



MARIS STELLA HIGH SCHOOL (PRIMARY)

2022 CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT 1

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

BOOKLET A

28 February 2022 (Monday)

28 marks

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

NAME	:	_____ ()
CLASS	:	PRIMARY 6 _____

Instructions

1. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
2. Follow all instructions carefully.
3. Answer all questions.
4. Shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

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. Neither William nor his friends _____ the answer to the question, so the teacher had to explain it to them once more.
 - (1) know
 - (2) knew
 - (3) knows
 - (4) known

2. After paying for the expensive holiday, the Tan family did not _____ have money left.
 - (1) most
 - (2) more
 - (3) many
 - (4) much

3. "_____ sushi before?" Mr Tan asked his guest, as he brought out a plate of Japanese rice roll.
 - (1) Trying
 - (2) Tried
 - (3) Tries
 - (4) Try

4. "He's already gone to the shopping mall, _____?" asked Jamie.
 - (1) has he
 - (2) does he
 - (3) hasn't he
 - (4) doesn't he

5. Before she could turn on the stove, she saw a ball _____ into the kitchen.
 - (1) flew
 - (2) flies
 - (3) flying
 - (4) had flown

6. _____ the pain in his leg, the soldier was unable to make it back to his camp.
- (1) Since
 - (2) Despite
 - (3) Owing to
 - (4) Regardless of
7. The book is divided _____ three parts, with each part written by a different author
- (1) among
 - (2) into
 - (3) by
 - (4) in
8. In recent years, one out of three students _____ able to attain distinctions in the final examinations.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
9. If it does not rain, the race cars _____ the finish line within two hours.
- (1) will cross
 - (2) would cross
 - (3) will have crossed
 - (4) would have crossed
10. The tenant is a mysterious man _____ is hardly seen by his neighbours
- (1) whose
 - (2) whom
 - (3) which
 - (4) who

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. An avid cyclist, Wilbur _____ the hobby of photography when he cycled through scenic routes and wanted to capture the beauty of what he saw.
- (1) got on
 - (2) got into
 - (3) got over
 - (4) got through
12. Having a _____ nature, Sally was soon surrounded by her new-found friends at the party.
- (1) hospitable
 - (2) gregarious
 - (3) introverted
 - (4) harmonious
13. "You are too _____ while observing the criminals. You should wear clothes that blend in with the crowd!" the inspector reprimanded the inexperienced police officer.
- (1) confused
 - (2) convincing
 - (3) complicated
 - (4) conspicuous
14. Some spiders _____ their prey by injecting venom, so the prey is unable to escape and can be carried away easily.
- (1) abuse
 - (2) destroy
 - (3) damage
 - (4) immobilise
15. Screaming at the top of their voices, the fans were _____ when the famous singer appeared on stage.
- (1) devoted
 - (2) vigorous
 - (3) hysterical
 - (4) committed

For each question from 16 to 20, choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

The jeweller lifted the diamond ring closer to the lamp. It (16) glittered in the light. "Absolutely beautiful!" he gushed. "How did you (17) come by this priceless item?"

The heavily scarred man did not meet his gaze. He muttered something (18) under his breath. Immediately, the jeweller became suspicious. "I'm afraid I cannot give you the money until I know where you got this from. It is against the law to buy stolen goods!"

The man (19) looked angrily at the jeweller. He looked very menacing as he reached into his pocket. For a moment, the jeweller (20) feared that he would be attacked. However, the man pulled out documents to prove that he did legally own the diamond ring.

16. (1) flashed
(2) blinked
(3) dazzled
(4) sparkled
17. (1) obtain
(2) possess
(3) discover
(4) encounter
18. (1) secretly
(2) sneakily
(3) inaudibly
(4) unconsciously
19. (1) stared
(2) glared
(3) gazed
(4) peered
20. (1) scared
(2) worried
(3) alarmed
(4) suspected

Study this flyer and then answer questions 21 to 28

ADVENTURELAND

The first ever mega amusement park for thrill seekers

**GRAND
OPENING**

26 May 2022 (Thursday)

A welcome gift will be given to the first 100 park visitors.
All visitors to the park on the opening day will receive a \$10 dining voucher!

Open daily from 10 am to 8 pm

Spanning an area of ten football fields and featuring twenty exciting activities to get your adrenaline pumping, Adventureland is located on the outskirts of the city. Adventureland provides an opportunity for you to escape the hustle and bustle of the city.

KEY ATTRACTION

Go-Kart Circuit

Did you know that many F1 driven, started their careers from go-karting before going on to the F1 circuit?



Challenge yourself and your buddies as you race on the longest go-kart circuit in the region! Boasting a length of 900 metres and 20 corners, the circuit guarantees many heart-stopping moments. What are you waiting for? Go for it!

All participants must:

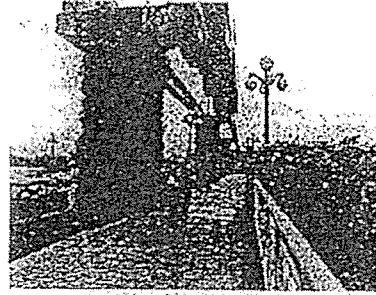
- produce a valid driving or motorcycle license
- be of a minimum height of 1.4 metres
- wear covered shoes
- put on hair nets and helmets (provided free)



More fun-filled activities

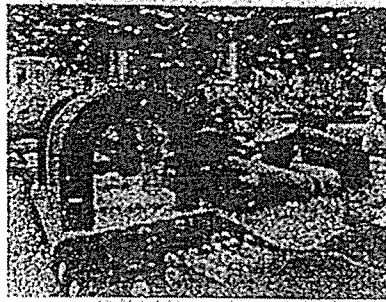
Cycling Tours

Take in the beautiful scenery as you go on a one-hour ride through winding trails. The tours around Adventureland are designed to be physically demanding as you manoeuvre your bicycle over different terrains. You will challenge yourself on a hill-climb and get wet by riding over a ditch. Not to be missed by cycling enthusiasts!



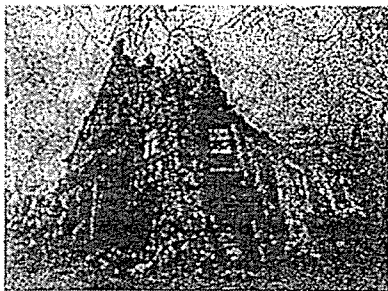
Indoor Bouncy Castle

Come and be wowed by the region's largest indoor bouncy castle playground! Navigate your way through the maze and be prepared to conquer the obstacles.



Requirement:

- Anti-slip socks must be worn (available for sale at the park)



Enchanted Forest

Are you game for some hair-raising moments? Immerse yourself in a magical land filled with mystical beings. Beware the fearsome dragon and cunning goblins! Can you escape from their clutches?

Are you game for the adventure?



Get your tickets now!

Get our Family Bundle for two adults and two children (below the age of 12)

Tickets can be purchased at our ticket booths or on our website

- refer to the table below.

	Ticket Booth	Online Purchase
Adult	\$80	\$60
Child	\$50	\$40
Family Bundle	Not available	\$180



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. In the heading, "The first ever mega amusement park for thrill seekers", the word 'mega' suggests that _____.
- (1) the park is huge in size
 - (2) many activities are available in the park
 - (3) there are many participants in each activity
 - (4) it has the largest bouncy castle maze in the region
22. Refer to the section, "Go-Kart Circuit". Why is an exclamation mark used in the statement "Go for it!"?
- (1) to encourage readers to buy tickets
 - (2) to enthuse readers about the F1 race
 - (3) to emphasise that the activities are fun
 - (4) to convey excitement about the activity
23. Which of the following **does not** explain why the cycling tour is physically demanding?
- (1) It is meant for cycling enthusiasts.
 - (2) It requires participants to ride up steep hills,
 - (3) It requires participants to ride across a ditch.
 - (4) It involves manoeuvring the bicycle over different terrains.
24. Which of the following statements is **not** true about the indoor bouncy castle?
- (1) It is the only bouncy castle in the region.
 - (2) Visitors can be shielded from bad weather.
 - (3) The surfaces of the indoor bouncy castle can be slippery.
 - (4) Visitors have to overcome obstacles in order to get out of the bouncy castle.
25. Nurul, who is 1.3 metres tall is visiting Adventureland. Nurul will not be able to participate in which activity?
- (1) Cycling
 - (2) Go-kart
 - (3) Bouncy castle
 - (4) Haunted house

26. A table is included in the section "Get your tickets now!" for the following reason:
- (1) to attract people to buy the tickets online
 - (2) to present the information about adult tickets clearly
 - (3) to help people make a decision on the family bundle
 - (4) to make comparisons on the two ways to purchase the tickets
27. The Tan family, consisting of two adults and two kindergarten-going children, intend to visit Adventure during the weekend. They will definitely be eligible for _____.
- (1) dining vouchers
 - (2) the welcome gift
 - (3) free anti-slip socks
 - (4) the bundle promotion
28. What is the main purpose of the flyer?
- (1) to attract people to the Go-Kart circuit
 - (2) to encourage people to do daredevil activities
 - (3) to advertise the opening of the Adventureland
 - (4) to give information about the opening hours of Adventureland

Refer this passage to answer questions 71 to 80 in Booklet B.

I came down to the void deck every night regularly to feed the stray cats. There were at least eight cats in my neighbourhood. Upon seeing me and hearing the creaking of my trolley wheels, they all quickly drew close to me. I recognised each one of them and even gave them names. I knew the ginger one made the highest pitched meow; the black and white one, patterned like a cow, liked to rub against my ankles and the one with the stumpy tail was the most aggressive when he was hungry.

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There are advantage of feeding the cats there late at night. Firstly, there were fewer people staring at me. Moreover, the air was cooler and the cats were less jumpy. I used to feed them early in the evening after I had had my dinner. By then, many residents would be returning to their homes. Sometimes they would stare at what I was doing but they never really bothered me.

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Last month, however, my routine was disrupted. One of the neighbours, an elderly man, came to talk to me. I was squatting down, scooping rice onto a plate as the cats studied me impatiently.

"Excuse me, you have to stop what you are doing," the old man said.

"Stop what?" I looked up, puzzled.

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"Feeding the cats. There have been complaints from the neighbours. They say the cats make a mess, and cause a lot of noise."

"I'm not responsible for their meowing. If I don't feed them, they will starve."

The man cleared his throat and continued, "By feeding them, you are making them stay around here."

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"But feeding cats is not illegal," I implored.

"But littering is an offence," the man looked at me. "You have not been clearing up properly. Look, there's uneaten food everywhere. It attracts pest. You have to stop this inconsiderate act. Or else I have to report you for ..."

Upon hearing that, I gave a horrendous cry, like the sound of chalk on blackboard. A few passers-by crowded around us to see the commotion. I must have been really loud because my sister soon appeared at the void deck. She said to the elderly man apologetically, "So sorry. She's my younger sister. She likes cats very much. We will clean up the mess now and ensure that we do not litter in future."

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Accepting the apology, the man responded calmly, "I love animals too, but I am concerned about the pests and other problems that come with feeding stray animals." When he finished saying his piece, he walked off.

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From that encounter, the elderly man did not strike me as an animal lover. Yet in a strange turn of events, the same elderly man came to say hello when I was feeding the cats the next day. Unexpectedly, he even bent down and stroked Ginger and Stumpy. He told me he really liked cats too and grew up playing with them at a neighbour's house many years ago. Ever since that day, the elderly man and I became closer. We bonded over cats, talking about anything from food to television programmes. We now meet regularly to take walks at the park. As I reflected on the incident, I finally understood that my actions could have unintended consequences and learnt to be more considerate.

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BOOKLET B

28 February 2021 (Monday)

67 marks

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

NAME : _____ ()

CLASS : PRIMARY 6 _____

Instructions

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3. Answer all questions.
4. Write all your answers in this booklet.

MARKS OBTAINED

BOOKLET A : _____ / 28

BOOKLET B : _____ / 67

TOTAL : _____ / 95

PARENT'S SIGNATURE : _____

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.

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|--------------|-----------|----------|-----------|-------------|
| (A) after | (D) can | (G) in | (K) so | (N) up |
| (B) although | (E) even | (H) it's | (L) their | (P) whereas |
| (C) any | (F) every | (J) its | (M) to | (Q) who |
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Kiwis are small birds that cannot fly and are found naturally only in New Zealand. They are the national symbol of New Zealand, (29)_____ their image appears on the country's money, postage stamps, and road signs. Most New Zealanders, however, have never seen kiwis (30)_____ the wild as they are shy creatures which are active mostly at night.

Approximately the size of a chicken, the kiwi lays eggs which are huge for (31)_____ size. In fact, the kiwi's egg is one of the largest in proportion to the body size of (32)_____ species of birds in the world. Therefore, females (33)_____ lay only one or two eggs at a time.

Kiwis are not your typical bird. Unlike most birds, kiwis have heavy bones. Their powerful legs make (34)_____ a third of their body weight and allow them to run as fast as a human. Kiwis also have keen senses of smell and touch, (35)_____ most other birds rely on sight as (36)_____ primary sense. They are the only birds in the world (37)_____ have nostrils at the end of their beaks, enabling them to sniff out food in leaf litter and (38)_____ beneath the soil. These features resemble those of mammals which is why kiwis are sometimes called 'honorary mammals'!

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

During the Circuit Breaker, I had to attend online lessons. It was a new

(39)

experience for me as I had never komunikated with my teachers in a virtual classroom

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before. It could be chairlenging to stay focused on the lessons. Some of my classmates

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were diztrackted as they were doing other things besides listen to the teacher during

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Zoom lessons. They were probably playing games or watching television at lesson time,

and thus failed to respond when the teacher asked them questions. In the end, they

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(45)

also struggling to complete their online assignments. Luckily, I was thorough engaged

in the lessons as my teacher was very lively.

In the afternoons, I occupied myself by learning new skills. Mum taught me

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(47)

how to cook as she said cooking is a vaue skill. In the beginning, I was patreefyed to

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handle the stove. However, I soon overcame my fear. I even cooked a plate of derlishus

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fried rice using the recipe that Mum shared with me. Now, I enjoy cooking newtrisious

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meals for my family. Time pass quickly and before long, it was time to go back to school.

The Circuit Breaker was not all that bad after all.

Score: / 12

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

"Bonsai" is a Japanese word meaning "tree in tray". This word is used to refer to a small tree or plant grown in a pot. Many bonsais closely (51) _____ the larger ones outdoors in shape except that they are significantly smaller, and are thus (52) _____ as indoor plants. Due to their miniature sizes, they are becoming more (53) _____ with many home gardeners who live in smaller apartments nowadays.

In recent years, the growing number of bonsai enthusiasts has led to the (54) _____ in the number of bonsai competitions and exhibitions. Gardeners who participate in such events proudly (55) _____ their prized plants for others to see. What makes a bonsai stand out from the rest, worthy of an (56) _____? Well, it must have small leaves and be carefully cultivated to grow to its desired shape. (57) _____ carefully trimming the branches with scissors, gardeners can ensure that the plant is nurtured into a miniature tree which hopefully will emerge as the champion.

Well-cultivated bonsais are (58) _____ as works of art. In 2019, nine bonsai plants were stolen from a garden in Japan, one of (59) _____ being a fragile 400-year-old plant thought to be worth \$200,000! The owners of the bonsais were so (60) _____ over their prized bonsais that they even gave instructions for the care of the stolen plants to the newspaper reporter who interviewed them. They hoped that the thieves would read the instructions published in the newspapers, and not only avoid damaging the plants (61) _____ also learn to take good care of them. In the (62) _____ of these bonsai enthusiasts, these unique plants are irreplaceable.

Caring for bonsais can get children (63) _____ in nature from a young age. This is because children are carefully monitoring the development of their plants. Children also learn to be patient as bonsais (64) _____ a long time to grow. Bonsai enthusiasts are meticulous when it comes to their little plants, carefully studying every tiny part of the plant. Thus, they often develop an attention to (65) _____. These are good reasons to start growing your own bonsai!

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. John was reckless. He got into an accident.

_____ because of

67. I was surprised that the young boy won the chess competition.

Much to _____

68. Joe is going to the market. He has to buy some groceries for dinner.

_____ in order to

69. The boy sat down to eat his lunch. He sanitised his hands first.

_____ before

70. "When do you want to watch the new action movie?" Ahmad asked his sister.

Ahmad asked his sister as to _____

Score: / 10

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Read the passage on page 9 and answer questions 71 to 80.

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71. In paragraph 1, how did the cats know it was feeding time? [2m]

72. From paragraph 2, give two reasons why the writer fed the cats late at night [2m]

(a) _____

(b) _____

73. From lines 1-13, pick out two words that tell us that the writer had the habit of feeding the cats. Each word is found in a separate sentence. [2m]

74. Based on lines 1-13, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [2m]

	True/False	Reason
The writer treated the cats well.		
The cats were eager to eat the food that the writer had brought.		

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75. Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right. [3m]

Word from the passage	What the word refers to
there (line 7)	
complaints (line 16)	
It (line 23)	

76. Explain fully why the writer gave "a horrendous cry" (line 25). [2m]

77. What did the writer's sister promise the elderly man that they would do? [2m]

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

- ___ The writer's sister appeared at the void deck.
- ___ The elderly man stroked the cats as he spoke to the writer.
- ___ A few passers-by crowded around the writer and the elderly man.

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79. Based on the last paragraph, how did the writer feel when the elderly man returned the next day and what did he do to make the writer feel this way? [2m]

80. What two pieces of information did the writer give to suggest that she and the elderly man became friends eventually? [2m]

(a) _____

(b) _____

END OF PAPER

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 LEVEL : SCHOOL PRIMARY 6
 SUBJECT : ENGLISH
 TERM : CA1 2022

Booklet A

Q 1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
2	4	2	3	3	3	2	3	1	4
Q 11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
2	2	4	4	3	4	1	3	2	2
Q 21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
1	4	1	1	2	4	4	3	K	G
Q 31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38		
J	C	D	N	P	L	M	E		

Q39)	communicated	Q44)	struggled	Q49)	nutritious
Q40)	challenging	Q45)	thoroughly	Q50)	passed
Q41)	distracted	Q46)	valuable	Q51)	Resemble / mirror
Q42)	listening	Q47)	petrified	Q52)	Idea/better
Q43)	during	Q48)	delicious	Q53)	popular
Q54)	increase	Q58)	considered	Q62)	minds
Q55)	present	Q59)	which	Q63)	interested
Q56)	award	Q60)	concerned	Q64)	take
Q57)	by	Q61)	but	Q65)	Detail / details

Q66)	John got into an accident because of his recklessness.
Q67)	Much to my surprise, the young boy won the chess competition.
Q68)	Joe is going to the market in order to buy some groceries for dinner.
Q69)	The boy sanitised his hands before he sat down to eat his lunch.
Q70)	Ahmad asked his sister as to when she wanted to watch the new action movie.
Q71)	The writer came down to the void deck every night to feed the stray cats and the cats recognised the writher and the sound of the writer's trolley wheels.
Q72)	(a) There were fewer people staring at the writer. (b) The air was cooler and the cats were less jumpy
Q73)	regularly routine
Q74)	True --- The writer fed the cats every night. True --- The cats studied the writer impatiently as she scooped the rice.
Q75)	Line 7 --- At the void deck. Line 16 --- The neighbours complaining that the cats. Line 23 --- The uneaten food everywhere.
Q76)	As he was going to report her for not cleaning up the place properly and leaving uneaten food everywhere. That made the writer very sad.
Q77)	The writer's sister promised the elderly man that they would clean up he mess they and ensure that they do not litter in the future.
Q78)	2, 3, 1
Q79)	The writer felt shocked. The elderly man came to say hello when the writer was feeding the cats and even bent down and stroked the cats, instead of asking her to stop feeding the cats.
Q80)	(a) They bonded over cats, talking about anything from food to television programmes. (b) The writer and the elderly man meet regularly to take walks at the park.