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NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL
YR 2004 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION
PRIMARY 6EM1/6EM2.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2: BOOKLET A

TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 2 hours

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There are a total of 90 questions – 35 MCQ and 55 open-ended questions in the booklet.

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 (5 x 1m = 5m)

Study the graphic stimulus below and answer the questions that follow.

WHAT'S UP?

-your primary education guide
presents
Family Fun Tour

Date: 10 Nov 2004
Time: 9am - 4 pm
Fee: \$40* (per person subject to 5% GST)
Meeting Place: Wisma Hall

9.40am : Kim Choo Factory Tour

- Watch a video show on how to wrap dumplings
- Find out about the history of Peranakans and their origin.

Kim Choo also makes and supplies top quality and spicy otak which is voted the best in a nation wide internet poll! Do not miss Kim Choo's Tarts, Kaya, Soo Kueh and Ang Ku Kueh. Free tasting and purchases available.

11.00am: Da-Sing Tofu Factory Tour

This company specializes in the production of a wide range of tofu products using modern technology. Visitors can view the production process. Look out for a video show and free sampling of soya drinks and other products.

Lunch at 12pm
at own expenses.

2.45pm: UCC Ueshima Coffee Tour

Check out the various kinds of food and beverages that UCC manufactures. Learn more about the Cocoa Process, packaging and seedling of coffee in this visit. Free sampling and purchase available.

1.15 pm: Medicated Balm & Ointment Factory Tour

Learn more about tea such as Mate tea, an enriched drink, rich in vitamins. Discover the 8-Treasure tea which cools down the body, improves alertness, soothes throats and improves eyesight. Know more about balms and oils. A discounted voucher for a massage will be given out on the spot.

4.00pm: Home Sweet Home:

Please complete application form below and fax to Carol @ 6778807

Name: _____ Contact No: _____ (O) _____ (H)
Fax No: _____ Email Address: _____
No of Adults Participating [] No of children Participating []
Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Choose the correct answer and shade the appropriate oval 1, 2, 3 or 4 on the optical answer sheet (OAS).

1. In order to register for the Family Fun Tour, one has to _____ to Carol the application form.

- (1) fax
- (2) post
- (3) write
- (4) email

2. What can participants look forward to in the Medicated Balm and Ointment Factory Tour?

- (1) A free massage will be given upon any purchases.
- (2) Special discounts will be given on all items purchased.
- (3) There will be free sampling of Mate tea and 8-Treasure tea.
- (4) They can learn about the richness of the vitamins found in Mate tea.

3. At the Kim Choo Factory Tour, all participants will be able to _____

- (1) view the production of Kim Choo's Tarts
- (2) purchase their otaks at a discounted rate
- (3) have a hands-on session on making dumplings
- (4) learn more about the Peranakans and their origins

4. Which food item has been voted the best in a nation-wide internet poll?

- (1) Da-Sing Tofu
- (2) Kim Choo Otak
- (3) 8-Treasure tea
- (4) UCC Ueshima Coffee

5. Which one of the following sentences is TRUE?

- (1) Participants will meet at 9:40am at Kim Choo Factory.
- (2) Participants need only pay \$40 each for the Family Fun Tour.
- (3) Besides tofu, Da-Sing Tofu Factory also manufactures soya drinks.
- (4) Only children are allowed to participate in the Family Fun Tour.

SECTION B: GRAMMAR DISCRETE (15 x 1m = 15m)

Choose the correct answer and shade the appropriate oval 1, 2, 3 or 4 on the optical answer sheet (OAS).

6. Our badminton school team was one of the few _____ was chosen to represent Singapore.

- ~~(1) who~~
~~(3) whom~~

- ~~(2) which~~
~~(4) whose~~

7. I was advised to turn _____ the money which I had found hidden behind the bushes.

- ~~(1) in~~
~~(3) back~~

- ~~(2) aside~~
~~(4) away~~

8. The list of examination marks _____ missing from Mrs Tan's drawers only a while ago.

- ~~(1) is found~~
~~(3) are found~~

- ~~(2) was found~~
~~(4) have been found~~

9. She _____ to my house. Isn't she?

- ~~(1) comes~~
~~(3) is coming~~

- ~~(2) will come~~
~~(4) will be coming~~

10. The jewellery was given to Alice and her brother who sold _____ for a considerable amount.

- ~~(1) It~~
~~(3) them~~

- ~~(2) her~~
~~(4) him~~

11. My mischievous brother sneaked behind me and _____ his hands on my shoulders, causing me to jump up in fright.

- ~~(1) lie~~
~~(3) lay~~

- ~~(2) laid~~
~~(4) lain~~

12. We managed to persuade Mother to let my brother and _____ stay overnight at Aunt May's house.

- ~~(1) I~~
- ~~(2) she~~
- ~~(3) me~~
- ~~(4) he~~

13. Penny and Michelle are good friends. They always send _____ a card at Christmas.

- ~~(1) ourselves~~
- ~~(2) each other~~
- ~~(3) themselves~~
- ~~(4) one another~~

14. I've often travelled by plane but I've never been _____ a jumbo jet.

- ~~(1) on~~
- ~~(2) by~~
- ~~(3) in~~
- ~~(4) at~~

15. My teacher, Mrs Tan, _____ to Portugal and won't be back for a few years.

- ~~(1) goes~~
- ~~(2) went~~
- ~~(3) will go~~
- ~~(4) has gone~~

16. _____ he was late, he still stopped by at McDonald's to buy a hamburger.

- ~~(1) Since~~
- ~~(2) If~~
- ~~(3) Unless~~
- ~~(4) Although~~

17. "Is he the one _____ car you borrowed from?" Mother asked Peter.

- ~~(1) which~~
- ~~(2) who~~
- ~~(3) whose~~
- ~~(4) whom~~

18. My little sister held a large tin and said, "I baked all _____ cookies myself."

- ~~(1) this~~
- ~~(2) those~~
- ~~(3) that~~
- ~~(4) these~~

19. He is a very successful businessman even though he has very _____ education.

~~(1)~~ few
~~(3)~~ much

~~(2)~~ little
~~(4)~~ many

20. Fifty dollars _____ a lot of money to pay for a book. You had better consider getting a cheaper one.

~~(1)~~ is
~~(3)~~ are

~~(2)~~ was
~~(4)~~ were

SECTION C: VOCABULARY. (10 x 1m = 10m)

Part I: Choose the correct answer and shade the appropriate oval 1, 2, 3 or 4 on the optical answer sheet (OAS).

21. I think the manager was rather _____ in dismissing his secretary without checking out the facts first.

~~(1)~~ high-handed
~~(3)~~ empty-handed

~~(2)~~ short-handed
~~(4)~~ single-handed

22. Scientists are mystified by the sudden change in weather conditions and are unable to _____ it.

~~(1)~~ account
~~(3)~~ clarify

~~(2)~~ describe
~~(4)~~ explain

23. This advertisement has the _____ message that if we buy the product, we will achieve success and happiness.

~~(1)~~ illicit
~~(3)~~ elite

~~(2)~~ implicit
~~(4)~~ exquisite

24. Mary is my _____ to whom I tell all my problems and fears.

(1) colleague
(3) confidante

(2) companion
(4) compatriot

25. John _____ the windscreen wipers, settled back comfortably into the leather seats and waited for the rain to stop.

- (1) turned on
(3) turned in

- ~~(2)~~ turned up
~~(4)~~ turned down

Part II: For each question from 26 to 30, choose the most suitable word(s) to replace the underlined word(s). Shade the appropriate ovals 1, 2, 3 or 4 on the optical answer sheet (OAS).

26. In spite of the formal investigation by the bank, it was never discovered where the missing money went.

- (1) inquiry
(3) enquiry
- (2) request
(4) review

27. Weight-lifting and running go well with each other in providing a well-rounded exercise routine.

- (1) compliment
(3) harmonize
- (2) complement
(4) accompany

28. To avoid suspicion, James decided to make up a false story.

- ~~(1)~~ create
~~(3)~~ fabricate
- ~~(2)~~ produce
~~(4)~~ manufacture

29. It was unfortunate that John quarrelled with Peter over a trivial matter like who should pay for the taxi fare.

- (1) fell in
(3) fell off
- (2) fell out
(4) fell down

30. Statistics show that we take in more fruit and vegetables in our diet now as compared to ten years ago.

- (1) compose
(3) dispose
- (2) devour
(4) consume

SECTION D: COMPREHENSION MCQ (5 x 2m = 10m)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

More than 24 hours after an oil tanker exploded off Marina Bay, Singapore, killing all but three of the eleven crew on board, oil slicks threatened to spread over the island's southern beaches. Rescue workers, hampered by the rising tide of sludge, found only six bodies but continued their search until after nightfall, when they were ordered to give it up for the day.

Some may still be in the stricken vessel, but this will not be confirmed until the Navy's search and rescue team begins their grim task of recovering the dead at first light the next day.

Reports are still reaching the Ministry of Home Affairs about the bravery shown by ordinary members of the public at the time of the explosion. Accountant Mohammed Ibrahim Rahman, 35, was strolling along the promenade with his family when the force of the blast blew them off their feet. After checking they were all well, he told **them** to take cover at a nearby hotel. Despite the raging inferno only a few hundred metres away from the shore, he leapt into an old fishing boat and, in the face of the gushing oil and searing heat, paddled his way towards the *Angel*. He must have known that the oil swirling all around his tiny wooden vessel could ignite at any moment. Nevertheless, he did not head back for shore until he had hauled one survivor, Mr Kassim, to safety. Even then, he could have gone on but for the acrid smoke that was choking him and his passenger.

Mr Ibrahim said later, "What I did was not especially brave. Anyone would have done the same thing. I'm only sorry I could not find any of Mr Kassim's shipmates."

(Adapted from *Disaster at Marina Bay*)

Choose the most appropriate answer and shade the appropriate ovals 1, 2, 3 or 4 on the optical answer sheet (OAS).

31. From the first paragraph, we know that _____ bodies were still missing.

- (1) six
- (2) two
- (3) eight
- (4) eleven

32. The rescue workers stopped their search because _____.

- (1) the rising tide made rescue work difficult
- (2) it was too dark as the day was almost over
- (3) they had received an order to stop searching
- (4) they were discouraged as they could only find six bodies

33. The word "them" in the third paragraph refers to _____.

- (1) Mr Ibrahim's family
- (2) members of the crew
- (3) Mr Ibrahim and his family
- (4) the Navy's search and rescue team

34. Mr Ibrahim could not rescue more survivors because _____.

- (1) he was almost choked by the thick smoke
- (2) the searing heat was too much for him to bear
- (3) he was afraid the oil around his vessel would ignite
- (4) the fishing boat was too small to carry more than one survivor

35. This incident shows us that Mr Ibrahim is a/an _____ man.

- (1) timid
- (2) humble
- (3) reckless
- (4) irresponsible

Go on to Booklet B

SECTION E: GRAMMAR CLOZE (10 X 1m = 10m)

In the following passage, there are 10 blanks numbered 36 to 45. From the list of word 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.

(A) in	(B) its	(C) and	(D) that	(E) of
(F) such	(G) as	(H) or	(J) their	(K) at
(L) towards	(M) from	(N) with	(P) up	(Q) over

The sea-lion pups are soon departing into the sea. At the moment, they seem safe ____ (36) ____ they lounge on a Patagonian beach, building ____ (37) ____ their strength. The pups have no apparent awareness ____ (38) ____ they are facing a possible violent death. For every now and then, one of the tall waves thundering ____ (39) ____ from the open ocean carries ____ (40) ____ it a dark, sinister presence.

As the wave crest curves ____ (41) ____, the tumbling water reveals the huge black ____ (42) ____ white flank of a killer whale travelling fast ____ (43) ____ the shore. It then surges up the beach, and with one powerful beat of its tail, it lunges into a group ____ (44) ____ unsuspecting seal pups.

As they scatter squealing in alarm, the whale seizes a struggling pup in ____ (45) ____ jaw. With a flip of its massive tail, the whale disappears into the water with its prey.

SECTION F: EDITING FOR SPG (10 X 1m = 10m)

In the following passage, there are 10 blanks numbered 46 to 55. Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammar error. Wrong punctuation marks are circled. A missing punctuation is indicated by a circle at the place where it should be. Put the correct punctuation mark of word in each of the blanks provided in the answer sheet provided.

In 1929, a boy who was barely twelve years old, together with his mother and two siblings left their hometown in Jinmen(46) ○ China. Sailing by boat, they arrived at Indonesia six weeks later to be reunited (47)for the boy's father. The (48) arduros journey and stormy seas left a deep impression (49)at the boy.

This boy who would (50) becomes a business mogul is Mr Ng Bok Eng. Mr Ng was born to a humble family on 28 September 1917 in Jinmen. (51) ○ his dire living conditions forced his family to move to Indonesia in hope of a brighter future. Through his struggles to make a living, he began to develop at an early age, an (52) entrepricing spirit and a sharp business acumen.

When he was fifteen, he decided to become a merchant at sea. Do you know that the decision turned (53)up to be a pivotal point in Mr Ng's life (54) ○ Working at sea was difficult and among the trials he faced was a bout of malaria. He battled the (55) dizeas without modern day medicine and pulled through. He is a person who does not give up easily.

SECTION G: TRANSFORMATION / SYNTHESIS (5 X 2m = 10m)

For each of the items 56 to 60, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentences must be the same as the given one(s).

56. It is necessary to plan your travel in advance. Only then would you be able to go on a trip during the school holidays.
57. "Do you want me to wait for you at the bus stop tomorrow night?" Paul asked Sue.
58. Simon returned home. He was called back to the office again.
59. Tim was embarrassed. He spilt the drinks onto his manager during the meeting.
60. Mrs. Chan does not like buying clothing found in departmental stores. She likes making her own clothes.

SECTION H COMPREHENSION CLOZE (20 X 1m = 20 m)

In the following passage, there are 20 blanks numbered 61 to 80. Fill in each blank with a suitable word:

Biologist Carrie Hunt had set her heart on teaching Lacy, a 160 kilogram grizzly that she should not come back for the plums and sunflower seeds she had stolen the night before. In fact, if she was to be spared ____ (61) ____ the forest rangers, she had to try to ____ (62) ____ scavenging around the homes for ____ (63) _____. This would not be an easy ____ (64) ____ as Lacy was big enough to roll boulders and rip trees ____ (65) _____.

"Crack!"

Suddenly, out of the trees, a dark, powerful shape ___ (66) ___, almost like a shadow. Lumbering, Lacy approached our group at a ___ (67) ___ pace. Having come out from the woods, Lacy ___ (68) ___ on her hind legs to reach her full height ___ (69) ___ over two metres. She glanced in ___ (70) ___ direction, put her nose to the air and ___ (71) ___ the air for danger. Not detecting us, Lacy fell back on her four ___ (72) ___, her muscles rippling beneath shaggy fur. She stopped at a rubbish bin and ___ (73) ___ through the contents within. Gunshots ___ (74) ___ fired to chase her away. Shocked, Lacy froze. We braced ourselves for an attack ___ (75) ___ she ran away instead, a streak of brown.

Often, the encounters were more heart-wrenching. Carrie told us about an incident when she was working with a mother grizzly ___ (76) ___ was frantically trying to save her cubs from being hit by a train. If Carrie had ___ (77) ___ to persuade her to leave, she might be run over by the oncoming train. ___ (78) ___ the cubs were taken away and removed from the mother's sight, she quietened down but ___ (79) ___ to leave the site. Carrie had ___ (80) ___ choice but to order the dogs to bark with all their fierceness until the grizzly disappeared several hours later into the woods.

(Adapted from *Talking to Grizzlies*)

SECTION I: COMPREHENSION (10 X 2m = 20m)

Read the passage below and answer the questions.

On the trail, Sharon and Macy talked excitedly about the future. Both were saving for university. Sharon hoped to become a chef. Macy was thinking about a career in dentistry. Each enjoyed the other's contrasting nature. Sharon was tall and tended towards shyness while Macy's dark complexion highlighted her lively, outspoken personality.

After stopping at the lower waterfall, the two hikers climbed the steep path to the thin trail that hugged the edge of the cliff above Tahquitz Creek. Neither knew that recent heavy rains had eroded a part of the trail. It was late afternoon when they reached the small trail. After they had enjoyed the spectacular view for a while, Sharon headed off the trail and started toward the stream. Halfway down, she suddenly let out a startled cry. The rocks beneath her feet had given way. Macy watched in horror as her friend fell into the canyon.

I have to help, thought Macy, panic-stricken. She called out to the crumpled body on the rocks below, but there was no response. Ignoring the obvious danger, she started down the cliff herself. A moment later, Macy slipped and lost her footing. Rocks rained around her as she, too, plummeted into the darkening canyon. The backpack on her back probably saved Sharon's life. It provided a cushion when she skidded down the cliff and landed on her back. Her legs were scratched and bleeding. Looking up, she gasped in horror to see Macy fall like a stone, bouncing off the rock wall with a sickening thud five metres away. Sharon crawled toward Macy's battered body. Macy lay on her back, her legs twisted inward at a horrible angle so that a bone stuck out of her flesh. Blood was everywhere. Reaching for her friend's hand, Sharon could not find a pulse. "Oh God," she cried, "please don't let her die!"

Macy's eyes flickered open. She tried to speak but was overcome by pain. Her head and back felt on fire. *I can't move my legs*, she thought. **Sharon hoped her voice didn't betray the fear she felt**, but then she saw it didn't matter. Macy had slipped into unconsciousness. As she stood up, Sharon realized how badly hurt she was. The fall had fractured a bone in her neck, and a stabbing pain ran down her spine with each step.

Sharon headed for the creek, knowing that it would lead out of the canyon. When she reached it, she had to hike down the centre of the near-freezing, thigh-deep water because the undergrowth at the banks were too dense. After nearly an hour, she came to a huge rock. She began to climb it but lost her footing and slid into the creek again. Stunned and in immense pain, she lay in the water until the cold anesthetized her wounds. Then she crawled onto a nearby ledge and tried to stand. The four-inch gash in her leg was bleeding badly. Shivering, she tore off a part of her sleeve, used it as a bandage and wrapped it around the wound. Half an hour later, the leg had stopped bleeding, but the pain in her neck and back had grown. Soon it would be too dark for rescuers to come. She lay on the smooth rock and began to pray.

(Adapted from *Trapped in Tahquitz Canyon* by Michael Bowker)

For each question from 81 to 90, write your answer in the answer sheet provided.

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

81. Sharon and Macy were different in several ways. Give one example from the first paragraph.
82. From **paragraph 2**, quote the word which clearly indicates that the view from the top of the canyon was magnificent.
83. What danger awaited the two hikers as they headed towards the trail?
84. "I have to help" (paragraph 3). What does Macy's response tell you about her? Explain your answer.
85. How did Sharon survive the fall?
86. Explain clearly why "Sharon hoped her voice didn't betray the fear she felt".
87. As Sharon lay in the water, what effect did the water have on her wounds?
88. What did Sharon do to stop the bleeding on her leg?
89. Which sentence in the passage tells you that the day was almost over?
90. The writer states that Sharon lay on the smooth rock and began to pray. What does this tell you about how she felt about her situation?

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CHECK YOUR WORK CAREFULLY

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SAZ (81) Sharon was shy but Macy
outspoken and lively.

(84) She was reckless. She was not
concerned about her own safety
and went down the canyon to
save her friend.

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| 1) 1 | 28) 3 | 55) disease |
| 2) 4 | 29) 2 | 56) Unless you plan your travel in advance, you would not be able to go on a trip during the school holidays. |
| 3) 4 | 30) 4 | 57) Paul asked Sue whether she wanted him to wait for her at the bus stop the following night. |
| 4) 2 | 31) 2 | 58) No sooner had Simon returned home than he was called back to the office again. |
| 5) 3 | 32) 3 | 59) Much to Tim's embarrassment, he split the drinks onto his manager during the meeting. |
| 6) 2 | 33) 1 | 60) Mrs Chan prefers making her own clothes to buying clothing found in departmental stores. |
| 7) 1 | 34) 1 | 61) by 62) stop 63) food 64) task |
| 8) 2 | 35) 2 | 65) apart 66) appeared 67) slow 68) stood |
| 9) 3 | 36) G | 69) of 70) our 71) sniffed 72) paws |
| 10) 1 | 37) P | 73) rummaged 74) were 75) but |
| 11) 2 | 38) D | 76) which 77) failed 78) when |
| 12) 3 | 39) A | 79) refused 80) no |
| 13) 2 | 40) N | 81) Sharon hoped to become a chef while Macy wanted to become a dentist. /OR |
| 14) 1 | 41) Q | 82) The word is "spectacular". |
| 15) 4 | 42) C | 83) A part of the trail had been eroded by heavy rain and they would fall into the canyon if they walked along it. |
| 16) 4 | 43) L | 84) She is a person who cares more about the safety of her friend. She was /or panic-stricken, yet she ignored the obvious danger in trying to help her friend. |
| 17) 3 | 44) E | 85) Sharon's backpack saved her life when she skidded down the cliff and landed on her back because it acted as a cushion, and absorbed the impact of the fall. |
| 18) 4 | 45) B | 86) Sharon did not want Macy to be frightened as she was already badly wounded. |
| 19) 2 | 46) , | 87) The cold water anesthetized her wound and she did not feel as much pain as before. |
| 20) 1 | 47) with | 88) Sharon tore off part of her sleeve and wrapped it around the wound, using it as a bandage to stop the bleeding. |
| 21) 1 | 48) arduous | 89) The sentence is "Soon it would be too dark for rescuers to come." |
| 22) 4 | 49) on | 90) She felt helpless and she resorted to praying, hoping that she and Macy would get out of the predicament alive. /OR |
| 23) 2 | 50) become | |
| 24) 3 | 51) His | |
| 25) 1 | 52) enterprising | |
| 26) 1 | 53) out | |
| 27) 2 | 54) ? | |