



RED SWASTIKA SCHOOL
2022 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION
ENGLISH LANGUAGE – PAPER 2
LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION
PRIMARY 6

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Class : Primary 6 / _____

Date : 18 August 2022

BOOKLET A

28 Questions

28 Marks

Duration of Paper: 1 h 50 min

Note:

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Read carefully the instructions given at the beginning of each part of the booklet.
3. Do not waste time. If a question is difficult for you, go on to the next one.
4. Check your answers thoroughly and make sure you attempt every question.
5. In this booklet, you should have the following:
 - a. Page 1 to Page 9
 - b. Questions 1 to 28

For each question from 1 to 10, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.
(10 marks)

1 Susan is anxious: _____ speaking to a large audience during the assembly.

- (1) at
- (2) of
- (3) with
- (4) about

2 The boys complained that it was difficult to study in the library as there was so _____ noise.

- (1) few
- (2) little
- (3) much
- (4) many

3 "_____ I have brought a gift to the party?" asked Thomas when he realised that everyone else had brought a gift.

- (1) Will
- (2) Must
- (3) Would
- (4) Should

4 If I _____ more conscientious in my work, I would not have made the same mistake twice.

- (1) am
- (2) was
- (3) had been
- (4) have been

5 "_____ it is perfectly normal to feel disappointed at losing the game, we must not be disheartened," encouraged the coach.

- (1) While
- (2) Unless
- (3) Except
- (4) However

6 "Henry seldom drives, _____?" Jane asked Paul.

- (1) does he
- (2) doesn't he
- (3) did he
- (4) didn't he

7 Aunty Linda recalled how her mother would _____ her every night when she was studying for her PSLE.

- (1) accompany
- (2) accompanies
- (3) accompanied
- (4) accompanying

8 "Could my teacher _____ his handphone behind?" Sally wondered when she saw the phone on the table.

- (1) left
- (2) leave
- (3) had left
- (4) have left

9 We _____ our script that morning and were puzzled to see an empty folder.

- (1) will prepare
- (2) had prepared
- (3) would prepare
- (4) have prepared

10 Mrs Teo started waving excitedly the moment she spotted her son _____ the gate.

- (1) approach
- (2) approaches
- (3) approached
- (4) approaching

For each question from 11 to 15, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

- 11 When Alex saw the grizzly bear getting closer, he immediately _____ in fright.
- (1) backed up
 - (2) backed out
 - (3) backed down
 - (4) backed away
- 12 The animals in the shelter had been neglected and lived in _____ conditions, causing outbreak of diseases and numerous deaths in the last two weeks.
- (1) striking
 - (2) daunting
 - (3) appalling
 - (4) intriguing
- 13 That _____ competitive store has caused many of its competitors to be out of business by lowering prices significantly.
- (1) fiercely
 - (2) harshly
 - (3) severely
 - (4) maliciously
- 14 Sean beamed proudly when the police officers _____ him for his brave act of saving the injured victims in the car accident.
- (1) commanded
 - (2) commended
 - (3) congratulated
 - (4) complimented
- 15 Ken shouted angrily at the salesperson when his request for a refund was ignored. His parents were embarrassed by their son's _____.
- (1) insolence
 - (2) intolerance
 - (3) incompetence
 - (4) ineffectiveness

For each question from 16 to 20, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

A carpenter with years of experience in carpentry was ready to retire. Before he resigned, his employer asked him to build one more house for the company. The carpenter agreed half-heartedly. He did shoddy work and used substandard materials to build the last house of his career. When the carpenter completed the house, the employer came to inspect the home. He seemed surprised by the poor quality. Nonetheless, he handed the front-door key to the carpenter. "This is your house," he said, "my gift to you." This was a massive surprise to the carpenter and he looked somewhat abashed. If only he had known he was building his own house, he would have done it differently. Now he had to live in a home that was not built well.

Adapted from <https://alltimeshortstories.com/short-stories-about-life/>

- 16 (1) trial in
- (2) exploit of
- (3) occurrence in
- (4) encounter with

- 17 (1) demanded
- (2) requested
- (3) begged
- (4) urged

- 18 (1) scanty → small
- (2) fragile
- (3) inferior → not good
- (4) negligible

- 19 (1) explore
- (2) analyse
- (3) examine
- (4) investigate

- 20 (1) utterly
- (2) almost
- (3) slightly
- (4) particularly

Study this information from the website and then answer questions 21 to 28. (8 marks)

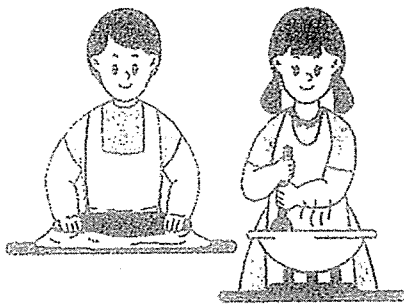
About Maple	Community Events	Community Groups	Useful Links	Contact Us
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It's Community Day again!

The event that Maple Estate residents are eagerly looking forward to is just around the corner! As usual, the Maple Residents' Committee has planned a programme that is designed to promote community spirit. Maple Estate has been celebrating Community Day every month for more than a year. By now, we hope all our residents understand the importance of forging strong bonds with our neighbours. If you have just moved to our lovely estate and have not had the opportunity to mingle with your neighbours, you can do so by joining us at Community Day!

November Highlight: Maple Estate Chefs

Calling all residents who are keen to practise your culinary skills and let your neighbours sample your cooking! You will be the stars of the upcoming event! Visit www.maplerc.sg for more information and to register for this activity. Kitchen equipment and basic ingredients will be provided. You will receive a \$50 shopping voucher that you can use to purchase other ingredients from Maple Mart the day before the event. Remember to register before 21 October! We are sure everyone will enjoy the delicious dishes!



6 November 2022

10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Maple Community Club

Flash your
Maple
Resident
Card
to gain entry!

"My wife and I moved to Maple Estate when we got married. For a few months, we spent all our free time after work doing up our residence. Even though we knew that our neighbours were friendly and would sometimes invite us for their gatherings, we were happily occupied with getting things ready. However, it wasn't long before we grew curious about the Community Day celebrations. After we started attending them regularly, we met many neighbours. The first time we invited some of them over, we played a bingo game that helped us to get to know one another better!"

~ Mr Wang, a Maple Estate resident since 2020

We asked Mr Wang to share the bingo game with us because we think it is a fun activity that you can do with your neighbours! The printable version is available in case you need more copies. Make sure everyone has a copy. You are encouraged to get to know your neighbours by having them find a phrase that describes them and sign in the box. Try to get only one signature per person. That way, everyone will get to know the most neighbours possible! The first one who gets 5 signatures in a row, be it horizontally, vertically or diagonally, wins! Good luck and have fun!

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has climbed a mountain	likes animals	is a good cook	enjoys playing board games	is good at fixing things
enjoys watching cooking shows	has learnt a foreign language	enjoys playing games on the phone	plays a musical instrument	likes gardening
is good at drawing	enjoys travelling	moved to Maple Estate in 2022	enjoys baking	likes outdoor activities
sings well	likes children	enjoys watching comedies	has won an award	enjoys reading
reads the news daily	knows how to swim	exercises at least twice a week	dances well	enjoys eating at hawker centres

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.

21 Which of the following is true of Maple Estate's Community Day?

- (1) Activities are open to the general public.
- (2) Attendees of the event will receive a \$50 shopping voucher.
- (3) It has been celebrated more than twelve times since it started.
- (4) Only residents who just moved to the estate are encouraged to attend the event.

22 According to the Maple website, residents can engage in the Community Day activities to _____.

- (1) interact with their neighbours
- (2) announce their move to Maple Estate
- (3) appreciate how lovely Maple Estate is
- (4) understand how important neighbours are

23 Those who want to take part in the Maple Estate Chefs activity must _____.

- (1) work as chefs
- (2) sign up on 21 October
- (3) use their own kitchen equipment
- (4) cook their dishes on 6 November

24 Why is an exclamation mark used in the heading, "It's Community Day again!"?

- (1) to convey excitement about the event
- (2) to emphasise that it is a day event only
- (3) to highlight that it is a community event
- (4) to highlight that it has been held before

25 In the article on the website, Mr and Mrs Wang did not socialise with their neighbours much at first because they _____.

- (1) spent all their time at work
- (2) were busy beautifying their home
- (3) were gathering information about their neighbours
- (4) had not been invited to their neighbours' gatherings

26 The Maple Estate Community Day is organised by _____.

- (1) Maple Estate Chefs
- (2) Maple Estate residents
- (3) Maple Community Club
- (4) Maple Resident's Committee

27 Mdm Siti just moved to the estate and wants to get to know her neighbours. She is encouraged to _____.

- (1) watch cooking shows
- (2) learn a foreign language
- (3) join the community day celebration monthly
- (4) register at www.maplerc.sg to play the Bingo game

28 How does the Bingo game allow residents to get to know their neighbours better?

- (1) Residents can find out who they can get along with.
- (2) It allows them to learn a new skill with their neighbours.
- (3) It encourages residents to connect with their neighbours.
- (4) Residents can give a printed copy of the game to their family members.

Please note that the passage for Comprehension questions 71 to 80 in Booklet B is on the next page. You may now go on to Booklet B.

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

On my daughter Norah's fourth birthday, she asked if we could stop by the supermarket to buy cupcakes. How do you say no to a birthday girl? We headed towards the bakery and picked up some. After that, I stopped at a clearance shelf, distracted. My daughter, Norah, was excitedly waving at someone, "Hi, old person! It's my birthday today!"

The elderly man stopped and stared. He did not look approachable at all. Before I could shush her for calling him an old person or ask the earth to swallow me whole, the old man stopped and turned to her. If he was troubled by my child's words, he did not show it. His expression softened as he replied kindly, "Well, hello, little lady! How old are you today?"

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They chatted for a few minutes, and he wished her a happy birthday. Then she made her request, "Sir, could you take a photograph with me?"

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The old man took a step back, his eyes widening after hearing **Norah's request**. He steadied himself on his shopping trolley. "A photograph? With me?" he asked, placing his free hand on his chest. He could not hide the smile which was forming from the sides of his mouth.

"Yes, for my birthday!" Norah pleaded.

He nodded shyly.

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I pulled out my phone, and they posed together. Norah placed her soft hand on top of his. He wordlessly stared at her with twinkling eyes as she kept his hand in hers and studied his skinny veins and weathered knuckles. She kissed the top of his hand and then placed it on her cheek. He beamed. I asked his name, and he told us to call him Dan.

We were blocking other shoppers, but the two did not care. Although this was their first meeting, there was **magic** happening in the supermarket that day, and we could all feel it. As if they had known each other for a long time, Norah and Dan started chatting away like long-lost friends.

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After a while, we had to say goodbye. I thanked Dan for obliging Norah and spending part of his day with her. He teared up, turned to Norah, and said, "No, thank YOU. This has been the best day I've had in a long time. You've made me so happy." I would be lying if I said I wasn't a weepy mess after their encounter.

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Later that evening, I posted the story of the encounter and the photograph on my Facebook page. That night, I received a message from a local reader who recognised Dan.

The reader wanted me to know that she was certain Dan was moved by Norah's actions that day. She shared that Dan's wife had passed away recently, and he had not slept well ever since. I later asked for Dan's telephone number and called him a few days later.

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We visited Dan at his house. Having put on smart pants and shoes, Dan also had a haircut for the occasion. He looked ten years younger. He had set out a child's table, blank paper and crayons for Norah. He asked if she would draw some pictures for him to display on his refrigerator. She went right to work.

35

We ended up spending nearly three hours with Dan that day. He was patient and kind with Norah, who enjoyed herself thoroughly.

Norah asks about Dan every day. She wonders if he is lonely, and worries about him. We made a promise to see Dan every week, even if only for a quick hug, just to make sure he is alright. On a recent visit, he relayed that he had slept soundly every night since meeting Norah. "She has healed me," he said.

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Adapted from <https://www.rdasia.com/true-stories-lifestyle/relationships/when-norah-met-mr-dan>



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BOOKLET B

52 Questions
67 Marks

In this booklet, you should have the following:

- a. Page 10 to Page 16
- b. Questions 29 to 80

BOOKLET	OBTAINED	POSSIBLE
BOOKLET A		28
BOOKLET B		67
TOTAL		95

Parent's Signature : _____

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) across	(D) from	(G) of	(K) over	(N) was
(B) at	(E) in	(H) off	(L) to	(P) were
(C) between	(F) like	(J) out	(M) too	(Q) with

This year's National Day Parade (NDP) was open to the public. Almost every seat at the Marina Bay floating platform was filled for the birthday bash on 9 August.

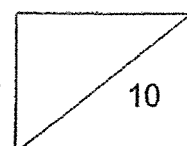
NDP 2022 was a big difference _____ the previous two years, which had been
(29)
drastically reduced _____ size to adapt to the safe management measures. This
(30)
year's celebrations were comparable _____ those pre-Covid-19, involving as
(31)
many Singaporeans _____ the floating platform as possible.
(32)

Themed 'Stronger Together, Majulah!', NDP 2022 coincided _____ the 55th
(33)
anniversary of National Service.

On 9 August, there _____ a combined land, air and sea Total Defence Display
(34)
at the float. The organising committee had also brought back crowd favourites
_____ the Red Lions conducting freefall jumps. During the grand finale,
(35)
simultaneous firework displays were set _____ in the heartland areas.
(36)

The organising committee also gave this year's celebrations a heartland twist.
_____ the weekend of 6 and 7 August, there were exhibitions, carnivals and other
(37)
performances in five venues _____ the country, including displays of military and
(38)
police vehicles. What a spectacular event!

Adapted from <https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/ndp-2022-will-open-to-public-with-ticketed-shows-after-2-years-organisers-aim-to-fill-the-marina-bay-floating-platform>



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

Do not be surprised if a robot is brewing your drink the next time you

(39)

order a cup of coffee. Powered by artificial intelligent, a robot barista named

(40)

Ella has been dishing up coffee at the Grab-and-Go kiosk at Raffles MRT

(41)

station. Contrary to common believe that the robot will serve you poor quality,

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(43)

water coffee. Ella brews a descent cup with coffee beans from Italy.

(44)

Recently, at least three food and bevereige businesses have also made

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use of robots to offer quality brews. Serve a far greater purpose than

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attracting customers, these machines eased the industry's manpower

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problems. Besides being effishent, they can be updated with the latest

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teknology and customised to suit the needs of any restaurant or cafe.

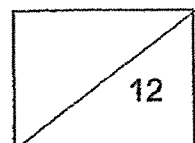
(49)

In recent years, some restaurants have deployed robots to ferry food to

(50)

the table. Some have found the use of robots essenshial to their operations.

Looks like robots could be our future colleagues in the work place.



Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Mr Kok Wai Tong has always led an active lifestyle. In recent years, he has _____ up a new form of exercise called plogging. Mr Kok walks around his neighbourhood weekly, and along the _____, he picks up litter on the ground.

(51)

(52)

In Sweden, this practice is common. The _____ 'plogging' is a mash-up of the word 'jogging' and the Swedish words 'plocka upp', which _____ 'to pick up'. Plogging started in Sweden in 2016 and has spread across the world. _____ to the founder of plogging website, Erik Ahlstrom, about 20,000 people do it daily.

(53)

(54)

(55)

In Singapore, the practice has been gaining _____. More plogging events are being organised by running groups because plogging is _____ as a more relaxing activity than running as it does not _____ speed.

(56)

(57)

(58)

Mr Kok is one of the many people actively _____ in plogging. _____ a lot more litter around his neighbourhood during the Covid-19 pandemic, he decided to _____ two activities that he loved - picking up recyclable items while running.

(59)

(60)

(61)

Since last year, he has _____ plogging in his exercise regimen - a change of pace from his _____ high-intensity interval training. Plogging forces him to run more slowly than he usually does, as he has to stop to pick up rubbish. This relaxed pace is beneficial _____ long-distance runners as it improves aerobic fitness.

(62)

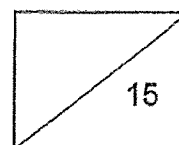
(63)

(64)

Mr Kok is happy that he gets to keep the environment _____ while exercising. He feels it is important to encourage more people to take responsibility for the environment because it affects our daily lives.

(65)

Adapted from <https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/environment/plogging-more-keeping-fit-while-clearing-litter>



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 Li Ming went to the dentist for his toothache. He felt better.

Having _____

67 Mr Lim was praising Jane for her bravery in the dangerous situation.

Jane _____

68 Norleena asked if the answers were accurate.

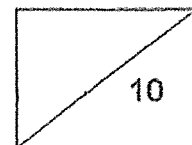
Norleena questioned the _____

69 "May I have a cup of water?" Su Mei asked the waiter.

Su Mei asked the waiter if _____

70 Raju thought of a good idea. He was able to solve the problem.

Raju's good idea _____



71 Why do you think the writer could not reject her daughter's request to get cupcakes at the supermarket? (1m)

72 How do you think the writer felt when she wanted the earth to swallow her whole? Why do you think she felt this way? (2m)

Writer's feelings:

Reason: _____

73 Based on the information from paragraphs 1 and 2, fill in the following table with one word each which described Dan's expression before and after Norah had called out to him. (2m)

Before Norah had called out to him	Dan looked _____.
After Norah had called out to him	Dan looked _____.

74 Which **two** of the following words best describe how Dan felt in lines 9 – 14? Put a tick in the box beside each of your answers. (2m)
DO NOT TICK MORE THAN TWO BOXES.

intimidated

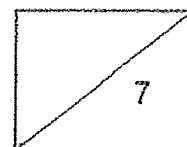
amazed

surprised

embarrassed

delighted

startled



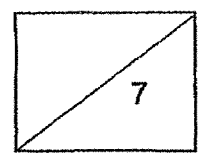
75 What was the 'magic' (line 21) that was happening in the supermarket that day? (2m)

76 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 paragraphs 3 to 5 suggests Norah really wanted to take a photograph with Dan?	
b) Which word from paragraph 7 tells us that Dan had aged in appearance?	

77 Look at the table below. What do the words/phrases 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
Norah's request (line 11)	
it (line 18)	
work (line 36)	



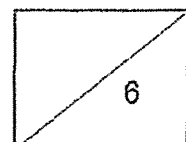
78 Based on the story, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. (3m)

Statement	True/False	Reason
a) The writer did not think much of the interaction between Dan and Norah.		
b) Dan was looking forward to his meeting with Norah.		
c) The writer asked Dan for his telephone number.		

79 Why do you think the writer and Norah made a promise to visit Dan every week? (1m)

80 Using information from the passage, explain how Norah had 'healed' Dan. (2m)

END OF PAPER



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Booklet A

Q 1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
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Q 11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
4	3	1	2	1	4	2	3	3	3
Q 21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28		
3	1	4	1	2	4	3	3		

Booklet B

Q 29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
D	E	L	B	Q	N	F	H	K	A
Q39)	intelligence	Q43)	decent	Q47)	efficient				
Q40)	out	Q44)	beverage	Q48)	technology				
Q41)	belief	Q45)	serving	Q49)	deployed				
Q42)	watery	Q46)	ease	Q50)	essential				

Q51)	picked	Q56)	popularity	Q61)	combine
Q52)	way	Q57)	considered	Q62)	added
Q53)	word	Q58)	require	Q63)	usual
Q54)	means	Q59)	participating	Q64)	to
Q55)	According	Q60)	seeing	Q65)	clean
Q66)	Having gone to the dentist for his toothache, Li Ming felt better.				
Q67)	Jane was being praised by Mr Lim for her bravery in the dangerous situation.				
Q68)	Norleena questioned the accuracy of the answers.				
Q69)	Su Mei asked the waiter if she could have a cup of water.				

Q70)	Raju's good idea enabled him to solve the problem.										
Q71)	It was her daughter's birthday.										
Q72)	<p>Writer's feelings : Embarrassed</p> <p>Reason : Her daughter addressed a elderly man in a inappropriate way which was rude.</p>										
Q73)	<p>Unapproachable</p> <p>Kind</p>										
Q74)	surprised / delighted										
Q75)	Although it was the first time Norah and Dan met, they chatted as if they had know each other for a long time.										
Q76)	<p>Pleaded</p> <p>Weathered</p>										
Q77)	<p>Norah's wish to take a picture with Dan for her birthday.</p> <p>Dan's hand</p> <p>Drawing pictures for Dan to display on the refrigerator.</p>										
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Q79)	Norah worries about Dan and they wanted to check in on him to make sure that he is fine.										
Q80)	Dan had not slept well since his wife died, but he had slept soundly since meeting Norah.										