

NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL
Mid-Year Examination, 2004
Primary Six
English Language
Paper 2

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Booklet A
Total Time for booklets A and B: ~~2 hours~~ 1h 50mins

Name : _____ ()

Class : Pr. 6 _____

Date : 10 May 2004

Booklet A	40
Booklet B	70
Total	110

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DO NOT OPEN THIS BOOKLET UNTIL YOU ARE TOLD TO DO SO.
FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.
ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS.

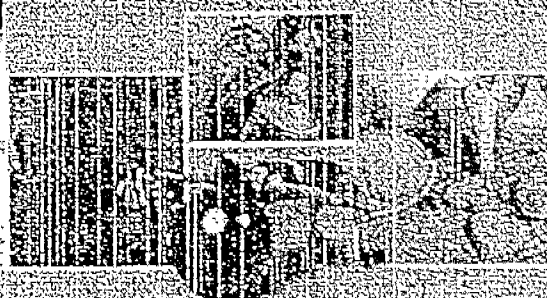
Study the advertisement carefully and answer the questions that follow.

THE STRAITS TIMES CLASSIFIED

recreation

FUN @ Novena Square

12-21 March 2004 • 11am - 8pm



Make your way to Novena Square to check out booths offering interesting leisure programmes & products; and watch or participate in the exciting demonstrations!

Don't miss these exciting demonstrations* at the Atrium:

12 March (12-2pm)

- DIY Hair Steaming
- Using Chopsticks as Learning Tools

13 March (12-2, 5-6pm)

- Bouncing on a Fitball
- Taekwondo Display

14 March (12-2, 5-6pm)

- Sit or Wheels
- Rollerblading Fun (at Landscape Plaza in front of Solisellis)

19 March (12-2, 5-6pm)

- Get Fit with a Medical
- Shoot like a pro with Digital Cameras

20 March (12-2, 5-6pm)

- Feat-stopping
- Abselling Demo (at Landscape Plaza in front of Solisellis)

*Programmes & timings are subject to changes without prior notice.

So, make a date and hurry down for a fun time at Novena Square this week!

NOVENA SQUARE
SHOPPING MALL



Buy It, Sell It, Find It

Section A: Comprehension (5 x 1mark)

For each question from 1 to 5, 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.

1. The event Recreation Fun was open from _____
 - 1) 2pm – 5pm
 - 2) 5pm – 6pm
 - 3) 11am – 8pm
 - 4) 12pm – 2pm

2. James attended the Taekwondo display after bouncing on the fitball. He was at the Novena Square Atrium on _____
 - 1) 12 March
 - 2) 13 March
 - 3) 19 March
 - 4) 20 March

3. The two demonstrations that were conducted at Landscape Plaza, in front of Spinelli's, were _____
 - 1) DIY Hair Steaming and 'Ski' on Wheels
 - 2) Heart-Stopping Abselling Demo and Rollerblading Fun
 - 3) Shoot like a pro with Digital Cameras and 'Ski' on Wheels
 - 4) Rollerblading Fun and Using Chopsticks as Learning Tools

4. Which of the following statements is true?
 - 1) The public would not be informed before changes were made to the programmes.
 - 2) The public would not be informed before changes were made to the timings of the activities.
 - 3) The public would not be informed before changes were made to both the programmes and timings.
 - 4) The public would be informed before changes were made to both the programmes and timings.

5. "Buy It. Sell It. Find It" was the slogan for _____
 - 1) Spinelli
 - 2) The Straits Times Classified
 - 3) Novena Square Shopping Mall
 - 4) Recreation Fun @ Novena Square

Section B: Grammar and Vocabulary (20 x 1 mark)

For each question from 6 to 25, 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.

6. Every one of the pupils _____ to pay for their own meal.
- 1) expect
 - 2) expects
 - 3) is expected
 - 4) are expected
7. John left the house a few minutes ago. He _____ to the post office.
- 1) goes
 - 2) went
 - 3) has gone
 - 4) had gone
8. Esther was already the wealthiest woman in the country, _____ she was never satisfied with her riches.
- 1) so
 - 2) yet
 - 3) and
 - 4) thus
9. No one believed that it was _____ who had done it. Everyone thought that Susan was the culprit.
- 1) he
 - 2) his
 - 3) he's
 - 4) him
10. Adam sat at the computer and gazed at the colours _____ on the monitor until his eyes closed.
- 1) swirl
 - 2) swirls
 - 3) swirled
 - 4) swirling

11. For most soccer teams, having inspiring and motivated players _____ the team is the key to success.
- 1) in
 - 2) by
 - 3) for
 - 4) with
12. Many older people are unable to keep _____ with the rapid advances in computer technology.
- 1) in
 - 2) up
 - 3) on
 - 4) by
13. He looked around and then _____ the lady's handbag when no one was watching.
- 1) snatch
 - 2) snatches
 - 3) snatched
 - 4) snatching
14. The participants of the performance are in the hall rehearsing for the concert, _____ ?
- 1) is it
 - 2) isn't it
 - 3) are they
 - 4) aren't they
15. The tradition of giving red packets to unmarried children by parents is still _____ by the Chinese.
- 1) practise
 - 2) practises
 - 3) practised
 - 4) been practised
16. The house _____ before they moved in.
- 1) painted
 - 2) had painted
 - 3) had been painted
 - 4) was being painted

17. "There is no room for mistakes in this operation. Everyone _____ be extra careful," the senior surgeon told his team.
- 1) can
 - 2) will
 - 3) must
 - 4) ought
18. Either John or his brothers _____ responsible for this mess. It cannot be his sister.
- 1) is
 - 2) are
 - 3) was
 - 4) were
19. Although Hindu devotees pierce themselves with skewers and walk over burning coals during Thaipusam, they do not feel _____ pain at all.
- 1) a
 - 2) any
 - 3) more
 - 4) some
20. "I have to _____ lunch to John who is in school now," John's mother said to her neighbour at the void deck.
- 1) take
 - 2) bring
 - 3) fetch
 - 4) pick up
21. Someone at the side of the stage _____ the actor who had forgotten his lines.
- 1) hinted
 - 2) signalled
 - 3) reiterated
 - 4) prompted
22. The soldier had to have his leg _____ as the bullet wound in his calf had become infected.
- 1) sliced
 - 2) extracted
 - 3) dissected

23. The maiden voyage of the Titanic ended in _____ when the ocean liner collided into an iceberg and sank.
- 1) sorrow
 - 2) mishap
 - 3) tragedy
 - 4) misadventure
24. Since she is such a stubborn girl, it will not be easy to _____ her to do it our way.
- 1) convert
 - 2) confine
 - 3) confront
 - 4) convince
25. The witness to the kidnapping is currently helping the police with their _____.
- 1) interview
 - 2) inspection
 - 3) information
 - 4) investigation

Section C: Vocabulary (5 x 1mark)

For each question from 26 to 30, choose the most suitable word to replace the underlined word/s. Shade its oval (1,2,3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

26. The bride-to-be stole a quick look at Mr Tam and nodded to the match-maker as a signal that she would accept the arranged marriage.
- 1) blink
 - 2) glare
 - 3) stare
 - 4) glance
27. On New Year's Eve, Chinese around the world will try their very best to return home for the reunion dinner.
- 1) effort
 - 2) utmost
 - 3) optimum
 - 4) maximum

28. Mary was half-frightened when the stranger approached her and she spoke in a weak and hesitant way.

- 1) hissed
- 2) whined
- 3) faltered
- 4) sputtered

29. The student was told to keep accurate notes of what he had observed during the experiment.

- 1) record
- 2) review
- 3) recount
- 4) re-enactment

30. The old and dilapidated castle has been left empty for ages.

- 1) unleashed
- 2) uninhibited
- 3) uninhabited
- 4) unpopulated

Section D: Comprehension (MCQ) (5 x 2marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 31 to 35.

During dictation, Mr Perboni came down and walked among the benches. A boy behind him jumped up on his seat and began to act like a puppet. He turned around, and the boy sat down suddenly. He stayed there with his head bowed. The teacher put a hand on his head and said, "Don't do it again." That was all.

He went back to his table and finished the dictation. When he had finished the dictation, Mr Perboni looked at us for a minute in silence. Then he said, very slowly, in his big, kind voice, "Listen! We have a year to spend together. Let us see that we spend it well. Study and be good. I have no family. You are my family. I had my mother still, last year, but she has since died. I am all alone. I have only you in the world. I have no other affection and no other thought. You will be my children. I care for you, and you ~~and you~~ must care for me. I do not wish to have to punish anyone. Show me that you are good-hearted boys; then our school shall be a family, and *you* shall be my consolation and my pride. I don't ask you to make me a promise in words. I am sure that in your hearts you have already said 'yes', and I thank you."

Just then the school servant came to close the school. We all went out from our seats, perfectly quiet. The boy who had stood on the seat went up to the teacher and said to him, in a *trembling* voice, "Sir, forgive me."

The teacher kissed his forehead and said, "Go, my son."

Adapted from "The Heart of a Boy", Edmondo de Amicis

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

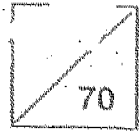
31. Mr Perboni walked among the benches *perhaps* _____

- 1) because someone put his hand up
- 2) because someone was misbehaving
- 3) because a boy asked for his attention
- 4) to make sure that everyone was doing his dictation

32. The boy who "jumped up on his seat and began to act like a puppet" probably because he was _____
- 1) provoked
 - 2) instigated by others
 - 3) just being mischievous
 - 4) unhappy being punished
33. The boy bowed his head probably because _____
- 1) he was up to mischief again
 - 2) he was expecting to be punished
 - 3) it was time he finished his dictation
 - 4) the teacher would put his hand on his head
34. "...and **you** shall be my consolation and my pride." (line 12) The word "you" refers to _____
- 1) the class
 - 2) the school
 - 3) good-hearted boys
 - 4) the boy who acted like a puppet
35. The word "trembling" in line 17 suggests that the boy was _____
- 1) timid
 - 2) afraid of the teacher
 - 3) fearful of being punished
 - 4) touched by Mr Perboni's words

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Section E: Grammar Cloze (10 x 1mark)

There are 10 blanks, numbered 36 - 45 in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable answer 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.

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|---------|----------|-----------|------------|
| (A) is | (B) down | (C) since | (D) before |
| (E) was | (F) up | (G) with | (H) during |
| (J) a | (K) my | (L) for | (M) an |
| (N) to | (P) and | (Q) after | |

Last year, there were six flash floods, compared (36) _____ seven in 2002, eight in 2001 (37) _____ ten in 2000.

Mr Mohamad is taking no chances now. He (38) _____ going to (39) _____ timber merchant to pick (40) _____ some plywood (41) _____ the next wave hits.

"I'm going to build a wooden structure (42) _____ the washing machine, and one for (43) _____ new television set (44) _____ the water has destroyed the last one, and a long bench for my sofa bed," he said.

"Everything's going to have (45) _____ move higher so even if the water comes in, it won't matter."

- Adapted from *The Straits Times*, Thursday, March 11, 2004

Section F: Editing for Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (10 x 1 mark)

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. A wrong or missing punctuation mark is indicated by a circle. Put the correct punctuation mark or word in each of the boxes.

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"My site is failing me," she said finally. "Even was young I could not

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have read what was written there. But it appear to me the wall looks different.

Are the Seven Commandments the same as they used Benjamin "

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For once Benjamin considered break the rule, and off to her what

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was written on the wall. There is nothing there now except Commandment.

It ran: ALL ANIMALS ARE EQUAL BUT SOME ANIMALS MORE EQUAL

THAN OTHERS.

After that, it did not seem strange when they, the pigs who were

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supervising the farm all carried whips on their trotters. It seem strange to

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learn that the pigs had bought themselve a wireless set, arranging to

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install a telephone and had taken out suscriptions to the ull, Tit-Bits and

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the Daily Mirror. It did not seem strange that Napoleon was trolling in the

farmhouse.

Adapted from "Farm," George Orwell

Section G: Comprehension Cloze (20 x 1 mark)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Discover the enchantment of the world's first and only Night Safari, a new and exciting adventure (56) _____ the comfort of a zoo environment and the vastness (57) _____ a national wildlife park. Under the magical night (58) _____, discover beautiful and unusual wildlife in their (59) _____ habitat setting as they roam freely through (60) _____ Night Safari's lush grounds.

You may (61) _____ know this, but over 90% of animals (62) _____ nocturnal. Therefore, the (63) _____ time to see them is at (64) _____ when they are most (65) _____ and behave completely (66) _____ from their cousins at the daytime zoo.

It's a jungle (67) _____ there at the Night Safari, and as its name (68) _____, prepare to embark on (69) _____ own Safari adventure with the moon and the stars as your guide. And, of course, with a (70) _____ help from us!

There's always (71) _____ magical about the night atmosphere and being (72) _____ when the rest of the world (73) _____ preparing for sleep. At night, when all six senses are heightened, you will be surprised (74) _____ what you can see (75) _____ at the Night Safari.

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

For each of the items 76 to 80, rewrite the given sentences using the word provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the given ones.

76. The space shuttle landed on Mars. It released an unmanned probe.

Upon _____

77. These are winners of the quiz. I will introduce them to you later.

_____ whom _____

78. The fire alarm went off. Everyone stopped work immediately.

_____ when _____

79. I cannot drink this cup of tea now. It is too hot.

_____ so _____

80. No one else was injured in the plane crash. It was the pilot.

Only _____

Section I: Comprehension (OE) (10 x 2marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 81 to 90.

A computer is an automatic electronic machine that can perform calculations, edit, file and process information much more efficiently than man. They can either be big or small, complex or simple. But there is one thing that nobody can deny; the computer has become an integral part of the lives of millions of people around the world, and that the number is increasing steadily even now. 5

But man did not always have computers. The development of computer was like the evolution of the species – it occurred over a long period of time. A long-time ago, Man had only his finger and toes with which to count things. Later on, he developed the method of making marks on the wall or in the sand to keep count of his things. Yet soon, these primitive methods could not cope with the demands of life. Hence, Man came up with the sand table. 10

The principle behind the sand table was similar to that of the abacus. Three parallel grooves were drawn out in the sand, the first numbering the ones, the second numbering the tens and the last one for the hundreds. A man counting some things marked each object on the "ones" grooves with a pebble, and when there were ten of them he removed all of them and put a pebble in the "tens" groove. And so he went on counting, drawing more grooves if he needed them. 15

But the sand table was not portable, and soon, there were not enough pebbles for the increasingly complicated computations that Man had to do. Hence the abacus was developed. The abacus which could handle sums involving large calculations still involved quite a lot of work. So in 1642, Blaise Pascal invented a counting machine that did additions automatically. From then on, more machines were developed, and motorised cash registers soon became widely used all over the world. 20

However, Man soon began to need a machine that not only could do calculations, but could also store information. In the nineteenth century, the punch card system was invented. Various facts and information were stored on cards with holes punched in specific places. 25

To get information, a person had only to place the cards in a special device. With this new system, information processing could be done faster. But as time went on, this system also came to be regarded as unsatisfactory and slow. 30

The early 1940's was the time when the first electronic computers were

simple, with some weighing nearly 30 tons.

The lightweight laptops and electronic diaries that many people use today have certainly come a long way from the first computers. In fact, computers today are no longer used to process information or do calculations. They can also convey data across thousands of miles, like one can easily do on the Internet. Technology is progressing at an amazing pace nowadays, and nobody can as yet predict what the limits of the computer are.

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Your answers must be in complete sentences.

81. In which *two* ways does Man use the computer for today?

82. Why was the development of the computer likened to the "evolution of the species"?

83. What were the *two* "primitive" methods of calculation mentioned in the passage that Man used to cope with the demands of life.

84. When did Man have to draw more grooves than the three that were already drawn?

85. What were the shortcomings of the sand table?

86. What is *one* advantage that the counting machine had over the abacus?

87. Describe how the punch card system stored information?

88. Which *word* in paragraph 6 has the same meaning as "deemed"?

89. Which *phrase* (consisting of 6 words) in the passage tells you that the first electronic computers were invented before the modern computers?

90. Why does the author mention that "nobody can as yet predict what the limits of the computer are"?

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| 1) 3 | 28) 3 | 55) seen | 76) Upon landing on Mars, the space shuttle released an unmanned probe. |
| 2) 2 | 29) 1 | 56) in | 77) These are winners of the quiz whom I will introduce to you later. |
| 3) 2 | 30) 3 | 57) of | 78) Everyone stopped work immediately when the fire alarm went off. |
| 4) 3 | 31) 4 | 58) sky | 79) This cup of tea is too hot so I cannot drink it now. |
| 5) 2 | 32) 3 | 59) natural | 80) Only the pilot was injured in the plane crash. |
| 6) 3 | 33) 2 | 60) the | 81) Man uses the computer to do calculations and to store information. |
| 7) 3 | 34) 1 | 61) not | 82) It occurred over a long period of time. |
| 8) 2 | 35) 4 | 62) are | 83) They were using their fingers and toes to count and making marks on the wall to keep count of things. |
| 9) 1 | 36) G | 63) best | 84) Man had to draw more grooves when the things marked were over hundreds. |
| 10) 4 | 37) P | 64) night | 85) It was not portable and could not handle complicated calculation. |
| 11) 1 | 38) A | 65) active | 86) The advantage is that the counting machine did additions automatically. |
| 12) 2 | 39) J | 66) different | 87) It stored information on cards with holes punched at specific location. |
| 13) 3 | 40) F | 67) out | 88) The word is "regarded". |
| 14) 4 | 41) D | 68) suggest/
implies | 89) The phrase "Those predecessors of the modern computers" tells me so. |
| 15) 3 | 42) L | 69) your | 90) It is because technology nowadays is progressing very rapidly. |
| 16) 3 | 43) K | 70) little | |
| 17) 3 | 44) C | 71) something | |
| 18) 2 | 45) N | 72) awake | |
| 19) 2 | 46) sight | 73) is | |
| 20) 1 | 47) appears | 74) at | |
| 21) 4 | 48) ? | 75) there | |
| 22) 4 | 49) breaking | | |
| 23) 3 | 50) out | | |
| 24) 4 | 51) was | | |
| 25) 4 | 52) in | | |
| 26) 4 | 53) themselves | | |
| 27) 2 | 54) subscriptions | | |