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Maha Bodhi School
2018 Preliminary Examination
English Language
Paper 2
(Booklet A)

Name : _____ ()

Class : Primary 6 _____

Date : 6 August 2018

Total Duration for Booklets A and B: 1 h 50 min

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

1. Write your Index No. in the boxes at the top right hand corner.
2. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Answer all questions.
5. Shade your answers in the Optical Mark Sheet (OMS) provided.

This booklet consists of **8** printed pages.

Section A: Grammar MCQ (10 x 1 mark)

For each of the following, choose the correct answer and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3, or 4) on the OMS.

1. The decision made by my parents _____ final. I cannot go for the learning journey because I am not well.

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

2. "_____ on the number of items you buy, you will get different discounts," the friendly salesperson explained.

- (1) Depend
- (2) Depends
- (3) Depended
- (4) Depending

3. In the near future, all pupils, as well as their teacher, _____ to report to school by eight o'clock.

- (1) requires
- (2) required
- (3) will be required
- (4) will be requiring

4. Ragbir was certain he had seen the bird _____ past the window.

- (1) fly
- (2) flies
- (3) flew
- (4) flown

5. All the sports equipment in the boxes _____ taken to the storeroom last night.

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

6. Upon smelling something _____, my brother went out to investigate.

- (1) burns
- (2) burnt
- (3) burning
- (4) is burning

7. "Please approach any staff _____ you need assistance," the manager said.

- (1) must
- (2) could
- (3) would
- (4) should

8. "Latisha, you ~~like~~ watching cartoons, _____ you?" Li Shan asked.

- (1) don't
- (2) didn't
- (3) aren't
- (4) haven't

9. John told himself he could not let the dog come in harm's way. Mr Ong had believed in him and entrusted him _____ it.

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

10. No sooner had Tom walked to the window _____ the door was flung open behind him.

- (1) than
- (2) when
- (3) thereafter
- (4) meanwhile

Section B: Vocabulary MCQ (5 x 1 mark)

For each of the following, choose the best answer and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3, or 4) on the OMS.

11. You should set _____ targets so that you can achieve them.
- (1) likely
 - (2) realistic
 - (3) possible
 - (4) conceivable
12. Boon Teck was extremely _____ about the rumours he had heard about his good friend, Jon. He did not believe them and would find out from Jon.
- (1) cynical
 - (2) hesitant
 - (3) insecure
 - (4) sceptical
- *13. My parents earned very little. With six children at home, we _____.
- (1) paid through the nose
 - (2) had a finger in the pie
 - (3) lived from hand to mouth
 - (4) looked a gift-horse in the mouth
- *14. News about a wild boar wandering in the neighbourhood _____ a spate of panic among the residents.
- (1) let off
 - (2) blew up
 - (3) kicked up
 - (4) sparked off
15. The villagers had been unable to get out of their village since the bridge collapsed. When they saw a helicopter hovering, it gave them a _____ of hope.
- (1) sign
 - (2) trace
 - (3) flicker
 - (4) glimmer

**Words are taken from STELLAR texts and Primary English.*

Section C: Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

For each question from 16 to 20, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word(s) and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3, or 4) on the OMS.

When Father announced he had to return to India for business, Mak said he was going too. As (16) anticipated, Mother was reluctant as she wanted Mak to stay at home and look after himself while they were away. Rather than argue, Mak (17) pretended to agree with her and told her he would throw a party at home while they were gone. He believed that he would get them to (18) come round to his way of thinking. He saw his parents' (19) resolve slowly buckling and he knew his (20) strategy would work. He was correct. His parents eventually agreed that Mak should go along.

Adapted from *Return to the Jungle* by Bear Grylls

16. (1) awaited
(2) foreseen
(3) expected
(4) supposed
17. (1) played on
(2) played up
(3) played down
(4) played along
18. (1) allow
(2) accede to
(3) agree with
(4) acknowledge
19. (1) choice
(2) decision
(3) conclusion
(4) determination
20. (1) plan
(2) action
(3) proposal
(4) suggestion

Section D: Visual Text Comprehension (8 x 1 mark)

Study this webpage carefully and answer questions 21 to 28.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://www.ndp.org.sg/index.html>. The page has a dark header with the NDP logo and navigation links: HOME, ABOUT, GALLERY, THE SHOW, NEWS, FAQ, TICKETS, and SCHEDULES. The main content area is titled "NEWS" and features four news articles in a 2x2 grid. Each article has a title, a date, a brief description, and a "Click here to read more" button with a hand cursor icon.

NEWS

NEWS | JUN 5

Over 2,600 Participants at This Year's NDP

This year's National Day Parade will bring together over 2,600 participants from different walks of life in a parade. It will consist of 33 marching contingents, the Combined Schools Choir – a crowd favourite returning after a five-year hiatus – and the Military Tattoo performance, which will involve the School Display Band and the National Cadet Corps precision drills squad, for the first time. Like in previous years, there will be the State Flag Flypast and 21-Gun Presidential Salute.

[Click here to read more](#)

NEWS | JUN 1

Reminder: NDP 2018 Ticket Application Closes on 3 Jun

Singaporeans and Permanent Residents who wish to apply for tickets to the National Day Parade 2018 at the Float @ Marina Bay can do so up to 3 Jun 2018.

[Click here to read more](#)

NEWS | MAY 22

NDP 2018 Ticket Application Opens from 23 May

Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents can apply for tickets to Preview 1, Preview 2 and National Day Parade from 23 May to 3 June. Successful applicants will be notified from 25 June to 2 July 2018.

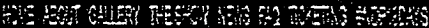

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NEWS | MAY 22

NDP 2018: "We Are Singapore"

Brigadier-General Alfred Fox launched this year's National Day Parade (NDP) theme, logo and theme song today. Singaporeans are encouraged to tag their photographs, send well-wishes, reflections or stories on their personal social media platforms and/or NDP social platforms to hype the public up and immerse themselves in the celebratory mood.

[Click here to read more](#)



NEWS

MAY 22

NDP 2018 TICKET APPLICATION OPENS FROM 23 MAY

1. Singaporeans and Permanent Residents who wish to apply for tickets to the National Day Parade (NDP) 2018 can do so from 23 May to 3 Jun 2018. Applicants can choose to apply for two, four or six tickets to Preview 1 on 28 July 2018, Preview 2 on 4 August 2018, or NDP on 9 August 2018.
2. Applicants may apply for tickets via one of the following modes:
 - a. Internet
Simply log on to the official NDP website at www.ndp.org.sg and fill in all the fields as prompted on the screen before submitting the application form.
 - b. Short Message Service
Go to 'Create Message' under the SMS function of your mobile phone, key in your details in the format below and send it to 71715.
<NRIC No.>SPACE<No. of Tickets>SPACE<NDP/P1/P2>SPACE<Hp No.>
 - c. Email
Email to the customer service officers at tickets@ndp.org.sg. Include your name, NRIC no., number of tickets required and your contact details.
3. The ballot results are final. There will be no appeals.
4. If an applicant uses more than one mode to make an application, only the latest application will be entered for e-balloting when the application period ends on 3 June 2018.
5. Each ticket admits only ONE spectator. Children, inclusive of infants, must hold a valid ticket to be admitted to the parade.
6. All tickets for the NDP are strictly not to be sold for any gain, monetary or otherwise.

Back to NEWS

Choose the correct answer and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OMS.

21. Under the section NDP 2018: "We Are Singapore", the letters "NDP" appear in brackets so as to _____.

- (1) enable readers to understand the National Day Parade better
- (2) encourage readers to use "NDP" instead of National Day Parade
- (3) suggest how readers should refer to the National Day Parade tickets
- (4) introduce to readers the acronym of National Day Parade that is used subsequently

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22. Which of the following is new at the National Day Parade 2018?

- (1) State Flag Flypast
- (2) Combined Schools Choir
- (3) having the 21-Gun Presidential Salute
- (4) the School Display Band performing in the Military Tattoo

23. Which of the following is **not** one of the modes of applying for the National Day Parade tickets?

- (1) email
- (2) internet
- (3) Short Message Service
- (4) applying for the tickets in person

24. How does the organiser excite the public about the National Day Parade 2018?

- (1) publishing news about it early in May
- (2) publishing news about it every month
- (3) getting them to make use of social media platforms
- (4) creating the website on the news of the National Day Parade

25. The word "ballot" in the sentence "The ballot results are final" means that _____.

- (1) the tickets are strictly not to be sold
- (2) each ticket admits only one spectator
- (3) not everyone who applies will be successful
- (4) they are available to both Singaporeans and permanent residents

26. Sarah decides to try her luck by applying for the tickets using different modes. She _____.

- (1) will have all her applications rejected
- (2) will stand a higher chance of getting the tickets
- (3) will only have the latest application considered
- (4) can apply for Preview 1, 2 and National Day Parade

27. Which of the following statements from the "NDP 2018 Ticket Application Opens from 23 May" on page 6 is true?

- (1) Anyone can apply for tickets to the National Day Parade.
- (2) Infants do not require tickets to attend the National Day Parade.
- (3) The organiser disallows successful applicants to sell the National Day Parade tickets.
- (4) Applicants who apply for tickets to the National Day Parade will stand a better chance if they do so using the Internet.

28. The information that is not available on both webpages is the _____.

- (1) venue of the National Day Parade
- (2) dates that the National Day Parade will be held
- (3) place to collect the National Day Parade tickets
- (4) duration for the application for the National Day Parade tickets

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Duration: 1 h 50 min _____

Paper	Booklet	Marks Obtained	Max Marks
2	A		28
	B		67
Total			95

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.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) and	(D) but	(G) if	(K) it	(N) so
(B) as	(E) by	(H) in	(L) on	(P) them
(C) beside	(F) for	(J) into	(M) over	(Q) when

Durian is a popular fruit. Previously, it was sold unopened, (29) _____ it was difficult for people to tell the taste of the pulp inside. They could not choose the durians (30) _____ thus, they often found that they had been cheated. Now, the durians are sold (31) _____ weight. The vendors remove the husk and give the buyers the seeds with pulp. People only eat the durian (32) _____ the pulp turns light yellow. The thorns (33) _____ the skin of the durian make us wonder (34) _____ the fruit is created for man to enjoy.

No other animals are clever enough to break open the fruit. Monkeys are seen sitting and crying (35) _____ a fallen durian as they cannot open it.

The durian has a few segments, each containing a few seeds which are covered with edible pulp. Just find the seams between segments and cut along (36) _____ with a knife.

The fruit, glutinous rice and coconut cream are ingredients (37) _____ a popular dessert. The fruit is also made (38) _____ a preserved cake which is on sale in supermarkets. People also believe that durian is highly nutritious.

Adapted from King of Fruits by Thai Ways Magazine ^e

Section F: Editing (12 x 1 mark)

Each of the underlined words contains a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes.

Electricity has changed our lives drastically. Without it, most of the

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things that we use every day simply would not works.

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Indeed, modern society would be inkredibeli different. Imagine how different

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things would be without the use of technology. It is our gateway for knowlage and allows us

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(43)

to find out anything from a short time. It has also allowed us to becoming healthier.

(44)

(45)

Without electricity, hospitals would have signifeekenly less medical equipment avaeilerble

to help people with medical problems. Electricity is the basis of most modern inventions.

(46)

Today, electricity also plays an important part to a society. Simple tasks, such as waking up

(47)

(48)

at a designated time or enjoy a piece of music, are acomplished through electronic means.

To accurately see how dependent our society has become on electricity,

(49)

consider the konsewences of a power failure. Factories close down, phones and computers

(50)

go dead and traffic slow to a crawl. Electricity has steadily

changed from just a scientific discovery to a modern need.

Adapted from Importance of Electricity in our Daily Life
<http://baral.com.np/blog/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/Importance.pdf>
Retrieved on 20 June 2018

Section G: Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Grandpa was coming to stay for good. Grandpa had a broken leg due to a bad fall and it was not (51) _____ for him to climb two flights of (52) _____ to his room on the third floor. Moreover, the toilet and the bathroom were also (53) _____ on the ground floor.

Pete's parents had been thinking hard about (54) _____ Grandpa could stay and there was no (55) _____ choice than Pete's room which was on the ground floor. No matter how much Pete had tried to (56) _____ his parents out of that idea, they decided to go ahead with it. They asked Pete to clear his room of his belongings so that Grandpa's stay would be as (57) _____ as possible.

Saddened by his parents' (58) _____, Pete left the dining table with a heavy heart. He ran to his room, threw (59) _____ on his bed and cried his lungs out.

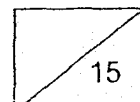
It was not (60) _____ that his parents had the advantage over him when it came to arguments with them. They always won.

To get the room (61) _____ before Grandpa's arrival, Pete and his father started moving Pete's things up to the guestroom (62) _____ after their breakfast the next morning. Grandpa was expected to arrive in the afternoon on the same day. Pete's room began to (63) _____ unfamiliar when everything was shifted.

Pete's father walked Pete to his new room. They looked out of the window and the (64) _____ outside was beautiful. The tree in their garden had blossomed with pink and purple flowers.

To (65) _____ Pete, his father put his arm around his shoulders. Pete was a little happier and thought his new room felt just as good as his former one.

Adapted from *War with Grandpa* by Robert Kimmel Smith



Section H: Synthesis/Transformation (5 x 2 marks)

For each of the following questions, 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 meaning as the given sentence(s).

66. "Why did you leave the lights on in the classroom?" Mr Ho asked his pupils.

Mr Ho _____

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67. The policeman assisted the woman. Her daughter was lost in the mall.

_____ whose

☐

68. While evacuating, stay calm and walk briskly.

In case of an _____

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69. I only stopped writing when time was up.

_____ until

☐

70. Siti was amazed that Ramli was able to spell all the difficult words.

To _____

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Section I: Comprehension (Open-ended) (20 marks)

Read this passage and answer questions 71 to 80.

The day when the duties were handed out was most exciting for all the pupils in the class. On that day, every child was given a duty for which they would be responsible for the rest of the school year.

When giving out the duties, Madam Ong took account of pupils who had been most responsible the previous year. Those pupils were the ones who looked forward to this day most. Among them, Anita stood out. She was a kind and quiet girl. Last year she had carried out her teacher's instructions perfectly. All the children knew Anita would be the one to be given the best duty of all — to look after the class dog.

But this year, there was a **big surprise**. Each pupil received one of the normal duties, like preparing the books or the radio for the lessons, telling the time, cleaning the blackboard or looking after one of the pets. But Anita's job was very different. She was given a little box containing some sand and one ant. Even though Madam Ong emphasised that this ant was very special, Anita could not help feeling disappointed. Why was I not given the duty of looking after Buckley, the class dog? Why was Stacey given it instead? Tears welled up in her eyes when her best friend, Stacey, came to console her. Most of her classmates felt sorry for her. They sympathised with her and remarked at how unfortunate it was that she had been given that duty. A few who got the duties that they wanted looked in her direction before they gathered to whisper. Soon, they burst into a loud laughter. That made Anita feel worse. Even her father flew into a rage when he was told about Anita's new duty, and, as an act of protest, he encouraged Anita to pay no attention to this unimportant pet. However, Anita, who liked Madam Ong very much, preferred to show her that she had made a mistake by doing something special with that duty of such little interest.

"I will turn this little task into something great," Anita said to herself.

Anita started investigating all about her little ant. She learned about the different species and studied everything about their habitats and behaviour. She tweaked the little box to make it ideal for the ant. Anita gave the ant the best food, and it ended up growing quite a bit bigger than anyone had expected.

One day when they were in the classroom, the door opened, revealing Madam Ong and a man who looked rather important. Madam Ong told the class with great joy, "This is Doctor Martinez. He has come to tell us a wonderful piece of news."

"Exactly," said the Doctor. "Today the organisers have published the results of the competition and this class has been chosen to accompany me on a journey to the tropical rainforest, where we will be investigating all kinds of insects. Among all the schools in Singapore, without doubt, this is the one which has cared for the delicate little ant best. Congratulations! You will be wonderful assistants!"

The class was filled with joy. Everyone thanked Madam Ong for entering them in the competition before they thanked Anita for having been so patient and responsible. Seeing her friends gushing over her achievement, Anita congratulated herself for doing a good job. It was then Anita's classmates learnt that to be given the most important tasks, they had to first know how to be responsible in the smallest tasks. Having realised that, the group who laughed at her earlier apologised to her. They also acknowledged that they could have better supported her by lending her a helping hand instead of just mocking at her. Anita just brushed it aside and said, "It's all right! I learned a lot of things about insects from this duty assigned to me."

Madam Ong then praised her, "You were upset at first when you were given this most unusual task because you thought it was not important. Despite that, I'm glad you did your best for the ant."

Thank you ' Anita replied sheepishly. She blushed, recalling her original intention.

Adapted from *Stories on Responsibilities for Kids* by Pedro Pablo Sacristán

71. On which day were the pupils feeling most excited? (1m)

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72. Which three-word phrase in paragraph 2 tells us that Madam Ong thought about the pupils' strengths before deciding who to give the duties to? (1m)

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73. Explain what the "big surprise" was (line 9). (2m)

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74. In paragraph 3, what made Anita feel worse? (2m)

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75. Which word from 24 to 27 has the same meaning as the word or phrase below? (3m)

modified	
perfect	
examined very carefully	

☐

76. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the passage. (1m)

_____ Anita decided to prove Madam Ong wrong.

_____ Anita's father was angry to learn about her duty.

_____ Anita's classmates felt sorry for her.

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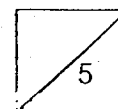
77. Based on the information from the lines given, fill in the blanks in the following table. (2m)

Lines	How Anita felt	What made Anita feel that way	What Anita did as a result
19-23		the thought of showing Madam Ong that she had made a mistake	She investigated all about ants' habitats and behaviour.
36-40	satisfied		She congratulated herself for doing a good job.



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)

Statement	True/False	Reason
a) Anita's classmates were certain that she would be assigned the duty of looking after the class dog.		<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
b) Stacey did not care about Anita's feelings when they knew what their duties were.		<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
c) All her classmates apologised for making her feel bad about herself.		<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>



79. 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)

Words from the passage	What the word refers to
it (line 14)	
her (line 21)	
you (line 35)	



80. How did Anita feel when she "replied sheepishly" (line 48)? Explain why she felt that way. (2m)



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Please remember to check your work thoroughly.



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ANSWER KEY

YEAR : 2018
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Q1	1	Q2	4	Q3	3	Q4	1	Q5	3
Q6	3	Q7	4	Q8	1	Q9	4	Q10	1
Q11	2	Q12	4	Q13	3	Q14	4	Q15	4
Q16	3	Q17	4	Q18	3	Q19	4	Q20	1
Q21	4	Q22	4	Q23	4	Q24	3	Q25	3
Q26	3	Q27	3	Q28	3				

Q29) N

Q30) A

Q31) E

Q32) Q

Q33) L

Q34) G

Q35) C

Q36) P

Q37) F

Q38) J

Q39) work

Q40) incredibly

Q41) knowledge

Q42) in

Q43) become

Q44) significantly

Q45) available

Q46) in

Q47) enjoying

Q48) accomplished

Q49) consequences

Q50) slows

Q51) convenient

Q52) stairs

Q53) located

Q54) where

Q55) other

Q56) talk

Q57) comfortable

Q58) decision

Q59) himself

Q60) fair

Q61) ready

Q62) right

Q63) look

Q64) view

Q65) console

Q66) Mr Ho asked his pupils why they had left the lights on in the classroom.

Q67) The policeman assisted the woman whose daughter was lost in the mall.

Q68) In case of an evacuation, stay calm and walk briskly.

Q69) I did not stop writing until the time was up.

Q70) To Siti's amazement, Ramli was able to spell all the difficult words.

Q71) It was the day they received their duties.

Q72) took account of

Q73) All the students expected Anita to get the best duty of taking care of the class dog but she received the duty of looking after an ant instead.

Q74) The few who got the duties that they wanted bursting out into loud laughter made Anita feel worse.

Q75) tweaked, ideal, studied

Q76) $3 > 2 > 1$

Q77) determined, her friends gushing over her achievement

Q78)

a) Anita's classmates were certain that she would be assigned the duty of looking after the class dog.	True	She had carried out her teacher's instructions perfectly
b) Stacey did not care about Anita's feelings when they knew what their duties were.	False	Stacey came to console her.
c) All her classmates apologised for making her feel bad about herself.	False	The group who laughed at Anita apologised to her.

Q79)

it (line 14)	The duty of looking after the class dog.
her (line 21)	Madame Ong
you (line 35)	Anita and her classmates

Q80) She was embarrassed. Her original intention to care for the ant was to prove Madame Ong wrong. But Madame Ong still praised her in the end.