



NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL
2021 PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT
PRIMARY 6
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2 – LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION

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TOTAL	/ 95

Name: _____ ()

Class: Pr. 6 _____

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Date: 17 August 2021

Total Time for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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4. For Booklet A, shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

Booklet A

Section A – Grammar (10 x 1 mark)

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.

1. "We'd be going out for dinner, _____ we?" asked Mother.
- (1) won't
 - (2) don't
 - (3) hadn't
 - (4) wouldn't
2. The number of Covid-19 cases _____ on the decline since we have enforced stricter measures.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
3. The person _____ the dog barked at is my new neighbour.
- (1) which
 - (2) whom
 - (3) whose
 - (4) whoever
4. We will not get to the peak of the mountain before sunset _____ we hurry up.
- (1) if
 - (2) since
 - (3) unless
 - (4) although
5. David took Susan's school bag home by mistake as he thought it was _____.
- (1) his
 - (2) her
 - (3) him
 - (4) hers

6. We can get to the airport quickly _____ car.

- (1) in
- (2) by
- (3) on
- (4) with

7. Joe's pet turtle went missing _____ his negligence.

- (1) owing to
- (2) in spite of
- (3) in addition to
- (4) regardless of

8. Since we started the Reduce, Reuse and Recycle campaign in school, we have generated _____ waste.

- (1) less
- (2) more
- (3) fewer
- (4) greater

9. The helpless victim could only watch the robber _____ her handbag.

- (1) take
- (2) took
- (3) takes
- (4) has taken

10. The boys _____ on the computer for hours before their parents turned off the computers.

- (1) is playing
- (2) are playing
- (3) had been playing
- (4) have been playing

Section B – Vocabulary (5 x 1 mark)

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.

11. Sophia had no _____ to her own house as she had left her keys in the office.
- (1) access
 - (2) avenue
 - (3) entrance
 - (4) admission
12. Several of the customers have made a/an _____ against Mr Lee's restaurant for selling unhygienic food.
- (1) protest
 - (2) objection
 - (3) accusation
 - (4) conspiracy
13. Mary _____ her chance to win in the story-telling competition because she was too nervous on stage.
- (1) threw in
 - (2) threw off
 - (3) threw out
 - (4) threw away
14. The teacher constantly ^{said} ~~say~~ words of encouragement to _____ her pupils' morale after they did not do well for mid-year examinations.
- (1) bond
 - (2) boost
 - (3) boast
 - (4) benefit
15. Mr Lim was upset when he received a _____ salary despite working long hours.
- (1) mere
 - (2) scarce
 - (3) meagre
 - (4) sufficient

Section C – Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

For each question from 16 to 20, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

Leia was stuck at home because of bad weather. She deliberated over the
(16)
options she had. She could do nothing but watch television. She knew that it was a waste of time and her elder sister, Rosie, would frown upon her decision.

Unlike her, Rosie was a go-getter. Like clockwork,
(17)
Rosie would be up by six every morning to go for her run before she worked on her to-do lists.

Leia respected Rosie as she was steadfast
(18)
in her belief that being responsible is the key to success. With that in mind, Leia forced herself to get up from the couch and do push-ups. Soon, she was sweating and felt refreshed instantly. After that, Leia started working on her project which was due next week.
(19)
(20)

16. (1) decided
(2) wondered
(3) concluded
(4) contemplated
17. (1) disregard for
(2) disallow from
(3) disapprove of
(4) disconnect from
18. (1) routinely
(2) irregularly
(3) occasionally
(4) sporadically
19. (1) unsure
(2) unafraid
(3) unrivalled
(4) unwavering
20. (1) hastily
(2) hurriedly
(3) suddenly
(4) immediately

Section D – Visual Text Comprehension (8 x 1 mark)

Study this flyer carefully and then answer questions 21 to 28.

Visit the Expo City this June and learn more about endangered animals*!



We are constantly being hunted and killed by mankind. Our natural habitats are also being destroyed at an alarming rate. Our numbers have declined significantly over the years! Please do your part to ensure our survival!

Come join us at the Expo City with your family, friends and relatives during the June holidays. We have an array of activities to raise awareness about the threats that endangered animals are facing.

* Examples of endangered animals include the rhinoceros, orangutan, gorilla and panda.

10 BOOK VOUCHERS AND 10 MOBILE PHONES TO BE WON!

POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION

The one and only on-the-spot poster design competition in Singapore! This competition is open to all Primary and Secondary school pupils. Registration for this competition is absolutely free!

To participate, simply register in person with your student pass at the entrance of Expo Hall 2 on 24 June from 9 a.m. onwards. Find a spot anywhere in Expo Hall 2 and start working on your poster that focuses on the plight of any endangered animal.

Submission of completed posters can be done any time from 12 noon to 5 p.m.. Remember to bring your own drawing pencils and colouring materials as we will only be providing participants with a piece of A3 drawing paper.

Results will be announced on the same day at 6 p.m..

Winners must be present to collect their prizes.

Please note that the judges' decision is final.

No further correspondence will be entertained.



ART EXHIBITION

We have brought the most famous works of renowned local artist, Andy Chua, to the Expo City especially for you. From 1 to 20 June, feast your eyes on amazing paintings of endangered animals at Expo Hall 1. This is a visual treat not to be missed!

Admission Ticket Prices (tickets can only be purchased at the entrance of Expo Hall 1):

Adult	:	\$20
Child under 6	:	\$5
Student	:	\$10 (student pass must be produced upon purchase of tickets)

Guided school tours are available too. Advance booking for school tours is required. Please call Mandy at 6453 6547 for details.

FIGURINE-MAKING WORKSHOP

Create small figurines of endangered animals with ceramic clay at just \$10 per person. This activity is open to all children aged 8 to 12.

Participants must be accompanied by a parent.

Simply drop by the counter at Expo Hall 3 to register your interest.

Clay and an apron will be provided to all participants.

Workshop Dates:

Week 1 – 1, 2, 4, 5 June

Week 2 – 10, 12 June

Week 3 – no lessons scheduled

Week 4 – 24, 25, 28 June



Sign up online (website www.wfmembers.com.sg) to be a member of the Wildlife Foundation (WF).

Get the monthly newsletter on wildlife news and stories via email.

Registration for membership from 1 to 30 June is free (Usual Price: \$20 per year).

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 shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (8 marks)

21. In "Visit the Expo City this June and learn more about endangered animals", an asterisk (*) is used to _____.

- (1) highlight an interesting point
- (2) relate the point to an explanation
- (3) make a point more visually appealing
- (4) encourage readers to read more carefully

22. According to the flyer, to participate in the poster design competition, Ahmad has to _____.

- (1) start drawing only at twelve noon
- (2) produce a student pass upon registration
- (3) bring his own drawing paper and other art materials
- (4) create a poster related to the dangers faced by all animals

23. Which one of the following statements about the Art Exhibition is true?

- (1) Tickets to the exhibition can be purchased online.
- (2) The exhibition is held throughout the whole month of June.
- (3) A school group can request for a guided tour at the entrance.
- (4) All paintings showcased at the Art Exhibition are by Andy Chua.

24. Bella, a ten-year-old pupil, can only visit the Expo City between 21 and 25 June. She can participate in the _____.

- (1) Poster Design Competition only
- (2) Art Exhibition and Figurine-Making workshop
- (3) Art Exhibition and Poster Design Competition
- (4) Poster Design Competition and Figurine-Making Workshop

25. What can a nine-year-old boy do at Expo Hall 3 on 24 June?

- (1) create a small clay figurine of himself
- (2) view the works of a famous local artist
- (3) draw a picture of a red panda on a piece of paper
- (4) make a clay animal together with one of his parents

26. What is a similarity among the activities held at the Expo City?

- (1) They are open to students only.
- (2) They are held on the same day.
- (3) They are organised to educate the public.
- (4) They are free for all student pass holders.

27. Amy wishes to receive stories and news about wildlife regularly.
What should she do?

- (1) make a call to Mandy at 6453 6547
- (2) send an email to www.wfmembers.com.sg
- (3) sign up for the Wildlife Foundation membership
- (4) participate in at least one activity at the Expo City

28. What is the main purpose of the flyer?

- (1) to promote the various activities held at the Expo City
- (2) to provide the dates of the Figurine-making Workshops
- (3) to show the admission ticket prices for the Art Exhibition
- (4) to warn that endangered animals are facing extinction soon



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BOOKLET B

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Section E – Grammar Cloze

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) a | (D) around | (G) during | (K) more | (N) the |
| (B) after | (E) before | (H) have | (L) of | (P) them |
| (C) although | (F) can | (J) had | (M) so | (Q) whenever |

Small pox was a terrible disease. You would _____ high fever, sore
(29)
throat, headaches, body aches and difficulty breathing. In addition, rashes filled with pus
would be all over your body. Even _____ the rashes dry out and start falling
(30)
off, the scars remained.

_____ a small pox epidemic in England in 1744, a farmer, Benjamin
(31)
Jester, decided to scratch some pus from the cowpox sores into the skin of his wife and
sons. Surprisingly, none of _____ contracted smallpox.
(32)

Many years later, Edward Jenner, _____ doctor working in the town of
(33)
Berkeley, decided to try the same approach after gathering evidence from farmers and
milkmaids. _____ Benjamin did not know the science underlying the discovery,
(34)
he had actually created the smallpox vaccine. He did not seek to make money from his
vaccine as he wanted _____ people to get vaccinated. Soon, small pox
(35)
vaccination was a common practice _____ the world and small pox was
(36)
eradicated in 1979. _____ innovation by Jester and Jenner changed the world
(37)
and saved millions of lives. What we _____ learn from this is not to dismiss
(38)
bizarre innovations as useless!

Adapted from www.bbc.com/future/article/20200928-how-the-first-vaccine-was-born

Score:

Section F – Editing for Grammar and Spelling

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

Dear Grandpa,

I never thought that we would have to say goodbye so soon. For so long, I have
(39)
been living in my own bliss world, thinking no matter how hard things become, they
(40) (41)
will outimately get better with you around. I simply could not wrap my head on the
(42)
idea that I will be persueing my studies in England for the next four years and how
much I will miss you.

(43)
My most vivid memories of you is how your eyebrows would become knitted
(44)
together whenever you narrated your stories of sirvieval during the Japanese
(45)
Occupation. Despite the painful memories evoked, you would always concluded by
(46)
saying, "The war brought about a generation capable of overcome all odds." Indeed,
(47) (48)
forced to drop off of school during the war, you worked doublely hard to make up for
(49)
the lost years and earned yourself a skolership.

(50)
You have taught me rizeeliencie and hard work, and I will honour you by doing
well in school too. I love you, Grandpa.

Always yours,

Jin

Original

Score:

Section G – Comprehension Cloze

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

All of us have our moments when we become angry with someone. _____ our fit of anger, we might _____ our patience and hurt someone we care about with our words or actions. Even if it is unintentional, the best course of _____ is to apologise. However, making an apology is often _____ said than done. Thankfully, it can be learned.

First of all, the apology _____ be sincere. A half-hearted one could do more damage than none at _____. To show sincerity, you need to take responsibility _____ your actions. Find an appropriate time to explain to the other person exactly what happened and how _____ you regret it.

After you have said your piece, give that person a chance to speak _____ interrupting. You might hear unpleasant things said about you _____ of frustration and be tempted to defend _____, but what you might not know _____ that this is part of the healing process – your active listening recognises the hurt that person is experiencing. It brings about relief and makes it easier for that person to forgive you.

Lastly, you offer to make amends. Actions _____ louder than words so if you have damaged someone's property, have it _____ or replaced.

Even though an effective and sincere apology can often strengthen a relationship, forgiveness may not necessarily come immediately. You could liken the forgiveness journey _____ how a bruise heals – it could take days or even years. What you can do is to keep your heart open for reconciliation one day.

Adapted from <https://www.verywellmind.com/how-to-apologize-more-sincerely-3144467>

Score:

Section H – Synthesis & Transformation

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. Eli asked me, "Is this the movie Mr Tan was talking about?"

Eli asked me if _____

67. The bullet train runs faster than any other train.

No other _____

68. If we drive too quickly, the traffic police might fine us.

_____ by the traffic police

69. Chen is so clever that he will not be fooled by you.

_____ too _____

70. Harper resembles her mother more closely than her father.

Harper has a closer _____

Score:

Section I – Comprehension

Read this passage and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

Kareem sighed as he counted his money again. He was still short of fifty dollars to buy the latest Speedster X bike. In order to save his pocket money to replace the bicycle he had outgrown, he had been packing sandwiches to school the last three months. While his leaner frame did not bother his parents, a neighbour took pity on him by paying him ten dollars each time he washed her car. And he saved every bit of it.

1
5

"So I ran into Aunty Kim, our neighbour who just moved in next door," Mother's voice interjected his thoughts. "Her son, Shawn, will cycle to school starting next week. Could you show him the shortcut to school later? It's a Saturday anyway!"

Kareem groaned. He knew his resistance was futile as Mother had probably already volunteered his service to Aunty Kim.

10

"Oh, and you've got mail. It's probably from Grandma. Open it."

Kareem's grandmother lived abroad but she would send him spontaneous photos and cards. He ripped the envelope open and pulled out a greeting card. A fifty-dollar note slipped out. He could not believe this windfall before his eyes!

"Did you know your name means 'generous' in Arabic?" Mother prompted. "Maybe that money could bring some happiness to another family."

15

Kareem stuffed the note into his pocket and snorted, "I have been saving so hard all this while. I deserve this money more than anyone."

At 2 p.m., Kareem met Shawn under their block as arranged by their mothers. The sooner he finished this errand, the sooner he could go to the bike shop. While the boys were cycling, a squirrel appeared behind a parked car and darted across the road so suddenly that the boys collided with each other and knocked down some recycling bins.

20

"Urgh!" Kareem grunted, "I forgot to warn you about the squirrel population here." He lifted his bike up while Shawn put the bins back.

Crash! Kareem and Shawn whipped their heads around. A car screeched to a halt where Shawn's bike had been and an angry man threw open his car door.

25

"You hit my bike!" Shawn yelled, running to pick up the mess of twisted bike parts.

"Blame yourself!" the man retorted, examining the front of his car. "You left your bike in the middle of the road. You should be glad my car is not damaged!" Without another word, he jumped into his car and sped off.

30

"Oh no! I was planning to help my parents save some money by riding to school daily," Shawn said anxiously.

"Whatever happened was not my fault. I'm buying Speedster X anyway," thought Kareem, though an uneasy sadness tugged at his throat as he watched Shawn push the wreckage home in silence.

35

Kareem made a beeline for his dream bike once he stepped into the bike shop. As he walked down the aisle, he noticed some older models under a big red sign that read 'Mega Clearance Sale'. A shiver ran down his spine as the image of Shawn and his wrecked bike flashed before him. He did a quick mental calculation and the sum was right: a Speedster X or two of the others.

40

"Hi," Kareem appeared at Shawn's door the next morning. "Want to ride together?"

Shawn fumed at the ridiculous question but before he could say anything, Kareem took a stride to the side, revealing two shiny identical bikes along the corridor. "What... No, it couldn't be..." Shawn's eyes grew as wide as saucers.

Mother who had witnessed the scene from the corridor walked up to Kareem and nudged him playfully, "Your name definitely suits you."

45

Adapted from Once Upon An Eid: Stories of Hope and Joy by 15 Muslims Voices

71. Why did Kareem sigh in line 1? [1m]

72.

How Kareem had saved up for his Speedster X bike

(a)

(b)

[2m]

73. What did Mother hope Kareem would do with the fifty-dollar note? [1m]

74. Why did Kareem not even try to refuse his mother's request in lines 6-8? [2m]

Score:

75. 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(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer to
a) it (line 5)	
b) this errand (line 20)	
c) the others (line 40)	

76. Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

	True / False	Reason
a) Kareem did not know that squirrels roam freely in that private housing estate.		
b) The driver did not think that he was responsible for the accident.		
c) Shawn wanted to cycle to school because it was convenient.		

Score:

77. Fill in the following table by identifying the correct word(s) from the passage. [2m]

Question	Word(s) from the passage
a) Which word from lines 12-14 tells us that Kareem did not expect the letter from Grandma?	
b) Which 3-word phrase from lines 36-40 tells us that Kareem had enough money for two old models?	

78. Explain why Shawn found Kareem's question about going for a ride together in line 41 ridiculous. [2m]

79. Which **two** of the following words correctly describe how Shawn felt in lines 42-44? Put a tick ✓ in the box beside each of your answers. [2m]

<input type="checkbox"/>	amazed	<input type="checkbox"/>	worried
<input type="checkbox"/>	annoyed	<input type="checkbox"/>	grateful
<input type="checkbox"/>	embarrassed	<input type="checkbox"/>	disappointed

80. What did Kareem do which made his mother comment that "Your name definitely suits you" (line 46)? [2m]

End of Paper

Score:

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ANSWERS**

Booklet A

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4	3	9	1	14	2	19	4	24	4		
5	1	10	3	15	3	20	4	25	4		

Booklet B

Section E: Grammar Cloze [10m]		(39) blissful	(45) conclude
(29) H (have)	(34) C (although)	(40) ultimately	(46) overcoming
(30) B (after)	(35) K (more)	(41) around	(47) out
(31) G (during)	(36) D (around)	(42) pursuing	(48) doubly
(32) P (them)	(37) N (the)	(43) are / were	(49) scholarship
(33) A (a)	(38) F (an)	(44) survival	(50) resilience

Section G: Comprehension Cloze [15m]

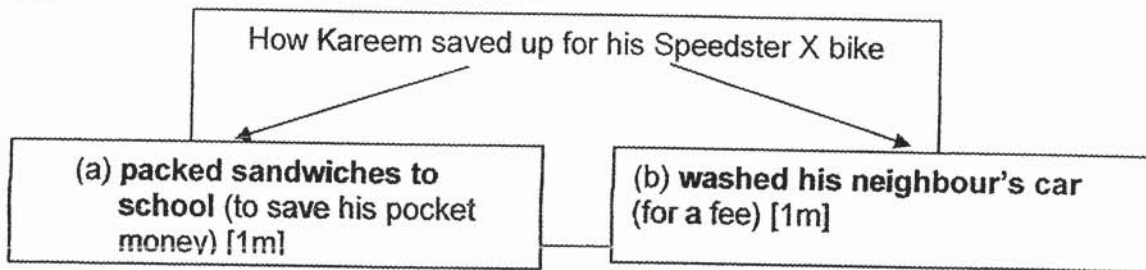
	Answers		
51	In/ During	59	without/ before
52	lose	60	out/ because
53	action	61	yourself
54	easier	62	is
55	must/ should	63	speak
56	all	64	repaired/ fixed/ mended
57	for	65	to
58	much/ deeply		

66. Eli asked me if that was the movie Mr Tan had been talking about. [2m]
67. No other train runs as fast as the bullet train. [2m]
No other train runs faster than the bullet train. [2m]
68. We might be/ get fined by the traffic police if we drive too quickly. [2m]
If we drive too quickly, we might be fined by the traffic police. [2m]
69. Chen is too clever to be fooled by you. [2m]
Chen will not be fooled by you as he is too clever. [2m]
70. Harper has a closer resemblance to her mother than (her) father. [2m]

Section I: Comprehension (20m) Thomas

71. Kareem did not have enough money to buy the Speedster X/ his dream bike. [1m].

72.



73. Mother hoped that Kareem would (1 idea)

- donate/ give the money to another family
- do something generous with that money
- use the money to bring happiness to another family/others in need
- use the money to help another family

74. Kareem knew that his effort would be futile/useless/pointless/in vain [1m] because his mother would have already agreed Aunty Kim [1m].

75.

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer to
a) it (line 5)	money Kareem earned
b) this errand (line 21)	showing Shawn the shortcut to school
c) the others (line 42)	the older models bikes on sale

76.

	T/F	Reason
a)	False	Kareem knew that but <u>he forgot to warn Shawn about the squirrels.</u>
b)	True	<u>The driver said that the bicycle should not be left in the middle of the road.</u>
c)	False	<u>Shawn wanted to help his parents save money.</u>

77. a) spontaneous
b) sum was right

78. Shawn's bike was broken [1m] and Kareem knew that [1m].

79. amazed, annoyed

80. Kareem had shown his mother that like his name, he was generous [1m] by buying Shawn a bicycle [1m].