



NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL  
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2 - 2011  
PRIMARY 5

ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
PAPER 2

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Class: Pr. 5 \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 14 October 2011

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Total Time for booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

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

**BOOKLET A**

**Section A – Graphic-Stimulus Comprehension (5 x 1 mark)**

*Study the following poster and answer questions 1 to 5.*

# VELOCITY B-BALL BATTLE 2011

26 AUG – 11 SEP 2011

## PRESENTED BY: SHANDI

You've played on the courts. Now play in the cage. Unleash the B-Ball warrior in you. Shoot, pass or even fly through the air for a dunk. Whatever you do, bring out your best! \$15,000 worth of cash and prizes are-up for grabs.

# RULE THE CAGE

## HAVE YOU GOT GAME?

Pick up a registration form at Velocity Customer Service Counter or download from [www.velocity.com](http://www.velocity.com)

Limited places only!



### 3-ON-3 CAGE BASKETBALL COMPETITION

Registration Fee: \$90 per team (each player will receive a free SHANDI jersey and goodie bag worth \$70)

#### CATEGORIES#

Men's Under-16, Men's Under-19 and Men's Open\*

#### DATES

3, 4, 10 Sep (Preliminaries) & 11 Sep (Finals) 2011

#### PRIZES

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Cash and prizes worth \$1200 and gold medals
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Cash and prizes worth \$800 and silver medals
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Cash and prizes worth \$450 and bronze medals

#Each player can only sign up for one category.

\*Men's Open players must be 24 years old and below.

### SLAM DUNK COMPETITION

Registration Fee: Free

Open to all aged 12 and above

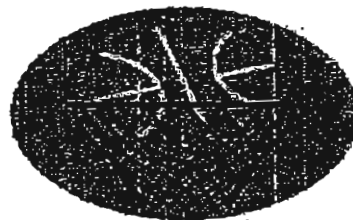
Limited to 50 participants only

#### DATES

10 Sep (Preliminaries) & 11 Sep (Finals) 2011

#### PRIZES

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Cash and prizes worth \$1000 and gold medal
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Cash and prizes worth \$500 and silver medal
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Cash and prizes worth \$350 and bronze medal

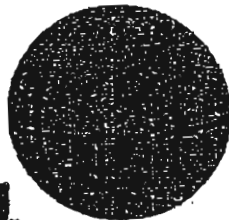


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## SHANDI

## Velocity

the dedicated sports mall



### SHOOT-N-WIN!

Spend \$50 at the SHANDI outlet at Velocity to get your shot at the basketball machine and win exclusive premiums. Daily top scorers will win a SHANDI basketball and Velocity shopping vouchers. What's more, get a limited edition black SHANDI basketball with a minimum spending of \$150<sup>^</sup>.

**SHOPPERS' ALERT!**

## COPARI

 Energy Drink

<sup>^</sup>Maximum 3 same-day combined receipts allowed. Limited to one redemption per shopper per day.

For each question, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice and shade the corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

1. The main purpose of the Velocity B-Ball Battle is to \_\_\_\_\_.
- 1) promote SHANDI products
  - 2) entice people to shop at Velocity
  - 3) create awareness about playing basketball in cages
  - 4) provide opportunities for basketball players to showcase their talents
- ( )
2. To register for the competitions, interested parties will have to \_\_\_\_\_.
- 1) pay \$70 for registration fees
  - 2) purchase SHANDI products
  - 3) collect the registration form from Velocity
  - 4) sign up on Velocity's website at [www.velocity.com](http://www.velocity.com)
- ( )
3. Registered players in the Men's Open category Basketball Competition \_\_\_\_\_.
- 1) cannot be older than 24 years old
  - 2) can take part in the Men's Under-16
  - 3) stand to win \$15,000 worth of prizes
  - 4) have to turn up only on 10 and 11 September 2011
- ( )
4. People who wish to take part in the Slam Dunk Competition \_\_\_\_\_.
- 1) do not have to register
  - 2) have to be males aged 12 and above
  - 3) need to spend \$50 on SHANDI products
  - 4) must be among the first 50 people to register for it
- ( )
5. Based on the information in the poster, which one of the following statements is **true**?
- 1) Copari Energy Drink is an organiser of the Velocity B-Ball Battle.
  - 2) The Shoot-N-Win Competition runs from 26 August to 11 September 2011.
  - 3) The winners for the Men's Under-16 will only receive cash and prizes worth \$1200.
  - 4) Shoppers need to spend \$150 at the SHANDI outlet in Velocity to take part in Shoot-N-Win.
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**Section C – Punctuation Discrete (3 x 1 mark)**

For each question from 13 to 15, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

“A byshel of coal, please,” said Joe, handing the coal man the jute bag.  
The big man led the way to the coal sheds and filled the bag with shining black nuggets.  
“Boy, oh, boy,” whispered Jane (13) “don’t you wish all that coal was in our own barn?”  
“All right,” said the man, lugging the bag to the sled (14) “A dollar and twenty cents.”  
Joe felt in his pocket for the money and was startled. It wasn’t there! His heart leapt into his throat. Hadn’t he put that five-dollar bill in his coat pocket (15) He felt again very carefully. But the money was not there.

*Adapted from “The Moffats” by Eleanor Estes*

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|-----|----|---------|------------------------------|-----|
| 13. | 1) | [ , ]   | comma                        |     |
|     | 2) | [ . ]   | full stop                    |     |
|     | 3) | [ ? ]   | question mark                |     |
|     | 4) | [ ! ]   | exclamation mark             | ( ) |
| 14. | 1) | [ , ]   | comma                        |     |
|     | 2) | [ . ]   | full stop                    |     |
|     | 3) | [ , " ] | comma and inverted comma     |     |
|     | 4) | [ . " ] | full stop and inverted comma | ( ) |
| 15. | 1) | [ , ]   | comma                        |     |
|     | 2) | [ . ]   | full stop                    |     |
|     | 3) | [ ? ]   | question mark                |     |
|     | 4) | [ ! ]   | exclamation mark             | ( ) |

**Section D – Vocabulary (5 x 1 mark)**

For each question from 16 to 20, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice and shade the corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

16. The thick black smoke from the huge fire at the factory was so \_\_\_\_\_ that the trapped workers were struggling to get a whiff of fresh air.

- 1) musty
- 2) stifling
- 3) aromatic
- 4) intoxicating

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17. The soldier was \_\_\_\_\_ from the army after having served in World War II.

- 1) freed
- 2) expelled
- 3) released
- 4) discharged

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18. Kevin is always getting upset with everyone over the slightest thing. He is \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) a white elephant
- 2) a snake in the grass
- 3) barking up the wrong tree
- 4) like a bear with a sore head

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19. When the kidnapper walked into the room with a gleaming knife in his hands, the hostages were filled with a sense of \_\_\_\_\_ doom.

- 1) critical
- 2) eminent
- 3) discerning
- 4) impending

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20. You need to clean the wound regularly with this solution to prevent it from turning \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) septic
- 2) sterile
- 3) contagious
- 4) contaminated

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**Section E – Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)**

For each question from 21 to 25, choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Shade the corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

The smell of freshly baked scones (21)drifted towards us as we stepped into the quaint restaurant by the sidewalk. After having been out exploring the town the whole morning, we were relieved to be able to find a place to rest our weary feet. The restaurant was (22)extravagantly decorated with expensive chandeliers and beautiful oil paintings. On each table, lay gleaming cutlery and a vase of fresh roses. It was (23)obvious that the owner of the restaurant had put in much effort to make the whole place very inviting.

After we were (24)led to our seats, the waiter handed us the menu. We placed our orders and a while later, our dishes were served. As I tucked into the main course—(25)juicy and delicious pieces of grilled beef, I savoured every morsel of it. It was a most memorable dining experience indeed!

*Adapted from Review on Alfredo's Italian Restaurant, Atlanta*

21. 1) blew  
2) sailed  
3) wafted  
4) hovered ( )
22. 1) lavishly  
2) elegantly  
3) beautifully  
4) abundantly ( )
23. 1) usual  
2) assumed  
3) apparent  
4) perceived ( )
24. 1) followed  
2) ushered  
3) introduced  
4) accompanied ( )
25. 1) tangy  
2) luscious  
3) succulent  
4) nourishing ( )

**Section F – Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1 mark)**

Read the given passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

Kino was a young athletic boy who was hungry for success. To him, winning was everything and success was measured by such a result. One day, Kino participated in a running competition in his small native village. He would be competing with two other boys his age. A large crowd had congregated to witness the sporting spectacle and a wise old man was among them.

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The race commenced and the runners were neck and neck coming to the finishing line. Kino dug his heels into the ground. Summoning all his strength, he was first to cross the finishing line. The crowd went wild, cheering and waving at Kino. The wise old man, however, remained calm, his face betraying no emotion. Kino felt proud and important as always, although he was a little perturbed by the old man's reaction.

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A second race was called, and two new challengers, both younger and fitter, came forward to race with Kino. The race started and he emerged victorious again. Kino thought with a smirk on his face, "I'm sure he will cheer for me this time." Still, the wise old man remained expressionless. Kino, by now, giddy with success, cried out, "Another race, another race! Who dares to challenge me?"

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The wise old man stepped forward and presented Kino with two new challengers—an elderly frail lady and a blind man.

"This is no race!" Kino exclaimed with an incredulous look on his face.

"Race!" said the wise old man. The race started and Kino was the only finisher. The other two challengers were left standing at the starting line. Kino was elated at his third win and raised his arms in delight. However, silence filled the air.

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"What happened? Why did the people not join in my success?" he asked the wise old man.

"Do you think your victory was pleasing to the crowd? Race again, but," urged the wise man, "this time, the three of you should finish the race together."

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The race started and Kino moved off a little slower than usual. After twenty metres, he stopped in his tracks. The challengers were still far away. Kino paused for a moment. He understood what he had to do. He returned and stood in the middle of the blind man and the frail old lady. Taking the two challengers by the hand, Kino walked slowly to the finishing line and crossed it amidst thunderous applause. The wise old man smiled, gently nodding his head.

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Placing his hands on Kino's shoulders, the wise old man looked into Kino's eyes and whispered, "Little boy, for this race you have won much more than in any race you have ever run before, and for this race, the crowd cheer not for any winner!"

*Adapted from Inspiring Words for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*



For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Choose the correct answer and shade the corresponding oval on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

26. According to the passage, Kino felt \_\_\_\_\_ about the wise old man's reaction after the first race.

- 1) deranged
- 2) disturbed
- 3) depressed
- 4) displeased

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27. According to paragraph one, which of the following statements is true?

- 1) Kino could not bear the thought of losing.
- 2) Kino won every race that he had competed in.
- 3) Kino's competitors were from his native village.
- 4) The wise old man had come specially to watch Kino run.

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28. The word "he" in line 13 refers to \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) Kino
- 2) the blind man
- 3) Kino's competitor
- 4) the wise old man

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29. Why was the crowd silent after the third race?

- 1) They were too tired to cheer anymore.
- 2) They did not think that Kino had won gloriously.
- 3) They were warned by the wise old man to remain silent.
- 4) They felt it was unnecessary to cheer since Kino would win anyway.

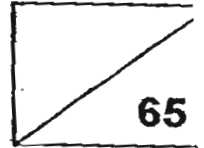
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30. Which one of the following is the most suitable title for this story?

- 1) 'The Race'
- 2) 'Winning is Not Everything'
- 3) 'Kino, the Champion Athlete'
- 4) 'Sayings from a Wise Old Man'

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Booklet B.

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**Section G – Grammar Cloze (10 x 1 mark)**

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40 in the passage below. From the list of words in the box, choose the most suitable answer for each blank and write its letter (A to Q) in it. The letters "I" and "O" have been omitted to avoid confusion in marking.

Use each word only **ONCE**.

<del>A</del> ) and	<del>B</del> ) before	<del>C</del> ) have	<del>D</del> ) may	<del>E</del> ) up
<del>F</del> ) after	<del>G</del> ) down	<del>H</del> ) in	<del>I</del> ) more	<del>J</del> ) whom
<del>K</del> ) among	<del>L</del> ) has	<del>M</del> ) little	<del>N</del> ) should	<del>O</del> ) whose

Myopia or shortsightedness is a big concern (31) \_\_\_\_\_ Singaporeans as more children are getting myopic at a younger age. In addition, myopia also progresses faster (32) \_\_\_\_\_ our children compared to those from other countries. Severe myopia can cause complications that (33) \_\_\_\_\_ lead to blindness.

Myopia (34) \_\_\_\_\_ certain risk factors. A child (35) \_\_\_\_\_ parents have myopia will have a higher chance of developing it. Environmental (36) \_\_\_\_\_ behavioural factors may also contribute to myopia.

While there is (37) \_\_\_\_\_ we can do to change our genes, we can control the amount of continuous work we do. The simplest way is to take regular vision breaks of three to five minutes by looking at distant objects (38) \_\_\_\_\_ about thirty minutes of continuous work. Also, we can cut (39) \_\_\_\_\_ the amount of time spent on work by exercising or playing outdoors more often. We (40) \_\_\_\_\_ maintain appropriate distances when doing work or watching television. Try to sit at least two metres from the screen when watching television or playing video games.

*Adapted from The Launch of Eye Care Week, Ministry of Health, 25 July 2005*

**Section H – Editing for Spelling and Grammar (10 x 1 mark)**

Correct each word in bold for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box.

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Just before noon on January 28, 1986, hordes of people gathered in **entispasion** to

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watch the space shuttle Challenger lift off. However, that excifing and hope soon turned into

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disbelief. Seven **estrownots** on board Challenger were killed when the space shuttle

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exploded seventy-three seconds after liftoff. The **hoariphic** image of that massive fireball in,

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the sky was witnessed by many people who watched the Challenger's **lornc** live on

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television or in person. In his speech to comforting the nation, President Ronald Reagan

said, "It's part of the process of exploration and discovery. The future doesn't belong to the

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fainthearted; it belonged to the brave..."

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The Challenger explosion deals a major blow to America's space agency. The shuttle

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programme was grounded for nearly three years in the wake of the **deezaster** as the agency

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investigated its cause. Ultimately, the investigation into the disaster proved that they could

have been prevented. Twenty-five years later, the disaster still evokes much pain in many.

**Section I – Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)**

*Fill in each blank with a suitable word.*

The dinosaurs are coming. Singapore will be home to three dinosaur skeletons thanks to an anonymous (51) \_\_\_\_\_ who stepped in with a multi-million dollar donation over the weekend. The last-minute donation helped secure the fossils (52) \_\_\_\_\_ their American sellers.

After raising (53) \_\_\_\_\_ raise \$8 million to buy the three near-complete skeletons, the Raffles Museum of Biodiversity Research sealed the (54) \_\_\_\_\_ on Monday. The sale almost did not go through, after the museum (55) \_\_\_\_\_ the deadline set by the sellers, Dinosauria International. The museum had only (56) \_\_\_\_\_ to raise \$2 million of the amount needed to secure the fossils. It pleaded for an extension—something the owners of Dinosauria International (57) \_\_\_\_\_ to despite having other offers. They wanted to sell the bones to an academic institution or museum that would (58) \_\_\_\_\_ them for education and research.

The three dinosaur skeletons (59) \_\_\_\_\_ found between 2007 and last year in a quarry in the small town of Ten Sleep. Discovered together, the two adults and one baby are diplodocid sauropod dinosaurs, among the biggest animals to walk on Earth (60) \_\_\_\_\_ years ago. Two of them—nicknamed Apollo and Prince measure 24 metres in length, while the baby dinosaur, Twinky, is 12 metres (61) \_\_\_\_\_. Each skeleton is about 80 per cent complete, a rarity in sauropod dinosaur discoveries where finds are (62) \_\_\_\_\_ less than 30 per cent complete. The skeletons are the largest and most complete (63) \_\_\_\_\_ of fossils Dinosauria International has sold.

The bones will be the star (64) \_\_\_\_\_ at the Lee Kong Chian Natural History Museum—the new name of Raffles Museum when it opens in 2014. The 7,500sq m museum will showcase the Raffles Museum's (65) \_\_\_\_\_ of

500,000 specimens of South-east Asian animals. It will be built at the National University of Singapore at a cost of \$46 million.

*Adapted from "Mystery donation clinches dinosaur deal", The Straits Times, 7 September 2011*

**Section J – Synthesis / Transformation (5 x 2 marks)**

*For questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of the sentence must be the same as the given one(s).*

66. Both Ruth and Rani have not been to Korea.

**Neither** \_\_\_\_\_ **nor** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

67. Megan decided to take up the job although the salary was low.

**Despite** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

68. You must finish your work or you will not be allowed to leave the room.

\_\_\_\_\_ **until** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

69. "Don't reveal my secret to anyone," Tom reminded Janet.

**Tom reminded Janet** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

70. The volume of the television must be turned down. If not, the neighbours will complain.

\_\_\_\_\_ **so that** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Section K – Comprehension (10 x 2 marks)**

*Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.*

We were walking along the northern rim of Kenya's Nairobi National Park when a few upright figures in bright green coats and white safari hats appeared, calling out names in high-pitched voices, "Kalama! Kitirua!" All at once, a procession of baby elephants emerged. After some time, they came to rest beneath the trees before the keepers will lead them on a long trek home. Home is the Nairobi nursery of the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust (DSWT), the world's most successful orphan-elephant rescue and rehabilitation centre. The nursery takes in orphan elephants from all over Kenya, many of whom are victims of poaching or human-wildlife conflict. Elephant keepers raise them until they no longer depend on milk. Then, the elephants are moved to two holding centres in Tsavo National Park. There, for up to ten years, the elephants learn to live in natural surroundings before they are finally released back into the wild.

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Back at the Nairobi nursery, the baby elephants returned for their six o'clock feeding. After a full day of trekking, the elephants broke into a full sprint on seeing the line of keepers holding up huge bottles of milk before each of the stables. A major commotion took place when they arrived. The keepers had made changes to their stable assignments to make room for a new arrival. Elephants hate alterations to their routine. The nursery's veteran keeper, Mishak Nzimbi—the favourite among the orphans—intervened when the other keepers were unable to keep the peace. With a wave of a raised hand and one stern utterance, the residents settled into place, and proceeded to gulp down gallons of milk in seconds.

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"The control the keepers have over these elephants, without even a stick or anything is amazing!" marvelled Angela, the executive director of DSWT. "It all stems from the elephants' desire to please someone they love."

We walked over to Murka's stable. "She had been found with a spear lodged in her head. The vets didn't expect her to make it through the first night," Angela said, as Murka, with only the slightest scar on her forehead to show for her brutal ordeal, approached the half-opened door of her stable. "She was one extremely traumatised little elephant when she first woke up, lashing out at everyone—and rightly so. But slowly, she began to trust people again. And it wasn't just our doing. She would never have recovered so quickly without the help of the other elephants."

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All around us, elephants and keepers were settling in for the night. Each elephant slept with a different keeper every night to prevent it from getting too attached to a particular person—and perhaps vice versa. Preparing his bed above Murka's straw bed, Nzimbi turned on a small radio perched by his pillow. I asked if the radio had an alarm clock to wake him up for the elephants' feedings.

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"Every three hours you feel a trunk reach up and pull your blankets off. Do I need an alarm clock?" he answered, smiling.

Adapted from *Orphan Elephants*, *National Geographic Magazine*

For each question from 71 to 80, write your answer in the space provided. All answers must be in complete sentences.

71. Explain fully who the "upright figures in bright green coats and white safari hats" in line 2 refer to.

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72. Quote the word in the first paragraph which describes the group of elephants moving in a slow and orderly manner.

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73. Why are "holding centres in Tsavo National Park" (line 10) necessary?

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74. Why did the baby elephants break into a full sprint when they saw the keepers holding up huge bottles of milk?

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75. What had caused the commotion among the baby elephants in line 15?

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76. Why was Nzimbi more successful than the other keepers in controlling the elephants in paragraph two?

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77. Explain clearly in your own words what the veterinarians meant when they did not expect Murka to "make it through" (line 25) that night.

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78. Explain fully why Angela thought it was acceptable for Murka to lash out at everyone initially in paragraph four.

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79. Which *two-word phrase* in the <sup>second</sup> last paragraph has the same meaning as "the reverse is true"?

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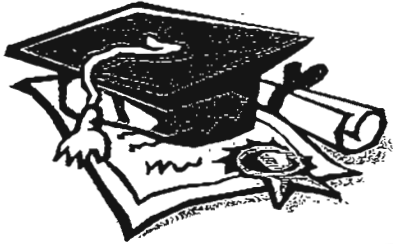
80. Did Nzimbi require an alarm clock to wake him up for the elephants' feeding? Why?

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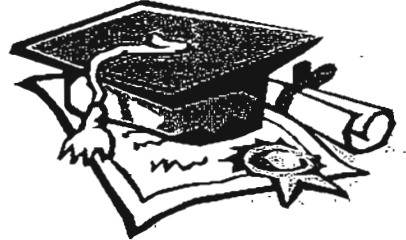


# ANSWER SHEET

## EXAM PAPER 2011

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Q	A	J	B	E	M

- 41)anticipation      42)excitement      43)astronauts      44)horrific  
45)launch      46)comfort      47)belongs      48)dealt  
49)disaster      50)it      51)donor      52)from      53)to  
54)deal      55)missed      56)managed      57)agreed      58)use  
59)were      60)many      61)tall      62)mostly      63)collection  
64)attraction      65)display

66)Neither Ruth nor Rani has been to Korea.

67)Despite the low salary, Megan decided to take up the job.

68)You will not be allowed to leave the room until you have finished your work.

69)Tom reminded Janet not to reveal his secret to anyone.

70)The volume of television must be turned down so that the neighbours will not complain.

71)It refers to the elephant keepers from the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust (DSWT).

72)The word is "procession".

**73)They are necessary as they provide a natural environment for the baby elephant to grow up before they return to the wild.**

**74)The were hungry and wanted to drink after a full day of trekking.**

**75)The elephant could not find their stables as the keepers had made changes to their stables assignment to make room for new arrival.**

**76)They wanted to please Nzimbi, whom they had loved was their favourite keepers.**

**77)They did not expect Murka to survive as she had been found with a spear lodged in her head.**

**78)Murka had been severely hurt by humans and did not trust them.**

**79)The two-word phrase is "vice versa".**

**80)No, he did not. The elephant would wake him up every three hour for their feeding.**