



ROSYTH SCHOOL
PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2022
ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
PRIMARY 6

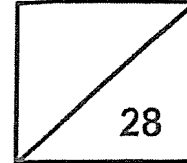
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TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 h 50 min

BOOKLET A

INSTRUCTIONS TO STUDENTS:

1. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
2. Follow all instructions carefully.
3. Answer all questions.
4. Use a 2B pencil to shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

This booklet consists of **11** printed pages and **1** blank page.
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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 My father called the police immediately after having spotted a burglar _____ into our neighbour's house last night.

- (1) break
- (2) broke
- (3) has broken
- (4) had broken

2 Father is taking my sister and _____ to watch the parade next week.

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

3 Should the team leader _____ to postpone the meeting this afternoon, he will inform all the members beforehand.

- (1) decide
- (2) decides
- (3) decided
- (4) has decided

4 The deer was grazing on the grassland when the cheetah pounced _____ it.

- (1) in
- (2) on
- (3) over
- (4) across

5 "Andy took his medicine after I had told him to do so, _____?" Mother asked.

- (1) didn't he
- (2) hasn't he
- (3) hadn't he
- (4) wouldn't he

- 6 When the class monitor found the wallet, we did not know _____ it was.
- (1) who
 - (2) which
 - (3) whom
 - (4) whose
- 7 "Uncle Tom and I are good friends. We _____ each other since we were in kindergarten," my father told us.
- (1) know
 - (2) knew
 - (3) had known
 - (4) have known
- 8 There was so _____ traffic on the road that it caused Bala to be late for his work.
- (1) few
 - (2) little
 - (3) much
 - (4) many
- 9 Neither Jim nor his sisters _____ the party this evening. Only their parents have been invited.
- (1) is attending
 - (2) has attended
 - (3) are attending
 - (4) have attended
- 10 _____ his poor work attitude, the boy did not do well in his examinations.
- (1) Owing to
 - (2) In spite of
 - (3) Other than
 - (4) Regardless of

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 The Environment Club has put _____ a comprehensive plan to minimise the use of paper in the school.

- (1) out
- (2) over
- (3) forth
- (4) along

12 The children walked barefooted _____ on the beach for fear of stepping onto any sharp object hidden in the sand.

- (1) swiftly
- (2) gingerly
- (3) casually
- (4) nonchalantly

13 As there were not enough samples tested for the experiment, the results collected were _____.

- (1) invaluable
- (2) incoherent
- (3) inconclusive
- (4) incomprehensible

14 The poachers who had _____ a national park in an attempt to shoot down an elephant have been arrested by the authorities.

- (1) wrecked
- (2) penetrated
- (3) trespassed
- (4) demolished

15 Dina is usually efficient but often _____ whenever she is asked to clean up her room, much to her mother's annoyance.

- (1) calculates
- (2) speculates
- (3) contemplates
- (4) procrastinates

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

(5 marks)

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Owens decided to bring home a brood of chickens from a farm. They had in mind for the scrawny three-day-old chicks to become a flock that could provide their family with fresh eggs. Much to their surprise, what they did not preempt was the bond that would form between these chicks and their nine-year-old daughter, Sophie.

Sophie fell in love with the baby chicks the moment they appeared before her eyes, huddling in a cardboard box under a heat lamp in their living room. Sophie spent much of her time hugging them fondly. She was upset when her parents would not allow the chickens to sleep in her bed with her.

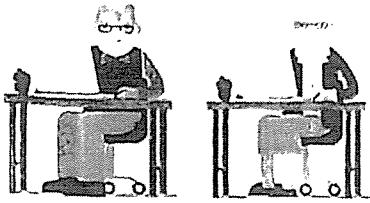
Adapted from 'Sophie and her Chicks' by Emma Taubenfeld

- 16 (1) resolved
(2) intended
(3) proposed
(4) reasoned
- 17 (1) build up
(2) evolve into
(3) progress to
(4) develop into
- 18 (1) imagine
(2) precede
(3) anticipate
(4) prophesise

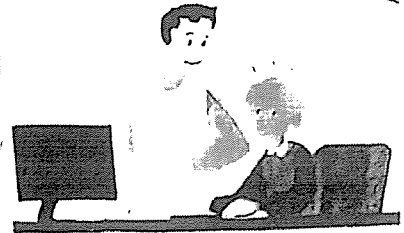
- 19 (1) nestling
(2) settling
(3) perching
(4) crouching

- 20 (1) willingly
(2) sincerely
(3) earnestly
(4) affectionately

Study the information from this poster and then answer questions 21 to 28.



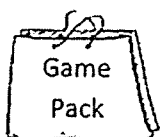



Seniors Go Hi-tech Programme by ElderCare



Let's go digital together!

This programme is specially designed to assist our seniors on their digital journey. Our Digital Buddies will teach the elderly various skills, like making video calls and cashless payments, so as to increase their independence and help them to lead a more entertaining and purposeful lifestyle. Whether it is learning from our Digital Buddies at designated venues or taking guided lessons at home, our seniors can learn to get connected using technology at their own pace while having fun!

Pick up new digital skills the fun and easy way through...

Digital Hubs Mondays to Fridays 3pm-5pm	Learning Journeys * Weekends only 9am-10am & 3pm-4pm Limited slots	Online Learning _Simply log onto www.seniorsgohitech.sg
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Digital Buddies at selected community centres provide one-to-one guidance on how to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o set up email accounts. o send text or voice messages on mobile phones. • Each participant will receive a game pack comprising a chess set and a wireless mouse after the 2-hour session. <div style="text-align: center; margin: 10px 0;">  </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For more information on the digital hubs, call the helpdesk at ElderCare at 6377 3838. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn to download and use the ScanGo application to pay for groceries on mobile phones. • Approach any Digital Buddy to register for the learning journey. • Max 20 participants to one Digital Buddy per trip. <p style="font-size: small; margin-top: 10px;">* Transport to and from Fresh Mart supermarket will be provided. More information can be obtained upon registration.</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;">  </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access online learning resources at your convenience. • Step-by-step guide on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o making video calls. <div style="text-align: center; margin: 10px 0;">  </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o ordering groceries and food through online delivery services like HookFood and FoodWheels. <div style="text-align: center; margin: 10px 0;">  </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o using Facebook and Instagram

Are you inspired to get involved?

Here are some ways to get involved!



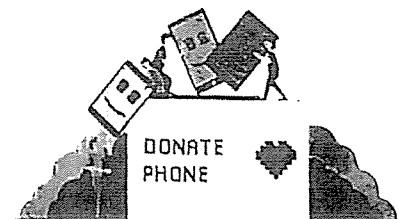
- **Be a Digital Buddy** to teach our seniors the various digital skills on their mobile devices. We offer training for volunteers and are actively seeking to improve the digital experience for the elderly. To volunteer to be a Digital Buddy or to find out more before being one, please email to contact@eldercare.sg.



- **Cash Donations** - Your donations will help seniors from low-income families to purchase their mobile devices like mobile phones or tablets. Should you wish to make a cash donation, please mail the cheque to ElderCare's main office at 12 Digital Avenue, Singapore 333456. ☺



- **Donations of Mobile Phones** – Do you have a used phone in working condition and is lying around at home? Why not donate it for a good cause? Simply drop it at the reception counter at ElderCare main office.



You can check out other ElderCare projects to see how you can do your part to create a digitally-ready future for our elderly! To find out more about other support programmes organised by ElderCare for the seniors, you can visit www.eldercaresupport.org.

For more information on *Seniors Go HiTech Programme*, please visit ElderCare's homepage at www.eldercare.org

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 The *Seniors Go Hi-tech Programme* by Eldercare aims to _____.

- (1) raise funds for ElderCare
- (2) teach the elderly how to have fun
- (3) equip the elderly with technology skills
- (4) help the Digital Buddies to be independent

22 With the use of the ScanGo application, the elderly can _____.

- (1) register for their learning journeys
- (2) order food to be delivered to their homes
- (3) pay less for transport to and from the supermarket
- (4) purchase their groceries at the supermarkets on their mobile phones

23 Game packs are given to the elderly who have _____.

- (1) gone on a learning journey
- (2) called the helpdesk at ElderCare
- (3) attended a session at a digital hub
- (4) accessed online learning resources

24 Those elderly who are interested to go on the learning journeys will have to _____.

- (1) form a group of 20
- (2) set up an email account
- (3) register with a Digital Buddy
- (4) visit the website www.seniorsgohitech.sg

25 Anyone who wants to volunteer as a Digital Buddy must first _____.

- (1) email contact@eldercare.sg
- (2) donate their mobile devices to ElderCare
- (3) learn more about other support programmes
- (4) teach the elderly the various technology skills

- 26 Which of the following statements is true?
- (1) Digital Hubs are located at all community centres.
 - (2) All cash donations can be dropped at ElderCare main office.
 - (3) ElderCare plans the activities for *Seniors Go Hi-tech Programme*.
 - (4) The online learning resources only teach the elderly how to make video calls.
- 27 In the information provided for Online Learning, why is the colon (:) used in "These resources include step-by-step guide on:"?
- (1) To provide information on the log in procedure
 - (2) To simplify the information on the step-by-step guide
 - (3) To list the information on the online learning resources
 - (4) To emphasise the information about the learning resources
- 28 Mr Rama, an elderly, has a child living overseas. He wishes to learn how to make video calls. How can he do so?
- (1) Sign up for a learning journey
 - (2) Visit a digital hub on a weekend
 - (3) Log onto www.seniorsgohitech.sg
 - (4) Receive training as a digital buddy

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

(Go on to Booklet B)

Refer to the passage below when you answer questions 71 to 80 in Booklet B.

I was sure a few people shook their heads in disbelief when they heard that I was going on stage to receive an award. Maybe they thought I did not deserve the endless praises after seeing my drawings hung all over the school. However, there I was, sitting backstage, waiting to collect an honourable award.

Since I was three, I had been taking part in art competitions and consistently emerged a winner. However, recently, I would feel extremely upset when this was **no longer true**. It hurt to know that I might not be as good as I thought. I wanted to quit before I started to hate drawing. Therefore, I was hesitant to enter any competition but Mrs Tan, my teacher, encouraged me to give it another try before I graduated from primary school. She said I was talented. She did not want me to lose an opportunity just because of some setbacks. With reluctance, I submitted my name to her. Unfortunately, two weeks before the deadline, I stared at the blank paper for hours.

Then, I recalled all the things I had unleashed on myself whenever I lost an art competition. "Well, what did you expect? You are not talented!" my inner thoughts seemed to smirk, "Do you seriously think you have what it takes to be an artist?" My rebellion towards these unsympathetic thoughts poured out onto that drawing. Satisfaction overwhelmed me when I finished. However, the whole process had been tiring as I fought every snide remark which kept forming in my mind. I almost did not want to submit my drawing to Mrs Tan but since she believed in me, I thought I owed it to her.

Mrs Tan told me it was one of the best drawings I had ever done. She was confident that the judges would love it. I brushed her praises off. I thought she was just trying to comfort me. Just as Mrs Tan had predicted, I did win the top award. Initially, it felt like a great load had been lifted off my chest. It meant that my talent was recognised! Yet, almost as soon as the happiness rushed over me, self-doubt swept me into a sea of troubled thoughts.

I had not thought that this drawing had been outstanding. I had been rejected numerous times for entries I was proud of. I had stashed these pieces away in the storeroom in dismay. Hence, what made this **particular** piece stand out? I did not believe in myself and attributed it to my sheer luck this time round.

A backstage crew member tapped my shoulder and this brought me back to the present. He whispered, "You're next! Get ready to receive your award soon!"

I walked over to a mirror to neaten up and saw my reflection. "So, you finally did well," my reflection seemed to say to me, without a hint of emotion.

"Yes!" I replied defiantly to myself, "I worked really hard on the drawing and it was a challenge. The judges felt I was good and I finally won so why am I still so angry with myself? This is not fair!" Hot tears streamed down my cheeks. Slowly, I calmed down and gathered my emotions. It all became clear to me that every time I failed, I wanted to give up. I detested this. Perhaps I had thought that if I were hard on myself, I would somehow get back on my feet to prove myself wrong.

That day, I realised that I was my worst critic. It dawned on me that I should not give up each time I failed. I had constantly doubted myself and this stopped me from even trying. I winked at my reflection and got ready to go on stage. Perfection needs practice and **each setback takes one a step closer**. I would never again think that the number of awards I attained defined my true talent.

Adapted from "Cass was right" by Rose Parkstone



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PAPER 2
PRIMARY 6

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Total Time for Booklets A and B : 1 h 50 min

BOOKLET B

INSTRUCTIONS TO STUDENTS:

1. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
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3. Answer all questions.
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5. Do not use correction liquid/tape or highlighters.

	Maximum	Marks Obtained
Booklet A	28	
Booklet B	67	
Total	95	

Component	Question Numbers	Marks Obtained
Grammar & Vocabulary	29 – 50 66 – 70	
Comprehension Cloze	51 – 65	
Comprehension Open-ended	71 – 80	

* This booklet consists of 9 pages altogether (including cover page).

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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) although	(D) by	(G) his	(K) our	(N) their
(B) as	(E) few	(H) in	(L) some	(P) thereafter
(C) but	(F) has	(J) is	(M) that	(Q) to

"Majulah Singapura" or "Onward Singapore" is a musical expression of Singapore's identity as a nation. It was composed by Zubir Said in 1958 (29) _____ a theme song for all official functions.

In 1959, the Deputy Prime Minister expressed an interest (30) _____ Zubir's composition but requested the composer to make (31) _____ changes. He told Zubir that a National Anthem must be brief, and to the point (32) _____ people could remember easily. He also wanted the anthem to be in Malay as it (33) _____ the native language of the region.

On 3 December 1959, it was performed by the Singapore Symphony Orchestra to commemorate the opening of the newly renovated Victoria Theatre. (34) _____, when Singapore attained self-government, it was chosen as the island's anthem.

Reflecting on (35) _____ composition, Zubir said, "The difficulty is not just about composing the music score (36) _____ the coming up with the lyrics also takes time. I have to put in all the words in very simple language that is understandable for all the races in Singapore."

He was so inspired (37) _____ the words "Majulah Singapura" near the foyer of the Victoria Theatre and wanted to capture the mood and heighten the feelings of Singaporeans for (38) _____ country. He believes that one should be loyal and proud of the place one calls home.

Adapted from <http://mystory.sg/content>

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

Much of Europe shivered under the lash of a snowstorm before Christmas on Friday. This snowstorm closed many airports, caused kayous on the roads and gave school children an early start to their holidays.

(39)

(40)

In France, the early snow disrupt transport and forced the closure of the Eiffel Tower by the autoritees. The French capital and much of the country woke up to

(41)

(42)

finding a seven-centime blanket of snow which caused flights to be delayed

(43)

(44)

for up till three hours. The eyekonic Eiffel Tower was closed to visitors and

(45)

(46)

train and bus services are delayed in many areas as daytime tempreche dropped to below zero for the first time in the year.

(47)

In England, two airports were closed overnight before heavy snow fell over

(48)

south and east England, with many incoming flights being dyeverted to other destinations. One of the airports reopened its runways when they were cleared but

(49)

others remained closed. Heathrow, the world's busy international air hub, remained open.

(50)

Police warned people to stay off the roads unless absolutely neccesery.

Weather Forecasters predicted further snow showers in the coming week.

Adapted from http://www.relax.com.sg/relax/news/294804/Eiffel_Tower

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

All porcupines boast a coat of needle-like quills. Hence, they are often regarded as the world's prickliest rodent although _____ Latin name means "quill pig." These quills give predators a sharp reminder that this animal is no _____ meal. In fact, some quills, like those of Africa's crested porcupine, are nearly 30-cm _____.

Porcupines have soft hair. However, on many parts of their bodies, _____ is usually mixed with sharp quills. When a porcupine is attacked, these quills will stand up as a _____ mechanism. The quills also have sharp tips and overlapping scales or barbs that make them difficult to _____ once they are stuck in another animal's body. To _____ the quills they lose, porcupines quickly grow new ones. _____ to popular belief, porcupines cannot shoot the quills at their predators. These quills can easily fall off when touched.

The porcupines found in North and South America are good climbers and spend much of their _____ in trees. Some even have strong tails to _____ them in climbing. The North American porcupine is the only species _____ lives in the U.S. and Canada, and is the largest of all porcupines. A single animal may have 30,000 or more quills. North American porcupines _____ their large front teeth to satisfy a healthy appetite for wood. They eat natural bark and stems, and have been known to invade campgrounds and chew _____ canoe paddles.

Female porcupines give birth to _____ one and four young, depending on the species. Babies have soft quills at birth which can _____ within a few days so that they can fend for themselves. Most young porcupines are ready to live on their own at about two months of age.

Adapted from <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/animals/mammals/group/porcupines/>

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. If you look hard, you will see a hidden image in the painting.

_____ unless

67. "Why did you solve the problem sum this way?" Peter asked May.

Peter was curious to know _____

68. Tom was not decisive. He could not make up his mind.

_____ because of his

69. My baby sister can do what she likes but I will not be angry.

No matter _____

70. John made a mess in the kitchen. He admitted to it.

John admitted to _____

Read the passage on page 12 of Booklet A and answer questions 71 to 80. (20 marks).

71. From the first paragraph, pick out a two-word phrase that tells us that the narrator gained a lot of compliments for her drawings. [1m]

72. What does "no longer true" (line 6) tell you about the narrator and the outcome of drawing competitions she had taken part in? [2m]

73. Fill in the following table by identifying the correct word(s) from lines 7 to 11. [2m]

Question	Word(s) from the passage
Which two words suggest that the narrator was not keen to participate in any more drawing competitions this year?	a). _____ b). _____

74. From paragraph 2, state what the narrator did to suggest that she had much difficulty before she started drawing. [1m]

75. From lines 16 to 25, state whether each statement in the table below is True or False, then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

	<u>True / False</u>	<u>Reason</u>
a) The narrator enjoyed drawing her art piece for this competition.		
b) The narrator had no choice but to submit the drawing for the competition.		
c) The narrator believed in the praises that Mrs Tan made about her drawing.		

76. (a) Circle one word that best describes how the narrator first felt when she learnt that she had won the competition in lines 22 to 25.
DO NOT CIRCLE MORE THAN ONE WORD. [1m]

complacent / distraught / relieved / confused

- (b) What was the reason for this feeling? [1m]

Based on the information from lines 26 to 39, fill in the blanks in the following table. [3m]

How the narrator felt	Why the narrator felt this way	What the narrator did as a result
	The narrator did not win the competitions for the drawings she was proud of.	The narrator kept the drawings in the storeroom.
doubtful		The narrator convinced herself that she was merely lucky to have won the award.
angry	The narrator thought it was unfair because she had worked hard on her drawing.	<i>the writer cried.</i>

78. 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(s) to
a) it (line 9)	
b) this particular piece (line 28)	
c) this (line 38)	

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

_____ The narrator winked at herself in the mirror.

_____ The narrator was told she would be the next to go on stage.

_____ The narrator looked into the mirror to tidy herself.

80. "... each setback takes one a step closer." (line 43)
In your own words, what do you think the narrator meant from the above statement?
[2m]

End of Booklet B

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Booklet A

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

Booklet B

Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
B	H	L	M	J	P	G	C	D	K
Q39)	chaos	Q43)	to	Q47)	after				
Q40)	disrupted	Q44)	iconic	Q48)	diverted				
Q41)	authorities	Q45)	were	Q49)	busiest				
Q42)	find	Q46)	temperature	Q50)	necessary				

Q51)	in	Q56)	remove	Q61)	which
Q52)	ordinary	Q57)	replace	Q62)	use
Q53)	long	Q58)	Much	Q63)	on
Q54)	it	Q59)	time	Q64)	between
Q55)	reactive	Q60)	help	Q65)	grow
Q66)	You will not see the hidden image in the painting unless you look hard.				
Q67)	Peter was curious to know why you had solved the problem that way.				
Q68)	Tom could not make up his mind because of his indecisiveness.				
Q69)	No matter what my baby sister likes to do, I will not be angry.				

Q70)	John admitted to making a mess in the kitchen.
Q71)	Endless praises
Q72)	The narrator recently no longer consistently emerged a winner in whatever drawing competitions she had taken part in and felt extremely sad about it.
Q73)	Hesitant , reluctance
Q74)	She stared at the blank paper for hours two weeks before the deadline of the art competition.
Q75)	<p>a) True → The narrator's satisfaction overwhelmed her when art piece for this competition was finished.</p> <p>b) False → The narrator submitted the drawing for the competition because the teacher Mrs Tan believed in her and she thought she owed it to her.</p> <p>c) False → The narrator brushed Mrs Tan's praises off when she made praises about her drawing.</p>
Q76)	<p>a) relieved</p> <p>b) The whole process in drawing the art piece was tiring as he fought every snide remark which formed in his mind, so he felt relieved after she learnt that she had won the competition.</p>
Q77)	<p>i) Rejected</p> <p>ii) She did not believe in herself</p> <p>iii) The writer cried.</p>
Q78)	<p>a) It → the drawing competition</p> <p>b) This particular piece → the art piece which she won the top award</p> <p>c) This → the feeling of giving up each time she failed</p>
Q79)	3,1,2
Q80)	Each time when her art piece was rejected and she did not win in the art competition, she was one step closer to success as she never gave up and finally won the honourable award.