



**NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL
2005 FIRST CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT
PRIMARY 6EM1/EM2**

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2: BOOKLET A
TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 h. 50 min

Name: _____ () Pr 6 ()

Instructions:

DO NOT TURN OVER THIS PAGE UNTIL YOU ARE TOLD TO DO SO.

**READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.
ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS.**

Section A: Graphic Stimulus (5x2 m = 10m)

Study the advertisement below and answer the questions that follow.

HealthLine

Your link to healthy living

Introducing HealthLine's New Library Info-Service

No more running around for information related to healthy living. Available now on HealthLine is our new Library Info-Service, a pre-recorded data bank on a wide array of topics related to healthy living.

What's more, HealthLine is a toll free service that's available 24 hours.

How To Use Library Info-Service :

1. Call HealthLine
2. Key in language code
3. Key in category code
4. Key in topic code

LANGUAGES : ENGLISH [1] MANDARIN [2] MALAY [3] TAMIL [4]



EXERCISE 00
Types of exercises 01
Safety tips 02

MENTAL HEALTH 01
Depression 01
Stress 02
Relaxation techniques 03

SMOKING 02
Effects of smoking 01
How to say NO 02
Quit smoking 03

COMMON DISEASES 03
High Blood Pressure 01
Flu & Cold 02
Diabetes 03
Heart Disease 04

GENERAL INFORMATION 04
Calorie Intake 01
Cholesterol 02
Fibre 03

FOOD GROUPS 05
Diary Products 01
Vegetables & Fruits 02
Meat 03
Carbohydrate 04

NUTRITIONAL NEEDS 06
Pregnancy & Infants 01
Toddlers & Children 02
Teenagers & Adults 03
Older Adults 04

TOLL FREE (24h Information Hotline)
1800-742 2066
Personal Advice 1800-223 0313 (office hours)

Choose the correct answer and shade the appropriate ovals 1, 2, 3 or 4 on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

1. HealthLine caters to people of different races by _____.

- (1) making the info-line free of charge
- (2) including topics relevant to all
- (3) offering a choice of four languages
- (4) making it available for 24 hours

2. Which one of the following is not part of the procedure when using the HealthLine?

- (1) Keying in 1800-742 2066
- (2) Keying 4 for Tamil
- (3) Keying in NRIC number
- (4) Keying in preferred category

3. There are two main categories and _____ sub-categories in total.

- (1) 7
- (2) 6
- (3) 5
- (4) 4

4. Mrs Khoo is a Mandarin-speaking housewife and has a three-month-old daughter. She would like to find out what type of food gives her daughter good nutrition. Which of the steps below should she follow to get the information she needs?

- (1) Key in 1800-223 0313, 3, 04, 01
- (2) Key in 1800-223 0313, 2, 06, 02
- (3) Key in 1800-742 2066, 1, 05, 01
- (4) Key in 1800-742 2066, 2, 06, 01

5. The main purpose of the advertisement is to _____.

- (1) introduce the New Library Info-Service
- (2) encourage the public to use toll free lines
- (3) encourage the public to use library facilities
- (4) exert pressure on the public to be more health conscious

12. Uncle James told his wife and children that he ___ from his job in the bank.

- (1) resigns
- (3) has resigned

- (2) resigned
- (4) had resigned

13. The detective could not make ___ what was written on the paper.

- (1) up
- (3) out

- (2) on
- (4) through

14. The family is still suffering ___ shock. They have lost everything in the fire.

- (1) in
- (3) with

- (2) of
- (4) from

15. I met my former neighbour ___ I had not seen for many years.

- (1) who
- (3) whom

- (2) whose
- (4) which

Section C: Punctuation (5 x 1m = 5m)

Choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the appropriate ovals 1, 2, 3 or 4 on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

The entire mouse community, as instructed by the Most Very Honourable Head Mouse (16) had gathered behind the wall of the castle ballroom. The members of the Mouse Council sat atop every mouse who lived in the castle. They were all waiting for Despereaux.

"Make way," said Furlough (17) Here he is. I've got him." He led Despereaux to the front of the room. Despereaux looked up and into the Head Mouse (18) eyes.

"The Mouse Council will give you a chance to defend yourself against these rumours of your egregious acts. Did you or did you not sit at the foot of the human king?" asked the Head Mouse.

Despereaux exclaimed, "Oh (19) I was there to hear the song that the king was singing."

"To hear the what (20)"

"The song, sir. He was singing a song about the deep purple falling over the sleepy garden walls."

(Adapted from The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo)

16. (1) [.] full stop (2) [,] comma
(3) [:] colon (4) [;] semi-colon
17. (1) [.] full stop (2) [,] comma
(3) [."] full stop and inverted commas (4) [~.] inverted commas and full stop
18. (1) ['s] apostrophe 's' (2) ['] apostrophe
(3) [s'] 's' apostrophe (4) [s's] 's' apostrophe 's'
19. (1) [!] exclamation mark (2) [?] question mark
(3) [:] colon (4) [--] hyphen
20. (1) [.] full stop (2) [,] comma
(3) [!] exclamation mark (4) [?] question mark

Section D : Vocabulary (5 x 1m = 5m)

For each question from 21 to 25, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the appropriate ovals (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

21. The ___ will fit braces on my teeth to correct the crooked growth

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| (1) gynaecologists | (2) optometrist |
| (3) oculist | (4) orthodontist |

22. The helicopter ___ in the sky while the rescue operation was going on.

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| (1) glided | (2) soared |
| (3) hovered | (4) cruised |

23. The rescuers felt that there was ___ danger of a second eruption.

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| (1) devastating | (2) eminent |
| (3) imminent | (4) catastrophic |

24. That rich lady was wearing an expensive ___ of pearls around her neck.

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| (1) row | (2) band |
| (3) chain | (4) string |

25. Mr Lee presented a letter which ___ him to collect a sum of money from the insurance company on behalf of his sister.

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| (1) granted | (2) entitled |
| (3) confirmed | (4) authorised |

Section E: Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1m = 5m)

For each question from 26 to 30, 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 (OAS).

Getting good results in your studies comes from developing good study habits. Before you study, look for a quiet environment with no (26) activities that take away your attention. If you find your home too noisy for studying, try the library or community centre instead.

When you study, set (27) feasible targets for yourself to achieve. If you feel sleepy after studying for some time, you may want to go for a short walk to (28) perk up yourself. Studying may also be (29) taxing on the eyes. It may be a good idea to rest your eyes (30) now and then by looking at objects at a distance or at greenery. Remember not to push yourself too hard.

(Modified passage by Jeantte Tan)

26. (1) distresses (2) distractions
(3) interruptions (4) attractions
27. (1) high (2) superior
(3) realistic (4) average
28. (1) refresh (2) wake
(3) cheer (4) reward
29. (1) challenging (2) strenuous
(3) draining (4) painful
30. (1) often (2) hourly
(3) seldom (4) occasionally

Section F : Comprehension MCQ (5 x 2m = 10m)

Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.

Approaching one of the ponds in the streambed—by now it was little more than a puddle—Yuko had seen a large, dark shadow moving in it. A shiver went through Yuko, in spite of the heat. 'No,' she said to herself, 'I am imagining things.' She shook her head and looked again. To Yuko's surprise, a long grey whisker stuck out of the puddle. Yuko crouched closer to have a look. There in the water lay a big, fat catfish, a *namazu*, almost too big for her mother's cooking pot!

What a lucky find! In good times Yuko's family grew plenty to eat. But now a long drought had dried up the stream, and the rice plants crackled in the wind. She knew if she brought the catfish home, her father would take his big knife and cut it into three big chunks for her mother to cook. But the *namazu* looked hard at her with his clear eyes and she knew she could not eat the fish.

Glancing around to make sure no one saw her, she took off her scarf and soaked it well in the puddle. Then she wrapped the catfish in the wet cloth and hurried away from her village, toward the nearby city of Edo. To Yuko's amazement the fish did not struggle or try to stick her with his sharp spines. Down the scorching road she went, not once stopping to rest, until she came to the banks of the Sumida River. There she lowered the catfish into the cool water.

"Food for five days!" Yuko's mother wailed when Yuko told her what she had done.

"Foolish child!" her father scolded her.

Yuko hung her head.

Suddenly a great flash lit the whole house. Ka-raaaaaack went the thunder.

"What's this?" cried Yuko's father and they ran outside. Huge raindrops pelted their faces, their hands, the thatched roof and the dusty ground. For five days and five nights the water came down.

Yuko's mother said, "It is Yuko's *namazu* who has brought us this rain. We must be grateful." Her mother went on to tell her some of the old *namazu* stories. Stories about a giant catfish living underground that wriggled and caused earthquakes. And about *namazu* who assumed human shapes and appeared among men to warn them when an earthquake was coming. Yuko's father carved a lively looking *namazu* out of cypress wood to fasten above their door and the family vowed not to eat catfish.

(Adapted from Yuko's Catfish by Sue Cowing)

For each question from 31 to 35, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the appropriate ovals, 1, 2, 3 or 4 on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

31. In line 1, Yuko shivered because _____
- (1) she was hungry
 - (2) she was frightened
 - (3) the weather was hot
 - (4) the stream had almost dried up
32. The sentence 'What a lucky find!' tells us that Yuko was _____
- (1) shocked to find a fish in the dried up stream
 - (2) desperate for food as her family was starving
 - (3) happy to have found food for her family
 - (4) hoping to find more fish in the stream
33. Why didn't Yuko stop to rest while on the way to the Sumida River?
- (1) The catfish struggled fiercely.
 - (2) Yuko was afraid someone might see her.
 - (3) The catfish pricked Yuko with its sharp spines.
 - (4) The wet scarf would not keep the fish alive for long.
34. In line 25, 'Yuko hung her head.' Why did Yuko do that?
- (1) Her parents were very angry with her.
 - (2) She did not like the great flash and loud thunder.
 - (3) She was tired after travelling down the scorching road.
 - (4) Her mother threatened not to feed her for five days.
35. According to the old namazu stories, catfish _____.
- (1) always bring good luck
 - (2) can control the weather
 - (3) may help or harm men
 - (4) sometimes live among men

END OF BOOKLET A



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Name: _____ () Pr 6 ()

Booklet A	45
Booklet B	55
Total	100

Parent's Signature : _____

Section G: Grammar Cloze (10 X 1m = 10m)

In the following passage, there are 10 blanks numbered 36 to 45. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the answer sheet provided. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking. Write your answers on the Answer Sheet.

A) another	B) at	C) being	D) between	E) by
F) during	G) even	H) for	I) hence	J) if
K) in	L) of	M) on	N) to	O) whether

I know little about my father. I do know that he was a Choon Chu (a sort of cargo clerk or purser) on a coastal steamer that plied (36)_____ Singapore and the Indonesian archipelago.

He held all of us in the family (37)_____ a tight leash. He imposed a curfew, which meant we missed the best parts of the Teochew street wayang. We broke the curfew once and my two brothers got the caning of their lives. (38)_____ the youngest, I was spared.

My father became blind when he was (39)_____ his forties. An operation on both his eyes at Bandoeng failed. Why Bandoeng? As far as I know, there was no eye surgeon in Singapore (40)_____ the time. In Bandoeng there were Dutch surgeons. (41)_____, the operation was done in that fabled city (42)_____ Java. I was six years old then. I became my father's eyes, taking him (43)_____ the hand to where he wanted to go.

(44)_____ my father had not been blind, the whole path of my life would have been very different. (45)_____ one, I would not have had to quit my studies at Raffles Institution after passing my Standard VII. Yet I have no regrets of having the harsher path paved for me through my father's blindness.

(Adapted from Wee Kim Wee :Glimpses and Reflections)

Section H: Spelling and Grammar (11 x 1m = 11m)

Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box. Write your answers on the Answer Sheet.

"Congratulations!" exclaims the Chairman of the International Corporate Teamwork League (ICTL) as he extends his handshake to Kan.

Kan feels honoured at being (46) choose to receive the (47) **pristigeous** award on behalf of his team. Many world-renowned corporate companies have prepared themselves well for the competition. No one can guess that a dark horse will finally emerge (48) to winner.

When Kan gets onto the podium and extends his hand to shake the Chairman's, he is still in a daze. He (49) **greatfully** recounts how his family stood by him (50) along thick and thin and how his team believed in him.

After the presentation (51) **seremeny**, the team's quality manager, Mic, is interviewed.

"Tell us, what (52) does the team attribute its (53) **suces** to?"

"The team pulled together (54) although the challenging circumstances. Kan has been instrumental in (55) encouragement the team to work like ants --- no, I don't mean it in the negative sense --- but rather, to work (56) **consientously** toward forging a strong and cohesive team."

That evening, Kan's company hosts a party to celebrate its win.

(Adapted from Living Lasting Legacy -A Journey To Begin by Calvin tan & Yvonne Tay)

Section I: Synthesis/Transformation (6 x 2m = 12m)

For each of the questions 57 to 62, 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). Write your answers on the Answer Sheet.

57. The boys prefer to go for a show. They do not want to watch television.
_____ would rather _____.

58. "Will you be joining us for Yoga tomorrow, William?" Serene asked.
Serene asked William _____.

59. The Public Works Department is building a new bridge near our school.
A new bridge _____.

60. I have a sister whose name is Megan. She lives in Clementi and she is a veterinarian.
My sister Megan _____.

61. Two languages, Finnish and Swedish, are working languages used in Helsinki. It is the capital of Finland.
Helsinki, _____.

62. Lisa and Jamie do not like to do housework.
Neither of _____.

Section J: Comprehension Cloze (10 x 1m = 10m)

In the following passage, there are 10 blanks numbered 63 to 72. Fill in each blank with a suitable word. Write your answers on the Answer Sheet.

Good afternoon, Ladies and Gentlemen. My name is Charles Kingston and I am very glad to address you this afternoon. I recently returned from a ten-year stay in one of Asia's most exciting cities and I must (63) _____, much as I love Tasmania, there are a lot of things about Singapore that I miss.

Both cities have a number of things in (64) _____. Tasmania's winter smog (65) _____ me of the haze over Singapore from Indonesian forest fires. The service personnel in both cities are friendly and helpful and shops are well-stocked with a range of imported goods. Joggers thump the pavements all over Tasmania the same (66) _____ runners push themselves through MacRitchie Reservoir.

The differences? When the (67) _____ starts dropping in Tasmania, paths and roads are icy, so driving is often (68) _____. Everyone is wrapped up in gloves, hats, coats and thick trousers. These are a far (69) _____ from the comfortable clothing like shorts, slacks, t-shirts and slippers that the people in Singapore wear. When it rains in our wintry city, it can be so cold that our teeth chatter if we venture outdoor. In Singapore, even if it rains, one can dry out in a matter of minutes. I always found it easier to get cool in a warm climate (70) _____ to get warm in a southern winter. Yes, I miss the warm weather in Singapore. I also miss the food and the chatter of housewives at the market. But, most of all, I miss the warmth of the (71) _____ who made my stay there a most pleasant and memorable one.

Thank you for being such a patient (72) _____. I will be most glad to answer any questions that you may have.

(Adapted from an article by Robert Nimmo)

Section K: Comprehension (6 x 2m = 12m)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions.

If the idea of scuba diving conjures up for you images of frigid murky waters with untold horrors lurking about, you might think that I am mad for saying that diving is the most relaxing thing I have ever done.

5 Sure, it can have its stressful moments, such as when one is a novice. When one's buoyancy is so feeble, you get stressed out just trying to stay stationary. But for more experienced divers, diving in the right, stress-free conditions is something that is quite literally out of this world.

10 At the very basic level, once you get the hang of diving, it can be one of the most liberating experiences you will ever have. Be it soaring over the coral reef, or hovering near the edge of an underwater cliff, diving has the means to transport you to another world.

15 In many instances, new divers begin to stress themselves out even on land, thinking that they need to breathe rapidly to get enough air. This ends up being a self-fulfilling prophecy, because when one breathes in rapidly underwater, air fails to completely reach the lungs.

The result? You feel like you are suffocating, you teeter on the verge of panic and all your primal fears come to the fore.

20 Instead, you should breathe in and out deeply in an exaggerated way, making sure every molecule in the compressed air you breathe reaches every fibre in your body. This not only has a calming effect, but also allows you to really savour the relaxing effect of diving.

25 "The key to accessing **this** serenity is training and experience," says Dr Kevin Chan, a doctor specialising in dive medicine. That is to say, the more you do something, the more proficient you get at it, and the more likely you are to find it enjoyable and thus relaxing. Therefore, if you are fairly new to diving, and your goal is to relax, then cold water, strong currents and low visibility waters are not for you, so bear in mind
30 when deciding which dive destinations to go to.

(Adapted from Mind Your Body 22 December 2004)

For each question from 73 to 78, write your answers in the Answer Sheet. ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

73. From paragraph 2, identify one problem a new diver faces.
74. From the passage, which word has the same meaning as 'new diver'?
75. According to the passage, a diver should not breathe rapidly when diving. Explain clearly how a diver should breathe when underwater.
76. If you were a new diver, what kind of dive destinations should you choose?
77. According to Dr Kevin Chan, what should a diver do to make diving enjoyable and relaxing?
78. What does 'this' in line 24 refer to?

END OF BOOKLET B

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- 1) 3 28) 1 55) encouraging 56) conscientiously.
- 2) 3 29) 2 57) The boy would rather go for a show than watch television.
- 3) 1 30) 4 58) Serene asked William if he would be joining them for Yoga the next day.
- 4) 4 31) 2 59) A new bridge is being built near our school by the Public Works Department.
- 5) 1 32) 3
- 6) 3 33) 4 60) My sister Megan, who lives in Clementi, is a veterinarian.
- 7) 1 34) 1 61) Helsinki, which is the capital of Finland, uses two languages, Finnish and Swedish.
- 8) 2 35) 3 62) Neither of the girls, Lisa and Jamie, likes to do housework.
- 9) 2 36) D
- 10) 1 37) N 63) say 64) common 65) reminds 66) way
- 11) 2 38) C 67) temperature 68) dangerous 69) cry
- 12) 4 39) L 70) than 71) people 72) audience.
- 13) 3 40) B 73) He is not able to keep still in water.
- 14) 4 41) J 74) The word is "novice".
- 15) 3 42) M 75) He should inhale and exhale deeply in an exaggerated manner.
- 16) 2 43) E
- 17) 3 44) K 76) He should choose places with warm water, mild currents and with clear water.
- 18) 1 45) H 77) It is to train to dive and experience diving more often so that we would be proficient in it.
- 19) 1 46) chosen
- 20) 4 47) prestigious 78) It refers to the relaxing effect of diving.
- 21) 4 48) as
- 22) 3 49) gratefully
- 23) 3 50) through
- 24) 4 51) ceremony
- 25) 4 52) did
- 26) 2 53) success