking the morning serenity with its cheerful rumble. 5

Arriving at the new school and navigating through unfamiliar corridors, Anna eventually found her classroom. Despite the flutter in her stomach, she summoned all her resolve to confront her apprehension head-on. Unsurprised, she was met with curious stares. Her simple clothing and the innocent sparkle of village life in her eyes became the subject of whispers and giggles among the city-bred children. At that precise moment, someone entered the room. Her commanding presence ushered in silence. Much to Anna's delight, she spoke in a warm voice, easing the tension she felt in her stomach. "Class, we have a new friend joining us today. Let's welcome Anna." Linda, the monitor, yawned audibly. Jim snickered. Murmurs filled the room until Mrs Yan declared, "Now, a quiz. Write down the seven wonders of the world." Everyone immediately wrote down feverishly the answers as they recalled the previous day's lesson, except Anna, whose pen was hovering over the paper. Noticing that, the teacher approached her. "Don't worry, Anna. Just write what comes to your mind." 10

Anna looked up, her eyes sincere. "It's just that there are so many wonders. I'm thinking about which to select," she explained. With a gentle nod, Mrs Yan gestured for her to proceed. After the papers were collected, she began to read the answers aloud. The entire classroom was filled with a sense of achievement as the students had penned down 'The Great Wall of China, The Colosseum in Italy, Giza Pyramids in Egypt' and so on. However, Mrs Yan paused for a while when it came to Anna's response. 15

Then she carried on, "The Seven Wonders are – To be able to see, to be able to hear, to be able to feel, to laugh, to think, to be kind and to love." A profound silence enveloped the room. Visibly moved, the children looked at Anna, their eyes reflecting a mixture of admiration and enlightenment. 20

Jim and Linda exchanged sheepish smiles. Then Jim spoke, "I never thought of it that way. That's really cool. You've reminded us of something very important." His voice was tinged with newfound reverence. 35

Linda gave the thumbs up before chiming in, "Wow! I've lots to learn from you. Sorry about just now." The children's affirmation had created a welcoming atmosphere, showing acceptance and inclusion towards the new student.

Anna replied, "It's alright. These are the wonders we live by every day in our village." 40

Seizing the teachable moment, Mrs Yan proposed, "Let's dedicate today to exploring these everyday wonders. Share what each of them means to you." While her classmates were actively engaged, Anna was deep in her thoughts. Her father was right. Had she not valued what she had, would she have won her classmates' love and respect? Her father would be pleased to know that her day had ended on a high note of camaraderie. 45



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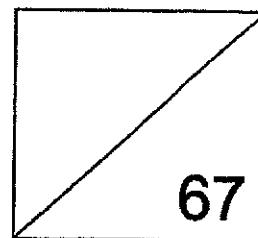
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ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2 (BOOKLET B)



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This booklet consists of 8 printed pages.

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) although	(D) being	(G) consequently	(I) however	(N) of
(B) any	(E) by	(H) even	(L) its	(P) to
(C) as	(F) cannot	(J) how	(M) must	(Q) what

Half your world is overhead. So why not look up and get to know _____
 unknown realm better? Stargazing might not be a common activity in Singapore but that does not mean that you _____ do it at all.
 (30)

Simple and accessible _____ almost everyone, everywhere, it is the
 perfect way to disconnect from the screens. Embarking on _____ new hobby might
 sometimes come with a hefty price tag _____, for stargazing, the essential tools
 to start with are not sophisticated and expensive gadgets but the ones we're born with – our
 eyes. Additionally, having a sky map and tapping on various apps are _____ you
 can significantly enhance the experience of navigating through the dazzling constellations.
 (31) (32) (33) (34)

You can heighten your stargazing experience at Upper Seletar Reservoir.
 _____ you cannot blast off into space when you visit the rocket-shaped tower
 (35) there, it can offer you a closer look at a star-filled sky at night! _____ if we are not
 conscious of it, the endless sky helps us realise how small we are in the grand scheme
 things. More so, it reminds us of _____ good stewards of our
 (37) (38) planetary home. All we have to do is look up.

Adapted from A Magical Way to Escape

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

The people of Darwin, an Australian city, eat, sleep and dream about Laksa.

Without a doubt, this spicy noodle is a signature Singapore dish. Nonetheless, Laksa (39) []

has gained popular in Darwin. There, this dish is now the meal of choice for breakfast, (40) []

lunch and dinner, weekday or weekend, from food courts to restraunts in Darwin. If (41) []

you ask anyone living there, they will say it is his now. An indisputable fact, this delicacy (42) []

is now an intergral part of Darwin.

(43) []

(44) []

Praise from many Australians were heaped on this Asian dish, entice long

(45) []

queues of patient and salivating customers. Taking the love of Laksa by a whole new (46) []

level, some chefs have become local celebretis. Every mealtime, like clockwork, crowds

form lines in front of these eateries. During the food festival in October, many streets

(47) []

are decked out with banners promoting everything Laksa to satieting everyone's tastebuds.

(48) []

(49) []

"We've contrakted this Laksa fever!" Jason, a chef, said. "It's iresistable! Who knows? Laksa ice cream, Laksa sausages, Laksa chocolate and Laksa cheese could be

(50) []

the taste of tomorrow!" he added with a mischevius wink. Only time will tell.

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

The problem with mobile phones is that people look at them too much. Many people today find it _____ to put their smartphones away even for a short while. They (51) always make sure that they are within their _____. This is an observation made (52) by Mr Cooper, an engineer dubbed as the 'father of mobile phones', who _____ (53) the first handheld wireless phone some fifty years ago. To him, it was an unintended outcome when he came up with the device.

Understandably, smartphones are equipped _____ multiple functions, (54) resulting in most users becoming _____ on them. The digital camera is one (55) such function that enables us to _____ thousands of pictures without having (56) to _____ about insufficient storage space. The instant image viewing means (57) you can edit the images on the phone as and _____ you wish. Another reason (58) for the prolonged smartphone _____ is the messaging apps such as WhatsApp.

Unlike many people, Mr Cooper uses his phone to make or _____ (60) calls rather than to search for vast amount of information or entertainment online. Given the plethora of apps, we are surely _____ for choice. The once weighty and (61) bulky phone had become a thing of the _____. The first mobile phone (62) _____ more than a kilogram, a huge contrast with today's smartphones which (63) are so sophisticated and _____ that it can easily fit into one's pocket. (64)

Indeed, smartphones have transformed our way of life and will _____ (65) to change due to the many benefits they can provide.

Although Mr Cooper did not envisage every development, he always thought the device he and his team came up with would change the world rapidly.

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. We did not agree to bury the treasures behind the mountain.

We objected _____

67. It is worrying that many people are ignorant about the dangers of too much sun exposure.

Many people's _____

68. Mrs Li asked her son, "Why did you write such an unbelievable story for your test?"

Mrs Li asked her son _____

69. Soldiers apply face paint to camouflage themselves effectively.

Face paint _____

70. Being reckless and disobedient, the teenager was chided by his mother.

_____ for his

Read the passage on page 10 of Booklet A and answer questions 71 to 80.

71. Why did the villagers gather at the bus stop? [1m]

72. "Her father was obviously heartened by that." (line 6)

a) What does "that" refer to? [1m]

b) Why was Anna's father heartened by that? [1m]

73. Circle two words that best describe Anna from lines 1 – 10. [2m]

ambitious	complacent	indifferent	industrious	regretful
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74. Based on lines 5 – 10, how did Anna respond to her father's advice? [2m]

75. Two challenges Anna faced upon arriving at school

(a)	(b)
[1m]	[1m]

76. Jim and Linda acted differently after Mrs Yan had shared Anna's response. Complete the table below to show the differences in their actions and attitudes.

When Mrs Yan introduced Anna to the class	a) What Jim did [1m]	c) What Linda did [1m]
When Mrs Yan read aloud Anna's response	b) How Jim felt [1m]	d) How Linda felt [1m]

77. Cite a piece of evidence from the passage to show that Mrs Yan was a resourceful teacher. [2m]

78. Based on lines 11 – 23, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [2m]

	True / False	Reason
a) Anna looked forward to meeting her new classmates and teachers.		
b) Anna's classmates responded to the quiz confidently.		

79. Which sentence shows that Jim and Linda regretted their initial behaviours towards Anna? [1m]

80. What did Anna mean when she thought that 'Her father was right.' (line 43)? [2m]

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 LEVEL : PRIMARY 6
 SUBJECT : ENGLISH
 TERM : 2024 PRELIM**

Booklet A

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

Booklet B

Q 29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
L	F	P	B	K	J	A	H	N	D
Q39)	popularity	Q43)	is	Q47)	satiate				
Q40)	restaurants	Q44)	enticing	Q48)	irresistible				
Q41)	theirs	Q45)	to	Q49)	contracted				
Q42)	Integral	Q46)	celebrities	Q50)	mischiefous				

Q51)	hard	Q56)	take	Q61)	Spoiled
Q52)	reach	Q57)	worry	Q62)	past
Q53)	invented	Q58)	when	Q63)	weight
Q54)	with	Q59)	usage	Q64)	small
Q55)	reliant	Q60)	take	Q65)	continue
Q66)	We objected to burying the treasures behind the mountain.				
Q67)	Many people's ignorance about the dangers of too much sun exposure is worrying.				
Q68)	Mrs Li asked her son why ha had written such an unbelievable this is probably wrong story for his test.				

Q69)	Face paint is applied by soldiers.
Q70)	The teenager was chided by this mother for his recklessness and disobedience.
Q71)	They wanted to congratulate Anna.
Q72)	a) It refers to waving away the praises. b) He was happy that Anna was humble.
Q73)	ambitious / indifferent
Q74)	She gave her father along loving hug and promised him she would do him proud.
Q75)	a) navigate through unfamiliar corridors. b) Curious stares from the city-bred children
Q76)	a) sniggered at Anna b) filled with respect for Anna c) yawned audibly d) there was a lot to learn from Anna
Q77)	She seized the teachable moment to get the class to share with each other what the wonders meant to each of them.
Q78)	a)False / she felt anxious as her stomach fluttered b)True / They immediately wrote down the answer feverishly
Q79)	exchanged sheepish smiles Jim and Linda.
Q80)	She took her father's advice to value,use and trust what she had. As a result she won her classmates love and respect.