

St. Clare's Primary School
2022-2023 Primary Six English Second Term Test

Name: _____

Date: _____

Class: _____ No. _____

Marks: _____/100

Time allowed: 50 minutes

Parent's Signature: _____

A. Isabel is writing an email to her niece about a drama school. Fill in the blanks with suitable **tense form** of the given words. (5% @1%)

To:	verabright@fastmail.com
From:	Isabel98@pocketmail.com

Dear Vera,

How are you?

(E.g.) Do you like (like) drama? Sunshine Drama School was established in 1981. It (1) _____ (grow) into a very well known school since 2000. All their teachers are creative and professional.

Sunshine Drama School (2) _____ (stage) over 500 plays in the past 25 years. As a way of providing teenagers with more opportunities to engage in drama, currently they (3) _____ (plan) on holding drama camps and workshops as part of their program.

Last year, Sunshine Drama School (4) _____ (perform) a play in Sydney. Even the famous pop stars in Australia came to watch their play. They will have a grand performance at Tiananmen Square in Beijing in August 2023. (5) _____ you _____ (join) us for the show in Beijing during your summer holidays?

Love,
Isabel

B. Isabel is preparing a presentation for her music project. Help her complete the presentation. Fill in the blanks with suitable **prepositions**. (5% @1%)

BTS
BTS, also known as the Bangtan Boys, is a seven-member South Korean boy band formed in 2010 (e.g.) <u>by</u> Big Hit Entertainment. Originally the music of BTS, a hip-hop group, included a wide range (1) _____ genres. Their lyrics are often written (2) _____ the themes of mental health, troubles of school-age youth, loss and individualism. The group has released several albums and performed during several world tours. Their Wembley Stadium tickets sold out within a day. In 2017, they became the first Korean group to receive a certification (3) _____ the Recording Industry Association of America. BTS World is now a video game. The players can style the characters, and go (4) _____ various journeys (5) _____ each of the seven members.

C. Isabel is writing a book report. Complete the report using 'so much', 'so many', 'a little', or 'a few'. (4% @1%)

Book Report

Name: Isabel Lee

Book: Back to the 1960s

Summary:

This critically-acclaimed novel tells the story of a young boy named Anson, who had (e.g.) a few friends, as he only hung out with Pete and June. His grandpa had been suffering from a chronic illness for a while and had just passed away. Anson regretted (1)_____ that he had only spent (2)_____ time with him in the past few years. Thus he wanted to travel back to the 1960s because there were still (3)_____ things that he wanted to do with his grandpa.

One day, he met a genie. He begged the genie to send him back to the past. Finally, his wish came true. Anson travelled back to the 1960's successfully. Eventually he learnt that it is important to treasure the people in our lives.

Reflection:

I think there are only (4)_____ very exciting chapters in this book. It might be boring for anyone who wants to read a fun book.

D. Isabel's reading the HK Tourism website about the Christmas Wonderland this year. Change the following sentences to the **affirmative / negative**. (8% @2%)

E.g. Christmas isn't celebrated in Hong Kong.

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1. There aren't any festive events at the West Kowloon Art Park.

2. The Winter Fest begins with a bun scrambling contest on a Christmas tree.

3. Santa has fun with the children at the Winter Fest.

4. In Hong Kong, the kids didn't get to choose their gifts from Santa.

E. Isabel's parents are planning a trip for the family next summer. Complete the conversation with suitable words from LE Chapters 2 and 3. Use each word **ONCE** only. (7% @1%)

Dad: I plan to take all of you on a three-week vacation next year.

Mum: That's very sweet of you. Where are we going?

Dad: Umm... have you noticed that our winters are getting warmer?

Mum: Of course! I think it's due to the problem of (1)_____ .
The ice at the (2)_____ have started melting. This is causing (3)_____ in many parts of the world. The oceans are rising.

Isabel: Yes! My teacher says when we use a lot of fuel, we are actually creating (4)_____ .

Dad: Correct! Scientists predicted that many islands would be submerged under water by the middle of the century so we need to keep on reducing our carbon footprint even when we're travelling.

Isabel: Then where should we go?

Mum: Hmm... I've seen Seychelles on a postcard, it's a beautiful island in the Indian Ocean. They consist of 115 granite and coral islands. I think Isabel would be happy to see all those colourful sea creatures!

Dad: But I heard that over the past two decades, (5)_____ within the region have suffered widespread degradation through a series of ocean warming events and subsequent coral bleaching. 90% of them died in 1998.

Isabel: Oh! That's terrible!

Mum: Don't worry. They have a famous (6)_____ too with tall trees, growing in an area with a lot of rainfall. It would be a great place to visit too.

Dad: But I think that it would be too hot and humid. Isabel won't like it. Look at this tall mountain on your postcard! It must be an active (7)_____ which may erupt. That's too dangerous for tourists.

Mum: Hmm... What about Canada? It's not too hot or cold in summer, usually around 20-30 degree celsius in summer.

Dad: Great idea! Tomorrow I'll go to the travel agency to get more information.

F. A travel agent is discussing Canada with Isabel's parents. Match the broad categories to the specific examples, using 'such as'. (8% @2%)

Broad Categories	Specific Examples
winter sports	Tommy Thomson Park and Crothers Woods
traditional sports	the Ontario Royal Museum and the CN Tower
landmarks	hockey and baseball
street food	skiing and ice-skating
natural features	French fries, hot dogs and pro cooked sausages

Good morning, Mr and Mrs Lee. Summer is always a popular time to visit Canada. Toronto is a must-see. This city has a lot to offer.

It snows heavily in Toronto in winter so it's nice to go for some (e.g.) winter sports such as skiing and ice-skating. But since you are visiting Toronto in the summer, your children could try out some

(1) _____.

I believe Mrs Lee might want to experience their famous tourist attractions. You can visit the city's famous

(2) _____.

You will be amazed by their 1900s gothic-style architecture and the tall free-standing structure.

There are also numerous food trucks around downtown Toronto, serving (3) _____

_____. In the summer months, ice cream and pops are sold by vendors on bicycles too.

As an escape from the city's hustle and bustle, it will be great to visit some (4) _____

_____ during the last few days, and have a short but enjoyable walk along the trails with great water views and also the views of the Toronto Skyline.

Your children would love this trip to Toronto. I'm sure!

G. Isabel is writing in her diary. Help her complete it with 'which', 'where' and 'who'. (5% @1%)

1st September 2022

Today was my first day at my new school, (1) _____ is known as the best Catholic girl on Hong Kong Island. I walked into the classroom (2) _____ I found all students reading quietly. Then I noticed a student (3) _____ was sleeping soundly on her desk. Soon our class teacher came in. She patted on her shoulder and asked her to wash her face in the bathroom.

Ten minutes after the lesson, I heard a scream, (4) _____ was a long and high-pitched cry outside the classroom. Everyone was terrified. As the teacher dashed to the bathroom (5) _____ the scream came from, she found that it was just a bee flying around next to the student. I was glad that neither of them got stung.

H. Isabel and her friend, Keaton are hiking. Complete their conversation using verbs from Box A and Box B. Use each verb **ONCE** only. Use appropriate forms of verbs. (8% @2%)

Box A	Box B
like stop love start hate	breathe push take walk rain

Isabel: I (e.g.) like walking along the hiking trails. The scenery is picturesque.

Keaton: I (1) _____ the fresh air.

(When they are walking, they find a big door at the bottom of an old oak tree.)

Isabel: I like adventures. Let's go in!

Keaton: But I (2) _____ risks. It may be dangerous!

Isabel: Come on! It would be fun! Hurry up! Get moving!

Keaton: Hey! Would you (3) _____ me, please? You can't force me to go in!

Isabel: Oh come on! Give it a go. If it (4) _____, we can return home.

Readers—Olivia's First Surf

I. Olivia has written a thank-you letter to everyone who helped her. Fill in the blanks with suitable words learnt from the story. (6% @1%)

Dear all,

I'm writing to thank you for all your kindness. I was so excited. It's absolutely a (1) _____ idea that you let me try (2) _____. Sarah's dad looked a little (3) _____ and looked at Mum for assurance when Sarah suggested that I could play in the sea too.

I will never forget that wonderful Sunday morning when we all (4) _____ at the beach car park and set off to the sea. My heart was full of (5) _____ every time when the waves (6) _____. I felt a little scared at the beginning, but soon enjoyed it very much. That was a great ride! I am so grateful for all of your help.

Love,

Olivia

J. There is one mistake in each of the following sentences. Circle the mistake and write the correct word on the blank.
The words you provide must be from the story. (4% @1%)

- Sarah won the competition to everyone's anger. _____
- Olivia was scared by Mr Frost that Sarah is a very talkative girl. _____

K. Fill in the boxes with suitable words / phrases to show your understanding of the story. (4% @2%)

1. **Two adjectives** that best describe Sarah

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2. **Two things** of how Olivia was prepared to surf

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L. Re-arrange the following events like the way they happen in the story. Write numbers (2-5) on the blanks. (4% @1%)

Olivia and her mum went to a surf club on Saturday morning.	
Olivia was assigned to sit next to Sarah.	
Olivia and her family moved to a small town near a beach.	<u>1</u>
Today was Olivia's first day at her new school.	
Olivia and Sarah talked about their favourite things and shared their hobbies.	

M. Fill in the blank with suitable words. Use each word **ONCE** only. (8% @1%)

beaming	contest	shifted	paddled	introduced	barely	presented	beat
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- Millions of surfboards have been sold since the water sports, wakeboarding was first _____ in 1985. People have started competing in the annual wakeboarding _____ since then.
- Kaya _____ her position slightly so that she could see her friend Vera more clearly when Vera was _____ with an award on the stage.
- Vera's heart _____ so rapidly that she was _____ able to hear the words the presenter spoke.
- It was Mother's Day last Sunday. Mum and Kaya rolled up their trousers and _____ their canoe across the lake.
- The day had gone beautifully, and the sight of Kaya's _____ face was stuck in everyone's head.

N. Answer the following in complete sentences. (6% @2%)

1. What did Olivia enjoy doing during the summer holidays?

2. How did Sarah beat Brooke in the final event?

3. How did everyone help Olivia surf?

O. Fill in each blank with ONE word that has a **similar** meaning to the underlined word(s). The words you provide must be from the story. (4% @1%)

1. That was a nasty prank my cousin played on me when I was least expecting it.

2. Participants in Sunday's London Marathon are reminded to prepare themselves for the rain showers and dark and dreary weather.

3. Rays began to shine with a sparkling light off the Bondi Beach as the morning sun rose over the water.

4. Can I know the reason why you just shouted loudly at everyone ?

P. Fill in each blank with ONE word that has an **opposite** meaning to the underlined word(s). The words you provide must be from the story. (4% @1%)

1. She opened the presents unenthusiastically.

2. When it comes to exams, Amy is always calm and relaxed.

3. Last summer, we waded through the deep water to look for tadpoles.

4. I walked to school every day with my brother along a long, smooth and even trail in the forest.

Q. Isabel is reading an article about space tourism. Read the article carefully. (Total: 10 marks)

Is Space Tourism a Good Thing?

Many dream of becoming an astronaut because they want to travel to space.

Nowadays, you do not need to undergo years of training to do that; you only need to have the money. In 2001, a US multi-millionaire, Dennis Tito, orbited the Earth and
5 spent eight days in space, which marked the beginning of space tourism. Tito said that it had been a wonderful experience, but it was said that he had paid US\$20 million for his trip. In the following eight years, a total of six more tourists made their own space flights.

Although space tourism is the ultimate dream of many, some people wondered whether such a potentially **perilous** journey was worth the risk.

10 Sending humans into space is always a dangerous endeavor. On 31 October 2014, a spaceship crashed in the Mojave Desert during a test flight, killing one pilot and seriously injuring another. It is believed that the spaceship's device was not well developed. Apart from horrible accidents, there is lack of fresh air and a suitable living environment which may affect one's physical and mental health. People are not able to predict how their bodies will react in different environmental conditions.

15 Some think that **we** may eventually find another planet where humans can live. This will certainly be of great help since the natural resources on Earth are getting consumed quickly and the planet may soon become unlivable, as a result of either destructive human activities or natural disasters. This may sound like science fiction, but the threat is real because we really do not know very much about the universe. We ought to be more cautious about our endeavors in space.

20 Although space companies claim that sending tourists into space does not negatively impact the environment, scientists studying climate change do not agree. Particles emitted by rockets could actually remain in the Earth's atmosphere for years. Scientists believe that in the end, the substances from spacecrafts will contribute to atmospheric heating at a higher rate than carbon dioxide production.

Space tourism is not without its merits, but at present, it seems more for the purpose of satisfying
25 the rich's craving for the thrills rather than for the greater good of humanity. A space tourist, Guy Laliberte, paid US\$30 million for his trip to space in 2009 while a ride on Virgin Galactic's spaceship for a few minutes in space is estimated to cost US\$250,000. Some say that the cost of space travel will go down over time and our great grandchildren in the future will travel into space for their holidays, but for now, space travel remains an expensive and risky business.

Circle the best answer for questions 1-5.(Total:6%)

1. In paragraph 1, people who travel to space need to be _____.
 - a. rich
 - b. caring
 - c. professional
 - d. brave

2. In line 9, "perilous" means _____.
 - a. exciting
 - b. precious
 - c. dangerous
 - d. happy

3. What does 'we' in paragraph refer to?
 - a. the government
 - b. humans
 - c. astronauts
 - d. Dennis Tito and Virgin Galactic

4. Which of the following is the positive impact of space tourism?
 - a. Find another planet where humans can live
 - b. Help to solve the problem of poverty
 - c. To prove that the tourists are millionaires
 - d. To explore the universe and have fun

5. According to the article, which TWO of the following statements are **FALSE**? You may circle more than ONE answer.(2 marks)
 - a. At present, space travel is affordable.
 - b. Space companies and scientists have different views on the benefits of space travel.
 - c. Space tourism is generally viewed positively by the writer.
 - d. From 2001 to 2009, there were seven tourists who travelled to space.

An astronaut is writing a diary entry about his space trip. Fill in the blanks with suitable words from the text. Use only **ONE** word for each blank. You may have to change the form of some words to make it grammatically correct.(4% @1%)

20 June 2050

I've been away from Earth for three months now. Seeing the moon (6)_____ around the Earth every day is very exciting. Despite all the facilities and equipment on the spaceship, life as an astronaut is still hard. I haven't breathed any (7)_____ air for weeks now. My body is (8)_____ quite badly these days due to the weightless environment and I feel sick all the time. I always have to remind myself that my duty is to find a new planet since most of the resources on the Earth have been (9)_____ .

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