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**NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL
2005 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION
PRIMARY 6EM1/EM2**

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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

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There are a total of 80 questions – 30 MCQ and 50 open-ended questions.

Instructions to pupils:

- 1. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.**
- 2. Follow all instructions carefully.**
- 3. Answer all the questions**
- 4. Shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.**
- 5. There are 18 printed pages, including the cover pages of Booklets A and B.**

Section A: Graphic Stimulus (5x1 m = 5m)

Study the advertisement below and answer questions 1 to 5.

The 24-Hour Playwriting Competition

TheatreWorks Writers' Lab
24-Hour Playwriting
Competition returns for its 8th
year! This time, the action
takes place at Singapore
Press Holdings Centre.

DATES
16 July 2005 (4pm) to
17 July 2005 (4pm)

YOUTH CATEGORY
15 - 18 Years

OPEN CATEGORY
19 years and above

LIMITED TO 100 places

Your goal:
to write a play within 24
hours.

Your challenge:
to overcome physical and
mental exhaustion as you
stay creative.



REGISTRATION FEE
Youth - \$25
Open - \$35

Your inspiration:
the fascinating newspaper
environment of Singapore
Press Holdings' headquarters
in Toa Payoh and its ever-
changing facets.

**REGISTRATION
DEADLINE**

1ST July 2005

*Sustenance will be provided.

For more information, please
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Email: tworks@pacnet.com.sg



**PRIZES FOR EACH
CATEGORY**
1ST Prize \$800
2nd Prize \$500
3rd Prize \$200
Merit Prize \$100

Registration form can be
downloaded at
www.theatreworks.org.sg

Singapore Press Holdings and
SPH Foundation are proud to
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TheatreWorks Writers' Lab

With Support From

National Arts Council

*Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be
provided

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 organiser of 'The 24-hour Playwriting Competition' is _____.

- (1) National Arts Council
- (2) Singapore Press Holdings
- (3) TheatreWorks Writers' Lab
- (4) Singapore Press Holdings Foundation

2. According to the advertisement, this is the _____ time that 'The 24-hour Playwriting Competition' is held.

- (1) first
- (2) fourth
- (3) eighth
- (4) twenty-fourth

3. The objective of the competition is to _____.

- (1) be creative
- (2) be physically fit
- (3) overcome mental exhaustion
- (4) write a play within 24 hours

4. A total of _____ prizes will be given out to all the winners of the competition.

- (1) 3
- (2) 4
- (3) 6
- (4) 8

5. Which one of the following sentences is **TRUE**?

- (X) The competition is open to all ages.
- (X) SPH is the only sponsor of the competition.
- (X) All participants will have to pay a registration fee of \$25.
- (X) Free food and drinks will be provided during the competition.

Section B: Grammar Discrete (7 x1m = 7m)

For each question from 6 to 12, 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. If I _____ you, I would have done it differently.
- (1) am (2) was
(3) were (4) had been
7. During our trip, we reduced our expenses by taking the train and _____ in inexpensive restaurants.
- (1) eat (2) ate
(3) eating (4) have eaten
8. Alex made arrangements with Mario and _____ to go to the Dragon Boat Race this Saturday.
- (1) I (2) me
(3) myself (4) mine
9. The boat with thirty men, women and children _____ rescued by the Coast Guard last Saturday.
- (1) is (2) are
(3) was (4) were
10. Lily and her boyfriend have been dating _____ last year.
- (1) for (2) since
(3) during (4) before
11. "Did Jane come?" asked Ms Tan.
"I don't know. She _____ have come while I was out," I replied.
- (1) must (2) might
(3) should (4) may
12. This is a secret. _____ knows except us.
- (1) Nobody (2) Anyone
(3) Somebody (4) Someone

Section C: Punctuation (3 x 1m = 3m)

For each question from 13 to 15, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

"Why, oh why did I pay for this silly bungee jump?" Mei groaned under her breath (13) "This is more like the ending of a lifetime than an experience of a lifetime, indeed!"

"Next (14) shouted the instructor.

"Oh, that's me (15) thought Mei.

Mei felt the sudden rush of adrenalin as she ran to the jump-off point. As she looked down, she could feel the bridge swaying slightly under her. Mei bit down hard, held her breath and leaped forward into the empty space.

13. (1) [,] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [?] question mark
(4) [!] exclamation mark
14. (1) [",] inverted commas and comma
(2) ["!] inverted commas and exclamation mark
(3) [, "] comma and inverted commas
(4) [! "] exclamation mark and inverted commas
15. (1) [,] comma
(2) [, "] comma and inverted comma
(3) [. "] full stop and inverted commas
(4) [? "] question mark and inverted commas

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

For each question from 16 to 20, 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.

16. The lifeguard managed to rescue the boy from the pool and _____ him.

- rejuvenate
 restore

- resuscitate
 recuperate

17. The death row convict's appeal for _____ to the President was rejected.

- (1) mercy
(3) clemency

- (2) leniency
(4) condolence

18. It was so dark in the cinema that they had to walk with difficulty down the _____ to their seats.

- (1) aisle
(3) alley

- (2) corridor
(4) passage

19. Bill Gates, the founder of Microsoft Corporation, has reached the _____ of success as he has attained both wealth and fame.

- (1) pillar
(3) pinnacle

- (2) pioneer
(4) pedestal

20. The press and media were present in great numbers to provide full _____ of the historic event.

- (1) coverage
(3) recordings

- (2) screenings
(4) preview

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

For each question from 21 to 25, 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.

On the evening of 7th December 1941, the day before Japan attacked Singapore, I was told to go home and pick up as much provisions as I could buy on the way. In fact, I was one among the ~~first~~ Asian citizens to know that the Japanese attack was (21) imminent.

However, I had the most (22) difficult time trying to convince the people in the area to go to the air raid shelters. They thought it was an air raid practice and stood watching the bombs dropping as if they were watching a movie. Once they felt the impact of the bombs, the streets were filled with people who were thrown into a state of (23) pandemonium.

During the first few days of the Japanese Occupation, my son and I became hawkers selling mosquito coils and some canned provisions. My wife made some cakes and tapioca, which sold like hot cakes.

I had my first (24) close shave during the Sook Ching operation. About 30 of us, all young men, were instructed by the Japanese to head to Arab Street. Before we could get there, my uncle stopped us and told us to turn back. At the age of 26, I was among the group targeted for intense (25) cross-examination. If we had gone to Arab Street that day, we would have been taken away to be executed.

Adapted from *Glimpses and Reflections* by Wee Kim Wee

- 21.
- (1) impending
 - (2) immeasurable
 - (3) implausible
 - (4) impenetrable
- 22.
- (1) awesome
 - (2) laborious
 - (3) terrible
 - (4) dreadful
- 23.
- (1) violence
 - (2) recklessness
 - (3) chaos and confusion
 - (4) depression and destruction
- 24.
- (1) lucky miss
 - (2) narrow escape
 - (3) near encounter
 - (4) miraculous escape
- 25.
- (1) investigation
 - (2) interrogation
 - (3) instigation
 - (4) inspection

Section F: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1m = 5m)

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

If you were rich, what would you spend your money on? Steve Fossett, a billionaire businessman from Chicago in the United States, spends his money on adventures and new challenges. His great interest is in travelling across the sky, but not in a plane. He is interested in hot-air balloons that use the natural movement of the wind and air to move through the sky. 5

For many years, it had been his dream to be the first person to fly in a balloon around the world without stopping. He tried several times, with other balloonists, to be the first to make that journey round the earth in a balloon, but he failed. As well as skill, it takes luck to make this journey successful. However, luck was not with Steve Fossett's balloon on those journeys. But 10 Steve did break many records on the way. He was the first to fly in a balloon over Asia and over Africa. In March 1999, two other men, Bertrand Piccard and Brian Jones succeeded in doing what Steve had not done. They were the first to go round the earth, non-stop, in a balloon.

So now Steve saw a **new challenge**. He wanted to be the first person 15 to circle the earth alone in a balloon. Because he was a billionaire, he could spend very large amounts of money necessary to keep paying for these balloon adventures. He tried five times in 1996 but was unsuccessful as weather and wind conditions were never quite right. He nearly succeeded in 1998 but had to land suddenly in the middle of Pacific Ocean because of bad 20 weather. Steve Fossett was in great danger but he did not give up.

On 14th July, 2002, newspapers around the world carried the story of Steve's triumph. He had landed safely in Australia, ending his 14-day flight to become the first person to circle the earth in a balloon alone, without 25 stopping!

So was this adventurer going to rest now? After his successful round-the-world balloon record, Steve was off to New Zealand. His plan was to break some world records for flying in a glider. In November 2002, Steve Fossett broke the glider record for speed. He travelled faster in a glider than anyone before him. His next plan is to go higher than anyone else away from the earth in a glider and to travel further than anyone else.

For each question from 26 to 30, 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.

26. What was Steve Fossett's main interest?
It was _____.
- (1) spending his money on balloon adventures
 - (2) experimenting with hot-air balloons
 - (3) studying the movement of wind and air
 - (4) travelling across the sky in a hot-air balloon
27. According to the author in 2nd paragraph, it will take _____ to make the journey round the earth in a balloon a successful one.
- (1) luck and money
 - (2) money and skill
 - (3) skill and luck
 - (4) determination and luck
28. How many attempts had Steve Fossett made before he succeeded in his **new challenge** in 2002? (Line 15)
He had made _____ attempts.
- (1) two
 - (2) four
 - (3) five
 - (4) six
29. According to the passage, what proved to be an added advantage to Steve Fossett in his pursuit of his dream?
It was his _____.
- (1) health
 - (2) wealth
 - (3) interest
 - (4) business
30. Which one of the statements is **not true** of Steve Fossett?
- (1) He was not only a successful businessman but also a billionaire.
 - (2) He was the first man to fly in a balloon, non stop, round the earth.
 - (3) He was the first man to fly in a balloon, ~~non stop~~, over Asia and Africa.
 - (4) He not only broke records for flying a balloon but also for flying a glider.



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PAPER 2: BOOKLET B
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Section G: Grammar Cloze (10 X 1m = 10m)

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the Answer Booklet provided. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking. Write your answers in the Answer Booklet.

Use each WORD once ONLY

A) when	J) up	G) he	K) within	N) their
B) they	E) about	H) on	L) while	O) out
C) in	F) however	I) but	M) among	Q) with

The Singapore dad is doing a lousy job. This is the finding of a survey conducted by Reader's Digest ___(31)___ teens in eight countries in Asia. According to the teens surveyed, ___(32)___ does not listen, cannot remember the names of their best friends, and does not understand their life. What irks them most is that their fathers are totally clueless ___(33)___ their life and show no interest in wanting to know more. Said student Jason Yeo, "I like to read Japanese comics and listen to J-pop, but my father thinks they are useless. He asked me why I was spending so much time on them and if they were going to be in the exams. He doesn't seem interested in finding ___(34)___ what I like."

Zhang Yun Fei, from Taiwan, agrees. "My father works long hours and gets home ___(35)___ I'm asleep. I see him only at weekends ___(36)___ he's usually busy reading the papers. Sometimes, I don't know what to say to him. I don't think he knows very much about me," he said.

The survey shows that fathers deserve, at most, a grade of C-. In other words, ___(37)___ overall performance is less than satisfactory. Professor Straughan, a sociologist at NUS, claims that one reason could be fathers' unwillingness to give ___(38)___ their commitment to their careers or personal freedom.

If there is one consolation for Singapore fathers, they are no worse than their counterparts ___(39)___ Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines and South Korea. The worst fathers are from Hong Kong and Taiwan, with D+, ___(40)___ the best-performing fathers - from Thailand - only got a C.

(Adapted from The Sunday Times, 3 July 2005)

Section H: Spelling and Grammar (10 x 1m = 10m)

Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write your answers in the Answer Booklet.

The cave was clearly used as a home. There were pens filled with sheep and cows of that large (41) **spicies** we had seen from the island. All around the walls (42) hanged enormous cheeses, and gigantic churns of goats' milk stood against the walls.

"Food!" cried one of my men, his voice echoing across the cavern. "Enough food to keep us going for a hundred (43) **voyeiges!** Shall we kill the sheep now and make (44) of? How many of these cheeses can we carry?"

"(45) **Silents!**" I replied. 'Are we common robbers to steal food from someone while he is away from home? This cave belongs to a shepherd, I suppose. When he (46) returned we will give him the wine and no doubt he will make us a present of meat and cheese in return. Sit down, and wait."

It was evening before we heard the slow, heavy footsteps of someone approaching the cave. Through the opening, we were (47) **started** to see a giant of a man staggering up the steep path and (48) carry a bundle of huge logs (49) at his back. The creature wore only a loin-cloth, had shaggy hair and beard and - (50) **straingest** of them all - a single eye fixed in the middle of his forehead.

(Adapted from *The Cyclops* by Homer)

Section I: Synthesis/Transformation (5 x 2m = 10m)

For each of the questions 51 to 55, 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 in the Answer Booklet.

51. Marianne did not know the seriousness of her error.

Little _____.

52. Kah Meng is poor at his studies. He is not well-liked by his classmates.

Not only _____.

53. She wants to pass the examination. She must study hard.

_____ unless _____.

54. Alice said, "Todd, did you come here last night?"

Alice asked Todd _____.

55. If the contractor had been more careful, the building would still be standing.

Had _____.

Section J: Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1m = 15m)

In the following passage, there are 15 blanks numbered 56 to 70. Fill in each blank with a suitable word. Write your answers in the Answer Booklet.

My grandmother's feet had been bound when she was two years old. Her mother first wound a piece of cloth ___(56)___ her feet, bending all the toes under the sole. Then she placed a huge stone on top to crush the arch. My grandmother screamed in agony and ___(57)___ her to stop. Her mother had to stick a cloth into her ___(58)___ to gag her. My grandmother passed ___(59)___ repeatedly from the pain.

The process ___(60)___ several years. When my grandmother pleaded with her mother to untie the bindings, the latter would weep and ___(61)___ to her that unbound feet would ruin her life, and that she was doing it for her future happiness.

In those days, when a woman was married, the first thing the bridegroom's family did was to ___(62)___ her feet. Large feet, meaning normal feet, were considered to bring shame to the husband's household. The mother-in-law would lift the hem of the bride's long skirt, and if the feet were more than about four inches ___(63)___, she would throw down the skirt in a gesture of contempt and stalk ___(64)___, leaving the bride to the critical gaze of the wedding guests, who would stare at her feet and insultingly mutter their disdain. Sometimes a mother would take ___(65)___ on her daughter and remove the binding cloth; ___(66)___ when the daughter had to endure the contempt of her husband's family and the disapproval of society, she would blame her mother for having been too weak.

When I was a child, my grandmother would soak her feet ___(67)___ hot water once we came home from shopping. She would ___(68)___ with relief as she did so. In fact, her feet were bound just when foot-binding was disappearing for ___(69)___. By the time her sister was born in 1917, the practice had virtually been abandoned, so she ___(70)___ the torment. She was certainly more fortunate than my grandmother!

(Adapted from *Wild Swans* by Jung Chang)

Section K: comprehension Open-ended (10 x 2m = 20m)

Read the passage below carefully and answer questions 71 to 80.

Roie burst open the door and flicked on the light. Motty was sitting up in her cot. Blood was streaming down her cheek. Her eyes were screwed tight, but she was beating with both fists at **the thing** that crouched on the blankets in front of her. Roie dragged Motty out
5 of the cot and retreated a step, but the rat merely scuttled to the end of the bedding and sat there, its teeth bared. It was as big as a kitten, its eyes gleamed and it snarled with a ferocity that petrified Roie as she stood with the howling Motty over her shoulder.

Suddenly it flashed across to the door, which had swung shut
10 after Roie. It clawed on the panels in an attempt to get out. Then it darted into the fireplace. Roie put Motty, who had stopped yelling, down and wiped away the blood. There was a ring of toothmarks on her cheekbone, but only one had penetrated the flesh. If Motty had been younger, she might have died as other babies had died in their
15 locality, victims of the same fate. At the sight of the wound, a deep, devouring fury seized Roie. That this disgusting prowler should bite her baby!

Roie was enraged to a savagery unknown to her gentle nature. She slammed shut the window through which the rat had come. With
20 the door shut too, she now had it imprisoned. She picked up the walking stick in the corner of the room and stabbed at the half-seen body of the rat. The tip hit something soft, there was a squeal and Roie made a sound of triumph.

The rat suddenly leapt out. It jumped at her and ran up her
25 skirt on the underside. Roie felt its sharp claws clinging to her bare

leg. She screamed "Beast! Beast!" and thrashed with the stick. Sometimes the blows fell on the rat and sometimes on her leg, and all the time she felt the cold scaly body slithering and scrabbling for a foothold on her flesh. Then with a thump it fell to the floor and
30 crawled a little way and faced her, squealing a high-pitched note.

The rat knew it was cornered and helpless. It stood there, almost with its paws begging for mercy. A dark ruby of blood quivered on the end of its nose.

Roie hit once and it collapsed. She hit it a second time, then a
5 third, then a fourth... till it was a red squashed mass in the middle of a thick pool. Then she stopped, trembling, realizing almost with shock that there was no need to hit anymore.

(Adapted from *Poor Man's Orange* by Ruth Park)

For each question from 71 to 80, write your answers in the Answer Booklet. **ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.**

71. What does 'the thing' (line 3) refer to?
72. What evidence in paragraph 1 suggests that Motty was a baby?
73. How did Roie feel when the rat snarled at her?
74. In your own words, explain clearly what caused Motty's cheek to bleed.
75. "Roie was enraged to a savagery unknown to her gentle nature" (line 19). In your own words, explain what this sentence tells us about Roie's character.
76. "... she now had it imprisoned" (line 21). Why did Roie believe that the rat could not escape?
77. What word in the passage has the same meaning as "victory"?
78. Roie did not seem to feel any pain when the stick hit her leg. Why do you think this was so?
79. In the last paragraph, why was there no need for Roie to hit the rat anymore?
80. Which sentence in the passage suggests that the rat attack on Motty was not unusual in the area?

END OF BOOKLET B

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- 1) 3 28) 4 60) lasted 51) Little did Marianne know the seriousness of her error.
- 2) 3 29) 2 61) explain
- 3) 4 30) 2 62) inspect 52) Not only is Kah Meng poor at his studies, he is not well-liked by his classmates.
- 4) 4 31) M 63) long
- 5) 4 32) G 64) off
- 6) 3 33) E 65) pity 53) She will fail the examination unless she studies hard.
- 7) 3 34) P 66) but
- 8) 2 35) A 67) in 54) Alice asked Todd if he had gone there the previous night./
- 9) 3 36) J 68) sigh
- 10) 2 37) N 69) good 55) Had the contractor been more careful, the building would still be standing.
- 11) 2 38) D 70) escaped
- 12) 1 39) C 71) It refers to the rat.
- 13) 2 40) L 72) Motty slept in a cot, which proves that she is a baby.
- 14) 4 41) species
- 15) 2 42) hung 73) Roie was petrified.
- 16) 2 43) voyages 74) The rat could have bitten Motty's cheek, cut it, causing it to bleed.
- 17) 3 44) off
- 18) 1 45) silence 75) She was usually caring
- 19) 3 46) returns 76) The doors and windows were all both shut.
- 20) 1 47) startled 77) The word is "triumph".
- 21) 1 48) carrying 78) She was too angry to feel the pain.
- 22) 2 49) on
- 23) 3 50) strangest 79) It was already dead.
- 24) 2 56) around 80) The sentence is "If Motty had been younger, she might have died in their locality, victims of the same fate.
- 25) 2 57) begged
- 26) 4 58) mouth
- 27) 3 59) out