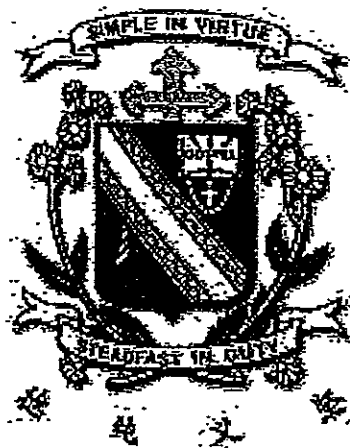


# CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)



Primary 4

Semestral Assessment 2

24 October 2013

English Language

Listening Comprehension

Duration of Paper: 25 minutes

10 questions

14 marks

### Instructions to Candidates

Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

|           |    |
|-----------|----|
| Section A | 6  |
| Section B | 5  |
| Section C | 3  |
| Total     | 14 |

*This paper consists of 5 printed pages.*

**Section A: Picture Matching (6 marks)**

For Question 1 and Question 2, look at the set of pictures. I am going to read to you some statements. Then choose the picture that shows what I have read. Write the number 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the brackets provided.

Q1.



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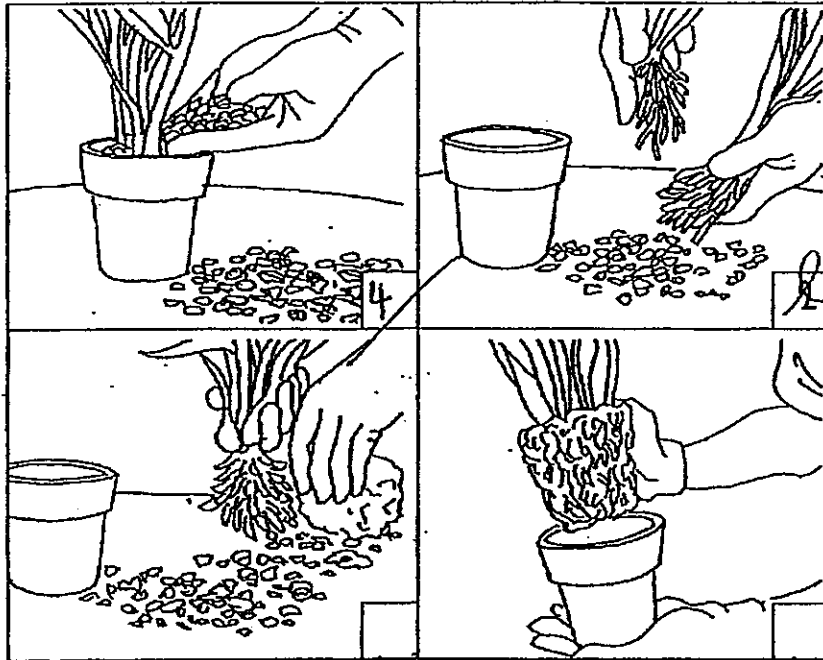
Q2.



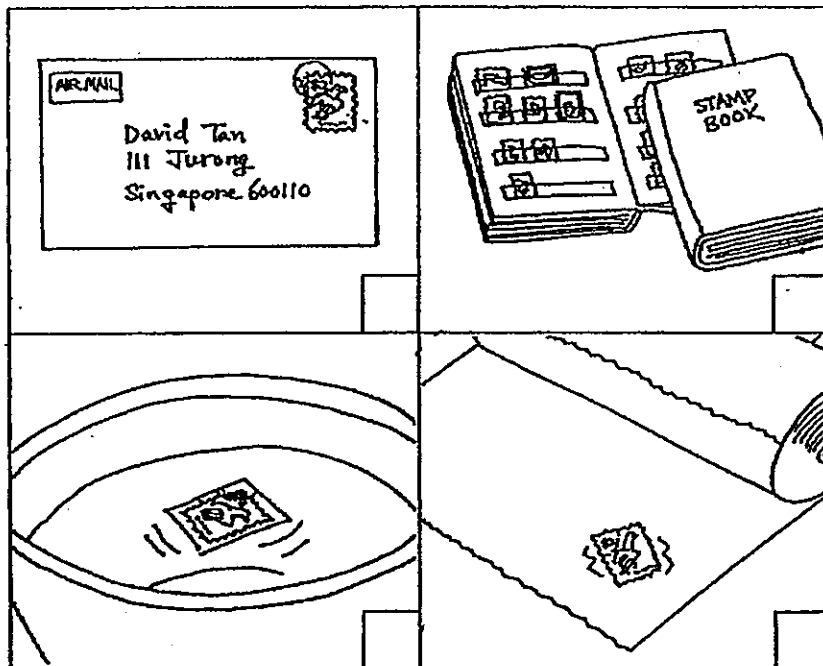
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For Question 3 and Question 4, look at the set of pictures. I am going to read to you a paragraph. Then choose the pictures that show the correct sequence of what I have read. Write the number 1, 2, 3 and 4 in the box provided.

Q3.



Q4.



**Section B: Note-taking (5 marks)**

Q5 to Q9 is a note-taking test.

As you listen, take down the missing information by filling in each blank numbered Q5 to Q9 with **one word or a short phrase**.

**Notes on Instructions Given by the Camp Instructor**

Q5. Name of the camp: \_\_\_\_\_

Q6. Duration of the camp: \_\_\_\_\_ days

Q7. The camp was held during the \_\_\_\_\_

Q8. Campers will be taught \_\_\_\_\_ skills through activities.

Q9. Each group will be represented by an \_\_\_\_\_ mascot.

**Section C: Comprehension (3 marks)**

Q10 to Q12 is a comprehension test.

Listen carefully to the passage and answer the questions that follow. For each question, choose the correct answer and write the correct number in the brackets provided.

**Q10. Visitors to Gardens by the Bay do not have to pay for admission when they visit \_\_\_\_\_.** (      )

- (1) Cloud Forest
- (2) Flower Dome
- (3) Bay South Garden

**Q11. What is the cost for a child to visit the Flower Dome and the Cloud Forest?** (      )

- (1) \$20
- (2) \$15
- (3) \$12

**Q12. Where should you visit if you want to see the 'kampong' house at the Heritage Gardens?** (      )

- (1) Malay Garden
- (2) Indian Garden
- (3) Chinese Garden

— End of Paper —

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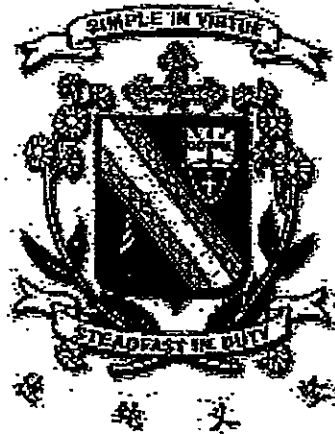
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# CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)



**Primary 4**  
**Semestral Assessment 2**  
**24 October 2013**

**English Language**  
**Paper 2 Booklet A**

Duration of Paper (Booklets A & B) : 1 h 30 min

**Instructions to Candidates:**

Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.  
Follow all instructions carefully.  
Answer all questions.

*This booklet consists of 7 printed pages.*

**Section A: Grammar MCQ (8 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.

1. "Instead of asking your parents for help, you should complete this project \_\_\_\_\_," Mrs Lim told Timothy and his team members.

- (1) herself
- (2) himself
- (3) yourselves
- (4) themselves

2. The movie \_\_\_\_\_ over when Tim reached the movie theatre last night.

- (1) is
- (2) are
- (3) was
- (4) were

3. The family \_\_\_\_\_ devastated when they heard the tragic news about the car crash.

- (1) is
- (2) are
- (3) was
- (4) were

4. "Please keep your voice down. Your younger brother \_\_\_\_\_ soundly now," my mother told me.

- (1) is sleeping
- (2) has slept
- (3) sleeps
- (4) sleep



5. Every single athlete \_\_\_\_\_ twenty kilometres in the marathon that was held last year.

- (1) run
- (2) ran
- (3) has run
- (4) is running

6. As the rain \_\_\_\_\_ down, all the pedestrians ran to the nearest shelters.

- (1) pelts
- (2) will pelt
- (3) has pelted
- (4) was pelting

7. "I like \_\_\_\_\_ dogs over there that belong to Mr Brown," said my little brother.

- (1) this
- (2) that
- (3) these
- (4) those

8. As part of the supermarket's effort to go green, shoppers are strongly encouraged to use \_\_\_\_\_ plastic bags and to bring their own grocery bags.

- (1) less
- (2) more
- (3) much
- (4) fewer

**Section B: Vocabulary MCQ (6 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.

9. All the chairs made by this skillful carpenter are \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) sturdy
  - (2) tough
  - (3) hardy
  - (4) bulky
10. The \_\_\_\_\_ between Jane and her mother is very strong because they spend a lot of time together.
- (1) union
  - (2) bond
  - (3) spirit
  - (4) link
11. Upon seeing that they had the highest points on the \_\_\_\_\_, the members of Team Bravo cheered triumphantly.
- (1) keyboard
  - (2) dashboard
  - (3) scoreboard
  - (4) noticeboard
12. Rachael really \_\_\_\_\_ her parent for insisting that she gives up her dancing lessons for more boring tuition classes.
- (1) resents
  - (2) respects
  - (3) despises
  - (4) discourages

13. Mindy is very \_\_\_\_\_. She would talk to you like a best friend one day but would completely ignore you the next day.

- (1) erratic
- (2) repulsive
- (3) impulsive
- (4) competitive

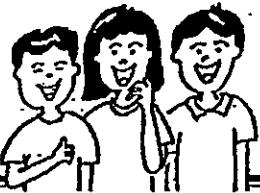
14. In Japan, many office workers have to \_\_\_\_\_ long distances to work via public transport.

- (1) commence
- (2) commute
- (3) compute
- (4) commit

**Section C: Visual Text Comprehension MCQ (2 x 1 mark)**

Study the advertisement carefully and answer questions 15 and 16.

**ParkGreen Community Hub**  
Let's do our part and  
**GO GREEN!**



**Recycling Ambassadors**  
Join our team of Recycling Ambassadors! Lend a hand once a month with the distributing and collecting of recycling bags.

**Steps:**

- ❖ Go onto our website and check our Duty Schedule for the month
- ❖ Pick out 2 dates that you are available\*
- ❖ Sign up on our website
- ❖ You will be informed of the date of your duty via email

*\* You will only be required to do duty on one of the dates. All Recycling Ambassadors must be at least 10 years old.*

**Bin it Right!**  
Have you been receiving lots of leaflets and brochures in your mailbox that you have no use for?

Don't just throw them away! Throw them in our 'Paper Bins' provided only at the void decks of Blocks 209, 213, 217 and 221.


Do your part in saving the trees!

**Say 'No' to Plastics!**  
Bring your own bags when you go shopping and get 10 cents off every \$10 spent. The more you buy, the more you save!

*\* Only at participating outlets located at ParkGreen Mall. Check full list of participating outlets on our website.*

**Plant a Tree!**  
Help create a green environment in the following ways:

- ❖ Volunteer to be a Tree Planter\* in one of the following sessions at ParkGreen Community Hub
  - Session A: Monday, 18 November 2013, 9am – 11am
  - Session B: Monday, 25 November 2013, 9am – 11am
- ❖ 'Plant a Tree' – donate any amount to help sponsor and maintain the greenery in our neighbourhood.



*\* Registration must be made at ParkGreen Community Hub by 1 November 2013. Call 6003.4005 for enquiries.*

[www.ParkGreen/GoGreen.com.sg](http://www.ParkGreen/GoGreen.com.sg)

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

15. According to the poster, which statement is **true**?

- (1) The minimum donation for 'Plant a Tree' is \$10.
- (2) 'Paper Bins' can be found at every block in the community.
- (3) An email will be sent to inform Recycling Ambassadors of the dates of their duties.
- (4) Recycling Ambassadors will only be in charge of collecting recycling bags from the residents.

16. Mr Tan is interested in volunteering as a tree planter. To register, he should \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) contribute to the 'Plant a Tree' fund
- (2) call 6003 4005 and speak to an officer on duty
- (3) go the website [www.ParkGreen/GoGreer.com.sg](http://www.ParkGreen/GoGreer.com.sg)
- (4) go to ParkGreen Community Hub before 2 November 2013

# CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)



**Primary 4**  
**Semestral Assessment 2**  
**24 October 2013**  
**English Language**  
**Paper 2 Booklet B**

Duration of Paper (Booklets A & B) : 1 h 30 min

**Instructions to Candidates:**

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Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

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|-----------|----|
| Booklet A | 16 |
| Booklet B | 34 |
| Total     | 50 |

*This booklet consists of 8 printed pages and 1 blank page.*

**Section D: Grammar Cloze [1] (4 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 F) in each blank. Use each word only once.

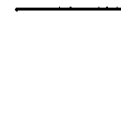
|         |         |        |
|---------|---------|--------|
| (A) her | (C) me  | (E) us |
| (B) it  | (D) she | (F) we |

Reina was sick. She had a fever and spots on her body. We needed to get some medicine so (17) \_\_\_\_\_ got into the car - Mama, Reina and me. On the way to the pharmacy, Reina was asleep and I was looking out of the car window. Mama was telling (18) \_\_\_\_\_ how I would have to mix the medicine with juice so that Reina would take it.

That was when I noticed (19) \_\_\_\_\_. The traffic lights, and then the sirens, right behind (20) \_\_\_\_\_. My heart pounded.

Mama realised that she had beaten the red light. She said a prayer when a policeman came up to knock on her window.

*Adapted from Star in the Forest by Laura Resau*



**Section E: Grammar Cloze [2] (4 x 1 mark)**

Read the following passage carefully. Choose the most suitable word from the words given in the brackets and write your answer in each blank.

In many developed countries, obesity is a problem. The word 'obese'  
(21) \_\_\_\_\_ [ has / have ] become familiar. Yet, many Americans  
(22) \_\_\_\_\_ [ remain / remains ] unsure of how being obese is different from being  
overweight.

Doctors (23) \_\_\_\_\_ [ define / defines ] obesity as having excess body  
weight in the form of fat. When a person's body fat (24) \_\_\_\_\_ [ exceed /  
exceeds ] a fixed percentage of his body weight, he is considered obese. A person who has a  
BMI of 30 or higher is obese.

*Adapted from Obesity by Meg Greene Malvasi*

**Section F: Synthesis and Transformation (2 X 1 mark)**

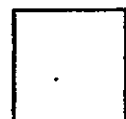
For each of the questions from 25 to 26, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

25. You cannot take a bus to the village. You cannot drive a car there either.

\_\_\_\_\_ neither \_\_\_\_\_  
nor \_\_\_\_\_

26. The lady is a popular actress and has a dog. It came in first in a dog show.

\_\_\_\_\_ whose \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_





**Section G: Comprehension Cloze (4 x 1 mark)**

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

There was a village on an island near Singapore. In the village lived a woman who was a poor and pitiful (27) \_\_\_\_\_. Her husband had died when her two daughters, Minah and Linah, were very young. It was a (28) \_\_\_\_\_ life and the mother struggled to feed them all.

As they grew older, Minah and Linah helped their mother in her vegetable garden. They also went into the jungle to pick fruit every day. Everything they did, they did (29) \_\_\_\_\_ for they were inseparable. They led a simple but happy life, playing games like five stones and hopscotch.

Their mother constantly (30) \_\_\_\_\_ about her girls' future when she would no longer be around. Minah, the elder of the two sisters, assured her that she would always look after her younger sister.

*Adapted from The Singing Top retold by Margaret Read MacDonald Sheen*



**Section H: Comprehension [1] (10 marks)**

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions 31 to 39.

I had asthma when I was young so I never got to play sports much with my father. While my brother Eddy and Father practised, I could only sit in bed, reading and listening to them beneath our apartment window. In summer, it was the thump of my brother's baseball into my father's large leather glove. In autumn, it was the smack of a football. In winter, it was the airy bounce of a basketball.

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Although my father came from China, he had quickly taken to American games. He was big as a teenager and good at sports. In fact, a sports club in Chinatown hired him to play football against other clubs. He basked in glory when he won many competitions. Father had many injuries and each scar on his body had a story - each matched by a trophy.

Although he now ran a grocery, he tried to pass on his athletic skills to us. When I felt well, I tried to keep up with them, but my lungs always failed me. As I sat and panted, I felt ashamed as if I had let my father down. After a few words of concern, Father and Eddy would continue while I watched, doomed to be a weakling, a perpetual spectator, an outsider. Worse, I felt as if Eddy were Father's only true son.

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*Adapted from The Great Rat Hunt by Laurence Yep*

For Q31 – 32, decide the sports played during the specific season. Tick (✓) your chosen answer. The first example has been done for you. [2m]

| Sports played during the specific season |               | Baseball | Basketball | Football |
|--|---------------|----------|------------|----------|
| Example                                  | in the winter |          | ✓          |          |
| Q31                                      | in the autumn |          |            |          |
| Q32                                      | in the summer |          |            |          |

Q33. Which word has the same meaning as 'enjoyed'? Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

Although my father came from China, he had quickly taken to American games. He basked in glory when he won many competitions. (A)  
(B)

For Q34 – 35, tick (✓) whether the phrases describe the author or his brother Eddy. The first example has been done for you. [2m]

| Phrase  |  | Author | Eddy |
|---------|--|--------|------|
| Example | unable to keep up with his father      | ✓      |      |
| Q34     | felt he was not as good as his sibling |        |      |
| Q35     | took after his father more             |        |      |

Q36. Name the place where the author, his brother Eddy and their father would practise sports.

[1m]

Q37. Tick (✓) your chosen answer.

Based on the passage, the author's father \_\_\_\_\_ . [1m]

- |                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | was always teaching him how to play sports  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | nearly lost his life due to sports injuries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | used to play for a sports club              |

Q38. Which word has the same meaning as 'physically well-developed'? Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

He was big as a teenager and good at sports.  
(A) (B)

Q39. What did the author view himself as when he could not be like his father?

i. \_\_\_\_\_ [1m]

ii. \_\_\_\_\_ [1m]



**Section I: Comprehension [2] (10 marks)**

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions 40 to 46.

Today's women take voting for granted. Little do they know that they have to thank Therese Casgrain who fought for that right.

She was the daughter of Blanche and Rodolphe. At fourteen, Rodolphe worked in finance and studied at night to become a lawyer. He used every minute of his time wisely and tried learning something new every day. He thought others should do the same. A successful 5 man, Rodolphe owned several businesses and worked with companies around the world, something no other French Canadian had done before. In 1904, he was elected to parliament with the Conservative Party, a political party that is still around today.

Their family was wealthy. They had cooks, maids, and gardeners. Blanche was very hospitable, often throwing parties in their sixteen-bedroom summer home. But all this money 10 did not make Therese much different from other children. She still got into trouble at times.

Once, Therese spat on a maid she disliked. Her mother gathered the whole household together and made Therese apologise in front of everyone. Although Blanche was of high status, she inculcated the value of treating everyone with respect in her children.

Another time, Therese was in her Sunday best, waiting for her governess. Her dress 15 was frilly and her leather shoes were polished to a brilliant shine. Her eyes wandered, and she spotted a mud puddle. Her mother had told her that little girls should not get dirty, but it was impossible to resist although she had no intention of upsetting her mother. She raised her tiny foot and plunged it into the muddy water! Her nose wrinkled at the filth but she was happy because sometimes she just had to break some rules. 20

Throughout her life, Therese would continue to make a splash in all kinds of areas that women were not supposed to be involved in.

*Adapted from Therese Casgrain, Great Women-Leaders by Heather Ball*

For Q40, write 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the brackets.

40. Therese's father was \_\_\_\_\_. [2m]

- (1) a successful lawyer
- (2) an international businessman
- (3) a finance student in university
- (4) a founder of his own political party

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41. State whether each sentence below is True or False. Give a reason for your answer, written in a complete sentence. [2m]

| Sentence   | True / False | Reason |
|--|--------------|--------|
| (a) Therese's mother was a good hostess.                             |              |        |
| (b) Therese's mother taught her to be ill-mannered to their workers. |              |        |

42. Which six-word phrase in paragraph two suggests that Therese's father might have had high expectations of others? [2m]

43. Therese could not resist soiling her shoe in the muddy water. Why did she do that? [2m]

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44. Therese managed to 'make a splash in all kinds of areas that women were not supposed to be involved in' (lines 21-22). What was one thing she did to show this? [2m]

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# ANSWER SHEET

## EXAM PAPER 2013

SCHOOL : CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)

SUBJECT : PRIMARY 4 ENGLISH

TERM : SA2

| Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q5 | Q6 | Q7 | Q8 | Q9 | Q10 | Q11 | Q12 | Q13 | Q14 | Q15 | Q16 |
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| 3  | 3  | 4  | 1  | 2  | 4  | 4  | 4  | 1  | 2   | 3   | 1   | 1   | 2   | 3   | 4   |

Paper 2 Booklet B

Section D

Q17) F

Q18) C

Q19) B

Q20) E

Section E

Q21) has

Q22) remain

Q23) define

Q24) exceeds

Section F

Q25) You can neither take a bus nor drive a car to the village

Q26) The lady whose dog came in first in a dog show is a popular actress

Section G

Q27) widow

Q28) tough

Q29) together

Q30) worried

Section H

| Sports played during specific season | Baseball      | Basketball | Football |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|------------|----------|
| Example                              | In the winter | √          |          |
| Q31                                  | In the autumn |            | √        |
| Q32                                  | In the summer | √          |          |

Q33) Although my father came from China, he had quickly taken to American games. He basked in glory when he won many competitions. (A)

(B)

| Phrase  | Author                            | Eddy |
|---------|-----------------------------------|------|
| Example | unable to keep up with his father | √    |
| Q34     | felt he was not good enough       | √    |
| Q35     | Took after his father more        | √    |

Q36) Beneath their apartment window.

Q37)

|   |   |
|---|---|
|   | Was always teaching him how to play sports  |
|   | Nearly lost his life die to sports injuries |
| √ | Used to play for a sports club              |

Q38) He was big as a teenager and good at sports

(A)

(B)

Q39)

i) an outsider

ii) a perpetual spectator

Section I

Q40) 2

Q41)

| Sentence                                   | True/ False | Reason                                   |
|--|-------------|--|
| (a) Therese's mother was a good hostess    | True        | Therese's mother is very hospitable      |
| (b) Therese's mother taught her to be ill- | False       | Therese's mother inculcated the value of |



|                           |  |  |
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| mannered to their workers |  | treating everyone with respect in her children |
|---------------------------|--|--|

Q42) Thought others should do the same

Q43) Therese soiled her shoe in the muddy water as it makes her happy when she broke the rule, by her mother that little girls should not get dirty.

Q44) Therese fought for the right to vote.

