

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION TWO 2017
PRIMARY SIX
ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)
BOOKLET A

Name: _____ ()

Class: Primary Six _____

22 August 2017

28 Questions
(28 Marks)

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.

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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. "This is a library. Kindly refrain _____ talking loudly," Miss Ng reminded her pupils.

- (1) in
- (2) for
- (3) from
- (4) against

2. Serene suggested _____ to the new restaurant for lunch.

- (1) go
- (2) gone
- (3) going
- (4) having gone

3. "For Show-And-Tell, you are supposed to talk about a treasured personal belonging of _____," explained Mdm Nora to her pupils.

- (1) your
- (2) yours
- (3) yourself
- (4) yourselves

4. "Oh no! I'm going to be late again, _____ I?" whined Geraldine when she was caught in a traffic congestion.

- (1) isn't
- (2) won't
- (3) aren't
- (4) hasn't

5. Kumar had a medical appointment yesterday. _____, he would have attended the meeting.

- (1) Hence
- (2) Otherwise
- (3) Additionally
- (4) Alternatively

6. Let _____ of the children choose the activity . he or she wants to participate in.
- (1) all
 - (2) any
 - (3) each
 - (4) every
7. The water sports facility may open ahead of schedule since most of the safety equipment _____ inspected recently.
- (1) has been
 - (2) was being
 - (3) have been
 - (4) were being
8. The video game I have purchased is not compatible, _____ my laptop.
- (1) to
 - (2) on
 - (3) with
 - (4) from
9. _____ you need any assistance, please look for me at the library.
- (1) Might
 - (2) Could
 - (3) Would
 - (4) Should
10. Mother prefers using the vacuum cleaner to the electronic broom as the former enables her to complete the household chores _____.
- (1) quicker
 - (2) quickest
 - (3) most quickly
 - (4) more quickly

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 skilled magicians left the audience _____ with their astounding illusions.
- (1) enraged
 - (2) enriched
 - (3) enthralled
 - (4) enlightened
12. The diligent pupil completed his homework _____ before rushing off to the canteen for recess.
- (1) correctly
 - (2) prudently
 - (3) relentlessly
 - (4) meticulously
13. Do not be deceived by the _____ of this guesthouse. It might seem dreary on the outside but step inside and you will be dazzled by its grandeur
- (1) facade
 - (2) outlook
 - (3) forefront
 - (4) demeanour
14. Before checking out of the hotel room, they took a final _____ to ensure that they had not left anything behind.
- (1) gaze
 - (2) glare
 - (3) glance
 - (4) goggle
15. Due to the economic crisis, the company had to _____ some of its employees. As a result, many have lost their livelihoods.
- (1) lay off
 - (2) lay out
 - (3) lay down
 - (4) lay aside

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)

26 March is a special day for Ted Ang. In fact, he jokingly refers to it as his "unofficial birthday". What he is actually (16) commemorating is the anniversary of the 1991 hijack of Singapore Airlines flight SQ117, where he was one of the nine cabin crew on duty.

Four young men had (17) seized control of the short flight from Kuala Lumpur and taken the passengers hostage. During the (18) traumatising 12-hour ordeal, Ang was physically attacked. He witnessed two fellow stewards getting pushed off the plane, and he almost suffered the same fate when he was dragged at knifepoint to the edge of the plane's rear exit. Before that could happen, a special operations team intervened and rescued everyone on board.

Interestingly, despite the horror of that night, Ang says he feels sorry for the three young (19) partners in crime who followed the orders from the team leader. "Sahit was the violent one who issued all the threats. The other three seemed to be blind followers who probably did not know what they were getting themselves into."

Asked if he still harbours (20) bitterness and displeasure towards the hijackers, all of whom were shot dead, he responded, "Why hold on to such negativity? What's done is done."

Adapted from: Yahoo! News on 26 March 2012

16. (1) observing
(2) celebrating
(3) reminiscing
(4) appreciating
17. (1) stolen
(2) hijacked
(3) kidnapped
(4) embezzled
18. (1) unending
(2) unnerving
(3) unthinkable
(4) unexpected

19. (1) allies
(2) colleagues
(3) companions
(4) accomplices
20. (1) suspicion
(2) vengeance
(3) resentment
(4) unforgiveness

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

COME & VISIT

HIGHLIGHTS!

Visitor Centre

Get all the maps and information you need from our friendly staff here!

Kate Museum

Learn about Kate Town's enthralling history!

Kate Park

Take a break and enjoy the scenery!

Souvenir Shop

Get some mementoes for yourself and your loved ones!

Puzzle Shop

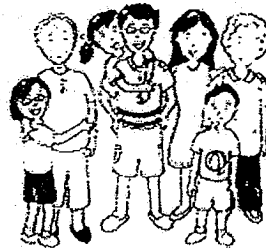
Challenge yourself to the most intriguing puzzles!

ABOUT KATE TOWN

Kate Town is a favourite destination for all types of travellers and well-liked by locals. With the family-friendly culture, safe environment, and wide range of activities where special discounts are given to residents, it has come to be known as a superb destination for a family getaway during the school holidays.

The streets of Kate Town are lined with quaint little shops selling unusual gifts and toys that visitors of all ages will be intrigued by. Unique cafes not only serve delicious food, but also charm visitors with their themed decorations. Whether you love animals or sports, you will find a cafe that suits your taste. You can even have coffee with Superman, Batman and Spiderman! Exploring the narrow streets on foot is certainly an enjoyable option to consider if the children are up for it.

Conveniently located and served by an extensive public transport network, Kate Town would also make an ideal base for short trips to other towns.



Milky Place

Savour the best ice-cream and waffles

Kate Town has to offer!

10% off for the first 50 customers

Boffola Cafe

Treat yourself to hot savoury snacks and drinks while watching stand-up comedy!

KATE TOWN



By purchasing a souvenir card from the Visitor Centre, tourists can take advantage of complimentary bus travel and free admission to Kate Museum! Many shops and cafes offer discounts for card holders!

**KATE TOWN
SOUVENIR
CARD**

Annual Kate Town Children's Festival

- 💡 Starts on the first Friday of December and lasts for 10 days
- 💡 Free performances at the town centre from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. daily
- 💡 Details of other performances and tickets available at www.ktcf.com
- 💡 Pop-up stalls serving drinks and delicious local fare open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- 💡 Lucky draws will be conducted daily and hourly with attractive prizes to be won

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. What makes Kate Town an ideal vacation spot for locals?

- (1) the themed cafes serving delicious food
- (2) the quaint shops selling unique souvenirs
- (3) the extensive public transport network linking it to other towns
- (4) the activities catering to various age groups come with a discount

22. The Visitor Centre offers various services. Which of the following is not true?

- (1) You can obtain a map of the city at the Visitor Centre.
- (2) You can purchase a souvenir card at the Visitor Centre.
- (3) You can learn about the town's history at the Visitor Centre.
- (4) You can ask the Visitor Centre staff for information regarding various attractions.

23. Which of the following themed cafes will you not find in Kate Town?

- (1) a cat cafe
- (2) a football cafe
- (3) a comedy cafe
- (4) a superhero cafe

24. What will one be entitled to upon purchasing the Kate Town Souvenir Card?

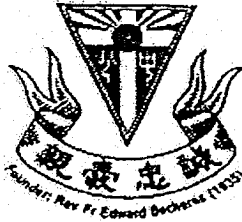
- (1) free bus rides
- (2) free train rides
- (3) express entry to Kate Museum
- (4) 20% off all souvenirs when shopping

25. Which of the following is true of the Children's Festival?

- (1) It coincides with Christmas Day on 25 December.
- (2) The list of pop-up stalls is available online at www.ktcf.com.
- (3) Lucky draws are held on a daily basis during the Children's Festival.
- (4) Tickets to the performances can be obtained from the Visitor Centre.

26. Mr Lee is holidaying in Kate Town with his family. His elderly parents love nature while his children enjoy eating desserts. Which two places should be reflected on their itinerary?
- (1) Kate Park and Milky Place
 - (2) Kate Park and Boffola Cafe
 - (3) Kate Museum and Milky Place
 - (4) Kate Museum and Boffola Cafe
27. Why are the highlights of Kate Town listed in boxes?
- (1) to make the flyer more attractive
 - (2) to alert readers to the different cafes that exist
 - (3) to summarise information on the yearly festival
 - (4) to enable readers to access information at a glance
28. What is the main aim of the flyer?
- (1) to attract visitors to Kate Town
 - (2) to give information about Kate Town
 - (3) to promote the unique shops and cafes in Kate Town
 - (4) to encourage families to attend Kate Town Children's Festival

END OF BOOKLET A



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PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

BOOKLET B

Name: _____ ()

Class: Primary Six _____

22 August 2017

52 Questions
(67 Marks)

Components	Marks
Booklet A	28
Booklet B	67
TOTAL	95

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)

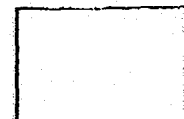
EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) after	(D) down	(G) have	(K) on	(N) to
(B) at	(E) from	(H) into	(L) over	(P) when
(C) before	(F) has	(J) of	(M) since	(Q) which

Have you heard of using tomatoes to fight? La Tomatino is a festival held in Spain, in (29) _____ participants throw tomatoes and get involved in this tomato fight purely for entertainment purposes. (30) _____ 1945, this festival has been held on the last Wednesday of August and the highlight (31) _____ the festival is the tomato fight.

This event was created after two men, in political protest, began throwing tomatoes at many people, and this practice continues (32) _____ this day, though more for enjoyment than protest. The event has become one of the highlights (33) _____ Spain's summer festival calendar with thousands of people flocking to this little Valencian town for this chaotic event. As the number of participants (34) _____ been on the increase year after year, town officials have introduced an entry fee and limited the number of participants, citing concerns (35) _____ safety. A few rules have also been implemented. One of the most important rules is that the tomatoes have to be squashed (36) _____ throwing to avoid causing injuries.

Usually, the fight lasts for an hour, after which the whole town square will be covered with tomato paste. Fire trucks then hose (37) _____ the streets and participants often use hoses that locals provide to remove the tomato paste (38) _____ their bodies. The village cobblestone streets will be completely cleaned due to the acidity of the tomato disinfecting and thoroughly cleaning the surfaces.



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

An elderly man approached Dante Gabriel Rossetti, the famous artist, and wanted him to take a look at some of his sketches and drawings. "Can you tell me if they show any

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potantiel talent?"

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Rossetti skroptinised them carefully. After the first few, he knew that they were

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worthless, showing not the slight sign of artistic talent. Rossetti, not know how the elderly

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man would take it, told him takfuli that the pictures did not show much talent. The old man's

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disapointmunt was evident but he seemed to have expected Rossetti's judgement.

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He then pleaded in him to take a look at a few other drawings which were done by a

young student. Rossetti looked over the second batch of sketches. Immediately, he became

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enthoosiastik over the talent they revealed. "These," he said, "are really good. This young

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student is blessed with immance talent. He should be given encouragement on his pursuit

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of becoming an artist. With hard work and persevere he is on the path to a great future."

Rossetti could see that the old man was deeply moved. "Who is this fine young

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artist?" he asked. "Is he your son?" The old man shake his head sadly. "It is me – 40 years

ago. If only I had heard your compliments then! For you see, I got discouraged and gave up

– too soon."

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Dodos are extinct flightless birds which settled on the island of Mauritius over 4 million years ago. (51) _____ no predators to attack them and the availability of abundant food sources, their wings were deemed unnecessary and they lost their need and ability to (52) _____. They lived and nested on the ground and ate fruits that had (53) _____ from trees.

In 1505, the Portuguese became the first humans to set (54) _____ on Mauritius. The island quickly became a stopover for ships engaged in the spice trade. Weighing up to 50 pounds, the dodo bird was a welcome (55) _____ of fresh meat for the sailors. Large numbers of dodo birds (56) _____ killed for food.

Later, the island was used to house exiled convicts. Pigs and monkeys were brought to the island along with them. Many of the ships that came to Mauritius also had uninvited rats aboard, some of which escaped onto the island and destroyed the dodo birds' nests on the ground. Thus, human exploitation as well as the influx of pigs, monkeys and rats (57) _____ a decline in the population of the dodo birds. Within 100 years of the (58) _____ of humans on the island of Mauritius, the once abundant dodo bird became a rare bird. The last dodo bird was killed in 1681.

Soon after the dodo bird had (59) _____ extinct, the Mauritian *calvaria* tree stopped reproducing. No new trees had germinated since the late 1600s. As the lifespan of this (60) _____ was about 300 years, the last members of the species were extremely old. The species was expected to also become (61) _____.

There was a correlation (62) _____ the extinction of the dodo bird and the tree not reproducing. Apparently, the dodo bird ate the fruit of this tree, and it was only by passing (63) _____ the dodo's digestive system that the seeds could become active and grow. Sadly, more than 300 years after one species became extinct, (64) _____ was to follow as a direct consequence.

Fortunately, scientists have (65) _____ that domestic turkey gullets sufficiently mimic the action of the dodo bird's digestive system. They have used turkeys to begin a new generation of the tree, which is now called the dodo tree.

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. The pupils have twenty minutes to come up with a solution.

_____ within

67. The documents are protected from the water by the plastic folder.

The plastic folder _____

68. The children were amazed. The magician pulled a rabbit out of an empty hat.

_____ much to

69. I did not want dessert after having a heavy dinner.

Having _____

70. "He went to this shop to buy the book yesterday," I explained to the teacher.

I told the teacher that _____



Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

That evening, Big Joe went missing. At first, none of us was worried. It was still early and Big Joe would often go wandering off on his own from time to time though never at night because he was afraid of the dark.

However, as darkness fell, Big Joe was still nowhere to be seen. Mother immediately sent Charlie and me out in different directions. I went down the lane calling for him, taking care to listen for his heavy stomping and whistling. I even checked the alley since he would always be feeding and playing with the stray animals. However, he was nowhere to be found. Finally, I made my way home, hoping against hope that Charlie or Mother might have found him but that did not happen.

Feeling desperate by the minute, Mother decided to implore the villagers to help us. Since most of the villagers would be in the village hall, the three of us dashed over there.

After Mother told them what had happened, not one of them hesitated. Immediately, the chief gathered everyone to organise a search around the village itself, and it was agreed that the sounding of the church bell would be the signal that Big Joe had been found.

As everyone dispersed into the darkness outside, Charlie and I went to his favourite places to search for him. The countryside was filled with pinpricks of moving lights. We knew then that everyone had been mobilised to join in the massive search.

A few hours later, there was still no word of Big Joe. Mother had informed the police and we saw them searching the ponds with long poles – everyone knew Big Joe could not swim. As time passed, everything was pointing towards the same dreadful conclusion. That was when I first began to believe that the worst could really have happened. No one dared to voice this fear, but all of us were feeling it. Everyone tried to raise a smile but no one could look me in the eye. I could see it was not just fear anymore. It was worse. There was desperation in those faces, a feeling of complete hopelessness that they could not disguise however hard they tried.

Clinging to what little hope we had left, Charlie suggested combing the train tracks since Big Joe had always been fascinated with trains. "You know that's too dangerous in the night," I hesitated.

"Look," Charlie said impatiently. "That is our only hope." Against my better judgement, I agreed to search around the train tracks.

Suddenly, we heard a whistle in the distance. It seemed to get louder as it persisted and then it was cut out in a shock of tender silence. "We've got to get off the tracks. Train's coming!" I shouted. We scurried to the side and found a suitable place to descend. I tiptoed nimbly from the precipice. Finding myself safely below, I heard a sudden thud. "Help!" I heard a voice cry, "Help...down here!"

Charlie had fallen into the ash pit, a 3-metre trench between the rails, about 6 metres long, where trains stopped to empty ashes from the engine's fire box when they pulled through town. Charlie screamed and tried frantically to climb out, but the pit was too deep. I scrambled to the edge, grabbing for his hand as the train got closer. Not wanting to appear scared myself, my calm voice belied the panic-stricken beating of my heart. "Just give me your hand, Charlie, and I'll pull you right out."

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We fumbled for each other's hands in the dark. Finally, I had Charlie's hand in my fingertips. Wearing a mask of anguish with my teeth clenched, I pulled and pulled. Charlie's torso finally eclipsed the edge of the pit and there he lay, catching his breath. Immediately, I hoisted him to his feet and we hobbled away from the tracks like a collection of frenzied grave robbers, our treasure in tow. It was then that we heard the sounding of the church bell and we heaved a sigh of relief.

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Adapted from: Private Peaceful by Michael Morpurgo

71. Why was Big Joe's family not worried initially when he went missing? (2m)

72. State two distinctive behavioural characteristics of Big Joe that could help the author locate him. [2m]

73. Choose one word from paragraphs 3 to 5 which has a similar meaning to each word or phrase below. [3m]

beg	
scattered	
of great significance	

74. Explain in your own words what the author meant by 'moving lights' in line 16. [1m]

75. 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
Big Joe was a kind boy.		
When Mother started to worry about Big Joe's disappearance, she immediately ran to seek help from the villagers.		
The villagers had to be persuaded to search for Charlie.		

76. Look at the table below. What do the word(s) 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
this fear (line 22)	
That (line 29)	
they (line 37)	

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

_____ Charlie heard the train approaching.

_____ Charlie shouted for help.

_____ Charlie failed to descend safely from the train tracks.

78. Why do you think the author did not want to appear scared in lines 39 and 40? [1m].

79. What made it difficult for the author to save Charlie? [2m]

(i) _____

(ii) _____

80. Why did Charlie and the author feel reassured in the end? [2m]

END OF PAPER

EXAM PAPER 2017 (P6)

SCHOOL : Catholic

SUBJECT : English

TERM : SA2

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

29)Q

30)M

31)J

32)N

33)K

34)F

35)L

36)C

37)D

- 38)E
- 39)potential
- 40)scrutinized
- 41)slightest
- 42)knowing
- 43)tactfully
- 44)disappointment
- 45)with
- 46)enthusiastic
- 47)immense
- 48)in
- 49)perseverance
- 50)shook
- 51)With
- 52)fly
- 53)fallen
- 54)foot
- 55)source
- 56)were,
- 57)caused
- 58)arrival
- 59)become
- 60)tree
- 61)extinct

62)between

63)through

64)another

65)found

66)The pupils have to come up with a solution within twenty minutes

67)The plastic folder protected the documents from the water.

68)The magician pulled a rabbit out of an empty hat much to the children's amazement.

69)Having had a heavy dinner, I did not want dessert.

70)I told the teacher that he had gone to that shop to buy the book the previous day.

71)Big Joe would often go wandering off his own from time to time and it was still early.

72)The two distinctive between characteristics were his heavy stomping and his whistling.

73)beg – implore

Scattered – dispersed

Of great significance - massive

74)Big Joe

75)True – Big Joe would feed and play with the stray animals in the alley.

False – When Mother started to worry about Big Joe's disappearance, she sent Charlie and the author to find Big Joe.

False – The villages agreed without hesitation to search for Big Joe.

76)this fear (line 22) – Fear that Big Joe was dead

That (line 29) – It refers to searching for Big Joe at the train tracks.

They (line 37) – It refers to the trains.

77) 1, 3, 2

78) He did not want Charlie to panic and feel frightened.

79) i) It was very dark and he could not see where Charlie was.

ii) The pit was very deep and thus, it was very hard to pull him up.

80) They heard the sounding of the church bell which meant that Big Joe had been found.