



**HENRY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
2023 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY SIX
PAPER 2 BOOKLET A**

NAME : _____

CLASS : P6 _____

REGISTER NO: _____

28 QUESTIONS

28 MARKS

TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 HOUR 50 MINUTES

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

Shade your answers to Questions 1 – 28 on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

Parent's signature: _____

Booklet A : _____ / 28

Booklet B : _____ / 67

TOTAL : _____ / 95

Section	Marks	
Grammar		10
Vocabulary		5
Vocabulary Cloze		5
Visual Text Comprehension		8
Total		28

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). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (10 marks)

1. "I'm not fond of animals, _____ I don't keep pets," said Michael.

- (1) so
- (2) for
- (3) but
- (4) though

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2. "She won't be angry if we're a little late, _____?" asked Kim Kiat.

- (1) is she
- (2) can she
- (3) will she
- (4) would she

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3. If this dress does not fit, you must return it to the store _____ seven days to get a refund.

- (1) within
- (2) inside
- (3) outside
- (4) without

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4. Kavitha helped her brother _____ the furniture into his new apartment.

- (1) move
- (2) moves
- (3) moved
- (4) moving

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5. The battle is of great historical significance, but _____ know of Private Lim's involvement in securing victory over the enemies.

- (1) few
- (2) little
- (3) some
- (4) many

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6. By the time Johnny arrived at the party, Wendy _____ her favourite song and left.
- (1) sang
 - (2) sings
 - (3) is singing
 - (4) had sung
- ()
7. The police officer, along with his K-9 unit, _____ patrolling the streets tonight.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
- ()
8. " _____ for the track and field competition for the past year?" asked one of the athletes.
- (1) Did you train
 - (2) Are you training
 - (3) Have you trained
 - (4) Have you been training
- ()
9. Mr. Zainal and his daughter like to wash the car _____ rather than take it to the car wash.
- (1) himself
 - (2) herself
 - (3) ourselves
 - (4) themselves
- ()
10. _____ of the suspects was interrogated separately by the police detective.
- (1) All
 - (2) Any
 - (3) Each
 - (4) Some
- ()

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). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

11. The new dress code policy in school, which banned certain types of clothing, was considered _____ with some feeling it was unfair and others feeling it was necessary.

- (1) trivial
- (2) satisfactory
- (3) insignificant
- (4) controversial ()

12. Mr Tan, a retired man in his seventies, has been _____ leaving his home of forty years to live with his married son and grandchildren.

- (1) reflecting
- (2) meditating
- (3) speculating
- (4) contemplating ()

13. Since the chairman of the company was ill, the meeting was _____ that day. The meeting will be rescheduled when he is well.

- (1) called for
- (2) called off
- (3) called up
- (4) called out ()

14. Medicine should be kept where it is _____ to children to prevent accidental poisoning.

- (1) invisible
- (2) inaccessible
- (3) inconvenient
- (4) inappropriate ()

15. "It will take all your _____ and will power to be able to walk again after the accident," said the doctor to his patient.

- (1) creativity
- (2) happiness
- (3) intelligence
- (4) determination ()

For each question from 16 to 20, 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)

Albert Einstein is considered one of the most intelligent people in history. However, as a child, he struggled in some subjects in school but performed well in Mathematics and Science. Despite playing truant and cramming for examinations, he still managed to succeed in school. Einstein found traditional schooling to be dull and unstimulating. However, he was impressed by people's drive to learn despite these factors.

When he entered his teenaged years, he demonstrated skepticism towards authority figures and questioned established mathematical and scientific principles. He then went on to write his first scientific paper at 16. At 26, he earned his advanced academic degree and published four ground-breaking articles in Physics that challenged what man understood about the concepts of time and gravity.

This ultimately led to his own ground-breaking discoveries. These discoveries would establish him as one of the most famous scientists in history.

Adapted from <https://www.amnh.org/exhibitions/einstein/life-and-times/the-early-years>

- 16. (1) excelled
(2) achieved
(3) succeeded
(4) accomplished ()

- 17. (1) bland
(2) boring
(3) recurring
(4) repetitive ()

18. (1) trigger
(2) incentive
(3) motivation
(4) encouragement ()

19. (1) attained
(2) acquitted
(3) accepted
(4) accumulated ()

20. (1) instantly
(2) generally
(3) belatedly
(4) eventually ()

Study this article from Great Inventions Magazine and then answer questions 21 to 28.

Young Innovators Programme

by Siti Aishah 20 January 2023

The Young Innovators Programme aims to promote innovative spirit in Singapore's younger generation between 6 and 12 years old. It is aimed at imparting innovation and business skills to students and providing fresh perspectives. You can register for this 4-session programme at the price of \$400. Visit www.sginnovation.com.sg/younginnovators to sign up now.

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Do you already have an invention in mind? You will have the opportunity to make this invention come true! Share with Great Invention Magazine your innovative idea and the inspiration behind it. Email it to brightideas@GImagazine.com.sg. You may also include a picture of your idea. Open to Singaporeans, aged 6 – 12 years.

The top 5 recipients with the most innovative ideas will be able to attend the Young Innovators Programme conducted by Dr. Aaron Ng for free. Dr. Ng is the founder of SG Innovation who has guided and funded more than 30 small companies to start their business.

The programme will guide and sponsor winners to create 30 pieces of merchandise based on their innovative idea.

All entries sent in will be published in the next issue of Great Invention Magazine.

4 traits to becoming an innovative person

#1 Be curious

Be curious about looking into people's needs and motivation. Don't be afraid to ask questions. The more you question, the more your imagination is stimulated to consider other possibilities. Try to see things from different perspectives.

#2 Be open to changes

Welcome - different ideas and solutions. Don't be too quick to fix on one solution. Take time to explore the different ideas before deciding on a single option.

#3 Keep a book of ideas

Develop the habit of jotting down inspiring ideas or interesting concepts you come across, and even doodling them. This way, you can refer to them later and use them to generate solutions to problems.

#4 Embrace failure

Stay positive despite failure. Be receptive to negative feedback which can help improve your idea, and if it's unsuccessful, explore other options.

DID YOU KNOW?

Top 10 most innovative nations

Although Singapore is one of the tiniest countries in the world, its economy is among the most innovative. Out of 132 countries, Singapore is now ranked the 7th most innovative nation in the world based on the latest Global Innovation Index (GII) 2022.

Rank	2022	2021
1	Switzerland	Switzerland
2	United States ▲1	Sweden
3	Sweden ▼1	United States
4	Britain	Britain
5	The Netherlands ▲1	South Korea
6	South Korea ▼1	The Netherlands
7	Singapore ▲1	Finland
8	Germany ▲2	Singapore
9	Finland ▼2	Denmark
10	Denmark ▼1	Germany



▲ indicates an increase while ▼ indicates a decrease.

Let's read about some innovations from Singapore.

Roti maker

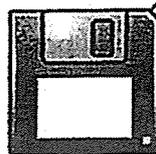
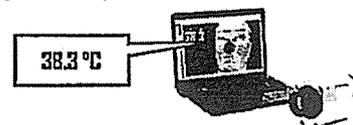
Roti is a traditional Indian flatbread enjoyed by many Singaporeans. Now, you can conveniently 'print' roti without the hard work of mixing and kneading the dough. All you have to do is to put the ingredients – flour, oil, water – into the machine and "Rotimatic" does the rest.



In 90 seconds, you will get a hot and fresh roti!

Infrared Fever Screening System

Fever is one of the most common symptoms of the SARs disease. With infectious disease like SARS, it is necessary to quickly identify individuals who are potentially disease carriers. The infrared fever screening system can detect heat emissions from the body and colour code it to identify those with a fever. It helped to effectively manage the pandemic outbreak in 2003.



Did you know?
The floppy disk has been replaced by the invention of the thumb drive.

Thumb drive 

Invented in the year 2000, a thumb drive is a compact data storage that requires no cables and adapters and it can store more data than a floppy disk. It does not require a battery and, instead, is powered by the connection through the computer.

For each question from 21 to 28, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Mark your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet. (8 marks)

21 To get a guaranteed spot at the Young Innovators Programme, Amelia needs to _____.

- (1) email her innovative idea to Dr. Aaron Ng
 - (2) follow the Instagram page of Great Inventions Magazine
 - (3) create 30 samples of her innovative idea for Dr. Aaron Ng
 - (4) sign up for the programme through SG Innovation's website
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22 What is an advantage of sending in your innovative ideas to Great Invention Magazine?

- (1) All ideas will be transformed into an actual product.
 - (2) All ideas will be published in the next issue of the magazine.
 - (3) All submissions entitle you to attend the Young Innovators Programme for free.
 - (4) All submissions entitle you to meet the founder of SG innovation, Dr. Aaron Ng.
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23 Ahmad would like to develop his innovation skills. According to the article, he should _____.

- (1) be observant to understand people's behaviour
 - (2) work on the first solution that comes to his mind
 - (3) stay positive and ignore negative feedback given
 - (4) challenge himself to answer everyone's questions
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24 Based on the table "Top 10 most innovative nations", which of the following statements is not true?

- (1) Britain maintained its position in 2022.
 - (2) Switzerland tops the chart in both 2021 and 2022.
 - (3) Only Denmark and Sweden dropped one position in 2022 compared to 2021.
 - (4) Singapore and United States moved up one position in 2022 compared to 2021.
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25 The three products introduced in the article are invented to meet the needs of our daily lives. Based on the article, which of the following statement is true?

- (1) The roti maker machine is popular worldwide.
- (2) The floppy disk is unable to store as much data as a thumb drive.
- (3) The infrared fever screening system can identify someone with the SARs disease.
- (4) The roti maker helps to knead the dough after you mix the ingredients manually.

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26 Why are dashes (–) used in the sentence “All you have to do is to put the ingredients – flour, oil, water – into the machine and “Rotimatic” does the rest.” under the section “Roti maker”?

- (1) to list information on the ingredients needed
- (2) to simplify information on how the machine can be used
- (3) to provide information about the convenience of the machine
- (4) to indicate information about the ingredients needed in a specific order

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27 The thumb drive is a useful innovation for the following possible reasons **except** _____.

- (1) to store data
- (2) to be small in size
- (3) to be connected with cables
- (4) to derive power from the computer

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28 What is the **main** purpose of this article?

- (1) to teach readers the history of innovation
- (2) to promote the Young Innovators Programme
- (3) to teach readers how to turn their ideas into products
- (4) to encourage readers to contribute their ideas to the magazine

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(Go to Booklet B)

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.

Read this passage and answer questions 71 to 80.

<p>I prepared to go to school for the first time, an event that I had been eagerly anticipating, together with my older sibling, John. Once I was finally at school; however, I found that my teacher, Miss Rhode, was a strict disciplinarian. Miss Rhode began the day by reading us a story about cats. By the time Mrs Cat called the local bakery for an order of chocolate coated mice, the class was fidgeting like a bucketful of wriggling worms. Miss Rhode seemed unaware that her class, most of whom had never left the farms on which they were born, were completely uninterested. They were immune to imaginative literature.</p>	5
<p>Then she chose me to read the alphabet that she had written on the blackboard. "Jane, I want you to read me these letters I have written on the board," Miss Rhode's raspy voice echoed in the classroom. Her demeanour in the school was enough to frighten even her fellow colleagues. No one dared to approach her even if their lives depended on it.</p>	10
<p>As I read the alphabet, a faint line appeared between her eyebrows; and after making me read most of our English textbook and several newspaper articles from <i>The Daily Mail</i> (the name of our local newspaper) aloud, she discovered that I was literate and looked at me with more than a faint distaste.</p>	15
<p>"Young lady, you can go home and tell your grandfather not to teach you anymore. You may be able to read but I want all my students to follow my way of reading!" she instructed. I mumbled that I was sorry and retreated, meditating upon my crime. She had gone on a verbal rampage and it was evident her tirade was meant to make me feel guilty.</p>	20
<p>At lunch time, Miss Rhode asked everybody who would be going home for lunch to raise their hands. The town children did so and she looked us over. The children from the rural countryside could not afford the time to go home to eat. Then she asked everyone who brought lunch to school to put it on their desk. Everyone did, except Tom Carson.</p>	25
<p>"Did you forget your lunch this morning?" asked Miss Rhode.</p> <p>Tom looked straight ahead. I saw a muscle jump in his skinny jaw.</p>	
<p>Miss Rhode went to her desk and opened her purse. "Here's a dollar for your lunch. You can pay me back tomorrow."</p>	30
<p>Tom shook his head. "No, thank you Ma'am," he murmured softly, but firmly, his head held high. He knew that her intention was to embarrass him in front of the class. Impatience crept into Miss Rhode's voice as she repeated her offer twice more.</p>	
<p>Tom Carson did not forget his lunch – his family simply could not afford it. He had none today nor would he have any tomorrow or the next day.</p>	35
<p>Tom's family was large and poor—so poor that they paid the local lawyer with whatever they managed to harvest from their farms when they needed legal help and Tom would never be able to pay the teacher back or bring lunch to school. I attempted</p>	

to explain these circumstances but Miss Rhode pretended not to understand and grew so frustrated that she slapped my hand with a ruler.	40
Tom continued to refuse Miss Rhode's 'so-called' kind gesture. He knew she was shaming him in front of everyone. Just then, the shrill sound of the bell rang. Saved by it, the class filed out for lunch.	
"Come home to lunch with us, Tom," John grinned at him. Tom's face brightened and his eyes lit up. John tried to camouflage his invitation in the guise of a play date so as not to make Tom aware of his social circumstance. John always did have a heart of gold.	45
At home, Tom piled food on his plate and asked for some syrup. He poured syrup on his vegetables and meat and would probably have poured it into his milk glass as well had I not told him that syrup did not go with vegetables, meat and milk. He quickly put his hands on his lap and ducked his head.	50
My mother heard what I had said and requested my presence in the kitchen. She was furious.	
"Jane, anyone who sets foot in this house is a guest! Don't you let me catch you remarking on their ways like you are so high and mighty!"	55
When I returned to school, I spent the rest of the day sulking away.	



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PAPER 2 BOOKLET B**

Name: _____ () Class: P6 _____

Section	Marks	
Grammar Cloze		10
Editing for Spelling and Grammar		12
Comprehension Cloze		15
Synthesis / Transformation		10
Comprehension Open Ended		20
Total		67

take animals from their homes and deprive them of any _____ over
(58)
their lives.

However, famed animal activist Jane Goodall insists that based on scientific research, if designed well, zoos _____ undoubtedly help preserve
(59)
the lives of wild animals by educating the public. She maintains that the best place for animals is not the zoos but in _____ natural habitats. Zoos are
(60)
now changing their physical layouts. They are replacing traditional zoo-designs such as cages and animal houses with larger and more naturalistic habitats _____ animals can roam freely. Instead of forcing wildlife
(61)
_____ the human environment, they are inviting humans into the creatures' world.
(62)

Another change is the Species Survival Programme, which brings together endangered animals from different zoos, offering them the _____ to
(63)
breed. The zoo in Phoenix, Arizona, undertook such a dramatic rescue. Scientists there _____ up a breeding programme for the Arabian Oryx, a type
(64)
of antelope that had gone extinct in the wild. It was a roaring _____!
(65)
Now, more than 1,000 Oryxes have been successfully returned to the wild. Today's zoos, with their eyes on the future, are working hard to honour and respect Earth's magnificent wildlife.

Adapted from Readworks 2020

Score: _____

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78. Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. (3m)

	True/False	Reason
Miss Rhode's colleagues did not dare approach her for help.		
Tom's family paid the lawyer's fees with money.		
Tom was delighted to go to Jane and John's house for lunch.		

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79. State one quality that best describes John. Support your answer with information from the passage. (2m)

Quality	Information from the passage

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Booklet A

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

Booklet B

Q 29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
N	G	K	F	D	M	H	B	E	C
Q39)	to	Q43)	adequate	Q47)	hampered				
Q40)	adversely	Q44)	disastrous	Q48)	precaution				
Q41)	persist	Q45)	erratic	Q49)	this				
Q42)	expediting	Q46)	which	Q50)	with				

Q51)	have	Q56)	Despite	Q61)	where
Q52)	same	Q57)	stated	Q62)	into
Q53)	are	Q58)	freedom	Q63)	chance
Q54)	for	Q59)	can	Q64)	set
Q55)	trapped	Q60)	their	Q65)	success
Q66)	We were caught in a traffic jam so we did not arrive for our lessons punctually.				
Q67)	James asked Molly is she had attended the concert by the world-renowned pianist the previous day.				
Q68)	The surprise party was organised by the children for Mrs Lim.				

Q69)	Jolene would rather stay at home than attend the party.
Q70)	Betty's generosity impressed us.
Q71)	Most of Miss Rhode's students lived on farms since they were born.
Q72)	(line4) --- The pupils in Miss Rhode's class (line 21) --- Miss Rhode's verbal rampage (line 35) --- Lunch for Tom Carson
Q73)	They were restless as they were completely uninterested in the story about cats which Miss Rhode was reading.
Q74)	Meditating upon my crime
Q75)	No. Although Jane was able to read, Miss Rhode was unhappy as she wanted Jane to follow her way of reading.
Q76)	a) He would never be able to play the teacher back. b) He knew that miss Rhode just wanted to embarrass him in front of the class.
Q77)	Miss Rhode asked if John forgot his lunch Tom put his hands on his lap and ducked his head.
Q78)	True / she frightened even her fellow colleagues so no one dare to approach her even if their lives depended on it. False / when they needed legal help, they could only pay the local lawyer with whatever they managed to harvest from their farms . True / when John invited Tom over to their house, Tom's face brightened and his eyes lit up.
Q79)	Kind // when Miss Rhode embarrassed Tom in front of the class for being the only one without a lunch, John invited Tom to his house to have lunch in a guise so as not to make Tom aware of his social circumstances.
Q80)	a) empathetic

	<p>b) When Jane embarrassed Tom for not knowing how to eat properly, the mother empathised with Tom and scolded Jane for making on his ways as if was high and mighty.</p>
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