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PRIMARY 6 · PRELIMINARY PRACTICE

PSLE English · Practice Paper 2 · Bronze 2

Booklet B

65 MARKS

TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 hour 50 minutes

CANDIDATE PARTICULARS

Name: _____

Class: _____

Register No.: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
2. Follow all instructions carefully.
3. Answer all questions.
4. Use a dark blue or black ballpoint pen to write your answers in the spaces provided.
5. Do not use correction fluid, correction tape or highlighters.
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Written response

Section	Marks
Section 5 · Grammar Cloze (Questions 26–35)	10
Section 6 · Editing for Spelling and Grammar (Questions 36–45)	10
Section 7 · Comprehension Cloze (Questions 46–60)	15
Section 8 · Synthesis and Transformation (Questions 61–65)	10
Section 9 · Comprehension Open-Ended (Questions 66–75)	20
TOTAL	65

Section 5 · Grammar Cloze

There are 10 blanks, numbered 26 to 35, 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. Each word may be used once only. The letters I and O have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

A in	F of	L although
B to	G who	M with
C when	H that	N whose
D as	J but	P were
E on	K which	Q how

Last term, our class went on a learning journey _____⁽²⁶⁾ the Singapore Botanic Gardens. We had been looking forward to this outing for many weeks. The day _____⁽²⁷⁾ we set off was sunny and breezy, and everyone was in cheerful spirits.

Our form teacher, Mr Krishnan, _____⁽²⁸⁾ has been teaching us English since Primary 5, was our group leader. He had reminded us the day before _____⁽²⁹⁾ we should bring water bottles, sunhats and a packed lunch.

When the bus pulled _____⁽³⁰⁾ through the visitor gate, a friendly guide was already waiting for us. Mr Krishnan told us to stay close together _____⁽³¹⁾ we walked along the shaded paths. Some _____⁽³²⁾ us had never seen so many different kinds of orchids before.

Around midday, we settled _____⁽³³⁾ a quiet patch of grass for lunch. Priya shared her egg sandwiches with me, _____⁽³⁴⁾ I had nothing as tasty to offer her in return. After lunch, we visited the swan lake, _____⁽³⁵⁾ turned out to be everyone's favourite stop of the whole trip.

Section 6 - Editing for Spelling and Grammar

Each of the underlined words in the passage below contains either a **spelling** error or a **grammatical** error. There are 5 spelling errors and 5 grammatical errors in total. Write the correct word in the box beside its question number. (10 marks)

Last Saturday, our school held a community carnival. My classmate Wei Jie

and I arranges⁽³⁶⁾ the paper bags neatly along the counter. A small girl

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came up to us, holding a five-dollar note tightly on⁽³⁷⁾ her hand.

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She told us she wanted to buy popcorn for her grandmother.

Wei Jie smile⁽³⁸⁾ kindly and scooped a generous portion for her.

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The girl was clearly delited⁽³⁹⁾ by the warm, buttery smell of the popcorn.

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She asked whether we made the popcorn ourselves, and we assure⁽⁴⁰⁾ her that we had. When the girl finally carried the bag away,

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her face was full of joy. She tell⁽⁴¹⁾ us that her grandmother had loved

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popcorn since she was a young woman. Before she left, she shyly asked

if we could recomend⁽⁴²⁾ any other tasty snacks at the carnival. As the

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afternoon went on, mony⁽⁴³⁾ other children came over to buy popcorn too.

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By the time the sun began to set, we had served at least fifty customers. We were exhausted but very pleased⁽⁴⁴⁾. That evening, our

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principal anounsed⁽⁴⁵⁾ that the carnival had raised over two thousand dollars.

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Section 7 - Comprehension Cloze

Read the passage below carefully. Fill in each numbered blank with a suitable word. Use only ONE word per blank. (15 marks)

Eleven-year-old Sara had been planning a special surprise for her father's fortieth birthday. For two whole years, her father had been teaching her _____⁽⁴⁶⁾ bake simple cakes, and she wanted to make one for him all by herself for the very first time.

_____⁽⁴⁷⁾ this was a lovely idea, Sara had only two weeks to get the recipe right. The cake she wanted to bake was a rich chocolate sponge, the same kind her father had loved _____⁽⁴⁸⁾ his own childhood.

The recipe was harder _____⁽⁴⁹⁾ Sara had expected. Her first attempt came out flat and bitter, and the second one was burnt black on top. _____⁽⁵⁰⁾ her older brother Faizal walked past the kitchen, he could see the disappointment on her face.

One evening, Sara told her mother that she wanted to give up. Instead of scolding her, her mother washed her hands, sat down _____⁽⁵¹⁾ her, and read through the recipe with her line by line. 'Practice is the only way,' she said gently. 'Even _____⁽⁵²⁾ finest bakers in Singapore began by burning a few cakes.'

The next afternoon, Sara made herself a _____⁽⁵³⁾ baking plan. She would try one cake every two days until the big morning. By the end of the first week, the cake had risen evenly, _____⁽⁵⁴⁾ the icing was still a little lumpy. Her mother told her that was good progress, but the cake could still _____⁽⁵⁵⁾ improved.

On the morning of the birthday, Sara woke up at five o'clock to make one final _____⁽⁵⁶⁾. Her father came down at seven, rubbing his eyes in surprise as the family sang 'Happy Birthday'. After breakfast, Sara led him proudly _____⁽⁵⁷⁾ the kitchen.

She lifted the lid of the cake tin with a deep breath. The cake _____⁽⁵⁸⁾ beautiful — golden brown, evenly risen, and dusted with cocoa powder. Her father stepped forward and hugged her _____⁽⁵⁹⁾. There were tears in his eyes, and Sara knew she had given him a gift that no shop _____⁽⁶⁰⁾ sell.

Section 8 - Synthesis and Transformation

For each question from 61 to 65, 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). Each question carries 2 marks. (10 marks)

61. Mrs Tan wrote a beautiful song for the school choir last week. [2]

A beautiful song _____

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62. "I will help you choose your song after lunch," Mei Hui said to Hannah. [2]

Mei Hui told Hannah that _____

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63. The talent show began late because the microphone was not working. [2]

Because of _____

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64. Hannah felt very nervous. She still walked onto the stage. [2]

Despite _____

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65. Hannah was too shy to speak to the principal after the show. [2]

Hannah was not _____

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Section 9 - Comprehension Open-Ended

Read the passage 'The Talent Show' in Booklet A. Answer the questions below in the spaces provided. Marks for each question are shown in brackets. (20 marks)

66. Why did Hannah hide behind the curtain at last year's Children's Day concert? [1]

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67. Pick out a four-word phrase from paragraph 3 that shows Hannah felt frightened at the idea of performing. Why did she feel this way? [2]

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68. In paragraph 4, Hannah's mother says, "Sometimes the bravest thing is to try the very thing that frightens us most." What does her mother mean by this? [2]

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69. Look at the table below. Write down the word or phrase from the passage that each underlined word refers to. [3]

Underlined word	What it refers to
the word "it" in "Other people deserve to hear <u>it</u> too" (paragraph 2)	(a) _____
the word "words" in "she remembered her mother's <u>words</u> " (paragraph 6)	(b) _____
the word "something" in "she had collected <u>something</u> else" (paragraph 11)	(c) _____

70. Number the following events 1, 2 and 3 to show the order in which they happened in the passage.

- () Mei Hui squeezed Hannah's hand and told her to sing the first line.
- () Hannah signed her name on the entry form at the kitchen table.
- () Bryan laughed at Hannah outside the music room. [1]

71. Decide whether each of the following statements is true or false. Give a reason for each answer using information from the passage.

- (a) Hannah was disappointed that she did not win first prize at the talent show.
- (b) Mei Hui pushed Hannah onto the stage against Hannah's will.
- (c) The principal believed that Hannah had shown courage that evening. [3]

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72. From the way Hannah began her song (paragraph 9), explain clearly how she managed to recover after her voice trembled on the first word. [2]

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73. Look at the table below. Write down ONE action of each character and the reason for that action, as shown in the passage. [2]

Character	Action and reason
Hannah's mother	(a) _____
Bryan	(b) _____

74. Which TWO of the following statements about Mei Hui are true? Put a tick (✓) in the box beside your TWO answers. (DO NOT TICK MORE THAN TWO BOXES.) [2]

- She signed Hannah up for the talent show without asking her.
- She had heard Hannah sing at her flat in Old Airport Road.
- She practised with Hannah every afternoon for three weeks.
- She refused to perform in the talent show herself.
- She was the teacher in charge of the talent show.

75. At the end of the passage, Hannah felt she had “collected something quiet and bright” even though she did not win a trophy. What lesson did Hannah learn from her experience at the talent show? Answer in your own words. [2]

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