

SA1**Anglo-Chinese School (Junior)****SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (2021)****PRIMARY 6****ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

Name : _____ ()

Class : P 6. _____

Monday

10 May 2021

BOOKLET A

28 Questions

28 Marks

Total Time For Booklet A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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For each question from 1 to 10, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(10 marks)

1. The government came up with new laws in response _____ the citizens' concerns about privacy and data.

(1) by
(2) at
(3) of
(4) to

2. Everyone in the estate except for the Jim family _____ the bonding activities that were held last year.

(1) attend
(2) attends
(3) attended
(4) attending

3. He rarely goes jogging, _____?

(1) do he
(2) does he
(3) don't he
(4) doesn't he

4. The mechanic _____ tools were stolen was furious.

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

5. Due to an abundance of information out there, it is important that we learn to draw a line _____ fact and opinion," said my mother.

(1) with
(2) from
(3) among
(4) between

6. _____ it was wrong of him to accuse you cheating , you should not have hit him," warned the Head Prefect.

- (1) As
- (2) Since
- (3) While
- (4) However

7. If I _____ you were going to react positively, I would have told you the news sooner.

- (1) know
- (2) knowing
- (3) has known
- (4) had known

8. My grandmother went to _____ down because she was not well.

- (1) lie
- (2) lay
- (3) laid
- (4) lain

9. Mother praised Gareth and _____ for our act of bravery.

- (1) I
- (2) me
- (3) you
- (4) mine

10. Kim is always doubting herself _____ does she know that she has actually topped her class for the music examination.

- (1) Any
- (2) Little
- (3) Much
- (4) None

For each question from 11 to 15, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(5 marks)

11. His morale was _____ when he sustained a serious injury and could not participate in the National Sea Games Competition.

- (1) damaged
- (2) dampened
- (3) discouraged
- (4) disappointed

12. "Please bring an umbrella along with you. The rain has been _____. It comes and goes without warning," warned Aunt Jane.

- (1) minimal
- (2) sporadic
- (3) persistent
- (4) continuous

13. "You are _____ yourself. Earlier you said this answer is right. Now you are saying this answer is wrong!" I told Mary.

- (1) criticising
- (2) convicting
- (3) condemning
- (4) contradicting

14. Despite the attempts to work together, the deal between the two companies _____

- (1) fell off
- (2) fell over
- (3) fell under
- (4) fell through

15. Lionel was _____ about the sale of his house. He was shocked when he found out that it had been sold two months ago.

- (1) in seventh heaven
- (2) on the fence
- (3) in the dark
- (4) on thin ice

For each question from 16 to 20, 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. (5 marks)

The images of furry, blue-eyed, white tiger cubs tug at the heartstrings of many. These white tigers are rare and their numbers are (16) declining. Many animal activists believe that because this species of tiger is so rare, the tigers should not be held captive but instead be left out in the world, so that they can (17) procreate. However, some other animal activists have a different set of beliefs. They believe that because these animals are so rare, they should be kept in zoos, where they will be well-taken care of and are less (18) vulnerable to being hurt.

White tigers are a variant of the Bengal tiger. They are born without the pigment that makes their fur orange. Hence, their fur is white in colour. Only one out of every 10,000 Bengal tigers are born this way. Research suggests that white tigers are found (19) predominantly in Bangladesh. However, over the past few years, many hunters have reported sightings of the white tiger in the Sumatran rainforests. Whether or not this information is (20) accurate, no one knows. What we do know is that the white tiger is an endangered species and we have to do all we can to prevent its extinction.

16. (1) dwindling
(2) devaluing
(3) deteriorating
(4) degenerating
17. (1) produce
(2) duplicate
(3) reproduce
(4) impersonate
18. (1) liable
(2) susceptible
(3) responsible
(4) accountable
19. (1) mostly
(2) always
(3) regularly
(4) frequently
20. (1) clear
(2) perfect
(3) precise
(4) detailed

Study this feature article from a magazine, The Student Times, and then answer questions 21 to 28.

The Annual National Spelling Whiz is back!



The National Spelling Whiz 2021 is open to Primary 4, 5 and 6 pupils in Singapore. It aims to help them appreciate the importance of spelling. Do you have tenacity, grit and resilience? If your answer is yes, then you must sign up!

In the competition, pupils will use various strategies to spell many different words both familiar and unfamiliar to them.

FORMAT OF COMPETITION

Preliminary Round (3 June 2021, 10 a.m. at Expo City)

Participants are required to take a 40-minute written test. A list of 50 words will be read out to them and they have to spell them out on paper. The top 80 participants will move on to the Semi-Final Round.

Semi-Final Round (10 June 2021, 2 p.m. at Expo City)

The Semi-Final Round will take place on stage. Words will be read out and participants will take turns to spell them aloud. Each participant is given a time limit of 1 minute to spell the word correctly. Participants who are unable to do so will be eliminated. The elimination process will continue until the top 10 participants emerge. They will compete in the Grand Final.

Grand Final (22 June 2021, 10 a.m. at University of Singapore)

The format of the Grand Final will be similar to the Semi-Final. Each participant will be given a list of 40 challenging words to spell aloud. They have to memorise these words and will be given 10 minutes to do so. Finalists are encouraged to recite these words to a friend before the actual test begins. The actual test will last for 4 minutes. The student who spells the most number of words correctly within 4 minutes will emerge as champion.



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Second Prize: \$2000 cash prize and Big Bookstore vouchers worth \$200

Third Prize : \$1000 cash prize and Big Bookstore vouchers worth \$100

*All prize winners will also receive certificates of achievement.

*All remaining finalists will receive certificates of participation.



What teachers and pupils have said about the National Spelling Whiz:

"This competition is a great way to ignite the passion for an interest in spelling. I use spelling games and materials provided by the organiser to help my pupils prepare for the competition. My pupils enjoyed and loved it!"

Mrs Tan, Teacher of Greenview Primary School

"I used to hate spelling and find it boring. After taking part in the competition, I was proven wrong. I realised that spelling is very interesting. During my preparation for the competition, I studied etymology, the origin and history of words, to help me spell better and it is now my newfound love. The ability to spell the words correctly takes hours of repetition and coaching from my English teacher."

Peter Allan, 2019 Champion

"I prepared for the competition by looking through word lists. I am an avid reader and learn new words from books such as the Jelly Jackson and Percy Patter series. I've made many new friends through this competition. In the past, I was very shy and had stage fright. Now, I am comfortable on stage."

Siti Hamidah, 2020 Champion

ELIGIBILITY

All participants must be nominated and registered by their schools. The competition is open to Primary 4 to 6 pupils only.

REGISTRATION

Each school can send in a maximum of 10 pupils. Registration is based on a first-come-first-served basis and capped at 800 pupils. Schools must register online at www.singaporenews.com.sg

Closing date for registration is 3 May, 2021. Please call Mr Jonathan Lim at 6224 5678 for enquiries.

For each question from 21 to 28, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and write your answer in the brackets provided.

(8 marks)

21. What is the purpose of this competition?

- (1) for students to win a spelling award
- (2) to improve students' command of English
- (3) for students to value the importance of spelling
- (4) to encourage students to do a fun English activity with their friends

22. Which of the following about the "Format of Competition" is true?

- (1) Only the top ten participants will compete in the Grand Final.
- (2) All participants have to go through three rounds of competition.
- (3) There will be a total of 80 participants in the Preliminary Round.
- (4) The Semi-Final round and Grand Final are held at the same location.

23. What must a participant do in the last round of the competition?

- (1) correctly spell words during a written test
- (2) correctly spell aloud all the words within 1 minute
- (3) correctly spell words given by reciting them to a friend
- (4) correctly spell aloud the most number of words within 4 minutes

24. If Riya emerges runner-up in the Grand Final, she will receive _____

- (1) Big Bookstore vouchers and a certificate of participation
- (2) Big Bookstore vouchers and a certificate of achievement
- (3) a cash prize, Big Bookstore vouchers and a certificate of participation
- (4) a cash prize, Big Bookstore vouchers and a certificate of achievement

25. Yuko is interested in taking part in the competition but she has some questions about the competition format. She should _____ to clarify.

- (1) write an email to University of Singapore
- (2) get in touch with either Peter or Siti
- (3) visit Expo City to find out more
- (4) contact Mr Jonathan Lim

26. Which one of the following statements is true about the competition?
- (1) All the words that students encounter in the competition will be words they have never come across before.
 - (2) Mrs Tan used the materials provided by the sponsor to prepare her students for the competition.
 - (3) The competition had helped Siti to overcome her stage fright.
 - (4) The competition is open to students of all primary levels.
27. The flyer quotes Peter as saying he 'was proven wrong'. According to the flyer, Peter was wrong to think that _____.
- (1) he would be able to spell without the help of anyone
 - (2) spelling words would be an easy process
 - (3) the competition would be boring
 - (4) spelling was uninteresting
28. Hassan, a Primary 4 pupil, wants to take part in the competition. He has to _____.
- (1) be one of the pupils nominated by his school
 - (2) write an email to the organiser of the competition
 - (3) go to the venue of the competition on 3 June 2021
 - (4) register his interest at the Singapore News website

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SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (2021)

PRIMARY 6

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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Parent's Signature

BOOKLET B

52 Questions

67 Marks

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Booklet	Component	Possible Marks	Marks Obtained
A		28	
B	Grammar Cloze	10	
	Editing for Spelling & Grammar	12	
	Comprehension Cloze	15	
	Synthesis and Transformation	10	
	Comprehension OE	20	
	Total	67	

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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. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE

(A) about	(D) before	(G) from	(K) many	(N) when
(B) an	(E) between	(H) in	(L) or	(P) which
(C) as	(F) for	(J) is	(M) were	(Q) who

Electricity is a form of energy and it occurs in nature so it was not "invented." As to (29) _____ discovered it, there are many misconceptions. Some give credit to Benjamin Franklin (30) _____ discovering electricity but his experiments only helped establish the connection (31) _____ lightning and electricity, nothing more. The truth (32) _____ the discovery of electricity, however goes back more than two thousand years

In about 600BC, the Ancient Greeks discovered that rubbing fur on hardened tree sap caused (33) _____ attraction between the two. Additionally, researchers and archeologists in the 1930s discovered pots with sheets of copper inside (34) _____ they believe may have been ancient batteries meant to produce light at ancient Roman sites. Similar devices (35) _____ found in excavation sites in Iraq, which meant that the ancient residents may have also used an early form of batteries.

By the 1800s, many electricity-related discoveries had been made, such (36) _____ the invention of an early static electricity generator, the discovery of positive and negative currents, and the grouping of materials as conductors or insulators.

(37) _____ the year 1600, English physician William Gilbert used the Latin word "electricus" to describe the force that certain substances exert (38) _____ rubbed against each other. A few years later another English scientist, Thomas Browne, used the word "electricity" to describe his findings of his research based on Gilbert's work.



Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes. (12 marks)

Dear diary,

I had my Covid-19 vaccination today. The vaccination will help protect me against the

(39)

coronavirus that causes Covid-19. Most of the time, the immune system is an iffisient system.

(40)

It either keeps viruses out or track them down and gets rid of them.

(41)

However, some viruses like the Covid-19 virus can overreilm the immune system. When this

(42)

(43)

happens, it can caused serious illness. The viruses which creating problems are the ones the body

(44)

(45)

is unable to diffrenshiate. Vaccination is a way to "teach" the system how to identifies and eliminate an

(46)

organism. That way, your body is prepared if you are ever axeposed.

(47)

Vaccinations are an important form of primary prevansion. That means they can protect people

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(49)

by getting sick. Vaccinations have allowed us to control diseases that once threthened many lives. It is

(50)

important which as many people as possible get vaccinated. Vaccinations do not just protect individuals.

When enough people are vaccinated, it helps protect society.

For each of the questions 51 to 65, fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

'Cancel culture' refers to the popular practice of withdrawing support for public figures and companies after they have done or said something that is considered wrong or offensive. When (51) _____ is 'cancelled', it is deleted, ended or voided. This is the basic (52) _____ of "being cancelled". When someone is 'cancelled', they are no (53) _____ supported publicly. Usually public figures are said to be 'cancelled' (54) _____ it has been discovered that they have done something "wrong" or "unacceptable" based on the opinions of others.

There is also a general process to 'cancel culture'. Firstly, evidence of someone, saying or doing something "wrong" is surfaced. (55) _____ this information is spread online. Finally, netizens call for the person's 'cancellation'. This involves calling out the bad behaviour, (56) _____ support for his or her work, such as by not being a follower online or not "liking" their posts or content. In extreme cases, it involves even putting up "hate" messages on one's own social media to (57) _____ others to 'cancel' that particular figure.

In 2019, there was growing criticism (58) _____ 'cancel culture'. These criticisms questioned if people were becoming too keen to ruin the lives of others over mistakes made many years (59) _____. The "cancelled" people were not given a (60) _____ chance. Social media was too quick to pile on and set increasingly (61) _____ standards of correct or acceptable behaviour. It had simply become a way of rejecting anyone you disagreed (62) _____. Former President Barack Obama criticised 'cancel culture', arguing that social media judgments are (63) _____ always fair and just.

The specific phrase 'cancel culture' is typically negative. Outside of discussions of the phenomenon, 'cancel culture' is often used to complain that the trend of cancelling people has gone too (64) _____ or is too toxic. One should always take what they see or read online with a pinch of salt as these could have been taken out of context or are simply a small (65) _____ of the bigger picture. Being less quick to judge is the way to go.



For each of the questions 66 to 70, 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). (10 marks)

- 66 Although Dean was disappointed, he accepted the referee's decision of not awarding him the goal.

Despite _____

- 67 The music festival will be postponed if the tent is not put up in time.

Unless _____

- 68 Did you send in your application yesterday?" Kumar asked Sam.

Kumar asked Sam _____

- 69 it was not easy to stay awake during the lecture after a heavy lunch.

_____ was not easy.

- 70 Mr Lim was not happy. He stayed back late at work for a meeting.

It was with _____



Read this passage and answer the questions 71 to 80

(20 marks)

The mynah hopped onto the window sill. Mdm Goh had been waiting for her 'friend' to arrive. The mynah flapped its wings and sang, "Here comes the sun. Here comes the sun, I say, it's alright." Mdm Goh smiled and clapped gently after the mini performance. She had thoroughly enjoyed it. This was one of the few forms of entertainment for her at the monotonous nursing home where she lived.

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Mdm

Two weeks ago, Mrs Goh first met the mynah when it flew into the room which Mdm Goh shared with two other women at the home. It was a sweltering August day and an acrid smell of smoke wafted in the air as if a giant smokeless fire was lit somewhere.

It did not surprise Mdm Goh when she first saw the mynah. All the trees on the plot of land next to the home were chopped down and many inhabitants had been displaced. The mynah had probably lost its home and found its way to Mdm Goh's room. There was talk that a new annex was going to be built for the home to create space for more residents. There were names that had been on the waiting list for as long as three years.

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Before the mynah, other birds, insects and small animals visited the room. Butterflies, moths, dragonflies – they flitted in and out, resting on the bright pink curtains, or on the rim of the enamel washbasin with its gaily painted flowers. A squirrel scampered in once, and although it was never sighted again, Mdm Goh was certain it came back. Wafer biscuits and sunflower seeds – she had strewn these on the window sill as she wheeled herself around the room. After she woke up from her naps and inspected the sill, everything would be gone, not a seed left. It had to be the squirrel. After all, it was the only one which would like the biscuits and the seeds.

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The porridge served for lunch did not taste of anything, but the mynah did not seem to mind what it was given. Some animals are not choosy. Her dog, QQ, however, would never touch leftovers. He was rescued from a drain and brought back to Mdm Goh's flat. A ten-year-old senior, he always waits patiently for Mdm Goh to finish her dinner. The moment she put her chopsticks down and got up from the table, he would trot eagerly after her, his eyes shining, mouth open and tongue hanging out. He knew exactly when she would feed him his dinner, which usually consisted of premium dog food.

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It was in the middle of the night when QQ suddenly barked. Was someone at the door? Mdm Goh was making her way in the dark to the living room when she stepped on something, slipped and broke her hip. When she opened her eyes, QQ's furry face brushed against hers, and the dog licked her face, her hands, her feet. The whining and then the frenzied barking of the dog over several hours prompted the neighbours to call the police who had to break the lock on the door to get in. It was found out later that QQ had started barking because he had spotted a suspicious character trying to break into the house.

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The rescuers found Mdm Goh lying on the floor and she had been placed in the nursing home right after her discharge from the hospital. Despite Mdm Goh's protests, QQ was sent to the SPCA where he was eventually adopted. Mdm Goh never even had the chance to properly thank QQ for protecting her. She was afraid to imagine the consequence if he had not scared away the would-be intruder.

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Now, the reclusive Mdm Goh relies on the company of her new friend at the nursing home. She had always connected better with animals. There was always this connection that she could establish with ease with animals of all sorts. She kept to herself mostly, the main reason why she never married nor had any children. As she looked at the mynah eating the scraps of her lunch, she thought about how nice it would be if the mynah brought some of his friends over a meal as well. That would be one gathering she would gladly host.

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- 71 In the first paragraph, why did Mdm Goh smile and clap gently? [1m]

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- 72 Which word in the third paragraph tells us that the animals in the plot of cleared land next to the home had lost their habitats? [1m]

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- 73 Choose a word from the first three paragraphs which has a similar meaning to the given word for each question listed below. [3m]

	Given word	Word from the passage
(a)	hot	
(b)	boring	
(c)	extension	

☐

- 74 What evidence from the text tell us that there is a demand for space in the nursing home? [2m]

i.

ii.

☐

- 75 What made Mdm Goh certain that the squirrel had come back (line 17)? [2m]

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- 76 Pick out a suitable two-word phrase from lines 21 to 27 for each question to show the difference in QQ's actions during meal time. [2m]

a) Before Mdm Goh finishes her dinner →

b) After Mdm Goh finishes her dinner →

Do not write
in this space

- 77 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]

Word from the passage	What the word refers to
a) they (line 15)	
b) someone (line 28)	
c) hers (line 30)	

- 78 Based on the story, 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
The mynah was a picky eater.		
Mdm Goh's dog protected her when someone tried to break into her house.		
Mdm Goh had sent QQ to the SPCA on her own accord.		

- 79 Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the story. [1m]

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_____ Mdm Goh found her dog, QQ, in a drain.

_____ Mdm Goh met the singing mynah.

_____ Mdm Goh fell and broke her hip.



- 80 Mdm Goh "kept to herself mostly" (line 42).

a) What does this tell us about Mdm Goh? [1m]

b) Why then did she think that if the mynah brought his friends over, it would be a gathering she would 'gladly host'? [1m]



ANSWER KEY

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BOOKLET A

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

BOOKLET B

Q29	Q
Q30	F
Q31	E
Q32	A
Q33	B
Q34	P
Q35	M
Q36	C
Q37	H
Q38	N

Q39	Efficient
Q40	Tracks
Q41	Overwhelm
Q42	Cause
Q43	Create
Q44	Differentiate
Q45	Identify
Q46	Exposed
Q47	Prevention
Q48	From
Q49	Threatened
Q50	That

Q51	Something
Q52	Meaning
Q53	Longer
Q54	When
Q55	Then
Q56	Ending
Q57	Influence
Q58	Over
Q59	Ago
Q60	Second
Q61	High
Q62	With
Q63	Not
Q64	Far
Q65	Part

Q66	Despite being disappointed, Dean accepted the referee's decision of not awarding him the goal.
Q67	Unless the tent is put up in time, the music festival will be postponed.
Q68	Kumar asked Sam if he had sent in his application the previous day.
Q69	Staying awake during the lecture after a heavy lunch was not easy.

Q70	It was with unhappiness that Mr Lim stayed back late at work for a meeting.		
Q71	Mdm Goh thoroughly enjoyed the mini performance of the mynah flapping it's wings and singing.		
Q72	Displaced		
Q73	a) Sweltering b) Monotonous c) Annex		
Q74	i) There was going to be a new annex to create more space for more residents. ii) There were names of people that has been on the waiting list for as long as three years.		
Q75	When Mdm Goh placed seeds and water biscuits on the window sill, it would be gone after she had her nap. And it was impossible other animals and insects ate it as the seeds and water biscuits was only liked by the squirrel.		
Q76	a) Waits patiently b) Trot eagerly		
Q77	a) Butterflies , moths and dragonflies b) An intruder c) Mdm Goh's face		
Q78	Statement	True / False	Reason
	The mynah was a picky eater.	False	The mynah did not seem to mind what it was given.
	Mdm Goh's dog protected her when someone tried to break into her house	True	QQ barked at the intruder and scared him away , protecting Mdm Goh.
	Mdm Goh had sent QQ to the SPCA on her own accord.	False	Mdm Goh protected about QQ going to the SPCA , however , the nursing home decided to send him there.
Q79	1 , 3 , 2		
Q80	a) Mdm Goh is introverted and is uncomfortable being friends with people most of the time. b) She felt that she was comfortable interaction with animals.		