SINGAPORE CHINESE GIRLS' SCHOOL FIRST SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2005 PRIMARY SIX

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Class : Primary 6		• •
	ENGLISH LANGUAGE	
	PAPER 2 : BOOKLET A	

30 questions

30 marks

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

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FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.
ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS.

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For each question from 1 to 5, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

1.	The a	dvertisement is promoting
	(1)	favourite tourist haunts like London, New York and Paris
	(2)	Singapore's latest City Sightseeing tours
	(3)	the old and new Singapore city state
	(4)	the open-top double decker bus
	(%	the open top double double back.
2.	What	are the advantages of buying a Family Pass?
	(4)	It is cost saving and it is valid for 24 hours.
	(2)	It is cost saving and it is valid for 48 hours.
	(3).	One will be guaranteed a panoramic view of the city's top attractions.
	(4)	One will get two tours for the price of one if you join the Sunny DUCKYtour.
3.	Why	are the DUCKYtours so special?
	(17)	It offers both a day and night tour.
	(2)	The DUCKY leader will entertain passengers with stories.
	(e)	The Hop On - Hop Off system as well as the experience of sitting in
	, ,	an open top double decker bus makes it special.
	(4,	The tours are a good way to make friends.
4.	Mr L	im, his wife and two daughters aged three years and eight years to join one of the tours. Mr Lim needs to buy
	(45)	a Family Pass
	(2)	two tickets
	3 (3)	three tickets
	(<u>4</u>)	four tickets
5.	,	oup of twelve tourists wishes to purchase tickets. It would be most
	•	enient for them if they buy the tickets from
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For each question from 6 to 12, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (7 marks)

6.	It ra	ined June and into the first half of July.
	†; 2) (S)	along between over
	´ ₁ ')	through
7.	Afte go f	or the boys the rubbish, they were allowed to their recess.
	P. S. S. S.	clear cleared had cleared were clearing
8.	Her doin	love for her son made her to all his wrong-
	A COCA	blind blinded blinds is blinding
9.	that i	you think the film is too violent, I must assure you t is not.
	t) 2) 3 4/	Although For Lest (in case) Unless
10.	The disap	children found it difficult to their pointment when the trip to Malaysia was suddenly called off.
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11.		performance by that troupe of dancers	ed.	so spell-
	(1)	are		
	(2)	is		
	(3)	was		
	(4)	were	•	
12.		parents just told us thatselves a two-week tour package to France.		ve booked
	(1)	he		
	(2)	she		
	(3)	they		
	(4)	we		

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For each question from 13 to 15, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (3 marks)

When I was five years old, my father told me that I could watch a movie all night called *Eyelids*. I got excited when bedtime came (13) "Can I watch *Eyelids* now (14) I asked. But Dad said, "Time to go to bed, son." I reminded him of how he had told me that I could watch the movie *Eyelids*. He said, "You have to go to sleep, with your eyes closed, to be able to see your eyelids." So ever since then, I think before I ask questions like that. Never do I ever want to be tricked again (15)

Adapted from Chicken Soup for the Kid's Soul

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15.	(1) (2) (3) (4)	[:] [,] [!] [."]	colon comma exclamation mark full stop and inverted comma

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). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

16.	They ı	useda	nd lies to att	ack the opposition.
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	(\overline{Z})			
	(3)			
	(4)	insubordination		
17.		is always criticizes his young	er brother,	David. In fact he dislikes
	(1)	intensely		
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		intentionally		
	(4)	intermittently		
18.		astor walked to the	-	to give his sermon to the
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	(2)	pulpit stage		
	(3)	stage		
	(4)	station		
19.	-	overnment has to find a way ters. They are living in	-	_
	(1)	abominable		
	(2)	aristocratic		
	(3)	biodegradable		
		chronic		
20.)		compare the two books side book has		
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For each question from 21 to 25, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

A few years ago, I organized the Kick Drugs Out of America Foundation. It is an organization (21) designed to work with high-risk children. The idea is to teach kids martial arts, to help raise their (22) self-esteem and instill discipline and respect for themselves and others. Many of the kids, boys as well as girls, come from broken homes and are having trouble in school and in their lives in general. I'm pleased to say that the program has been working (23) phenomenally well. Many young people quickly (24)adapt to the philosophy of the martial arts.

After more than thirty-five years in the martial arts, competing and training thousands of young people, there is one story that is (25) engraved in my memory. It was told to me by Alice McCleary, one of my Kick Drugs Out of America Black Belt instructors.

**Adapted from "The Purple Belt" - Chicken Soup for the Kid's Soul

- 21. (1) appointed
 - (2) assigned
 - (3) intended
 - (A) selected
- 22. (1) assertiveness
 - (2) confidence
 - (3) extravagance
 - (4) willpower
- 23. (1) commonly
 - (2) extraordinarily
 - (3) unexceptionally
 - (4) unremarkably
- 24. (X) adjust
 - (2) adjoin
 - (3) append
 - (4) familiarize
- 25. W absorbed
 - (Z) carved
 - (3) enlightened
 - (4) enveloped

Lights out after the witching hour? Not likely in Singapore, which, a global study on sleep habits found, is a nation of owls.

It found that one in two stay up past midnight, with half (27 per cent) hitting the sack between midnight and 1 am, and the other half turning in after 1 am. Not that this translates into the luxury of sleeping in.

Over a third (37 per cent) of the five hundred polled rise between 6am and 7am. Another thirty -one per cent get up between 7am and 8am. Hardly surprising then, that six out of ten Singaporeans don't get the recommended eight hours of shut-eye. The majority (fifty-nine per cent) manage six to seven hours while three per cent survive on only five hours of sleep.

The survey was conducted by ACNielsen last October over the Internet. More than fourteen thousand people, aged between sixteen to over sixty, in twenty-eight countries across Asia Pacific, Europe and the United States were polled.

With fifty-four per cent of Singaporeans turning in after midnight, 15 Singapore ranked seventh in the top ten night owls' list. Seven of the places on this list are from Asia, the others are Mediterranean countries - Portugal, Spain and Italy - which are typically known for their mid-day siestas and late night dinners.

Said Ms Vicky Santos, executive director for ACNielsen Research Singapore: "The competitive Singaporean society is adapting to a longer 'waking' 20 day as working adults juggle their time between work and family."

The growing range of late-night entertainment, such as pubs, karaoke lounges, cinemas, cable television and the Internet, as well as twenty-four hour retail outlets have also pushed back people's bedtimes, added Ms Santos. The earliest to bed in Asia Pacific are the Australians followed by the New Zealanders. 25 Only two per cent of the Singaporeans said that they are in bed by 10 pm.

As thirty-one per cent Aussies and twenty-eight per cent Kiwis clock over nine hours of sleep daily, they are the biggest sleepers in the region. The Japanese. however, are the exact opposite, with four out of ten getting six hours or less.

On the honour roll for larks, Indonesia took the top spot with nine in ten 30 out of bed by 7am. The Taiwanese, second on the owl list - are the last out of bed. They usually do not get up until after 9am. The survey also found that globally. people in their twenties tend to be owls. In Asia Pacific, however, those in their thirties are more likely to burn the midnight oil.

So what about the recommended eight hours of sleep? Dr Yeo Poh Teck, 35 consultant and director of the Sleep Disorder Centre at Gleneagles Hospital. said that it is not a medical requirement. A union movement in the 1930s in the US and Europe had led to the demand for the 24-hour day to be split equally among work, leisure and sleep. He added that the amount of sleep required varies from one person to another.

His advice; "Listen to your body. If you feel refreshed when you wake up, and can function well throughout the day, then you have enough sleep. Otherwise, you need more time in bed."

Adapted from ST article 2005

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For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

26.	Which	one	of	the	following	best	describes	the	sleeping	habits	of
	Singapo	reans	s?		_			.	1 0		

- (1) We are a nation of (larks.)
- (2) Most Singaporeans turn in only after midnight.
- (3) Most Singaporeans sleep at least eight hours a day.
- (4) Most Singaporeans love to sleep early at night and are out of bed by 7am.

27. Majority of the people who are "night owls" come primarily from

- (1) Asia
- (2) Europe
- (3) United States
- (4) South America
- According to the passage, one of the possible reasons for the sleep pattern amongst most Singaporeans is the result of ______
 - people wanting to work less and sleep more
 - (2) the growing range of late-night entertainments
 - (3) more people thinking that sleep is not important
 - (4) people wanting to have their mid-day siestas and late-night dinners

29. How did the eight hours of sleep come about?

- (1) Medical experts recommended it.
- (2) It was a habit that had been passed down through the generations.
- A union movement in the US and Europe in the 1930s pushed for it.
- People found that they felt refreshed only after they had slept for at least eight hours a day.

- What does Dr Yeo Poh Teck mean when he said, "Listen to your body" in 30. line 41? Our body
 - 4 (2) will tell us when to go to sleep each night
 - knows how much sleep is sufficient for us to function
 - will make sure that we get eight hours of sleep each day
 - will make sure we give equal amount time to work, leisure and

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PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

BOOKLET B

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

This booklet consists of 7 printed pages.

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40, 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)

(G) because

(K)for

(N) into

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(D) to

(A) up

(B) along (E) is (H) under (L) from (P) near
(C) if (F) are (J) above (M)during (Q) of
If you are travelling Perth from December to March, do know (31) that you're in for a real scorcher. Temperatures can soar up to 40 degrees Celsius. The
best time to visit would be its mild autumn or spring. Bring your sunglasses and sun block lotion because Perth is
Bring your sunglasses and sun block lotion because Perth is
the sunniest Australian city. Perth boasts some of the finest beaches as it is situated
the Indian Ocean. Do check out Cottesloe for some surfing or scuba
diving action - you might even spot a sunbathing seal along the
shoreyou are lucky!
What's a visit to Perth without checking out some its
spectacular natural flora and fauna? King's Park consists of 400 hectares of native
bushland overlooking the city and is great picnics. Don't miss the new (37)
Lottery West Federation Walkway, a tree top walk on which you can trek your way
16 metres of woodlands to marvel at the magnificent Eucalyptus trees. (38) Calling home to speak to your level areas as a second of the magnificent Eucalyptus trees.
Calling home to speak to your loved ones won't have to mean crawling out of bed
at an ungodly hour there is no time difference between Singapore and
Perth. Perth, is situated in Wester. Australia, follows Western Standard, which, like
Singapore,eight hours ahead of GMT (Greenwich Mean Time).

Last week, a construction worker was feteur injured when he was thrown from the back of a pick-up. He had been sitting on an inclined plank, which blow off, flipping him headfirst onto the road. The Straits Times approached 17 construction firms. Five firms refused to comment. Most of them cited convenance and efficiency as the reason they continued to use forry to transport workers. Mrs Kathleen Pang, 44, an administrative executive of Asia Projects Engineering, said, "Lorries can transport both goods and passengers. They are also sutible for the rough roads under converuction sites. Mr K Kesavan, 50, managing director of Kesavan Engineering and construction, said "It's a safe way to trenspot workers, but only if we are asscriptined and drivers watch out for them. Some workers sit in cours in the lorry like maharajahs. They simply do not see the danger." He said it was not practicle to use buses or vans. The workers can get very dirty and muddy. 10

Correct each word in bold for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the

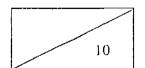
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correct word in the relevant box.

Singing to the clink of shot glasses and the chatter of bar crowds taught Jewel
something she might never have learned any other way. One night, shortly before one of
their, she and her father got into an argument. Already upset,
Jewel broke into when her father reminded her to leave her (52)
personal life when she went onstage. What did it matter, she (53)
thought, since the audience of just a few grizzled, drunken (54)
veterans?
Then a man in the scolded her "Stop looking so depressed,"
he called out. The words had aneffect. Jewelsuddenly understood
that her job was to please the audience, not She stopped
and finished the set flawlessly. And she was determined never to
take an audience for again.
By age thirteen, restless and wanting to spend more time with her mother, Jewel
packed up and in with her in Anchorage. But she was no (60)
the child her mother had tucked into bed each night five years
earlier.
"I was bitter about the divorce, angry and mistrusted when I first moved in with my
mum," explains Jewel. She developed friendships wirk of street of street
gangs. She dated older guys. She shoolifted a few times. (63)
But Jewel's life took yet another new when a teacher from the (6+)
Interlochen Arts Academy in Michigan heard her at a summer
music festival. Impressed by her voice, he encouraged her to apply to the prestigious arts
school. Jewel did, and won a voice scholarship.

-Reader's Digest, Inspirational Moments-'No Turning Back by Suzanne Chazin' 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).

I went swimming at the swimming pool although it was raining heavily.
despite
Jamie must wake up at six o'clock every morning. She will be late for work.
or
"Nickman, did you go for your English Language tuition last night?" asked Mrs Rosli.
Mrs Rosli asked
Bala likes drawing. He likes playing badminton more.
Bala prefers
The children hiked through a forest in Seletar Reservoir. They were all exhausted.
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Inspector Holmes is investigating the disappearance of a college boy. Tommy Atkins. He suspects two men, Packard and Graves, two excellent actors and dangerous criminals—who, among other things, work the trains, especially at holiday time, getting money from the passengers one way or another. Inspector Holmes works out a plan with his assistant, Westcott, to trap the suspects.

Mr Holmes explained his plan to me quickly. "We board the train separately. Now if, by chance, Packard and Graves appear in your compartment, get up, walk past my compartment and look in, then return to your own. Start a conversation with them about your money, just as Tommy did. If they appear in my compartment, I'll signal you in the same way, and you come to my compartment. Understood?"

"Right." I entered the neighbouring compartment and sat down. Before long, Holmes appeared outside my compartment. I got up quickly, went next door and sat down. There was no one there but an elderly couple – an old man asleep in a corner and an old woman sitting next to him reading a book!

As I sat down in the opposite corner, the woman looked up and smiled, then continued to read her book. But what was this? I could have made a mistake and entered the wrong compartment.

I thought of getting up to leave when the woman closed her book and said, "Beautiful winter's day, isn't it?"

"Yes it is."

"Now don't tell me, my dear. Let me guess. You're going back to College after the Christmas holidays. Time to work again. Such a pity!"

She laughed a rather strange laugh and said, "Oh, I can always tell a College boy!" She had quite a deep, hearty voice and it woke her husband up. She asked if her he had been having pleasant dreams.

"Yes, very pleasant." He looked at his watch. "Isn't it time to have some tea?:

"Right you are." She looked across at me, smiled and asked if I would have a cup with them.

I started to get up. I had to find Holmes. He must have made a mistake and shown me to the wrong compartment. "Thank you, but I ..."

"Now, don't tell me a nice cup of tea, even out of a thermos, wouldn't taste good. And I have some delicious biscuits, too. Where are you a student, my dear?"

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I told her and watched her pour out the tea and hand it round. Her husband sat up straight in his seat, tasted his tea and asked if I had received a lot of presents at 30 Christmas. "Yes," I said, "and no." "Yes and no?" "Well, not presents really, only money." "There's nothing wrong with money," the woman said, adding, "I hope you aren't carrying it with you. Very dangerous. We actually heard about two men robbing people 35 on the trains during the holidays. Terrible!" "I'm going to put it straight into the bank as soon as we reach London," I assured her. "I should hope so. Drink your tea, dear." 40 I took a sip, then another. The old woman was quite a talker and went on and on. I found, however, that her voice made me sleepy and I could hardly keep my eyes open.

She paid no attention to me but just talked on. The man, however, began to look at me in a very strange way and the last time I remember was him taking the cup from my hand.

Adapted from George P. McCallum, Tales of Mystery and Suspense

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

	Where were Inspecto	or Holmes and his assistant in the story?	
hat signal was Holmes going to give?	What signal was Ho	lmes going to give?	

	Why was the narrator puzzled when he entered the next compartment?
	Who did the woman assume the narrator was?
	Why did the woman exclaim, "Such a pity!" (Line 17) when she spoke with the narrator?
	Why did the narrator feel he should go and look for Holmes?
_	Why did the woman say it was very dangerous for the narrator to be carrying money with him?
	Which sentence from the passage indicates that the narrator was carrying the money with him?
	Which phrase from the passage suggests that the narrator was drowsy?
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