



CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION (2017)
PRIMARY SIX
ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)
BOOKLET A

Name: _____ ()

Class: Primary Six _____

28 Questions
(28 Marks)

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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Answer all questions.

This booklet consists of 10 printed pages excluding the cover page.

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. "Balaji placed the clothes in the washing machine, _____?" his mother asked.

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

2. "Could Rekha _____ the meal?" wondered Mrs Arul when she saw the pot of curry on the table.

- (1) cook
- (2) cooked
- (3) had cooked
- (4) have cooked

3. He knows them both _____ sight, but he does not know their names.

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

4. Sue's writing style is similar _____ that of most other girls her age.

- (1) in
- (2) to
- (3) with
- (4) about

5. After making an online payment, you can expect to receive the product _____ 10 working days.

- (1) into
- (2) within
- (3) during
- (4) between

6. Neither John nor the twins _____ up for the Math Olympiad classes which will begin next week.

- (1) is signing
- (2) has signed
- (3) have signed
- (4) were signing

7. "All the luggage _____ loaded in the van. Let's go now!" the driver said.

- (1) is being
- (2) are being
- (3) has been
- (4) have been

8. _____ a scratch on the rim of the wheel, the car was otherwise undamaged.

- (1) Apart
- (2) Including
- (3) Other than
- (4) Even though

9. The pupil found a wallet which contained only cash so he had no idea _____ it was.

- (1) who
- (2) who's
- (3) whom
- (4) whose

10. _____ has been written about the causes of poverty in the world. Ron has to organise the wealth of information he has downloaded from the internet for his project.

- (1) Few
- (2) Little
- (3) Many
- (4) Much

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. Mabel _____ Mrs Elsa's offer for a ride politely by saying that she preferred to walk instead.
- (1) derided
 - (2) declined
 - (3) defended
 - (4) dismissed
12. A courageous Mr Rizal caught the robber single-handedly. He was _____ by the fact that the robber was armed.
- (1) biased
 - (2) affected
 - (3) influenced
 - (4) undaunted
13. The foreigners who took part in the riots earlier this year have been found guilty and will be _____ to their home country.
- (1) exiled
 - (2) banished
 - (3) repatriated
 - (4) transported
14. How did Mr Lim _____ all this money when he was only drawing a relatively low salary?
- (1) come by
 - (2) come off
 - (3) come over
 - (4) come across
15. The evil queen tried to sow _____ between the king and the prince by spreading rumours about the prince.
- (1) disparity
 - (2) discord
 - (3) disdain
 - (4) disgust

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.
(5 marks)

I had decided to take the route across the dry bush-covered Kalahari Desert on my way to Windhoek in South-West Africa. This indistinct trail (16) concealed by dry bushes would cut my journey by a thousand kilometres. Having started on this journey, I now found myself really out of luck. A slow leak had emptied the radiator of my car and I was forty kilometres from the nearest village of the indigenous bushmen. (17) Dejected, I could not help wishing that I had a burst tyre instead – I could have changed it without any help.

I had been sitting in the car for an hour, trying to decide whether to pour the last of my drinking water – about three litres – into the radiator or down my throat. I knew better than to venture out. Although there was no (18) imminent danger from wild animals, the Kalahari, with its sudden dips and rises, is a deceptive place. Turn around a couple of times and you are lost. I was not (19) optimistic about my journey ahead.

The sun flared (20) murderously overhead and made an oven of the car. There was no breeze and, to add to the discomfort, stinging sandflies were beginning to mass on the inside of the windscreen. All this was bad enough but not until I spotted a Bushman – a member of the hunting and gathering people of Africa – did I feel any sense of real danger.

Adapted from: *The Real Bushmen*

16. (1) hidden
(2) unknown
(3) disguised
(4) uncovered
17. (1) Elated
(2) Baffled
(3) Disgusted
(4) Disheartened
18. (1) real
(2) serious
(3) previous
(4) impending

19. (1) faithful
(2) grateful
(3) hopeful
(4) cheerful

20. (1) lightly
(2) harshly
(3) steadily
(4) violently

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



WRITERS'

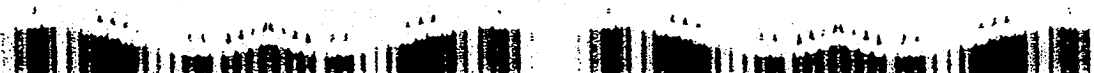


8th Anniversary Celebrations!



In conjunction with our celebrations, we are happy to announce the following:

- ✍ As a token of our **appreciation**, current pupils will receive a 10% discount on fees for the month of June!
- ✍ New pupils will receive a 10% discount on fees for classes in the first 3 months only when you sign up in June!
- ✍ The one-time registration fee is waived for new pupils who sign up for classes in the month of June!
- ✍ Join us on 27 June 2017 for our Open House! Free mini trial classes will be conducted for newcomers! Free popcorn and candy floss will be available!



CLASSES AVAILABLE

(Visit the school's website for the respective educators' profiles.)

Keen Writer

For ages 7 & 8

- ✍ 3 p.m. on weekdays
- ✍ 10 a.m. on weekends

Avid Writer

For ages 9 & 10

- ✍ 5 p.m. on weekdays
- ✍ 2 p.m. on weekends

Voracious Writer

For ages 11 & 12

- ✍ 7 p.m. on weekdays
- ✍ 4 p.m. & 6 p.m. on weekends

HUB



About Writers' Hub

Writers' Hub is a school that is dedicated to helping primary school pupils become more effective and confident English Language writers. The school's principal, Mrs Joyce Wee, was an English Language Senior Teacher in one of Singapore's reputable primary schools for more than a decade before she established Writer's Hub. Consequently, she brought her wealth of knowledge and experience with her, and Writer's Hub has achieved rapid success.

As a start, Mrs Wee led a hand-picked team of English Language educators and developed the customised worksheets that the school's pupils use. Their top priority is to ensure that their pupils' needs are met. On a yearly basis, the team carries out thorough revisions of the worksheets so that the worksheets are never out of date. In addition, Mrs Wee conducts regular training sessions for the educators and shares with them innumerable ways to teach writing effectively.

The hard work put in by Mrs Wee and her staff has certainly paid off. Every year, Writers' Hub's pupils receive commendations and awards in national and international writing competitions. Visit the school's website to view the winners' profiles as well as read the winning entries!

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Phone : 6485 6485 / 6485 6486
Website : www.writershub.sg
Email : ask@writershub.sg
Opening hours : 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. on weekdays,
9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on weekends
(except on public holidays)

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 word 'appreciation' in the first bullet point is targeting at _____.

- (1) readers who will attend the Open House
- (2) pupils who are currently enrolled in Writers' Hub
- (3) readers who have visited Writers' Hub's website
- (4) staff who have worked tirelessly to ensure Writers' Hub's success

22. Writers' Hub is offering discounts and additional perks because _____.

- (1) it is celebrating its 8 years of existence in the education scene
- (2) business has not been good and it wishes to increase its pupil enrolment
- (3) it wants everyone to realise the importance of writing effectively and confidently
- (4) it has achieved rapid success and will be opening another branch in the month of June.

23. Jennifer, a Primary Six pupil, wants to enrol in Writers' Hub. Which of the following shows the timing of her classes?

- (1) 3 p.m. on weekdays and 6 p.m. on weekends
- (2) 4 p.m. on weekends and 5 p.m. on weekends
- (3) 6 p.m. on weekends and 7 p.m. on weekdays
- (4) 10 a.m. on weekends and 7 p.m. on weekends

24. Look at the section 'About Writers' Hub'. What does 'experience' in the first paragraph refer to?

- (1) how Mrs Joyce Wee had built a successful business
- (2) what Mrs Joyce Wee knew about setting up a business
- (3) how Mrs Joyce Wee had trained Writers' Hub's educators
- (4) what Mrs Joyce Wee had learnt in her years of being a teacher

25. Which word best describes the materials provided by Mrs Wee and her team of English Language educators?

- (1) Unlimited
- (2) Customary
- (3) Exhaustive
- (4) Personalised

26. Why did Writers' Hub publish the winning entries on its website?

- (1) to show that the pupils enrolled in Writers' Hub are the best
- (2) to share details about the award winners in past writing competitions
- (3) to show the effectiveness of the programmes offered by Writers' Hub
- (4) to allow the public to check the work done by the pupils enrolled in Writers' Hub

27. Based on the flyer, which of the following statements is true?

- (1) There are no trial classes available in Writers' Hub for new pupils who sign up.
- (2) For any enquiries on the services offered by Writers' Hub, one can reach them on all days except public holidays.
- (3) Mrs Joyce Wee was a full time tutor for 10 years before she decided to establish Writers' Hub.
- (4) New pupils who sign up for classes in November will not have to pay the one-time registration fee.

28. What is the main aim of the flyer?

- (1) to announce Writers' Hub's 8th anniversary celebrations
- (2) to invite the public to the Open House for free popcorn and candy floss
- (3) to advertise the services provided by Writers' Hub and encourage pupils to enrol in it
- (4) to visit Writers' Hub website to view the winners' profiles as well as read the winning entries

END OF BOOKLET A



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BOOKLET B

Name: _____ ()

Class: Primary Six _____

Components	Marks
Booklet A	28
Booklet B	17
TOTAL	95

52 Questions
(67 Marks)

Parent's
Signature: _____

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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Answer all questions.

Write your answers in this booklet.

This booklet consists of 8 printed pages excluding the cover page.

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 in order to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) about	(D) in	(G) than	(K) was	(N) where
(B) an	(E) on	(H) then	(L) were	(P) which
(C) are	(F) so	(J) this	(M) what	(Q) with

Although we are a young nation, Singapore, like any other country, has its fair share of legends and myths. Most Singaporeans (29) _____ aware of the popular folktale of how the name Singapura came about. However, (30) _____ about the other lesser-known legends of Singapore? Many are clueless about these. What is known as Sentosa now was (31) _____ called *Pulau Blakang Mati*, where *Blakang Mati* means "behind the dead" in Malay.

No one knows exactly how the name of the island came (32) _____ but there have been many legends about its origin. According to one version, the island (33) _____ once a place of piracy and bloodshed. The victims of the murders haunted the island (34) _____ much that it was given this not-so-auspicious name. Another account was that the island was located "behind" *Pulau Brani* (35) _____ was the burial ground of many ancient Malay warriors.

Nevertheless, (36) _____ 1972, *Pulau Blakang Mati* was renamed as Sentosa, which means "isle of tranquillity". (37) _____ the island becoming a favourite beach resort among Singaporeans, the unhappy legends were soon forgotten. (38) _____ island has become associated with fun and adventure for the whole family. Sentosa is now Asia's leading leisure destination and Singapore's premier island resort getaway.

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

Cyber bullying is on the rise in Singapore. A large-scale study has found that one in 39. nine adolasents said they have been victims of cyber bullying and close to half of them 40. 41. have, in turn, bullying others online. "The findings are signifikent because the use of 42. technology is becoming more pravelant and if we are not careful, the problem will grow and 43. we will have an increase unhealthy online culture," said Ms Iris Lin, senior social worker at Fei Yue Community Services.

44. Cyber bullying is bullying in cyberspace where harm is intenshenali and repeatedly 45. 46. inflicted upon an individual with the use of social media. Kaunsellers say victims easily turn 47. 48. on bullies themselves because they learn to imitated behaviour that they know causes hurt.

"Such behaviours are also normalised and they become desensitised. The more abuse they 49. receiving, the more mean they become to others," said Mr Poh, a consultant at a cyber-wellness firm. Cyber bullying certainly needs to be adrassed seriously. Measures must be 50. taken to promote responsible online habits in schools.

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

The Dusky Dolphin is a remarkable creature. Dusky Dolphins are usually found in cool waters throughout the southern hemisphere and seem to prefer (51) _____ to deep waters. The Dusky Dolphin is the smallest of the world's 33 different (52) _____ of dolphins, growing to under two metres in length and (53) _____ less than 100 kg. Dusky Dolphins are true mammals that use their lungs to (54) _____ air in and out of their lungs and also suckle (55) _____ young on milk produced by their mothers.

A Dusky Dolphin is powered by its two tail flukes which lies horizontally instead of (56) _____ like those of fish. The beak contains (57) _____ 24 and 36 pairs of sharp, cone-shaped teeth that are essential for catching slippery and fast-moving prey. The Dusky Dolphin travels vast lengths across the ocean and at great speed in (58) _____ of food. It is a carnivorous animal that only (59) _____ on other animals in order to gain the nutrients that it needs to survive. (60) _____ congregating in large groups, they are able to trap vast schools of fish.

Dusky Dolphins are thought to be one of the most intelligent animal species in the world and even (61) _____ with other individuals using their own language which (62) _____ of a series of whistles, clicks and squeaks. Increasing amount of man-made obstacles such as boats that litter the sea has led to a (63) _____ in Dusky Dolphin populations as they are often hit by them. Moreover, they are often accidentally (64) _____ in large fishing nets that humans use to fish for the same shoaling fish that the dolphins themselves target. Fortunately, in many places around the world, (65) _____ the acrobatic Dusky Dolphin perform is becoming an increasingly popular activity among tourists. This also helps to bring about awareness to the threats they face.

For each of the questions from 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. "Can anyone tell me what we learnt yesterday?" Mrs Lim asked her students.

Mrs Lim asked her students _____

67. You must meet the requirements in order to be allowed to participate in the contest.

Unless _____

68. Raju realised that he had to sit for an examination the next day. He started to panic.

Discovering that _____

69. We were very surprised that Susan turned up for the badminton tournament.

Much to _____

70. Grandpa was kind and generous. He inspired me to do volunteer work.

Grandpa's _____

Big fat drops started falling from the sky, quickly forming puddles on the road surface. Several people hurriedly held their briefcases above their heads and hastened for shelter. Bob looked up in dismay. Ditching his initial plan of waiting for a bus, he followed them. Trust it to rain on the day of his job interview! There was a time when he could splurge on luxuries. Unfortunately, he could **not afford to do so** after being jobless for the past few years. This job, if he clinched it, would turn the tables. No more eating microwave food for dinner, finally, a decent meal for his family. All he had to do was pass the interview. To do that, he needed to make an excellent first impression. How could he do it if he was late? Luckily, the unrelenting pelts of rain masked the hot tears that were flowing down his cheeks, away from prying eyes. He was desperate to get to that job interview.

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Pushing his way through throngs of people, Bob ran to the nearest shelter he could find, which happened to be the train station. "My **previous plan** didn't work, but perhaps I could still make it if I take the train," he thought. An elderly lady accidentally knocked into him, causing the contents of his briefcase to fall out. "I'm sorry, I didn't..." she said. Bob cut her off, gesturing it was fine and hurriedly gathered his things. Once he reached the platforms, he was crestfallen when he saw that notices had been put up everywhere informing of a ten-minute delay. Time dragged by in an excruciatingly slow manner. Many people around him were tapping their feet, checking their watches while some were trundling their trolley bags along the platform.

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Ten minutes came and went. Something was wrong. The floor was flooded. The pipes had burst and water began gushing out. The ceiling was leaking. Panic ensued, followed by a chaotic rush to the exits where a bottleneck had formed. As Bob made his way to the exit, he saw the elderly lady who had knocked into him earlier. She was obviously struggling to hobble along amidst the commotion, clutching her walking stick with her frail hands for her dear life. Fear was written clearly on her face. Though it would slow him down further, his heart went out to the old lady. "Auntie, let me help you," he muttered and without waiting for a reply, he placed her hand on his right arm. She was jittery at first but her tense muscles soon relaxed. After some time, they made it out of the flooded platform. Not wanting to forsake the old lady, he decided to help her to her destination. After all, there was no way he could make it for his interview now.

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Noticing his obvious gloom, she asked, "Son, why do you look so sad?" Bob sobbed bitterly, "I have been jobless for years. Finally, I was going to go for a promising interview today but the heavy rain ruined everything! Maybe I am just a failure. That's why no one wants to employ me." He could almost hear his wife chiding him for saying that. "You are a talented and

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hard worker. No one has discovered that about you yet. That's all," she would say.

The lady replied, "Don't worry. You are a decent man. I am sure things will work out for you once the financial crisis the country is facing is over." Hearing her encouraging words, he brightened up. The skies had cleared up by then as well. "This is my destination," the lady said. The words "Zane and Zane Law Firm" caught Bob's attention. Having been lost in his thoughts, Bob had not realised where he was heading. "This was where my interview was supposed to have been!" he remarked as an immaculately-dressed young man rushed out to meet the old lady.

"Grandma, it was a horrible storm! I was so worried for you!" he cried out. The old lady told him about Bob's timely help and selflessness. Her grandson looked at Bob with gratitude.

"Is it too late for a job interview now?" Bob asked, hopefully. "I think you have already passed your interview with flying colours!" the young man exclaimed, as he patted his grandmother's hands gently. **"My company needs more people like you!"**

Adapted from: <https://kindness.sg/blog/2013/02/04/final-interview-a-short-story/>

71. What could Bob "not afford to do so" (line 5)? [1m]

72. What did getting the job mean for Bob's family? [1m]

73. Why did Bob end up at the train station when he was on his way to the job interview? [2m]

74. 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
Passers-by could see Bob crying.		
Bob was not interested in the woman's apology.		
Bob was upset about the train delay.		

75. Which **two** actions in lines 15-18 show that commuters waiting for the train were getting impatient? [2m]

i. _____

ii. _____

76. 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
them (line 3)	
it (line 8)	
previous plan (line 12)	

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

_____ The elderly lady struggled to walk.

_____ The platform started to flood.

_____ The elderly lady knocked into Bob.

78. Which **two** of the following words correctly describes how the old woman felt in line 26? Put a tick in the box beside each of your answers. [2m]

nervous	
confused	
surprised	

overjoyed	
doubtful	
relieved	

79. Bob had been unemployed for years. What did the various characters in lines 30-37 think was the **main** reason for him being jobless? [3m]

Character	What each character thought was the main reason for Bob's unemployment
Bob	
Bob's wife	
The elderly lady	

80. The young man remarked, "My company needs more people like you!" (line 45) Do you think Bob got the job? Why? Support your answer with evidence from the passage. [2m]

EXAM PAPER 2017

LEVEL : PRIMARY 6
SCHOOL : CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
SUBJECT : ENGLISH

Booklet A

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

Booklet B

Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
C	M	H	A	K	F	P	D	Q	J
Q39		Q40		Q41	Q42		Q43		Q44
adolescent		bullied		significant	prevalent		increasingly		intentionally
Q45		Q46		Q47	Q48		Q49		Q50
through		counsellors		into	imitate		receive		addressed
Q51		Q52		Q53	Q54		Q55		Q56
shallow		kinds/species/ types		weighing	breathe		their		vertically
Q57		Q58		Q59	Q60		Q61		Q62
between		search		preys/feeds	By		communicate		consists
Q63		Q64		Q65					
decrease		trapped/ caught		watching					

- Q66 Mrs Lim asked her students whether anyone could tell her what they had learnt the previous day.
- Q67 Unless you meet the requirement, you are not allowed to participate in the contest.
- Q68 Discovering that he had to sit for an examination the next day, Raju started to panic.
- Q69 Much to our surprise, Susan turned up for the badminton tournament.
- Q70 Grandpa's kindness and generosity inspired me to do volunteer work.
- Q71 Bob could not afraid to splurge/spend on luxuries as he was jobless for the past few years.
- Q72 Bob's family would not need to eat microwave food for dinner and have a decent meal/proper meal.
- Q73 As it was raining/There was a storm, Bob needed to run to the nearest shelter he could find/seek shelter which happened to be a train station.

Q74

False	Passer-by would not see Bob crying as the rain drops masked/hid his tears so no one could see them.
True	Bob was not interested as he cut the woman off and gestured that it was fine.
True	Bob was crestfallen when he saw that noticed had been put up everywhere informing of a ten- minute delay.

Q75

- (i) Many commuters were tapping their feet.
(ii) They were checking their watches.

Q76

people who were looking for shelter
make an excellent first impression
taking a bus

Q77

3,2,1

Q78

nervous
relieved

Q79

Bob is a failure.
Bob is a talented and hard worker that no one has discovered about him yet.
The country is facing a financial crisis

Q80

I think Bob got the job. He has selflessly put the old lady's needs before his and had helped her despite the fact that he had an interview.