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PRIMARY 6 MID-YEAR EXAMINATION 2016

Name: _____ (20)

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Class: Primary 6 ()

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2 (BOOKLET A)

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

1. As soon as Mary _____ her homework assigned by her teachers, she went to bed.
 - (1) did
 - (2) does
 - (3) has done
 - (4) had done

2. Andy, who has mopped all the bedrooms, certainly _____ to be praised by his parents.
 - (1) deserve
 - (2) deserves
 - (3) is deserving
 - (4) was deserving

3. _____ Jane had committed an offence, she was not severely scolded by her parents.
 - (1) Lest
 - (2) Since
 - (3) Although
 - (4) Therefore

4. The police _____ the area but there is still no sign of the most-wanted fugitive.
 - (1) comb
 - (2) combs
 - (3) have combed
 - (4) were combing

5. The bully threw Tim a marker, daring him to _____ on the wall in the secluded corner of the school.
 - (1) draw
 - (2) drew
 - (3) drawn
 - (4) drawing

6. Neither of the siblings _____ outdoor activities as they are shy and quiet.

- (1) enjoy
- (2) enjoys
- (3) enjoyed
- (4) enjoying

7. William hardly ever goes to the library, _____ he?

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

8. The boy _____ in the canal for the past two days before he was caught by the policeman.

- (1) fished
- (2) was fishing
- (3) has been fishing
- (4) had been fishing

9. Mrs Wong was very upset that none of her children showed _____ interest in her collection of rare stamps.

- (1) little
- (2) most
- (3) much
- (4) several

10. The old man felt that collecting discarded cardboard boxes every day _____ not an easy task.

- (1) is
- (2) are
- (3) was
- (4) were

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

11. Can you help me _____ the cheese while I prepare the pasta?
- (1) grate
 - (2) shred
 - (3) mince
 - (4) crumple
12. The death _____ caused by the massive flood has increased in the last two days.
- (1) toll
 - (2) figure
 - (3) number
 - (4) statistics
13. While holidaying in England, my brother referred to the _____ to find out where he would be going in the next couple of days.
- (1) itinerary
 - (2) brochure
 - (3) pamphlet
 - (4) catalogue
14. The scorching sun coupled with the drought caused the lakes to be _____
- (1) parched
 - (2) shrunk
 - (3) shrivelled
 - (4) dehydrated
15. "The exams are over! It's time to _____!" the class cheered in exuberance.
- (1) rock the boat
 - (2) sit on the fence
 - (3) back someone up
 - (4) paint the town red

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)

A man only learns in two ways: one by reading and the other by associating with smart people. People have always appreciated the educational benefits of reading, and recent research also suggests that reading habits can have an effect on our wallets as well. Reading takes time away from spending on other forms of recreation. One study found that children and adolescents who had wide reading habits were more likely to be successful as adults. People who read a lot tended to have higher incomes than people who did not read often.

16. (1) uniting
(2) grouping
(3) interacting
(4) combining
17. (1) prized
(2) valued
(3) admired
(4) understood
18. (1) fresh
(2) ongoing
(3) the latest
(4) the most urgent
19. (1) issue
(2) impact
(3) outcome
(4) influence
20. (1) elaborate
(2) extensive
(3) excessive
(4) enormous

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

The Singapore Airshow 2016

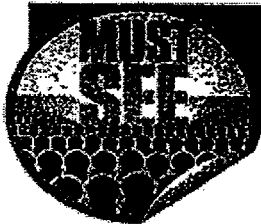
Changi Exhibition Centre

16 - 21 June 2016

Official Partner: **Hertz**



The Singapore Airshow 2016 will feature an exciting line-up of flying displays that will take your breath away!



Highlights!

18 June, Saturday

10.30 - 11.10 am*	2.20 - 3.30 pm*
Black Eagles Aerobatic Team, Republic of Korea Air Force	B-52 Fortress, United States Air Force

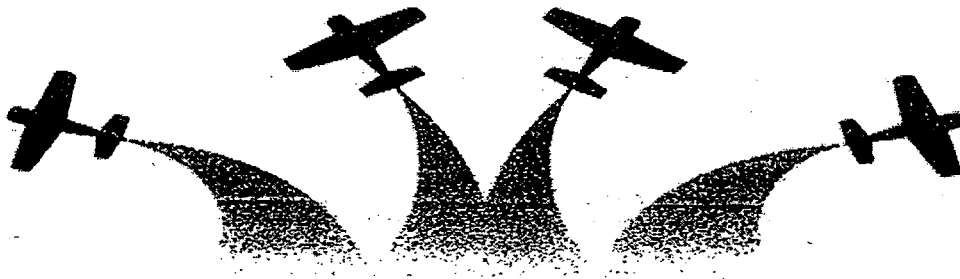
**The organiser reserves the right to alter the timings or cancel the flying displays due to inclement weather.*

The Black Eagles Aerobatic Team

The Black Eagles is back again to thrill the crowd with their fantastic group aerobatic performance. The team will enthral you with three more stunning manoeuvres!

Since winning the first prize in the Royal International Air Competition, the Black Eagles has been globally renowned as a superior aerobatic flight team. Recently, the team also performed in Seoul to more than 300,000 people from all over the world.

The best place to catch these incredible stunts in action is at the Plaza, just outside the Exhibition Hall.



For marketing purposes, pictures/videos of you may be taken when you attend the airshow. If you would like to withdraw the use of your pictures/videos, please write in to marketing@singaporeairshow.com.

ABOUT THE SHOW



Visitors can look forward to a wide range of exciting activities including aircrafts on display and thrilling aerobatic flying displays. There will also be meet-the-pilot sessions before the flying displays. Visitors can take photos with the pilots and get their autographs.

Show dates (for the public only) - 18 & 19 June 2016 (Sat & Sun)

9.30 am - 5.00 pm

Last admission at 4.30 pm.

Tickets can be purchased through our official ticketing agent, SISTIC. Please note that all tickets must be collected from any SISTIC outlets by 8pm, one day prior to your visit.

Tickets	Price
Adult	\$22
Group Package** (Minimum purchase of 6 tickets)	\$20 per ticket
**Group Package can only be purchased through the SISTIC hotline and will only be delivered via Registered Mail from 1 June 2016.	



- Admission is free for children below three years of age.
- The ticket prices also include shuttle service between The Expo and Changi Exhibition Centre.
- Visitors are encouraged to hop onto our shuttle buses for transfer to the airshow site.
- Parking is limited at Changi Exhibition Centre and traffic congestion is expected in the vicinity. Visitors are strongly encouraged to take public transport to The Expo.

**Tickets purchased under the group package will entitle the ticket holder to exclusive privileges including priority entry to meet-the-pilot sessions and access to the VIP area to catch the flying displays.

FREE SHUTTLE SERVICE:



- Board the shuttle buses at The Expo, Hall 7 for transfer to the airshow site.
- Security checks will be conducted at the shuttle bus boarding point.
- Travel light to expedite security checks.

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For each question from 21 to 28, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (8 marks)

21. What does the word 'Biggest' in the heading 'Asia's Biggest! Aviation's Finest!' refer to?
- (1) B-52 Fortress
 - (2) The Black Eagles
 - (3) The Singapore Airshow
 - (4) Changi Exhibition Centre
22. Which phrase from the advertisement tells you that the Black Eagles Aerobatic Team is famous around the world?
- (1) entrall you
 - (2) all over the world
 - (3) globally renowned
 - (4) take your breath away
23. According to the advertisement, if you do not want your photographs to be used for marketing purposes, you should _____.
- (1) email Hertz
 - (2) inform the organiser prior to the visit
 - (3) withdraw the photographs from the website
 - (4) write to the marketing department of the organiser.
24. Which of the following statements is **not** true of the advertisement?
- (1) The Black Eagles has performed in Singapore before.
 - (2) Group package tickets can be collected at any SISTIC outlets.
 - (3) Visitors will be allowed into the exhibition if they arrive ^{at} 4.30 pm.
 - (4) The timings for the aerobatic flying displays are dependent on weather conditions.

25. The asterisk (*) is used in the flyer to _____.

- (1) highlight an interesting point
- (2) make it look aesthetically pleasing
- (3) remind the reader about the airshow
- (4) relate the point to a piece of information on the advertisement

26. Shuttle service is provided to _____.

- (1) facilitate the security checks
- (2) enable visitors to enjoy the free bus rides
- (3) free up more parking lots at Changi Exhibition Centre
- (4) help ease the traffic congestion at Changi Exhibition Centre

27. What will you be entitled to if you purchase a group package?

- (1) Gain entry to the VIP area
- (2) Buy an adult ticket priced at \$22
- (3) Meet the pilots after the flying displays
- (4) Access to the airshow on 21 June 2016

28. The main purpose of this advertisement is to _____.

- (1) stress the importance of the airshow
- (2) encourage the public to attend the airshow
- (3) impress the public with the amazing airshow
- (4) highlight the main attractions of the airshow

(Go on to Booklet B)



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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) at	(D) could	(G) in	(K) these	(N) were
(B) by	(E) from	(H) since	(L) to	(P) where
(C) can	(F) his	(J) their	(M) was	(Q) whom

The number of new cases of dengue reported continued its downward trend. There were only 415 cases reported _____ 28 February to 5 March, according to the National Environmental Agency (NEA). Last week's figures were fewer than _____ reported in the previous week and NEA _____ the public were looking to for answers, had assured that the situation would improve. This had provided reassurance _____ the public and they hoped that the worrying trend would end.

A total of 4889 dengue cases had been reported _____ Singapore since the start of last year. This year's numbers seemed to be one of the highest as compared with recent years. The Ministry of Health and NEA had alerted the public that the number of cases _____ exceed 30,000 and surpass the current record. This might be due to a number of factors such as warmer conditions brought about _____ the El Niño weather phenomenon, faster breeding cycles and _____ change in the dengue virus.

Information was provided about the biggest cluster of dengue cases and the measures taken to control the spread of dengue _____ shared. Members of the public were reminded of _____ roles in the prevention of the deadly disease. Everyone had a part to play in keeping the nation safe for one and all.

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

Mr Lee Kuan Yew whose given name in Mandarin, Guang Yao, which means 'light

(39)

and brightness', was born in 1923. He is the eldest son and was also known as Harry, a

(40)

name given to him by his perernal grandmother whom Mr Lee was close to.

(41)

Growing up in a close-knit extended family, the young Lee showed early signs of

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(43)

his sharp intelact. As such, his grandmother enrol him in a school to allow him to hone his

(44)

(45)

talents. His excelling performance earned him a place in Raffles Institution. Thareavter,

(46)

he continued to excel and proving to be an extremely bright student. He then graduated

(47)

and moved on to study at Raffles College. There, he was only outdo once by one of the

(48)

students, Miss Kwa Geok Choo. In Mr Lee's biografy, he recounted how impressed he

(49)

was by Miss Kwa's brilliant.

(50)

Unfortunately, Mr Lee's education at Raffles College was inturrupted by the second

world war, which thrust him into a new world where he lived by his wits. This ensured that

Mr Lee and his family could survive the hardships and horrors of the Japanese

Occupation.

Adapted from Remembering Lee Kuan Yew 1923 - 2015

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

The families of passengers lost aboard the Malaysia Airlines flight, MH370, felt that the two-year search for the missing aircraft ought to go beyond the June 2016 deadline. This was due to the emergence of new hope for _____ the mystery. Debris found off the African coast gave _____ to many of the victims' relatives, prompting them to demand that investigators step up efforts on their search _____ the clock. They complained that the search was based _____ calculations which had never been used.

Some 120 000 sq km of the seabed was being _____. Although the final amount had not been tallied, an _____ amount of \$170 million had been spent thus far. However, no part of the missing _____ had been found except for a wing part which was _____ ashore on Reunion Island off Madagascar last July.

Australia gave a statement last year which stated that they had provided incorrect _____ of where the debris from the jet might first wash up. They had inaccurately identified Indonesia _____ the most likely location. However, as that was incorrect, many people who had taken an _____ in the case were asking if anything else could have gone _____.

Families of the victims were demanding for the search to continue after a recent _____ of a piece of white metal, found off the coast of Africa. The authorities had claimed that it was from MH370. Just as the families prepared to mark the two-year _____ of the jet's disappearance, the victims' relatives asked for greater efforts to be focussed on the African coast. They felt that the reason provided by the authorities, the _____ of funds, was unacceptable. They felt that unravelling this aviation mystery was important in allowing the families of the victims to obtain closure and get on with their lives.

For each of the questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the words(s) provided. Your answers 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 twins do not like the muffins. The twins' sister also does not like the muffins.

_____ nor

67. Ali felt that it was not necessary to purchase the umbrella despite the rain.

Ali thought that there _____

68. The top three winners will sing the theme song during the opening ceremony of the parade.

The theme song _____

69. Siva complained to his mother, "I am famished! I need some food."

Siva complained to his mother that _____

70. The notorious student was nominated as the Star Pupil. I was surprised and shocked

Much to _____

Read this passage and answer Questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

The only time I saw John in person, was when he was shuffling towards the start of the Commonwealth Games cycling road race. His jersey was absorbing water like a towel. John was the star of the Kenyan Riders. The team's mission was to become the first black African team to participate in the Tour de France.

I had hoped to catch John again on several occasions but was not successful. That was in August. Two months later, a tragedy struck. It happened during a race in the Philippines when a car hit John as he went round a bend. John was only thirty years old, leaving behind a wife and a baby. At the team's headquarters in the Rift Valley, Iten, the Kenyan Riders were still trying to make sense of the tragic incident. "It is shocking," said his team-mate, Emmanuel. "He was the heart of the team." Thus, after John's death, the team decided to raise funds to help his wife and child. 5 10

The team had pinned much of their hopes on John, who was very promising and skilful. "When you put him on a bicycle in a race, he would charge ahead like a predator after a prey," the coach said. "He was a fantastic competitor, not aggressive, but when it got to serious training, he really shone." 15

John's death was a huge setback for the team, as well as a devastating personal loss for Leong, a photographer from Singapore, who founded the Kenyan Riders six years ago. Leong felt compelled to go to Iten because he was troubled by why there were no African riders among the winning cyclists.

In 2005, having watched Kenyan runners dominate the Singapore marathon, Leong bought a ticket to Iten on a whim. Nearly a decade on, and having spent \$250,000, the solution was not as easy as he had hoped. In theory, many Kenyans in Iten were blessed with a pair of strong lungs, which were strengthened by the altitude and the Rift Valley's steep slopes. 20

Meanwhile, the riders faced another problem - the repeated interference from the Kenyan Cycling Federation. When the Kenyan Riders were in Australia to train for two months for the Commonwealth Games, the Federation ordered them back to Iten and spent three days reprimanding them. The Federation did not understand why there was a need for them to travel overseas to train. Thus, the Riders had to look for a second camp in Australia. 25

Leong had not given up guiding the team to the highest level of professional cycling. "We want to get a team into the Tour de France," he said. "In ten years, this will happen. We will win the competition and people will think it's the most wonderful thing in the world. There's real talent here in Africa. We're just looking for all the stars to align and everything will fall into place." 30

71. Write down the similes from the passage with the correct meanings. [2m]

Simile	Meaning
	the jersey was absorbent
	to chase in an attempt to overtake

72. What does 'it' in line 6 refer to? [2m]

73. From paragraph 3, state two ways in which John was the heart of the team. [2m]

1.

2.

74. How did Leong get the idea of setting up a team of Kenyan Riders? [2m]

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

 The team travelled to Australia to train.

 Leong founded the Kenyan Riders.

 John was killed in an unfortunate accident.

76. Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [2m]

	True/ False	Reason
Leong's dream about the Kenyan Riders winning the Tour de France came true.		
The writer had seen John before the accident happened.		

77. Choose words from lines 18 - 23 which have the same meanings as the words below. [3m]

forced	
fancy	
height	

78. What were the Kenyans endowed with that allowed them to be good cyclists? [2m]

79. The table below shows the problems faced by the Kenyan Riders. Complete the table using information from the text. [2m]

Problem	Solution
John's death led to his family losing their sole breadwinner.	
	The team had to look for a second camp in Australia.

80. State a value which Leong displayed. Give a reason from the passage to support your answer. [2m]

ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2016

SCHOOL :TAO NAN

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Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
4	2	3	3	1	2	2	4	3	3
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
1	1	1	1	4	3	2	3	2	2
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
3	3	4	2	4	4	1	2	E	K
Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38		
Q	L	G	D	B	A	N	J		

- 39)was 40)paternal 41)extended 42)intellect
- 43)enrolled 44)excellent 45)Thereafter 46)proved
- 47)outdone 48)biography 49)brilliance 50)interrupted
- 51)salving 52)hope 53)around 54)on
- 55)searched 56)enormous 57)plane 58)washed
- 59)details 60)as 61)interest 62)wrong
- 63)discovery 64)anniversary 65)lack

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70)Much to my surprise and shock, the notorious student was nominated as the Star Pupil.

71)like a towel

like a predator after a prey

72)It refers to the tragedy.

73)1)He was a fantastic competitor.

2)His team had pinned their hopes on him.

74)He wanted the Kenyan runners dominate the Singapore marathon and thought that they would be good riders.

75)3, 1, 2

76)False / Leong said that they would win the Tour de France in ten years.

True / The writer only had seen him when he was shuffling towards the start of the Commonwealth Games cycling road race.

77)compelled

whim

altitude

78) They were blessed with a pair of strong lungs, which were strengthened by the altitude and the Rift Valley's steep slopes.

79) Solution: John's team decided to raise funds to help his wife and child.

Problem: The Kenyan cycling federation ordered the team back from Australia.

80) He displayed perseverance. Even though John had died, Leong still had faith in the cyclists and continued guiding the team the highest level of professional cycling.

