Preliminary Examination 2013

Primary 6

Foundation English Paper 2
(Booklet A)

Instructions to Candidates

1. Write your Index No. in the boxes at the top right hand corner.
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3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Answer all questions.

20 questions

20 marks

Total Time for Booklets A & B: 1 hour 20 minutes
Section A: Grammar (8 x 1 = 8 marks)
For each of the questions from 1 to 8, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Write the correct answer clearly in the brackets provided.

1. Azman could not __________ for his swimming lesson this morning as he was not feeling well.
   1) go
   2) goes
   3) gone
   4) going

2. Jenny did not have __________ time to complete the last two questions during the examination.
   1) few
   2) less
   3) little
   4) much

3. Before John __________ for his holiday, he wrote to his uncle.
   1) left
   2) leaves
   3) had left
   4) was leaving

4. Sharon __________ us all about the competition when she returns tomorrow.
   1) tells
   2) will tell
   3) has told
   4) was telling
5. The little boy, __________ story moved many to tears, was invited to perform at the Cultural Centre.

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

6. The alarm __________ off last night when the house was broken into.

1) go
2) goes
3) gone
4) went

7. “That is the most amusing story I __________,” said Andrew.

1) hear
2) ever hear
3) has ever heard
4) have ever heard

8. __________ anyone know how to get to Changi Airport?

1) Do
2) Has
3) Does
4) Have
Section B: Punctuation (2 x 1 = 2 marks)
For each question from 9 to 10, identify the underlined section (1, 2, 3 or 4) which has a punctuation error. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Write the correct answer clearly in the brackets provided.

9. Sarah was late for school. She hurriedly grabbed her sister’s bag and ran out of the house. It was strange that there were no cars; buses or pedestrians on the road. (1) (2) (3) (4)

10. “Get out of here, Mary.” she heard her father’s voice through the thick smoke. (1) (2) (3) (4) She replied, “I will not leave you here!” (4)
Section C: Vocabulary (5 x 1 = 5 marks)
For each of the questions from 11 to 15, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Write the correct answer clearly in the brackets provided.

11. My wristwatch is very ___________. It always tells the correct time.
    1) late
    2) slow
    3) accurate
    4) punctual (        )

12. Mrs Ang went to Clementi Police Station to ____________ the robber who attacked her at the void deck last Tuesday.
    1) select
    2) identify
    3) witness
    4) recognise (        )

13. Ashok could not complete the race because he was ____________.
    1) timid
    2) excited
    3) helpless
    4) exhausted (        )

14. The old shopping centre has been ____________ and residential apartments will be built in its place.
    1) renovated
    2) decorated
    3) demolished
    4) constructed (        )

15. The MRT trains are always packed with ____________ during the peak hours.
    1) residents
    2) volunteers
    3) spectators
    4) commuters (        )
Section D: Graphic Stimulus (5 x 1 = 5 marks)
Study the advertisement below and then answer questions 16 to 20.

Great Sale
CITY HALL SQUARE

Fantastic Free Gifts and Lucky Draw.
It’s all happening at City Hall Square. Be There!

“SPRINGTIME SPIN OF SURPRISES”
From 25 Nov to 17 Dec 2013

Spend $30 at City Hall Square
and you will get a spin of our “Springtime Spin of Surprises”.
(Subject to a maximum of 5 combined receipts)

FREE SOFT TOY!
From 30 Nov to 20 Dec 2013

For the first 500 shoppers who spend $200 and above at City Hall Square.
While stocks last! So hurry!

FREE GIFTS AND BALLOONS!
From 25 Nov to 10 Dec 2013

Catch our Mascot, Paddle Pop Lion, from Walls, who will go around City Hall Square every Saturday giving away free gifts and balloons.
(3 pm – 4 pm & 4.30 pm – 5.30 pm)
While stocks last! So hurry!

WIN a SUPERSTAR LEO CRUISE and a mini IPad!
from 30 Nov to 27 Dec 2013

With a minimum purchase of $30 at City Hall Square, you will get a lucky draw coupon. Win a 3D/2N SuperStar Leo Cruise for 2 persons, an educational “Magic Box” and a mini IPad in our City Hall Square Grand Lucky Draw!
For each question from 16 to 20, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Write the correct answer clearly in the brackets provided.

16. The Great Sale at City Hall Square will be held from ________________.
   1) 25 Nov to 10 Dec 2013
   2) 25 Nov to 27 Dec 2013
   3) 30 Nov to 10 Dec 2013
   4) 30 Nov to 27 Dec 2013

17. If Lucas wants to get a free soft toy, he must __________.
   1) spend at least $200
   2) spend at least $500
   3) be one of the first 200 shoppers
   4) be one of the last 500 shoppers

18. Mrs Tan wants to get some free balloons for her grandchildren. She must go to City Hall Square on Saturdays at __________.
   1) 2.30 pm
   2) 4.15 pm
   3) 5.15 pm
   4) 6.30 pm

19. Samuel spent $35 in purchases at City Hall Square. What is he entitled to?
   1) a mini IPad
   2) a free soft toy
   3) an educational “Magic Box”
   4) a spin at the “Springtime Spin of Surprises”

20. The mascot for the Great Sale at City Hall Square is a lion.
    The free gifts and balloons are most probably be sponsored by ______________.
    1) Walls
    2) Leo Cruise
    3) Paddle Pop
    4) City Hall Square
INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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35 questions

40 marks

Total Time for Booklets A & B : 1 hour 20 minutes
SECTION E: Information Transfer (5 marks)
Read the following information and complete the application form by filling in the blanks numbered 21 to 25.

Your uncle, Mr William Tay, a computer technician, wishes to attend the Tea and Health Talk. He wants you to register for him and send the form with a cheque for the payment to the organiser. Your uncle’s e-mail address is taywill@gmail.com and his handphone number is 97007734.

TEA & HEALTH TALK

To register, simply return this form with a crossed cheque made payable to “ABC Bank” at 39 Shenton Drive, Level 8, Singapore 944039.

21) Full Name (in BLOCK Letters):

______________________________________________________________

22) E-mail:

______________________________________________________________

23) Contact Number (Handphone):

______________________________________________________________

24) Occupation:

______________________________________________________________

25) *Pay by: ( ) cash
   ( ) cheque
   ( ) NETS
   ( ) credit card

*Please tick (√) one only.

Note: Please include your handphone number and e-mail address as we will SMS / e-mail your seat confirmation.
Last week, my mother baked a delicious cake. It was mostly made from chocolate and had a layer of icing at the top. It looked so beautiful and tasty that I felt like eating it all by itself. Juicy strawberries were arrange in a circle around the cake. There was also a layer of cream in below the two layers of chocolate. My mother was so proud of herself that she invited all our neighbours to tasted her ‘masterpiece’. All of them came, ate and left, without leaving a piece for me.
SECTION G: Editing for Spelling (5 marks)
Each of the underlined words contains a spelling error. Write the correct spelling of the word in each of the boxes numbered 31 to 35.

It was reported in a newspaper, Today’s, that a hole along the Ayer Rajah Expressway (AYE), about 1 metre wide and 1 metre deep, had brogh traffic to a standstill last evening.

According to eyewitnesses, the hole appered in the centre lane of the AYE towards Keppel, just before the Alexandra exsit. A motorist, Mr Kim Yong Hock, who drove past the stretch at about 5.30 pm, told Today’s that there was a hole in one of the lanes on the expressway.

A Land Transport Authority (LTA) spokesperson said that the hole started out as a pothole first, with contractors then diging in further to “backfill it”. Motorists were kautioned about the situation through the Expressway Monitoring Advisory Systems (EMAS).
SECTION H: Comprehension – Completion of Sentences (5 marks)
Read the following letter and use the information to complete the sentences in questions 36 to 40.

NORTH SPRING TOWN COUNCIL

Date : 1 July 2013
To : All North Spring Residents

Dear Residents,

Junk Removal Campaign

31 July 2013 to 5 August 2013

Hari Raya Puasa is just around the corner. It is a common practice for residents to carry out spring cleaning in their homes during this period.

We are organising a Junk Removal Campaign. It will be held from 31 July 2013 to 5 August 2013, from 10.00 am to 5.00 pm daily.

You can dispose any unwanted furniture or household items at any of the dumping sites nearest to your home and we will do the rest. Let us join hands to keep our estate clean!

If you have any enquiries, please do not hesitate to call Ms Pang at 62747228.

Yours faithfully,

John Lim

Chairman
Based on the information given on page 10, complete each sentence with a suitable word or words for questions 36 to 40.

36. The name of the campaign is ________________________________.

37. The campaign will last for _________________ days.

38. The campaign is organised by the ________________________________.

39. Residents can leave their unwanted furniture and household items at
   ________________________________.

40. The letter was written by ________________________________.
SECTION I: Comprehension Open-Ended (10 marks)
Read the following passages and answer questions 41 to 45. Answer in complete sentences.

Passage A

A Japanese tourist met his friends in the wee hours one Thursday morning for a bite at the Newton Hawker Centre.

As he was chatting with his friends at around 4.00 am, a group of men rushed up for no apparent reason and attacked them.

The Japanese and his friends tried to run but he was singled out by the group who went after him and beat him up.

The man tried unsuccessfully to protect himself. Before long, he fell to the ground, bleeding profusely. Police arrived to find the group of attackers gone and the Japanese lying on the ground with serious head injuries.

41. Where were the Japanese tourist and his friends when they were attacked?

_________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________

42. What did the police see when they arrived at the scene?

______________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________.
Passage B

Smoking is harmful to our bodies for it causes lung diseases and cancer.

Ah Chee, a factory manager, had discovered recently that he was suffering from lung cancer. He confessed to his doctor that he had been smoking heavily for more than twenty years. His doctor told him that he might not live much longer. This news scared him.

Regretting his past, he advised his friends to stop smoking if they did not want to end up like him. He also declared that he would not touch another cigarette again.

43. Why was Ah Chee suffering from lung cancer?

______________________________________________________________

44. From the passage, what do we know about Ah Chee’s friends?

______________________________________________________________

45. What reason did Ah Chee give for his friends to stop smoking?

______________________________________________________________
SECTION J: Synthesis (5 marks)
For questions 46 to 50, combine the sentences to make one sentence using the word(s) given. The meaning of the sentence must be the same as the given ones.

46. Samad plays badminton every Monday. So does his cousin, Johan.
   Both ________________________________
   ________________________________

47. Vanessa likes the pink wallet. She doesn’t like the brown one.
   ________________________________ prefers __________________
   ________________________________

48. Mr Tan likes going to Pasir Ris Beach. He can relax there.
   ________________________________ where
   ________________________________

49. The oldest competitor won the marathon. Everyone was surprised.
   When ________________________________
   ________________________________

50. Remy and Prakash walked in the rain. They were drenched.
   ________________________________ because
   ________________________________
SECTION K: Comprehension Cloze (5 marks)
Read the passage and fill in the blanks from 51 to 55 with a suitable word.

Thomas had promised his friends that he would lead them on a camping trip to Kota Tinggi. There were altogether ten boys in the group. They had been paired together evenly. Even the things ____________ for the trip had been carefully planned. All the boys were ____________ as this was to be their first camping trip.

The boys were all scouts in their respective schools. Thomas, the ____________ of the group, was an adventurous boy who loved the outdoor life. He had been to Kota Tinggi with his parents and sister many times ____________. Besides that, he had organized outdoor activities for his friends several times. He was a keen footballer and a good swimmer too.

Most of the planning for the forthcoming trip had been done by Thomas. The boys were going to make full ____________ of their one-week school holiday. They would come back on the eve of the end of their holidays.

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Answer Key

BOOKLET A

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BOOKLET B

Section E : Information Transfer (5 x 1 mark)

21. WILLIAM TAY
22. taywill@gmail.com
23. 97007734
24. (a) computer technician
25. (√) cheque

Section F : Editing For Grammar (5 x 1 mark)

26. of
27. myself
28. arranged
29. between
30. taste

Section G : Editing for Spelling (5 x 1 mark)

31. brought
32. appeared
33. exit
34. digging
35. cautioned
Section H: Comprehension – Completion of Sentences (5 x 1 mark)

36. Junk Removal Campaign
37. 6 / six
38. North Spring Town Council
39. (any of the) dumping sites nearest their homes
40. John Lim, (Chairman)

Section I (Comprehension Open-Ended) (2 marks each):

41. They were at the Newton Hawker Centre.
42. They saw the Japanese tourist/man (lying on the ground ~ 1m) (with serious head injuries) and (bleeding profusely ~ 1m).
43. He had been smoking heavily for more than twenty years.
44. They were smokers.
45. He did not want them (to end up like him) / (to have lung cancer).
   OR They might (end up like him) / (have lung cancer).

Section J: Synthesis (5 x 1 mark)

46. Both Samad and Johan play badminton every Monday. OR
   Both Johan and Samad play badminton every Monday.
47. Vanessa prefers the pink wallet to the brown one.
48. Mr Tan likes going to Pasir Ris Beach where he can relax.
49. When the oldest competitor won the marathon, everyone was surprised.
50. Remy and Prakash were drenched because they walked in the rain.

Section K: Comprehension Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

51. needed / necessary / required
52. excited / thrilled
53. leader
54. before
use