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# CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)



Primary 3

2009 Continual Assessment 1

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English Language

Duration of Paper: 1 h 15 min

**Instructions to Candidates:**

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Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

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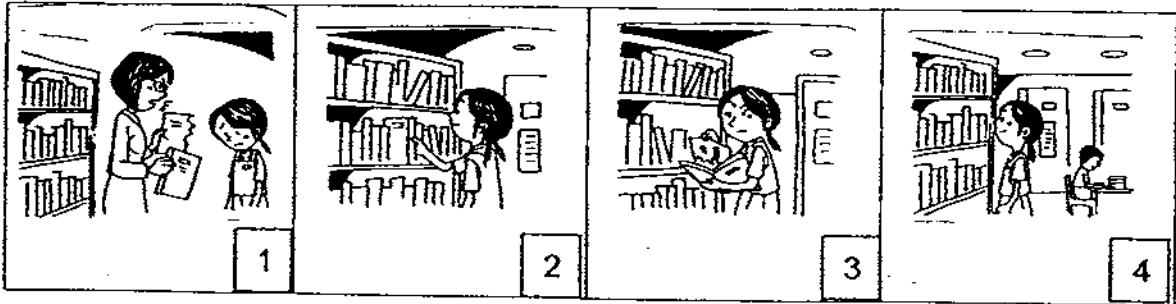
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**Section A: Picture Matching (5 x 1 mark)**

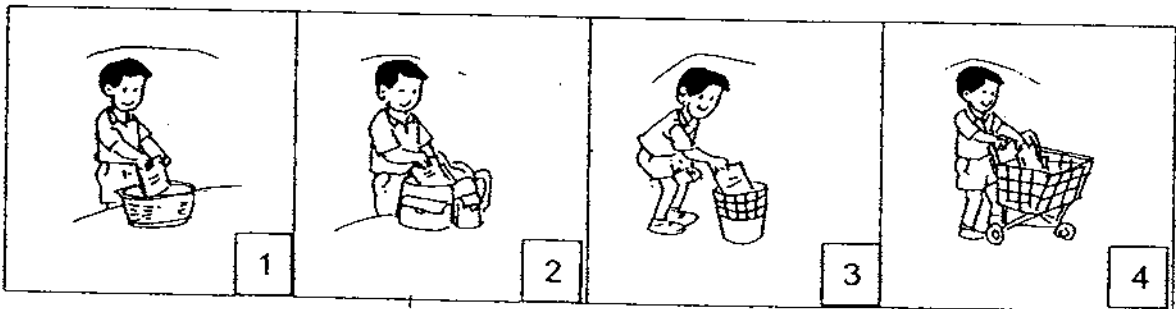
Your teacher is going to read a statement for each question from 1 - 5. Listen to the statement and look at the pictures carefully. Choose the picture that best matches the statement read and write its number 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the brackets provided.

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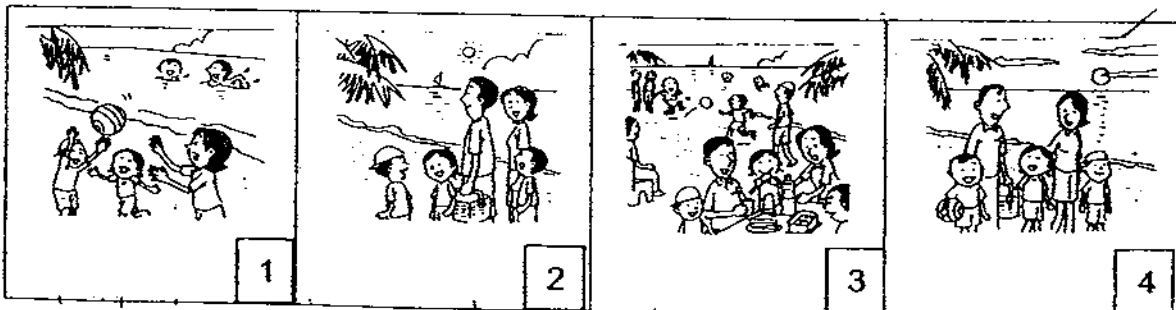
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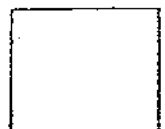


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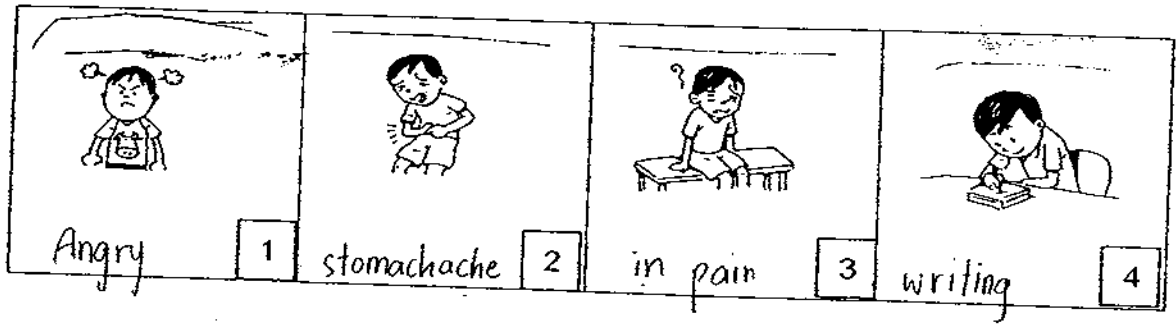
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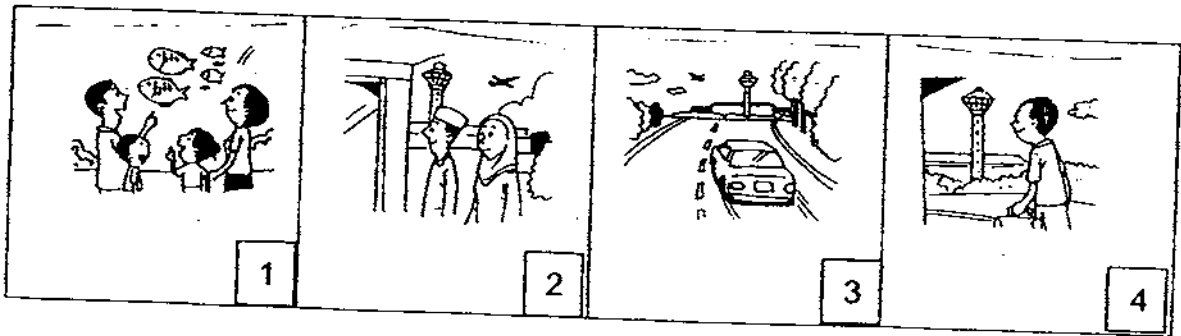


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**Section B: Vocabulary Multiple-Choice Questions (12 x 1 mark)**

Read the questions carefully. Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

6. The \_\_\_\_\_ lady refused to wait and demanded that the waiter give her a seat in the restaurant immediately.  
(1) amiable (3) ambitious  
(2) arrogant (4) apologetic ( )
7. Joelle prefers \_\_\_\_\_ movies as they are exciting and have lots of adventure and suspense.  
(1) thriller (3) comical  
(2) fantasy (4) romantic ( )
8. Jamie \_\_\_\_\_ knocked onto a glass of water on the table while arranging the vase of flowers.  
(1) carefully (3) mistakenly  
(2) intentionally (4) accidentally ( )
9. The play was so \_\_\_\_\_ that Raymond could not stop laughing.  
(1) touching (3) hilarious  
(2) memorable (4) pleasant ( )
10. During the party, the magician \_\_\_\_\_ the children with lots of tricks and prizes and they had a wonderful time.  
(1) taught (3) relaxed  
(2) disturbed (4) entertained ( )
11. The teacher \_\_\_\_\_ the child who misbehaved in class.  
(1) thanked (3) rewarded  
(2) disciplined (4) controlled ( )



12. Joelle's favourite \_\_\_\_\_ is collecting Barbie dolls.  
 (1) trend (3) interest  
 (2) game (4) pastime ( )
13. The mother \_\_\_\_\_ her son's help in the housework while she was ill.  
 (1) admired (3) respected  
 (2) predicted (4) appreciated ( )
14. The audience was \_\_\_\_\_ by the artist's skilful display of dance moves.  
 (1) agitated (3) impressed  
 (2) confused (4) encouraged ( )
15. Although the task was \_\_\_\_\_, Jun Yong was determined to overcome all obstacles to complete it.  
 (1) easy (3) attainable  
 (2) thrilling (4) challenging ( )
16. During Hari Raya Puasa, the Muslims will be dressed in their \_\_\_\_\_ costumes to visit their relatives.  
 (1) decorative (3) traditional  
 (2) contemporary (4) ornamental ( )
17. All the guests enjoyed the \_\_\_\_\_ feast prepared by the chef.  
 (1) bland (3) repulsive  
 (2) vibrant (4) sumptuous ( )



Section C: Vocabulary Cloze (8 x 1 mark)

Read the following passage carefully. Choose the correct answer from the words given in the box and **write its letter (A to H)** in each blank. Use each word **ONCE** only.

|                       |                          |                         |                      |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| <del>(A) mixing</del> | <del>(C) accuracy</del>  | <del>(E) replaced</del> | <del>(G) erase</del> |
| <del>(B) easily</del> | <del>(D) difficult</del> | <del>(F) better</del>   | <del>(H) write</del> |

The magic of a pencil lies in the fact that it does not blot or leak. Should you happen to make a mistake, it forgives you and lets you (18) \_\_\_\_\_.

In the past, people who wanted to (19) \_\_\_\_\_ or draw had to use mediums such as quill and ink, fragments of charcoal or sticks of coloured minerals. These are either expensive or (20) \_\_\_\_\_ to use. They smudged easily and had to be (21) \_\_\_\_\_ frequently. Moreover, they required extreme (22) \_\_\_\_\_ while writing because erasing mistakes could not be done easily, if at all.

Hence, a group of artists in Florence, Italy, decided to devise a (23) \_\_\_\_\_ medium to work with. After much experimentation, they found (24) \_\_\_\_\_ lead and tin made a medium that could last long on a surface. It could also be (25) \_\_\_\_\_ erased with a few coarse breadcrumbs. They invented the first pencil.

(adapted from Nuremberg, Germany: *The Pencil & the Castle*)



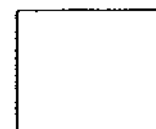
**Section D: Grammar Multiple-Choice Questions (12 x 1 mark)**

Read the questions carefully. Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

26. "\_\_\_\_\_ the instructions in the guide book and you will know how to play the game," said Mrs Tan to her daughter.
- (1) Follow (3) Follows  
(2) Followed (4) Following ( )
27. Danielle ran as fast as a cheetah towards the bus stop but she still \_\_\_\_\_ the bus.
- (1) miss (3) misses  
(2) missed (4) missing ( )
28. Between Mary and Jane, the teacher will pick the \_\_\_\_\_ girl to represent the class in the hundred-metre race.
- (1) fast (3) faster  
(2) fastest (4) as fast as ( )
29. The young lady barged \_\_\_\_\_ the room and slammed the door behind her.
- (1) at (3) into  
(2) past (4) down ( )
30. "Did you \_\_\_\_\_ the soccer match last night?" John asked Ramu.
- (1) watch (3) watches  
(2) watched (4) watching ( )
31. Pei Yun saw her best friend Su Xian walking in front \_\_\_\_\_ her.
- (1) of (3) with  
(2) along (4) from ( )



32. "Where shall I place \_\_\_\_\_ mangoes?" Juliana asked Mr Lee, pointing at the basket ~~of mangoes~~ in her hand.
- (1) this (3) these  
(2) that (4) those ( )
33. "\_\_\_\_\_ is the best sushi restaurant?" Mei Lee asked Jing Kai.
- (1) Who (3) What  
(2) When (4) Where ( )
34. Rita switched on the fan \_\_\_\_\_ she still felt hot.
- (1) if (3) but  
(2) or (4) and ( )
35. The children took \_\_\_\_\_ bags and ran out of the school gate once the bell rang.
- (1) it (3) its  
(2) they (4) their ( )
36. Mrs Lim bought too \_\_\_\_\_ bread so she decided to give some to her neighbours.
- (1) few (3) little  
(2) many (4) much ( )
37. Mike was very proud of \_\_\_\_\_ as he painted the gates on his own without anyone's help.
- (1) itself (3) herself  
(2) himself (4) themselves ( )





Section E: Grammar Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

Read the following passage carefully. Choose the correct answer from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank. Use each word ONCE only.

|                        |                       |                             |
|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| <del>(A) walk</del>    | <del>(G) walked</del> | <del>(E) was walking</del>  |
| <del>(B) walking</del> | (D) is walking        | <del>(F) were walking</del> |

Regina looked at the dark sky. It was about to rain any time. She had gone over to her friend's house, which was just across the street, to watch a movie. After the show, just as she (38) \_\_\_\_\_ across the road to go home, the sky suddenly turned dark and it started to rain. She quickly (39) \_\_\_\_\_ towards the nearest bus stop to seek shelter.

Regina stood at the bus stop and glanced at her watch anxiously. It was twenty past six. She had promised her mother that she would be home by six. Just as Regina was contemplating whether to (40) \_\_\_\_\_ home in the rain, she saw her mother. She was holding two umbrellas and (41) \_\_\_\_\_ briskly towards the bus stop. Regina smiled and waved at her. Her mother passed her one of the umbrellas. As they (42) \_\_\_\_\_ back together, the rain stopped. Regina closed her umbrella and gave her mother a big hug. "What's for dinner?" she asked happily.



**Section F: Comprehension Cloze (8 x 1 mark)**

Read the following passage carefully. Write **ONE suitable word** for each blank.

Some 113 Singapore Sports School student athletes suffered from diarrhoea and vomiting on Thursday at its campus in Woodlands. Eighteen cases were diagnosed to be in (43) \_\_\_\_\_ condition and required medical attention.

A school spokesperson said the first case of food poisoning was (44) \_\_\_\_\_ at 5pm on Thursday and the school dining hall was closed after dinner at around 7pm. The school then checked all students (45) \_\_\_\_\_ in the school's boarding house during evening study time.

Eighteen students were (46) \_\_\_\_\_ to the neighbourhood clinic in Woodlands. One was given medical leave and (47) \_\_\_\_\_ from school and training for two days. The (48) \_\_\_\_\_ were given medication and advised to rest.

The school has (49) \_\_\_\_\_ alternative dining arrangements, which started on Friday morning and will continue until the dining hall is cleared to reopen. Meals are being (50) \_\_\_\_\_ at the school caterer's off-campus central kitchen.

The Ministry of Health is currently investigating the case. The school premises will also be disinfected.

*(adapted from Weekend Today, 17-18 Jan 2009)*



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Section G: Graphic Stimulus Comprehension (5 x 1 mark)

Study the advertisement below carefully and answer the questions that follow.

# Cheng Boon Community Club

## Chinese New Year Concert

Sun, 2 Feb 08<sub>f</sub>  
7.00PM – 9.30PM

### PROGRAMME

|      |  |
|------|--|
| 7.00 | Opening Address by Guest of Honour                         |
| 7.15 | Dance by Navy Primary School Dance Club                    |
| 7.30 | Lion Dance Performance by Xing Shi Dance Troupe            |
| 7.45 | Lucky Draw (I) – 4 <sup>th</sup> to 10 <sup>th</sup> Prize |
| 8.00 | Chinese New Year Songs by Qing Secondary School Choir      |
| 8.15 | Magic Show   |
| 8.45 | Lucky Draw (II) – 1 <sup>st</sup> to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize |
| 9.00 | Sword Dance by Shao Lin Temple                             |

Cheng Boon Community Club

17, Ang Mo Kio Ave 3

Singapore 123456

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Opening Hours: 8.00am to 10.00pm

Closed on Mondays

Tickets prices:

Adults: \$10 each

Children: \$5 per child (12 years and below)

Family package: \$28 (2 adults + 2 children)

Tickets available at the General Office at Level 1

### Lucky Draw Prizes!!

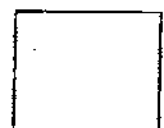
1<sup>st</sup> prize: Samsung Refrigerator

2<sup>nd</sup> prize: Hitachi Washing  
Machine

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Canon Printer

4th to 10<sup>th</sup> Prize: \$20 Red  
Packets <sup>3</sup>

51. The Chinese New Year concert is organized by \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) Shao Lin Temple
  - (2) Xing Shi Dance Troupe
  - (3) Qing Secondary School Choir
  - (4) Cheng Boon Community Club
- (       )
52. The lucky draw for the top three prizes will be held \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) after the lion dance
  - (2) before the magic show
  - (3) before the sword dance
  - (4) after the choir performance
- (       )
53. If Mdm Toh were to win the eighth prize, what prize would she get?
- (1) A printer
  - (2) A refrigerator
  - (3) A \$20 red packet
  - (4) A washing machine
- (       )
54. At what time will the concert end?
- (1) Seven in the evening
  - (2) Seven in the morning
  - (3) Half past nine in the evening
  - (4) Half past nine in the morning
- (       )
55. Mr and Mrs Lim are going to the concert with their daughter, who is thirteen and their son, who is ten. How much do they have to pay?
- (1) \$28
  - (2) \$30
  - (3) \$35
  - (4) \$40
- (       )



**Section H: Comprehension Multiple-Choice Questions (5 x 1 mark)**

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

Once, there was a very happy group of mice who lived life to the fullest. However, things took a turn for the worse the day the cat came to stay.

Suddenly, the mice had to be on their toes all the time. They could not move about freely like before. To make matters worse, they discovered that their numbers were dwindling with each passing day.

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"We're in a crisis," said an old mouse eventually. "If things go on like this, I'm afraid we will all be killed. We need to think of a plan to save ourselves."

"What can we do?" cried the mice.

"We could tie a bell around the cat's neck. With the bell, each time it walks, we would hear it and we would be safe," proposed the old mouse. "We could do it while it is asleep."

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The mice thought it was an excellent idea and squealed happily. Then one mouse asked, "But who is going to put the bell around the cat's neck?"

All the mice fell silent. They just looked at one another. One of the mice pointed at another mouse and said, "You're the best one for the job. I can't. I am too weak and old."

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"No way, not me. I'm not big and strong enough," he said and immediately pointed to another mouse. "He can do the job just as well."

The mice continued to argue but none volunteered to do the job. As the days passed, the mice population grew fewer and fewer. Eventually, there was no mouse left.

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*(Adapted from "The Plan" Happy Reader's Pictorial Series 43)*

56. How were the lives of the mice affected by the cat's coming to stay?
- (1) They could mix well with the cat.
  - (2) They continued to live a happy life.
  - (3) They could not play with the bell any more.
  - (4) They had to constantly watch out for the cat.
- (     )
57. Why was the number of mice "dwindling with each passing day"?
- (1) Some of the mice were eaten by the cat.
  - (2) Some of the mice fought with each other.
  - (3) Some of the mice went to another place to live.
  - (4) Some of the mice died because they were getting old.
- (     )
58. What did the mice plan to do in order save themselves?
- (1) They wanted to tie up the cat.
  - (2) They decided to run away from the cat.
  - (3) They wanted to tie a bell around the cat's neck.
  - (4) They decided to kill the cat while it was sleeping.
- (     )
59. Which one of the following words has the same meaning as the word "discovered" in line 4 of the passage?
- (1) created
  - (2) realised
  - (3) exposed
  - (4) understood
- (     )
60. Why did none of the mice do the job?
- (1) They were all feeble and old.
  - (2) They had too much argument.
  - (3) They felt too small and weak to do it.
  - (4) They were afraid they would get killed by the cat.
- (     )



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

Read the passage carefully. Answer the questions in **complete sentences**.

**Arctic**

Snowy owls live in the Arctic, where it is cold all year round. Young male snowy owls are barred with dark brown, but are almost pure white when fully grown. Hence the name snowy owls. Females keep some dark markings throughout their lives. The feet of snowy owls are also covered with feathers and have extra thick pads.

With their incredible vision, snowy owls can see from high up in the sky and swoop 5  
down silently to capture their prey. Like all owls, they have good night vision. They are  
nocturnal and diurnal. They usually hunt at night but in the Arctic, it does not get dark in  
the summer so the owls hunt in the daylight, too. The owls' keen sense of hearing also  
helps them to hunt at night. The ears of an owl are positioned in different locations on  
either side of its head. The sound of its prey reaches the ears at two different times, 10  
enabling the owl to pinpoint the prey's exact location.

Snowy owls feed mainly on lemmings and other rodents, but they will also prey upon  
other mammals, birds, fish, amphibians, crustaceans, and insects. They are able to eat  
about a dozen rodents each day. When the owl gets its food, it swallows it whole or  
tears it into large pieces to swallow. 15

The mother owl stays on the nest and the father brings her food and protects her.  
After the owlets are born, both parents work to feed the owlets. In eight weeks, the  
owlets are ready to leave the nest.

*(adapted from [www.thinkquest.org](http://www.thinkquest.org))*



61. How do the ~~snowy owls~~ obtain their name?

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62. ~~Why do the feet of~~ snowy owls have extra thick pads?

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63. Which characteristics of the snowy owls help them to hunt at night?

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64. How long do the mother and father owls have to provide for their offspring?

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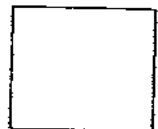
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65. Which sentence in the passage describes the way the snowy owl eats its prey?

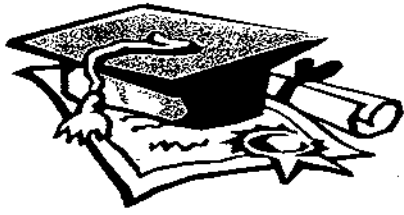
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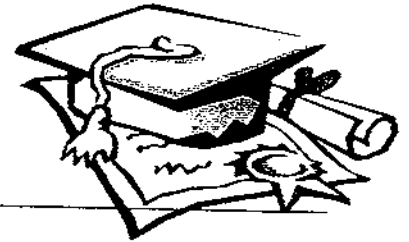


# ANSWER SHEET

**EXAM PAPER 2009**

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43)serious      44)reported      45)staying      46)sent      47)excused

48)other      49)arranged      50)prepared      51)4      52)3

53)3      54)3      55)3      56)4      57)1      58)3      59)2      60)4

61)They are almost pure white when fully grow.

62)The extra thick pads keep feet warm.

63)The characteristics are their good/incredible night vision and keen sense of hearing.

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