

Test: Primary 6 English (Prelim) - Rosyth

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Select multiple choice answers with a cross or tick:

- Only select one answer
- Can select multiple answers

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For each question, choose your correct answer. (10 marks)

When Mrs Low _____ the dishes, she heard a loud knock on the door.

- A)** washed
- B)** had washed
- C)** was washing
- D)** would be washing

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I told Emily, "My book is in the cupboard so this book must be either _____ or Darren's."

- A)** ours
- B)** mine
- C)** yours
- D)** theirs

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The park ranger caught Colin littering and made him _____ the trash into the rubbish bin.

- A) throw
- B) threw
- C) thrown
- D) throwing

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Diane leapt at the _____ when her teacher asked for volunteers to take part in the donation drive.

- A) situation
- B) occasion
- C) condition
- D) opportunity

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The boy threw a/an _____ after his mother refused to buy him an ice-cream.

- A) rage
- B) uproar
- C) tantrum
- D) outburst

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The officials decided to _____ down the house as it was badly damaged and posed a danger to passers-by.

- A) cut
- B) put
- C) pull
- D) drag

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Kim's mother warned him not to _____ any information and tell her all the details about the incident.

- A) grasp
- B) retain
- C) control
- D) withhold

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The students were disappointed when their teacher told them that the ideas for their project proposal were _____.

- A) unjust
- B) unstable
- C) unsound
- D) unthinkable

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The singer was taken aback _____ the negative response from the audience.

- A) by
- B) for
- C) from
- D) about

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The soccer coach could not feel at ease _____ victory was assured.

- A) if
- B) until
- C) since
- D) because

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Mr Keh is the applicant _____ the staff is interviewing for the new job.

- A) who
- B) which
- C) whom
- D) whose

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Rashid, as well as his classmates, _____ at the orphanage since the beginning of the year.

- A) volunteered
- B) has volunteered
- C) had volunteered
- D) have volunteered

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Ali _____ if his mother had not encouraged him to revise regularly.

- A) will fail
- B) would fail
- C) will have failed
- D) would have failed

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Mrs Raja was disappointed with her son as she _____ not understand why he had lied to her.

- A) must
- B) could
- C) would
- D) should

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Brian asked, "He hardly goes to the library, _____?"

- A) is it
- B) isn't it
- C) does he
- D) doesn't he

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For each question, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). (5 marks)

Craig was taking a leisurely stroll home from school. As he walked down the street towards his block, he heard footsteps behind him. Feeling apprehensive, Craig quickened his pace.

- A) angry
- B) anxious
- C) agitated
- D) astonished

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He had remembered his mother's advice to be careful when unaccompanied in a public area.

- A) alone
- B) isolated
- C) secluded
- D) withdrawn

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However, the footsteps grew louder as the person behind him was clearly catching up. Craig became panic-stricken as he feared for his safety.

- A) distressed
- B) dissatisfied
- C) discouraged
- D) discontented

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Suddenly, the person called out, "Craig, wait up! It's me, Don!" Without **a second thought**, Craig stopped when he realised it was his best friend.

- A) hesitation
- B) justification
- C) clarification
- D) explanation

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After catching up with Craig, Don said breathlessly, "Here's your wallet. You left it on your desk before rushing off. I **promptly** picked it up and followed you to return it." Craig smiled and thanked Don profusely.

- A) eagerly
- B) diligently
- C) cautiously
- D) immediately

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The performers of Grand Singapore Circus _____.

- A) have ten years of experience
- B) have performed in different countries
- C) only come from neighbouring countries
- D) require little practice as they are talented

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The Grand Singapore Circus performances are put up _____.

- A) throughout November
- B) every day of the week
- C) twice daily on weekends
- D) at the same time each night

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- A) it is against animal welfare
- B) it is difficult to train animals to do tricks
- C) it believes it is wrong to treat animals badly
- D) other circuses are better at taking care of animals

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- A) It is sponsored by Enjoy Entertainment.
- B) It has been performing in Singapore for the past ten years.
- C) The performances at the circus are not suitable for children.
- D) The performances will be held in a special tent known as Big Top.

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The most likely reason why some people may not want to buy Type 3 seats is that _____.

- A) part of the view of the performances will be blocked
- B) these seats are the closest to the performers in the ring
- C) these seats cost the least among the three types of seats
- D) the number of tickets that can be bought for these seats is restricted

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Primary 6 English (Prelim)

1 pt

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Audiences attending the circus would find it thrilling because _____.

- A) it is performing in Singapore for the very first time.
- B) all its performers learn their trade through training.
- C) the performances at the circus include dangerous acts.
- D) it has acrobats and gymnasts which traditional circuses do not

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Primary 6 English (Prelim)

1 pt

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Why is the title on the webpage 'Grand Singapore Circus' written in capital letters?

- A) It is to attract the attention of readers.
- B) It is to inform readers of the country of origin.
- C) It is to emphasise that the circus will be interesting.
- D) It is to show that the circus has over 50 performers.

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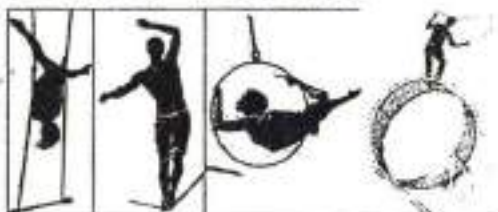
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What is one advantage customers of ROSBANK have over the general public?

- A) They can make enquiries using the hotline number.
- B) They can buy tickets before sales start for the general public.
- C) They can ask for a refund of the tickets they have purchased.
- D) They can buy tickets at a lower price compared to the general public.

Question 29 of 73

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 0 pts

For each of the question, 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)

John did not give up. He persevered to complete his revision.

Instead of _____

This question is designed for extended answers that parent/ teacher will have to assign and guide child to attempt after the test has been completed.

Grading: This question type is not graded on this system and will not affect the final score as it was designed in such a way that it requires manual assistance.

Question 30 of 73

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 0 pts

"Do you know the ending to this mystery story?" Tessa asked her father.

Tessa asked her father _____

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Question 31 of 73

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 0 pts

The mischievous dog scampered away when it saw its owner enter the room.

_____ upon _____

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Question 32 of 73

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 0 pts

Azlina is travelling to Thailand for a cultural exchange programme. Her classmates are travelling there as well.

_____ together with _____

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Question 33 of 73

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 0 pts

Mother stared at the pizza on the kitchen ceiling. She was bewildered.

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Question 34 of 73

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

Fill in each blank with a suitable word. (15 marks)

Much of the mercury in our bodies comes from eating fish and other seafood. Have you ever wondered how the mercury got there in the first _____?

Question 35 of 73

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

Mercury is a toxic element. However, unknown _____ many, it is released.....

Question 36 of 73

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

..... it is released _____ natural sources, such as plants and soil, through simple processes.....

Question 37 of 73

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

..... through simple processes _____ evaporation. Mercury is also discharged mainly from industrial activities.

Question 38 of 73

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

It is pumped directly into rivers or seas _____ factory waste or released into the air.....

Question 39 of 73

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

..... released into the air by man's actions of _____ fossil fuels like coal.

Question 40 of 73

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

This airborne mercury first circulates in the atmosphere _____ being driven into rivers and oceans by the rain.

Question 41 of 73

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

Most of the mercury that ends up in the water _____ not easily absorbed by living things.

Question 42 of 73

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

After eating it, they are able to get _____ of it rather quickly, so it does not accumulate in their bodies.

Question 43 of 73

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

However, some types of bacteria in water converts this mercury into methylmercury. This form, on the _____ hand, is hard to excrete.

Question 44 of 73

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

Hence, over time, methylmercury gradually _____ up in the bodies of living things.

Question 45 of 73

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

In a food chain, methylmercury is absorbed by algae in the water, then eaten by tiny organisms like shrimp and krill. They need to eat a lot of algae to survive, so the amount of methylmercury stored in _____ bodies increases the longer they live.

Question 46 of 73

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

Shrimp and krill are preyed on by fish, _____ are in turn eaten by bigger fish. Each fish then consumes and retains the methylmercury.

Question 47 of 73

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

As a result, the largest fish species nearer _____ end of the food chain can accumulate up to ten million times.....

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Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

..... accumulate up to ten million times the _____ of methylmercury that is found in seawater. Ultimately, mankind consumes this. Thus, if man does nothing to manage his actions on this earth, has he considered the final effects it has eventually?

Question 49 of 73

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

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

I hurried through the darkening city, trailing the two boys, Neymar and Oscar at a distance. A purple streak lingered on the edge of the horizon, give the streets a smoky hue.

Question 50 of 73

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

The moon hung like a great silver bowl in the sky. Snatches of light fleekered from windows.

Question 51 of 73

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

I had never saw Brazil after sunset.

Question 52 of 73

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

As Neymar and Oscar neared the public bath, they were joined by a group of older boys. Soon, all the boys were in the move.

Question 53 of 73

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

I raced after them through the abandoned market square.

Question 54 of 73

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

It was not long before the street turned about a dark lane.

Question 55 of 73

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

Deelapedated huts replaced the fine houses.

Question 56 of 73

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

The fraygrence of flowers turned to sticking garbage.

Question 57 of 73

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

It is as if we had walked into a different world.

Question 58 of 73

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

I reached the rubble and **stanch** of the city dumping grounds

Question 59 of 73

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

..... and I soon **lawst** sight of Neymar and Oscar in the crowd.

Question 60 of 73

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

"Why are you following us?" a tall boy asked as he singled me out. So, I **cringe** as he demanded an answer. I deepened my voice to sound confident. "I'm here to search for my missing bag." I replied and walked away.

Question 61 of 73

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 10 pts

There are 10 blanks in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Each word can be used only once. (10 marks)

1. [] Owning a smartphone that is equipped with a good camera lens make it so much easier to take photos when one is on the move. Likewise, _____ the accessibility of social media, people love to take photos.....

A. onto

2. [] people today love to take photos of 'selfies' of _____.

B. are

3. [] In fact, taking, posting and viewing selfies has become a daily habit for many. Such actions are sometimes frowned _____ by some because they feel that those who constantly take selfies

C. is

4. [] who constantly take selfies only admire and think _____ themselves too much.

D. on

5. [] Recently, a new study suggests that the millions of people _____ take selfies believe that their actions are acceptable as long as they do not post it.

E. about

6. [] _____ the contrary, it is reported that such people feel that only those who post

F. who

7. [] feel that only those who post their selfies _____ not doing the right thing.

G. himself

8. [] University professor, Dr Sarah, revealed that 70 percent of the 200 people _____ Europe regularly took selfies and posted them on social media.

H. across

9. [] Such people feel that their own selfies are more genuine than those taken by others. This _____ explain why so many people carry on taking selfies.

I. which

10. [] _____, a vast majority said they would rather see other types of photos instead of selfies. It is odd that, despite the research, selfies continue to be popular on social media.

J. yet

K. and

L. upon

M. may

N. with

O. themselves

Question 62 of 73

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

I was with a filming crew in Argentina on an expedition to capture large colonies of fur seals in action. However, by noon, I thought that I had taken a wrong turn. When I saw a small farm up ahead, I immediately approached it. Three farmers with wide smiles came out to greet us because visitors were a rare sight. They were fascinated that we had travelled so far from England just to film fur seals. Although the locals must have thought we were insane, they were too well-mannered to say so. In fact after giving us some directions, they helped us on the subject of fur seals too.

The farmers explained that the female seals by this time would have had their pups. This meant that the colonies were no longer easily found at one spot on the beach. Instead, they drifted frequently along the coast, depending on their moods. Thus, the farmers helped us mark areas on the map to show us where the biggest concentration of seals lived.

We found the seals by the evening. A short walk through tall grass led us to the edge of a cliff. There on the beach below us, by the edge of the waves, lay the fur seal colony. From where we stood, the animals greeted us like a thunderous cauldron of boiling porridge. The colony of about seven hundred animals lay spread out along the beach. As they moved in the sunlight, they gleamed like a swarm of golden bees. I was mesmerised by this sight. I forgot about filming. Instead, I squatted and stared.

In our following observations, we paid greater attention to the seal pups of the colony. These lively little ones playfully moved with the mass of adult seals. I took a particular interest in a pup that had obviously been born later than the others. Oswald, as I named him, was half the size of other pups. Yet, what Oswald lacked in bulk, he more than made up for in his determination.

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We had previously seen the swimming lessons carried out by the father seals and we found it stressful. I especially felt quite sorry for Oswald. His father paused at the edge of the water, held Oswald with his teeth by the back of his neck. The father shook Oswald to and fro so vigorously, until one would think that the pup's neck was broken. Then, he hurled Oswald further out into the deep waters. After a while, Oswald eventually surfaced, spluttering and flapping his flippers desperately, before attempting to swim back towards the shore. However, his father lumbered into the water, caught him before holding him under the water for another ten seconds and eventually releasing him. When Oswald popped up, he was gasping for breath.

This happened a few times before a frightened and exhausted Oswald protested by crying out at his father like a small dog trying to attack an elephant. However, his stern father simply picked him up and flung him out again. This whole process repeated itself. Eventually, when it was obvious that Oswald was too tired to swim, his father took him into the shallow waters for a rest. He was inflexible and ensured that Oswald did not escape. After Oswald had rested, his father was persistent. He picked the pup up and threw him out to sea again. This would have carried on if another male seal had not picked a quarrel with Oswald's father. While the adults were fighting, I unclenched my hands as I spotted Oswald scrambling back to shore. He looked utterly wet and emotionally-defeated.

These swimming lessons were an agony for us. Not only was the terror of the pups so pitiful but I was also convinced that the fathers might accidentally drown them. Surprisingly, the seal pups had the willpower to survive these swimming lessons, and none of them seemed to give up. We often forget that one's capacity for overcoming difficulty is stronger than what one would believe at first glance. In fact, it was indeed a lesson for me, one that I would vividly remember.

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Adapted from "The Whispering Land" by Gerald Durrell

Based on the story, state whether the following statement below is True or False, then give one reason why you think so.

The farmers did not hesitate to tell the filming crew that what they were doing was crazy.

- A) TRUE
- B) FALSE

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Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

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Based on the story, state whether the following statement below is True or False, then give one reason why you think so.

Oswald was smaller than other seal pups.

- A)** TRUE
- B)** FALSE

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Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

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The narrator enjoyed watching the father seals teach their pups how to swim.

- A)** TRUE
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From lines 26 to 30, list two things that Oswald's father did to teach him how to swim. (2 marks)

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Based on the information from the story, fill in the blanks in the following table. (3 marks)

How the narrator	Why the narrator felt this way?	What the narrator did as a result?
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felt?		
mesmerised	He had never seen so many seals before.	
full of admiration		He gave the seal pup a name and he observed it more closely than others.
	He thought Oswald would not survive the swimming lesson.	He clenched his hands.

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Give a reason why the filming crew was going to face obstacles in spotting the colony of seals. (1 mark)

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From paragraph 3, which sentence tells you that the colony of seals made a lot of noise? (1 mark)

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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(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer(s) to

this sight (line 17)	
others (line 20)	
it (line 24)	

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In your own words, explain why the narrator said "it was indeed a lesson for me" in line 45. (2 marks)

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Which three words from lines 33 to 37 tell you Oswald's father was demanding as his swimming instructor?

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Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

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The farmers explained that the female seals by this time would have had their pups. This meant that the colonies were no longer easily found at one spot on the beach. Instead, they drifted frequently along the coast, depending on their moods. Thus, the farmers helped us mark areas on the map to show us where the biggest concentration of seals lived.

We found the seals by the evening. A short walk through tall grass led us to the edge of a cliff. There on the beach below us, by the edge of the waves, lay the fur seal colony. From where we stood, the animals greeted us like a thunderous cauldron of boiling porridge. The colony of about seven hundred animals lay spread out along the beach. As they moved in the sunlight, they gleamed like a swarm of golden bees. I was mesmerised by **this sight**. I forgot about filming. Instead, I squatted and stared.

In our following observations, we paid greater attention to the seal pups of the colony. These lively little ones playfully moved with the mass of adult seals. I took a particular interest in a pup that had obviously been born later than the others. Oswald, as I named him, was half the size of other pups. Yet, what Oswald lacked in bulk, he more than made up for in his determination.

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Which word in paragraph 1 suggests that it was not common for people to go to Argentina to film fur seals? (1 mark)

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

1. [] The filming crew lost their way. A. 1

2. [] The filming crew travelled to Argentina. B. 2

3. [] The filming crew was mesmerised by the seals. C. 3
