



**NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**2013 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1**  
**PRIMARY 6**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

Class: Pr. 6 \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 13 May 2013

Booklet A	/ 30
Booklet B	/ 65
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Parent's Signature & Date

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

**INSTRUCTIONS 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.
4. Shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

**Section A – Graphic-Stimulus Comprehension (5 x 1 mark)**  
Study the following brochure and then answer questions 1 to 5.

## **FREE admission to JURONG BIRD PARK for kids this September school holidays!**



School's out and it's time for kids to have fun in the sun!  
And with our **FREE** admission for kids, we give you more reasons to flock to the park and take your kid's holidays to greater heights!

Simply flash this coupon at our ticketing counter to enjoy this offer! →→→

### **FREE ADMISSION FOR KIDS Coupon!**

Get a free child ticket with purchase of 1 adult admission ticket.

- ~ Valid 7-15 Sept 2013 ~ Exclude tram rides
- ~ Offer is for children 3-12 years old
- ~ Not valid with any other offers
- ~ Visit [www.birdpark.com.sg](http://www.birdpark.com.sg) for more information

### **~ Other Terms & Conditions ~**

- Not valid with other discounts, promotions, rebates, or online ticket purchases.
- Not valid for tour groups, travel agents, school groups, online and SISTIC bookings.
- Promotion is only valid for tickets bought over the ticketing counters at Jurong Bird Park.
- Offer applies to admission on day of ticket purchase.
- Admission ticket purchased is not refundable or exchangeable for cash or kind.
- No claims will be entertained for any lost, torn, defaced or expired ticket.



**~ All-Year-Round ~**  
**(inclusive of bird show)**  
Children under 3 & Senior Citizens  
above 60 free admission

### **~ High Flyers Show ~**

Get ready for an exhilarating line-up of bird stars as the stage is set for the newest bird show in town! Experience dramatic fly-bys and marvel at the show-stopping antics of our talented bird stars. A show that is sure to delight the young and the young-at-heart!

**Date:** Daily  
**Time:** 11.00a.m. & 3.00p.m. (30mins per show)  
**Venue:** Pools Amphitheatre  
**Entrance Fee:** \$5.00

For each question from 1 to 5, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4).  
Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. According to the brochure, parents who want to enjoy free admission for their kids must produce the coupon only \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) after they have purchased their tickets online
  - (2) at Jurong Bird Park on the day of ticket purchase
  - (3) at the travel agency on the day of ticket purchase
  - (4) after they have made their bookings through SISTIC
  
2. Mr and Mrs Lim, together with their 65-year-old mother, a baby girl, a Primary Three daughter and a teenage boy, are visiting Jurong Bird Park on 1 Sept 2013. How many tickets must they buy in all?
  - (1) five
  - (2) six
  - (3) three
  - (4) four
  
3. Which one of the following is free of charge during the promotion period at Jurong Bird Park?
  - (1) tickets for tram rides on 7 Sept 2013
  - (2) admission tickets for the young at heart
  - (3) admission tickets for kids 3 to 12 years old
  - (4) tickets for High Flyers Show on 15 Sept 2013
  
4. According to the High Flyers Show in the brochure, which one of the following is true?
  - (1) The elderly will not enjoy the High Flyers Show.
  - (2) The High Flyers Show will be staged next to the pool.
  - (3) Only three shows are staged daily at the High Flyers Show.
  - (4) The birds at the High Flyers Show can also perform entertaining acts.
  
5. With reference to the brochure, if you were the marketing director of Jurong Bird Park, what do you think is your main purpose of the promotion?
  - (1) to promote the newest bird show in town
  - (2) to encourage schools to take their pupils to Jurong Bird Park
  - (3) to attract more tour groups to one of Singapore's places of interest
  - (4) to take advantage of the school holidays to increase the sales of tickets

**Section B – Grammar ( 7 x 1 mark)**

For each question from 6 to 12, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4).

Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

6. All the food on the table \_\_\_\_\_ to be packed for the Charity Food Drive by five this evening.
- (1) has
  - (2) had
  - (3) have
  - (4) having
7. My brother seldom goes to the movie, \_\_\_\_\_?
- (1) is it
  - (2) isn't it
  - (3) does he
  - (4) doesn't he
8. Marie, \_\_\_\_\_ I idolise, won the gold medal for figure skating.
- (1) who
  - (2) whom
  - (3) which
  - (4) whose
9. Mrs Teng saw her son \_\_\_\_\_ the flower pot while she was talking to a neighbour along the corridor.
- (1) break
  - (2) broke
  - (3) breaks
  - (4) broken
10. Darren put in a lot of effort to prepare for his test, \_\_\_\_\_ he failed.
- (1) so
  - (2) yet
  - (3) and
  - (4) even
11. Gerald is feeling depressed. He has not been able to get \_\_\_\_\_ his grandfather's death.
- (1) on
  - (2) off
  - (3) out
  - (4) over

12. If I \_\_\_\_\_ the bully was going to beat me up, I would have gone to the discipline master.

- (1) know
- (2) knew
- (3) had known
- (4) have known

**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 correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

It was an early winter. Bear came to the edge of a pond and saw Turtle with his head sticking out of the ice. "What are you looking at (13) Slow One?" shouted Bear, not even giving his old friend a greeting.

"My friend," Turtle said (14) let us have a race to see who is the swiftest."

"All right (15) shouted Bear. "Where will we race?"

The next day, all the other animals lined the banks of the pond to watch the two friends race.

*Extracted from Stories to Empower Pupils (Life Skills for Interpersonal Effectiveness)*

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

**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 (1, 2, 3 or 4).

Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

16. Drivers must \_\_\_\_\_ from alcohol if they want to drive or they may meet with road accidents.
- (1) annul
  - (2) acquit
  - (3) addict
  - (4) abstain
17. There has been a \_\_\_\_\_ of burglary since the security guard resigned.
- (1) spur
  - (2) span
  - (3) spate
  - (4) speck
18. Every year, Mr Lee's orchard \_\_\_\_\_ a rich harvest. He makes a lot of money from the sale of the fruits
- (1) brings in
  - (2) brings on
  - (3) brings up
  - (4) brings about
19. Whenever my grandmother goes to the supermarket, she will frown and \_\_\_\_\_ about the high prices of the groceries.
- (1) quip
  - (2) gripe
  - (3) cajole
  - (4) heckle
20. Mr Tan had been looking for a job for the past month. When he was finally called for an interview, he missed it because he had overslept. Mr Tan had indeed \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) belled the cat
  - (2) gone to the dogs
  - (3) cooked one's goose
  - (4) flogged a dead horse

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

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

The residents of the rock-strewn highlands of northern Ethiopia are mostly farmers. They are poor and (21) vulnerable to crop failure resulting from droughts.

That is (22) precisely why the region has been chosen to serve as a test range for a new kind of insurance that could help poor countries (23) cope with climate change.

Instead of (24) relying on food aid to help farmers after drought has hit, aid agencies can sign them up for crop insurance before disaster strikes. When the rains fail, a farmer can use a crop-insurance pay-out to buy food without (25) dipping into financial assets needed for the next planting. The crop-insurance allows the farmers to smooth out their income.

*Adapted from the Time Magazine (Seeds of Change) September 24, 2012*

21. (1) inclined  
(2) resistant  
(3) susceptible  
(4) spontaneous
22. (1) exactly  
(2) vaguely  
(3) possibly  
(4) presumably
23. (1) limit  
(2) control  
(3) manage  
(4) manipulate
24. (1) riding  
(2) betting  
(3) catching  
(4) counting
25. (1) eliciting  
(2) hoarding  
(3) depleting  
(4) squandering



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

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

Dad brought him home from a fishing trip in the mountains, full of cockleburs and so thin you could count every rib.

"Good gracious," Mum said. "He's filthy!"

"No, he isn't! He's Rusty," said John, my eight-year-old brother. "Can we keep him? Please please...please."

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"He's going to be a big dog," Dad warned, lifting a mud-encrusted paw. "Probably why he was abandoned. His health is deteriorating, John. He may not make it."

"I'll take care of Rusty. Honest, I will."

Mum gave in as she usually did with John. My little brother had a mild form of haemophilia. Four years earlier, he had almost bled to death due to a routine tonsillectomy. We had all been careful with him since then.

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"All right, John," Dad said. "We'll keep Rusty but he's your responsibility." That's how Rusty came to live with us. He was John's dog from that very first moment.

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John kept his word. He fed, watered, medicated and groomed the scruffy-looking animal every day. I think he liked taking care of something rather than being taken care of.

Over the summer, Rusty grew into a big, handsome dog. He and John were constant companions. Wherever John went, Rusty was by his side. When school began, Rusty would walk John to school, then come home. Every school day at three o'clock, rain or shine, Rusty would wait for John at the playground.

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Telling time was not only the amazing thing about Rusty. He was very protective. When the neighbourhood bully taunted my undersized brother, Rusty's hackles rose, and a deep, menacing growl came from his throat. When John and his best friend, Bobby, wrestled, Rusty monitored their play with a watchful eye. If John were on top, fine. If Bobby got John down, Rusty would lope over, grab Bobby's collar and pull him off.

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In the spring, John got an afternoon paper route. He would come home from school, fold his papers and take off on his bicycle to deliver them. He always took the same streets in the same order. Of course, Rusty delivered papers too.

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One day, for no particular reason, John changed his route. Instead of turning left on a street as he usually did, he turned right. Crash!...A screech of brakes...Rusty sailed through the air. Someone called us about the accident. I had to pry John from Rusty's lifeless body so that Dad could bring Rusty home. 35

"It's my fault," John said over and over. "Rusty thought the car was going to hit me. He thought it was another game." 40

"The only game Rusty was playing was the game of love," Dad said. "You both played it well. You were there for Rusty when he needed you. He was there for you when he thought you needed him. That's the game of love. Rusty will stay in your memories forever."

*Adapted from Chicken Soup for the Kid's Soul by Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen, Patty Hansen & Irene Dunlap*

For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

26. When the writer's father first brought Rusty home, he said that Rusty might not be able to live because Rusty was \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) a filthy dog
  - (2) in a bad shape
  - (3) an abandoned dog
  - (4) going to be a big dog
27. The writer's mother usually gave in to John because John was \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) a responsible boy
  - (2) the youngest in the family
  - (3) suffering from tonsillectomy
  - (4) nearly dead four years before
28. Which of the following shows that John and Rusty were constant companions?
- (1) John groomed Rusty every day.
  - (2) Rusty protected John from being bullied.
  - (3) Rusty walked John to and from school every day.
  - (4) John fed, watered and medicated Rusty every day.
29. The word "That's" in line 43 refers to \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) John and Rusty playing the game of love very well.
  - (2) Rusty staying in John's memories forever after Rusty's death.
  - (3) John blaming himself for Rusty's death because he loved the dog very much.
  - (4) John and Rusty often looking out for each other because of their love for each other.
30. Which one of the following is not true?
- (1) Rusty was killed in a road accident.
  - (2) John blamed himself for Rusty's death.
  - (3) John refused to let go of Rusty's motionless body after it had met with an accident.
  - (4) John and Rusty always took the same route whenever they delivered newspapers.

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

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

**EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.**

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|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| (A) a    | (D) from | (G) more | (K) the  | (N) were |
| (B) an   | (E) had  | (H) on   | (L) they | (P) who  |
| (C) even | (F) have | (J) over | (M) was  | (Q) with |

Many were dying daily for lack of labour and food. The immigrants (31) \_\_\_\_\_ came to Singapore in the earlier days were poor and suffered from diseases like cholera and tuberculosis. Many of them were lying on the road (32) \_\_\_\_\_ sores on their bodies, too weak to move. When (33) \_\_\_\_\_ died, their bodies were left on the roads. Conditions (34) \_\_\_\_\_ so bad that some Europeans felt it was a disgrace to see so many beggars in (35) \_\_\_\_\_ place ruled by European government.

Motivated by (36) \_\_\_\_\_ need to help their less fortunate countrymen, people (37) \_\_\_\_\_ the various races and cultural groups, especially the (38) \_\_\_\_\_ successful businessmen, helped to build hospitals and schools. They spent large sums of money (39) \_\_\_\_\_ providing medical services and amenities for the community. They also spent money to ensure that the poor (40) \_\_\_\_\_ proper burials. Their kindness had made life less miserable for the poor in those days.

*Adapted from Singapore from Settlement to Nation (Pre-1819 to 1971)*

**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.

London had staged a successful Olympic Games in 1908. Forty years later,

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impoverished and war-scarred, the city faced dawntin challenges. A record-breaking

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heat wave soon gave way on relentless rain. Equipment had to be scrimped and

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acomodasions had to be improvised. Athletes also took unpaid leave to competing and

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were not always thanked for their efforts. A member of the British team who win a

cycling bronze, returned to work after the Games only to be sacked for taking the time

off.

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The British athletes' rations were meger compared with the diets enjoyed by

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delegations from countries less impekted by World War II. The US athletes feasted over

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steak, fresh fruit vegetables specially fly in from California. British athletes did enjoy an

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anhuced daily calorie allowance which came in tinned or powdered form. This

provided some form of consolation for them.

*Adapted from the Time Magazine (Every Loser Wins) Jul 30 – August 6, 2012*

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

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

All that year, the animals worked like slaves, but they were happy in their work. They were well aware that everything that they did was for the (51) \_\_\_\_\_ of themselves.

Throughout the spring and summer, they worked (52) \_\_\_\_\_ sixty-hour week, and in August, Napoleon announced that there would be work on Sunday afternoons as well. This work was strictly voluntary, but any animal who (53) \_\_\_\_\_ himself from it would have his rations (54) \_\_\_\_\_ by half. Even so, it was found necessary to leave certain tasks undone. The harvest was a little less successful (55) \_\_\_\_\_ in the previous year, and two fields (56) \_\_\_\_\_ should have been sown with roots in the early summer were not sown (57) \_\_\_\_\_ the ploughing had not been completed early enough. It was possible to (58) \_\_\_\_\_ that the coming winter would be a difficult one.

Building the windmill presented unexpected difficulties. There was a good quarry of limestone on the farm, and plenty of sand and cement had been found in one of the outhouses, so that all the (59) \_\_\_\_\_ for building were at hand. However, the (60) \_\_\_\_\_ which the animals could not solve at first was how to (61) \_\_\_\_\_ up the stones into pieces suitable for building the windmill. There seemed to be no way of doing this (62) \_\_\_\_\_ with picks and crowbars, which no animal could use, because no animal could (63) \_\_\_\_\_ on his hind legs. Only after weeks of vain effort did the right idea (64) \_\_\_\_\_ to somebody and that was to utilise the (65) \_\_\_\_\_

Eventually, the animals had managed to lash ropes round the huge boulders, drag them up the slope to the top of the quarry, where they were toppled over the edge, to shatter into pieces below.

*Adapted from Animal Farm by George Orwell*

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

For each of the questions 66 to 70, 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).

66. If you do not want to be bitten by insects, bring your insect repellent.  
\_\_\_\_\_ unless

\_\_\_\_\_

67. My father does not appreciate tea but appreciates coffee.  
\_\_\_\_\_ prefers

\_\_\_\_\_

68. The circus draws crowds. It does not matter which place it is held.

Wherever \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

69. Jim forgot his passport and his air ticket.

Not only \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

70. The emperor conquered the neighbouring states. This made him proud.

The emperor's \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

Little Ngoan was buried behind her parents' hut three weeks ago. "She was so small, just ten years old," said her grandmother. "She was very gentle and a good student." Ngoan's grandfather, silent with grief, was lighting a stick of incense at her grave. The loss of a beloved child had hit this family hard.

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Ngoan's death and more than fifty others in Southeast Asia over the past two years have raised alarms worldwide. Affected countries are struggling to take action; other nations are sending aid and advisors while stockpiling drugs and developing vaccines at home. Scientists have stepped up their research into the fateful traffic of disease between animals and people.

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To most of us, flu is a nuisance disease. Some people think a flu shot is not worth the bother. However, it is easy to underestimate flu. The virus spreads so easily via tiny droplets that 30 million to 60 million Americans catch it each year. It also mutates so fast that no one ever becomes fully immune, and a new vaccine has to be made each year.

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That is ordinary flu but the disease that is taking lives in Southeast Asia is no ordinary flu. Its primary victims are the chickens and more than a hundred million of them have been killed so far. It is not unusual for chickens to get flu; in fact, avian-flu viruses far outnumber human ones. Robert Webster of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis has studied flu viruses for 40 years and has never seen the likes of the one that killed Ngoan. "This virus right from scratch is probably the worst influenza virus that I've ever seen or worked with," Webster said. Not only is it frighteningly lethal to chickens, which can die within hours of exposure as a result of internal bleeding. Here and there, people have come down with it too, catching it from infected poultry like the chickens which died on Ngoan's farm a few days before she fell ill. Half the known cases have died.

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So far this virus, classified as H5N1, is not good at passing from birds to people, let alone from one person to the next. "It can make that first step across, but then it does not spread easily from human to human," said Webster. "Thank God, or else we would be in big trouble."

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Maybe H5N1 will never learn the trick of racing from person to person like the milder flu viruses which empty offices and classrooms each year. Maybe the efforts to wipe out the virus will succeed, but so far it has not due largely to the shortage of funds. Therefore, experts are urging the world to prepare for the worst.

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<p>What is known about flu viruses' remarkable capacity to change and jump species has led to a conviction that even if this menacing animal flu does not explode into a global pandemic that kills millions changes and there is a possibility that it will be able to transmit from one person to another," said Jeremy Farrar, an Oxford University doctor who works on the front lines of avian flu at the Hospital for Tropical Diseases in Vietnam's Ho Chi Minh City. "It's bound to happen. And when it does, the world is going to face a truly horrible pandemic."</p>	<p>40</p> <p>45</p>
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*Adapted from National Geographic (The Disease that is Now Taking Lives in Asia Is No Ordinary Flu) October 2005*

71. How did Ngoan catch the flu virus which had caused her death?

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72. Quote the sentence in paragraph one which indicates that Ngoan's family was devastated by her death.

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73. Which two-word phrase in paragraph two tells us that the rising number of deaths caused by flu viruses has sent warnings to people all over the world of their danger?

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74. In line 13, "However, it is easy to underestimate flu." Give one piece of information that the writer gives to support his statement.

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75. How do we know that chickens are the main victims of the virus which has claimed many lives in Southeast Asia?

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76. Which word in the fourth paragraph has the same meaning as "deadly"?

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77. Explain fully what would happen to chickens which were infected by the influenza virus?

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78. With reference to paragraph six, give one reason why the experts were unsuccessful in their research?

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79. Why did experts have the strong belief that flu viruses will kill millions?

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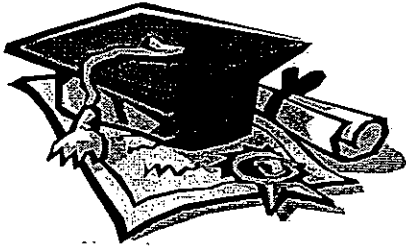
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80. What does "It's bound to happen." (line 46) refer to?

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# ANSWER SHEET

**EXAM PAPER 2013**

**SCHOOL : NAN HUA**

**SUBJECT : PRIMARY 6 ENGLISH**

**TERM : SA1**

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Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
A	K	D	G	H	E

- 41)daunting      42)to      43)accommodations      44)compete      45)won  
 46)meagre      47)impacted      48)on      49)flown      50)enhanced  
 51)benefit      52)a      53)absented      54)reduced      55)than  
 56)that      57)as      58)tell      59)materials      60)problem  
 61)break      62)but      63)stand      64)come      65)law

66)Bring your insect repellent unless you want to be bitten by insects.

67)My father prefers coffee to tea.

68)Wherever the circus is help, it draws crowds.

69)Not only did Jim forget his passport but also his air ticket.

- 70)The emperor conquered of the neighbouring states made him proud.**
- 71)She was infected by the chicken in her farm.**
- 72)The sentence is 'The loss of a beloved child had hit this family hard'.**
- 73)The phrase is 'raised alarms'.**
- 74)The virus mutates so fast that no one ever be comes fully immune, and a new vaccine has to be made each year.**
- 75)More than a hundred million of chickens have been killed by the virus.**
- 76)The word is "lethal".**
- 77)They would die within hours of exposure as a result of internal bleeding.**
- 78)There was a shortage of funds to support them in their research.**
- 79)Flu viruses have the ability to change and jump species.**
- 80)The phrase refers to the possible transmission of a virus from one person to another human.**