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English Language

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Instructions to Candidates:

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Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

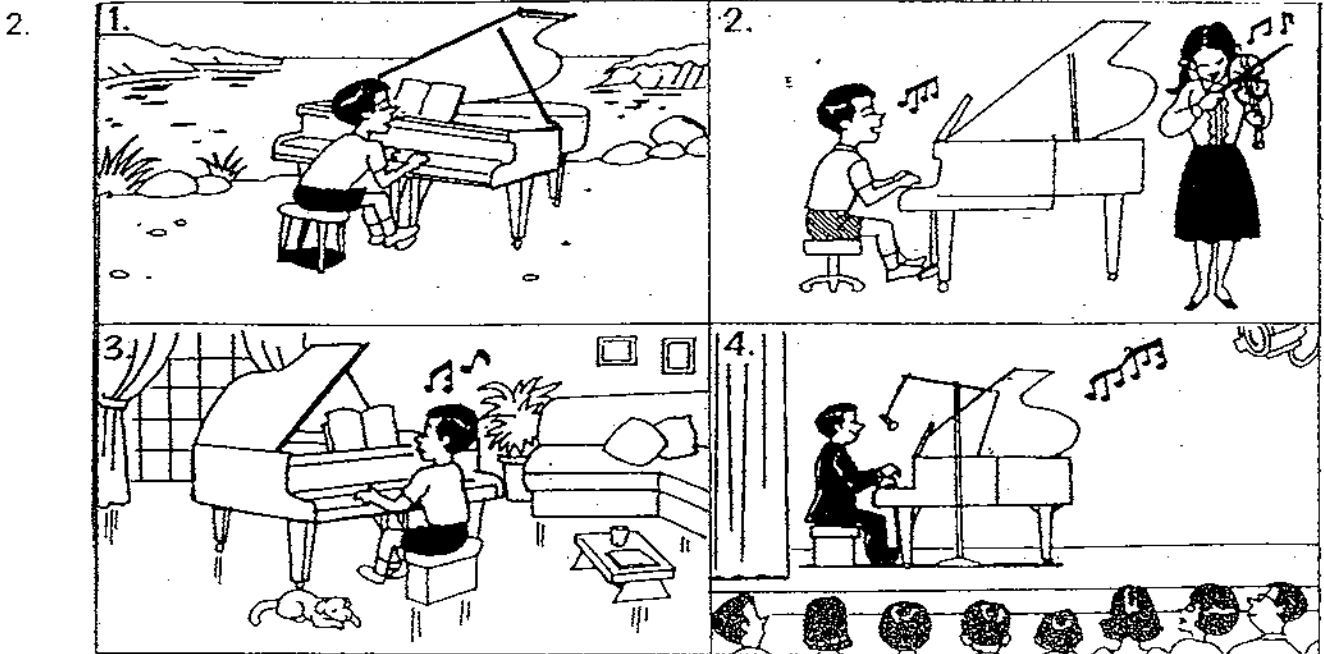
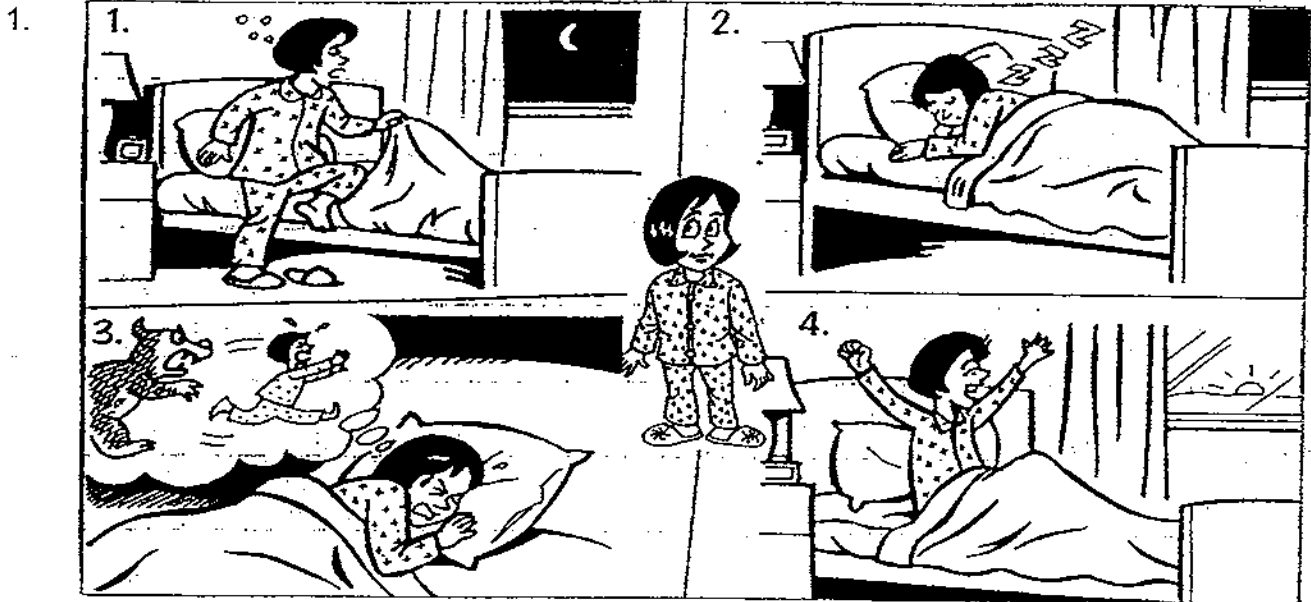
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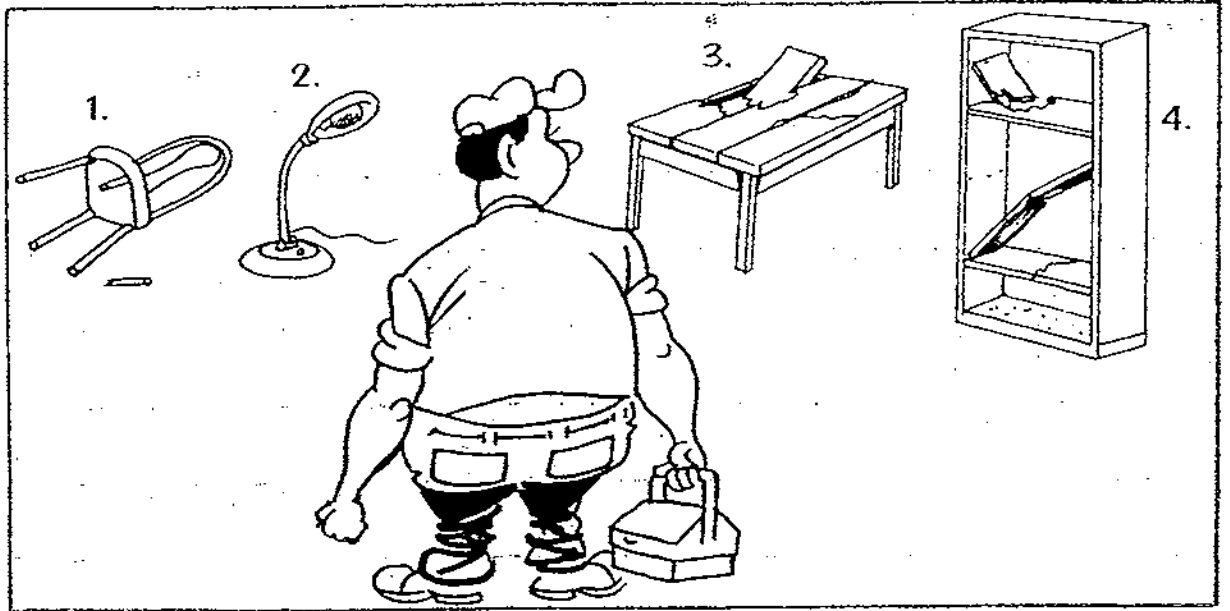
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Section A : Listening Comprehension MCQ (4 x 1 mark)

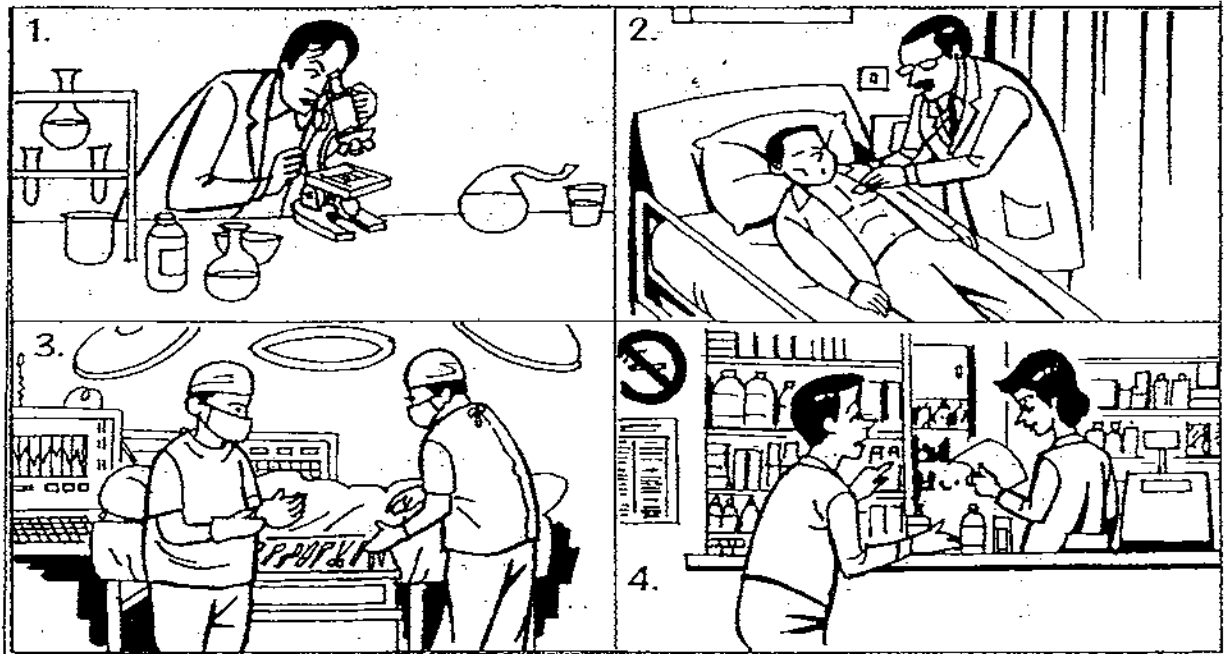
Look at the set of pictures. Listen carefully to your teacher and choose the picture that best describes the statement read. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.



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Section B : Vocabulary MCQ (8 x 1mark)

Read the questions carefully. Choose the most suitable answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.

5. Steven was _____ to go to bed as his favourite programme was showing on television.
- (1) fretful (2) anxious
(3) reluctant (4) apprehensive
6. We finally reached the _____ of the mountain after climbing for eight hours.
- (1) end (2) roof
(3) head (4) summit
7. Jeanne was _____ when Marie could not understand her even after numerous explanations.
- (1) ecstatic (2) elated
(3) exasperated (4) enchanted
8. Aunt Abigail is a _____ lady. She goes to church to pray every day.
- (1) pious (2) refined
(3) merciful (4) generous
9. The hinges of the door _____ every time someone opens or shuts the door. The sound is irritating everyone in the family.
- (1) ring (2) slam
(3) screech (4) creak
10. Magdeline went on a shopping _____ to celebrate her birthday.
- (1) route (2) spree
(3) voyage (4) expedition

11. The food at the buffet _____ my appetite. I could not wait to try them.

(1) aroused

(2) whetted

(3) tempted

(4) enhanced

12. Jason _____ in pain when the Chinese physician massaged his sprained ankle.

(1) pouted

(2) sulked

(3) whined

(4) grimaced

Section C : Grammar MCQ (12 x 1 mark)

Read the questions carefully. Choose the most suitable answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.

13. We have to go to school _____ because the school bus has broken down.
(1) myself (2) yourself
(3) ourselves (4) themselves
14. Joel _____ not home when I visited him just now.
(1) is (2) are
(3) was (4) were
15. The artist cannot _____ any painting without his favourite paintbrush.
(1) do (2) did
(3) does (4) done
16. You _____ avoid strenuous exercise when you have just recovered from an illness.
(1) could (2) might
(3) would (4) should
17. Neither Suyin nor her sisters _____ to go cycling because their favourite cartoon programme is on television now.
(1) want (2) wanted
(3) wanting (4) had wanted
18. Old Mrs Chan _____ whenever she is reminded of her deceased husband.
(1) cry (2) cried
(3) cries (4) crying

19. Mother instructed us to put all our old toys _____ in the storeroom.
- (1) off (2) away
(3) over (4) across
20. Our parents _____ to take us to Japan for a holiday this coming June.
- (1) is going (2) are going
(3) was going (4) were going
21. Our neighbourhood could be clean and pest free _____ all the residents dispose of their refuse properly.
- (1) if (2) so
(3) while (4) although
22. "_____ are you going to hand in your homework?" asked Miss Parvin.
- (1) Who (2) What
(3) When (4) Where
23. This dish tastes awful because the maid has added too _____ salt.
- (1) few (2) less
(3) many (4) much
24. "Does Vivien _____ how to bowl?" asked Jonas.
- (1) know (2) knows
(3) knew (4) known

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Section D : Graphic Stimulus (5 x 1 mark)

Study the advertisement carefully and answer the questions that follow.

HOLIDAY FUN

Starting 14th March 2009

Exciting shows for kids!



Performances by
world-renowned
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| FANTASTIC TALES | MIME & PUPPET SHOW | THE MAGIC CAR |
| <p>Dates: 14 – 16 March '09</p> <p>Venue: Benjamin Theatre</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Free Admission</p> <p>3 stories shared by storyteller, Ms Liz Reine, member of Australian Story Club. Audience is strongly encouraged to participate in this interactive session.</p> <p>Suitable for all ages.</p> | <p>Dates: 17 – 19 March '09</p> <p>Venue: The Candy Room</p> <p>Tickets at \$3 and \$5 each</p> <p>British mime artist, Sean King, in his famous one-man performance, invites you to his world of childhood dreams.</p> <p>For ages 1 - 4.</p> | <p>Dates: 17, 19 & 21 March '09</p> <p>Venue: Raffles Theatre</p> <p>Tickets at \$5 and \$8 each.</p> <p>Kate finds a magic car that drives her to faraway lands. Join Kate as she meets different creatures during her travels. This is based on a novel by American writer, Betty Cook.</p> <p>Best suited for ages 3 – 8 years.</p> |
| <p><i>Official Sponsor: The Children's Toyland Ltd</i></p> | | |

Choose the correct answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.

25. "Fantastic Tales" is performed by a storyteller from _____.
- (1) Britain
 - (2) Australia
 - (3) Singapore
 - (4) The United States
26. Betty Cook _____.
- (1) likes to travel
 - (2) tells interesting stories
 - (3) presents puppet shows
 - (4) writes novels for children
27. Which performance is suitable for a ten-year-old child?
- (1) Holiday Fun
 - (2) The Magic Car
 - (3) Fantastic Tales
 - (4) Mime & Puppet Show
28. How much does it cost to watch "Fantastic Tales"?
- (1) It costs \$3.
 - (2) It costs \$5.
 - (3) It costs \$8.
 - (4) There is no charge.
29. Kate is a/an _____.
- (1) author
 - (2) storyteller
 - (3) puppeteer
 - (4) character in a play

Section E : Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Six years ago, 'Blue', a South African vervet monkey, was smuggled into Singapore by a sailor and sold to a local family who kept him as an illegal pet. As 'Blue' grew up, he started to bite. This made the family decide to give him away. They approached the International Primate Protection League (IPPL) for help but they were not able to find him a new home.

'Blue' eventually ended up in the Singapore Zoo while the locally-based Animal Concerns Research and Education Society (Acres) continued to search for a home for him. The Zoo was unable to keep him permanently because it did not have this species of monkey in its collection and had no plans to exhibit it. Then good news came in February 2004. A sanctuary in Africa offered 'Blue' a permanent home.

When the Singapore Zoo officials took over 'Blue', he was underweight. Vervet monkeys eat grass, fruit, nuts and invertebrates, but 'Blue' was fed only rice. The family that kept 'Blue' illegally was fined for keeping a vervet monkey because it is a protected species. 'Blue' spent about a year in the Singapore Zoo before heading home for Africa.

Apart from vervet monkeys, other endangered animals were not spared. A man tried to smuggle 41 parrot eggs from Singapore to Australia. Fortunately, he was caught by the Australian Customs in Sydney. Had the smuggler been successful in hatching the eggs, he would have made about \$319,000 from the sale of these endangered birds.

Of the 41 eggs seized by the Australian customs, five were kept in Australia as evidence to charge the smuggler. The embryos in two of the eggs died, and the other 34 eggs were flown back to Singapore the next day. The Australian authorities decided to donate the eggs to Jurong BirdPark because it had world-class quarantine and excellent conservation facilities. About a month later, the Jurong BirdPark managed to hatch 20 of the eggs. The embryos in the remaining 14 eggs did not develop.

These birds could have been someone's illegal pets or worse, they could have died on their way to Australia. Now they are all happy residents of the Jurong BirdPark.

Adapted from Wildlife Wonders

Choose the correct answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.

30. This passage is mainly about _____.
- (1) smugglers
 - (2) parrot eggs
 - (3) vervet monkeys
 - (4) protected animals
31. Blue was underweight because he _____.
- (1) was not fed
 - (2) was a fussy eater
 - (3) was given only rice
 - (4) ate grass, fruit, nuts and invertebrates
32. _____ eventually found a proper home for Blue.
- (1) The Singapore Zoo
 - (2) A sanctuary in Africa
 - (3) The International Primate Protection League
 - (4) Animal Concerns Research and Education Society
33. How many of the 41 eggs were finally hatched?
- (1) 14
 - (2) 20
 - (3) 34
 - (4) 41
34. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as "against the law" ?
- (1) illegal
 - (2) charge
 - (3) smuggle
 - (4) quarantine

Section F : Vocabulary Cloze (8 x 1 mark)

Read the following passage carefully. Choose the most suitable answer from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to K) in each blank. The letter 'I' has been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking. **Use each word only once.**

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| (A) asked | (B) consulted | (C) created | (D) dedicated | (E) donate | (F) fatalities |
| (G) formed | (H) genuine | (J) pledged | (K) raise | (L) reality | (M) survivors |

Many avid action movie fans know Jet Li as the kung fu master. But not many know that he was one of the (35) _____ of the 2004 tsunami. In the time between the tsunami and the 2008 Sichuan earthquake, Li transformed his life. He (36) _____ much of his time to helping the victims of disaster and the less fortunate.

Li felt that simply donating money was not good enough. He wanted to make a (37) _____ difference. In January 2005, Li (38) _____ 500,000 yuan to start a non-profit foundation to help victims of disasters, but he was clueless where to start. He then (39) _____ academics around the world and philanthropic organizations to learn what made a successful non-profit organization. 'One Foundation' was finally (40) _____ in April 2007.

The idea behind 'One Foundation' is simple: think big by thinking small. Since starting in China till this day, Li has set out to (41) _____ one yuan from every person he meets.

'I believe helping each other starts with the individuals. It is everybody's responsibility to give. If everyone gives one yuan every month, it will add up to billions of dollars,' said Li.

To make this idea a (42) _____, 'One Foundation' has teamed up with Chinese leading companies to reduce operating costs. The foundation is about two years old now and it has raised nearly \$16 million, proving the power of Li's simple idea.

Adapted from <http://www.onefoundation.cn>



Section G : Grammar Cloze (8 x 1 mark)

Read the following passages carefully. Choose the most suitable answer from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank. Use each word only once.

Passage A

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| (A) any | (B) few | (C) many |
| (D) less | (E) little | (F) some |

Mother wanted to bake a cake for my brother's birthday but there wasn't (43) _____ flour left in the kitchen. So, I went to the supermarket to get (44) _____ flour.

'How (45) _____ brands of plain flour do you have?' I asked the shop assistant.

'We have five different brands,' answered the shop assistant.

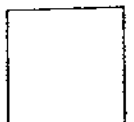
I selected the brand that Mother frequently uses and proceeded to pay for my purchase.

I queued for a long time as there were only a (46) _____ cashiers working.

Passage B

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| (A) better | (B) best | (C) highest |
| (D) elder | (E) eldest | (F) well |

Mrs Tham has four daughters, Amy, Belle, Cindy and Denise. Amy is the (47) _____ girl who enjoys playing the piano. Belle and Cindy like to dance but Belle can dance (48) _____ than Cindy. All four girls love to play badminton but Denise is the (49) _____ player. When they have a game together, Denise always scores the (50) _____ number of points.



Section H : Comprehension Cloze (6 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Fill in each blank with the most suitable word.

St Valentine's Day falls on 14th February. It is a holiday (51) _____ by many people throughout the world. In the West, it is the traditional day on which lovers (52) _____ their love for each other by sending Valentine's Day cards, flowers, confectionery and even jewellery.

Some students use this day to write notes of appreciation to their (53) _____. According to one legend, St Valentine was a Christian who was executed on 14th February for refusing to renounce his religion. While waiting in (54) _____ for his execution, Valentine was reported to have sent messages of (55) _____ to his friends, as well as healed the blind daughter of his jailer.

It is estimated that one billion Valentine's Day cards are (56) _____ worldwide each year. This makes it the second largest card-sending day of the year, after Christmas.

Adapted from: <http://en.wikipedia.org>



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Section I : Comprehension Open-ended (5 x 2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Write your answers in complete sentences.

Joan of Arc, in French, Jeanne d'Arc, was born in 1412. She was the third of five children to a farmer, Jacques d'Arc and his wife Isabelle de Vouthon. Her childhood was spent tending her father's herds in the fields and learning housekeeping skills from her mother.

When Joan was about twelve years old, she began hearing 'voices'. Joan was convinced they were the voice of God urging her to raise an army to drive the English forces out of France. These voices told her that that was her mission. They told her to cut her hair, dress in men's uniform and take up arms.

At the age of seventeen, Joan begged and pestered the authorities to allow her to see King Charles VII. Finally, they granted her request. Joan told the King and his men that she had received instructions from God. Nobody took her seriously as she was only a young girl, but Joan was persistent. Since King Charles' army was repeatedly defeated by the English, he eventually relented and put Joan in charge of an army in the city of Orleans.

In the battle of Orleans in May 1429, Joan led the troops to a miraculous victory over the English. She continued fighting the English and gained victory in several other locations. Unfortunately, Joan was captured and sold to the English in 1430. The English, in turn, handed her over to the Catholic church to be tried for witchcraft. She was told that it was a crime against God for a woman to wear men's clothing. Her determination to continue wearing it was seen as defiance and that finally sealed her fate. Joan was convicted on May 30, 1431. She was burnt to death.

In 1456, when the war was over, Joan's mother appealed to the authorities for a retrial. A second trial was held and Joan was pronounced innocent of the charges against her. She became a heroine of France and was declared a saint in 1909.

Adapted from www.distinguishedwomen.com

Answer the following questions. Write your answers in complete sentences.

57. Whom did Joan believe the 'voices' come from?

58. What was Joan's mission?

59. Why do you think no one took Joan seriously ~~at first~~?

60. From the passage, give another word that has the same meaning as 'gave in'.

61. Why was Joan's victory at Orleans described as miraculous?



Section J : Note-Taking (4 x 1 mark)

Listen carefully to your teacher. Each blank, from Q62 to Q65, should be filled with one word or short phrases. As you listen, fill in the blanks with the information given.

You are on a plane. Listen to the pre-flight announcement and take down the details.

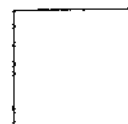
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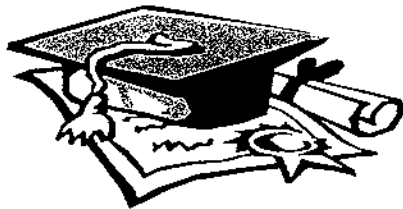
63. Destination : _____

64. Duration of flight : _____

65. Remember to switch off : _____

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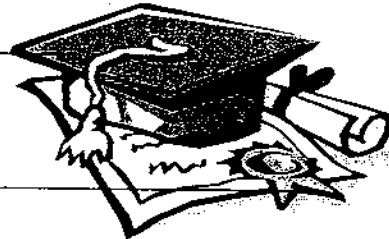
ANSWER SHEET

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51)celebrated 52)show 53)friends 54)jail 55)love

56)sent

57)She believed that the 'voices' came from God.

58)Joan's mission was to raise an army to drive the English forces out of France.

59)Joan was only a young girl.

60)It is "relented".

61)She was a young girl who could lead the troops to victory when the army under the king was repeatedly defeated.

