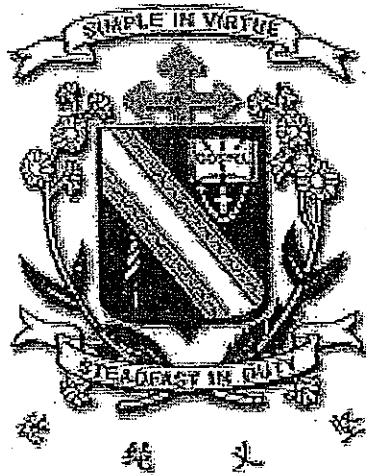


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# CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)



Primary 3

Semestral Assessment 1

7 May 2010

English Language

Paper 2 Booklet A

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

**Instructions to Candidates:**

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Answer all questions on the Optical Answer Sheet.

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**Section A: Vocabulary Multiple-Choice Questions (10 x 1 mark)**

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

1. The witness of the hit and run accident agreed to \_\_\_\_\_ in court.
  - (1) qualify
  - (2) justify
  - (3) testify
  - (4) verify
  
2. The hostess was so busy \_\_\_\_\_ her guests that she forgot to take the roasted turkey out of the oven.
  - (1) inviting
  - (2) showing
  - (3) comforting
  - (4) entertaining
  
3. To \_\_\_\_\_ the truth about the murder, the investigators searched the crime scene thoroughly.
  - (1) pull out
  - (2) fork out
  - (3) draw out
  - (4) ferret out
  
4. My grandfather was \_\_\_\_\_ at home after he had been discharged from the hospital.
  - (1) restoring
  - (2) renewing
  - (3) recharging
  - (4) recuperating

5. Jason is as \_\_\_\_\_ as a mule because he refuses to change his bad habits.
- (1) stubborn
  - (2) notorious
  - (3) rebellious
  - (4) mischievous
6. The detective \_\_\_\_\_ himself as a female cleaner in the company to gather evidence against the dishonest employee.
- (1) dolled
  - (2) disguised
  - (3) presented
  - (4) camouflaged
7. "That vase is \_\_\_\_\_. Please handle it with care," reminded Mrs Wilson.
- (1) soft
  - (2) fragile
  - (3) durable
  - (4) waterproof
8. The books that Lynn borrowed from the library are \_\_\_\_\_. She must return them immediately.
- (1) late
  - (2) overdue
  - (3) delayed
  - (4) postponed

9. Every morning, the MRT train is packed with \_\_\_\_\_.

(1) commuters

(2) on-lookers

(3) passers-by

(4) pedestrians

10. The hungry eagle \_\_\_\_\_ just above its unsuspecting prey, waiting for its chance to catch it.

(1) floated

(2) swayed

(3) hovered

(4) soared

Section B: Grammar Multiple-Choice Questions (10 x 1 mark)

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

11. This pair of scissors \_\_\_\_\_ to Mina. She uses it during her Art lessons.
- (1) belong
  - (2) belongs
  - (3) belonged
  - (4) is belonging
12. Yen Yen prefers apple juice \_\_\_\_\_ orange juice.
- (1) to
  - (2) or
  - (3) but
  - (4) from
13. Mrs. Lim said, "Sue \_\_\_\_\_ attend your birthday party, but she has to get permission from her mother."
- (1) may
  - (2) must
  - (3) shall
  - (4) should
14. All except Lisa \_\_\_\_\_ to eat pineapple rice.
- (1) like
  - (2) likes
  - (3) has liked
  - (4) are liking

15. In the wild, the young of the turtles have to depend on \_\_\_\_\_ for survival.
- (1) itself
  - (2) himself
  - (3) ourselves
  - (4) themselves
16. Mr Koh is very busy, he only finds time to exercise \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) daily
  - (2) regularly
  - (3) frequently
  - (4) occasionally
17. During the storm, the strong winds uprooted a tree and it lay \_\_\_\_\_ the road, stopping vehicles from passing through.
- (1) along
  - (2) above
  - (3) across
  - (4) against
18. The swimming complex is \_\_\_\_\_ on Mondays.
- (1) close
  - (2) closes
  - (3) closed
  - (4) closing
19. A fire broke \_\_\_\_\_ in our neighbour's kitchen yesterday.
- (1) up
  - (2) out
  - (3) along
  - (4) across

20. "We \_\_\_\_\_ to the park as soon as Mummy comes home," said Jimmy to his sister.

(1) go

(2) goes

(3) will go

(4) would go

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

Study the advertisement carefully and answer the questions 21 to 25.

# **Aunt Bubble's Creation**

**Presents**

## **Baking and Decorating Workshop for Children**

Come and spend a delightful day with Aunt Bubble. Learn how to bake cookies and decorate them with colourful toppings.

### **Junior**

Age: 5 to 8 years old  
Date: 10 -12 June 2010  
Time: 1pm to 3pm

### **Senior**

Age: 9 to 12 years old  
Date: 13 -15 June 2010  
Time: 1.30pm to 3.30pm

Parents are welcomed to join their child.

Cost : \$20 per child / \$30 per parent and child

Venue : People's Place Community Centre

24 Merline Road

Singapore (523312)

Tel : 6221 4561

Website : [www.auntbubblecreation.com](http://www.auntbubblecreation.com)

Bus services : 23, 114, 423 (From Evergreen MRT station)  
554, 898 (From Maxwell MRT station)

*Note : Please come down personally to sign up for the workshop.*



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

21. This advertisement is about baking and decorating \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) cakes
  - (2) muffins
  - (3) cookies
  - (4) brownies
22. Mrs Ravi enrolled her 7-year-old son for the workshop. His workshop will start on \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) 10 June 2010
  - (2) 12 June 2010
  - (3) 13 June 2010
  - (4) 15 June 2010
23. Mr and Mrs Tan are planning to attend the workshop with their children aged 5 and 10 years old. How much will the family need to pay?
- (1) \$40
  - (2) \$60
  - (3) \$80
  - (4) \$100
24. Maggie who is 10 years old has signed up for the workshop. Her workshop ends at \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) 12pm
  - (2) 1.30pm
  - (3) 2.30pm
  - (4) 3.30pm
25. Which of the following statements is **true**?
- (1) You have to sign up for the workshop online.
  - (2) You have to sign up for the workshop in person.
  - (3) You have to sign up for the workshop through the mail.
  - (4) You have to sign up for the workshop through a phone call.

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

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions 26 to 30.

Walking along the shoreline, Joseph was thinking about his dream job being crushed. He was terribly disappointed and was wondering what his wife would say about it. He was deep in thoughts when he heard his companion barking. He looked towards the direction where his companion had run. He was shocked to see a large creature lying at the edge of the water. He walked cautiously towards it and realized that the large creature was a baby whale.

Joseph squatted down to have a closer look at the whale. There was no sign of injury on its body. He noticed a circular object on its head as he leaned closer to look at it. "Oops! It's alive," he exclaimed. There were puffs of wet air blowing at his face. The circular object was its blowhole.

Meanwhile, Phoebe had been whining uneasily after its discovery. Joseph gave Phoebe a hug to calm it down. He had to save this creature, but how? He paused for a moment. Then he started to roll the whale into the sea. Just then, an enormous wave picked the whale up and sent it back to its starting point.

Exhausted, Joseph picked himself up. He was determined to persevere. With the next wave that rolled in, he gave the whale a mighty shove. Once in the deeper part of the water, the whale was able to move on its own and swim back to the sea.

Phoebe was barking again but this time, it sounded like it was rejoicing. Joseph felt a sense of relief and pride as he made his way up the beach.

*Adapted from On the Beach, Reader's Digest 2007*

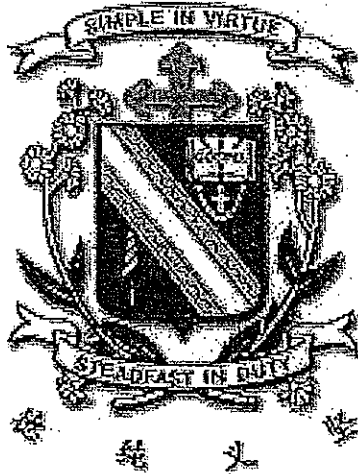
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26. Joseph was disappointed because he \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) could not get his dream job
  - (2) could not push the whale into the sea
  - (3) was worried about what his wife would say
  - (4) was in deep thoughts as his companion was barking
27. His companion was \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) his dog
  - (2) his wife
  - (3) the baby whale
  - (4) the large creature
28. Joseph realized that the baby whale was alive when he \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) felt the puffs of wet air
  - (2) noticed the blowhole on its head
  - (3) observed that there was no injury
  - (4) saw it lying at the edge of the water
29. Which one of the following is true?
- (1) Phoebe took Joseph to the beach to save the baby whale.
  - (2) Joseph and Phoebe shoved the baby whale back into the sea.
  - (3) Joseph and Phoebe were glad that the baby whale was saved.
  - (4) Joseph went to the beach with the intention of saving the baby whale.
30. How would you describe Joseph in his effort to save the baby whale?
- Joseph was a \_\_\_\_\_ man.
- (1) proud
  - (2) cautious
  - (3) frustrated
  - (4) persistent

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Primary 3

Semestral Assessment 1

7 May 2010

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Paper 2 Booklet B

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

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Booklet A	30
Booklet B	35
Total	65

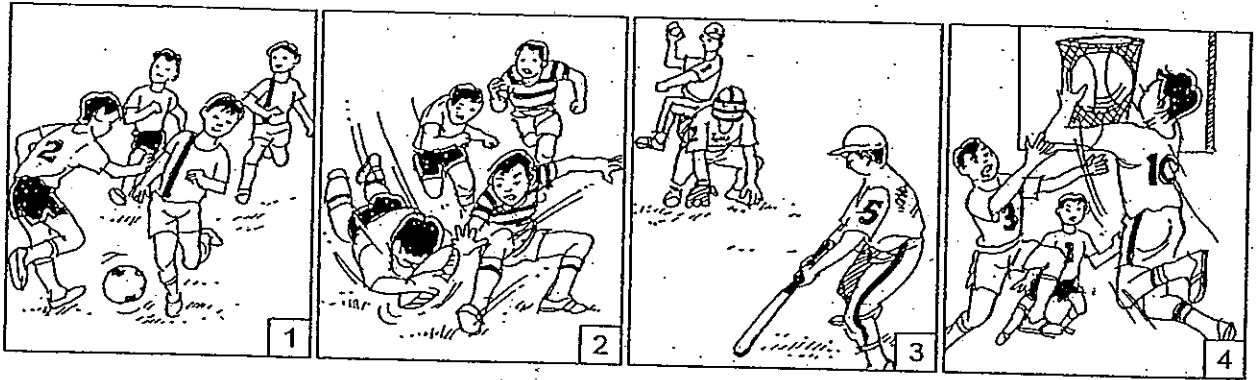
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**Section E: Picture Matching (5 x 1 mark)**

Look at the set of pictures. Listen carefully to your teacher and choose the picture that best describes the statement read. Write its number 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the brackets provided.

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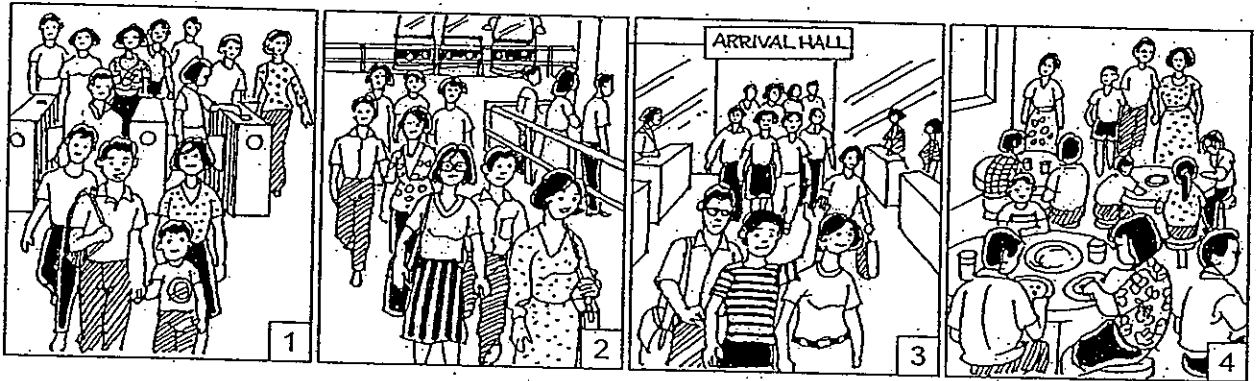
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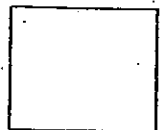


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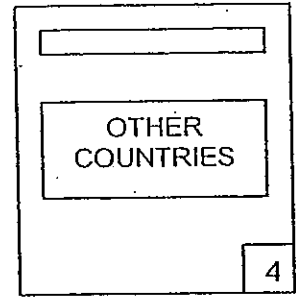
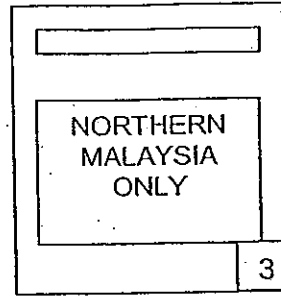
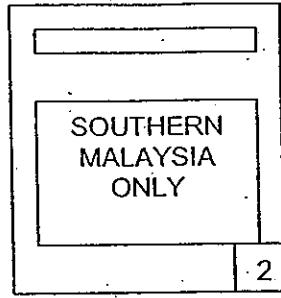
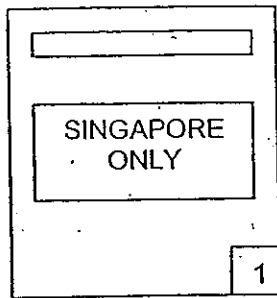
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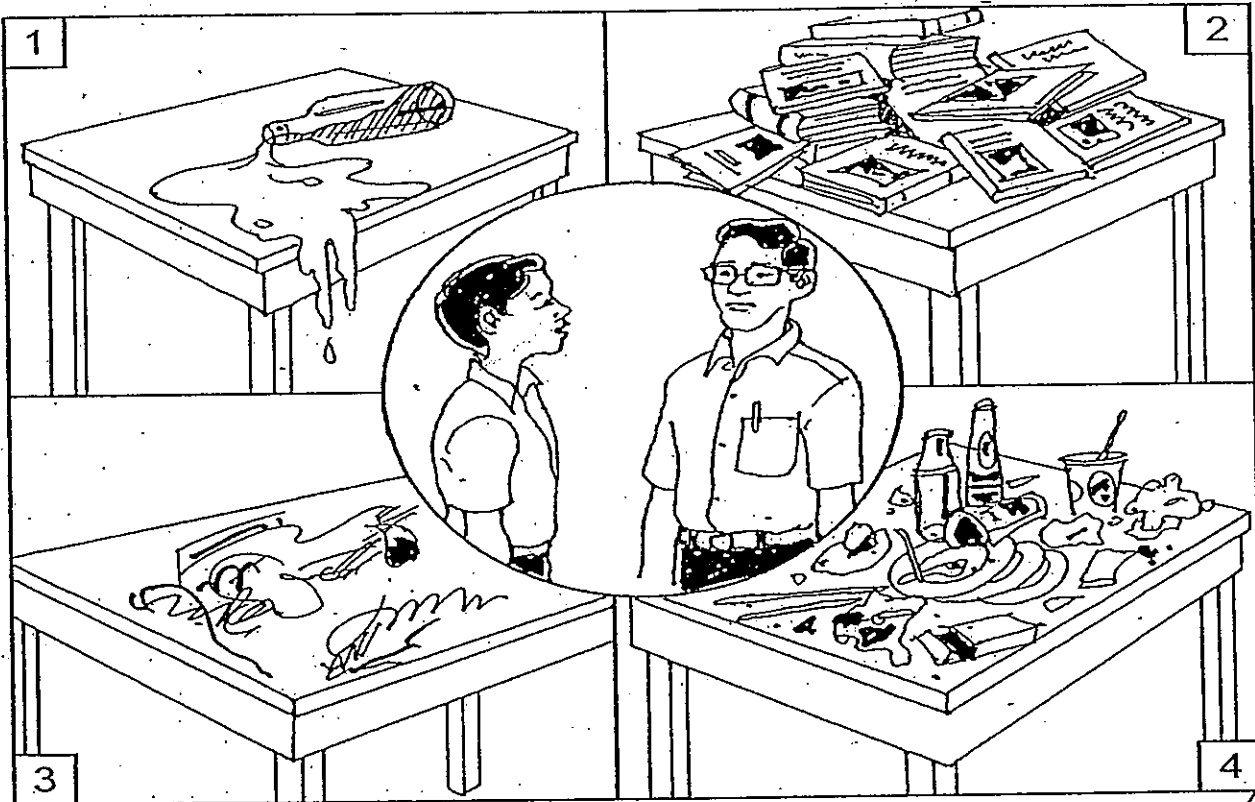


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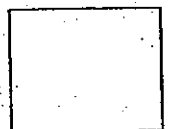


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**Section F: Note-taking (5 x 1 mark)**

Listen carefully to your teacher. Each blank from Q36 to Q40 should be filled with **one word**. As you listen, fill in the blanks with the information given.

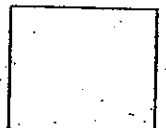
Q36. Day of visit : next \_\_\_\_\_

Q37. Partnering school : \_\_\_\_\_ School

Q38. Meeting time : \_\_\_\_\_ am

Q39. Pupils will learn : \_\_\_\_\_ and animals

Q40. Reason for setting up Sun Club: to encourage children to \_\_\_\_\_ nature



**Section G: Vocabulary 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 H) in each blank. Use each word only once.

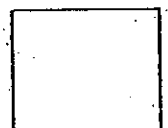
(A) comforted	(C) charged	(E) murmured	(G) close
(B) elated	(D) uttered	(F) punished	(H) near

One evening, as Rumpelstiltskin was passing by the castle, he heard someone crying. He followed the cries and found a girl in the castle. He (41) \_\_\_\_\_ her. When she was feeling better, she told him ~~about~~<sup>that</sup> the king had commanded her to spin straw into gold. If she could do it, the king would marry her. However, if she could not, she would be (42) \_\_\_\_\_. Rumpelstiltskin offered his help.

Immediately he started to spin the straw. The girl was (43) \_\_\_\_\_ when she saw the straw turning into gold. As the girl was eager to present the gold to the king, she thrust a bracelet into Rumpelstiltskin's hands and chased him out of the castle.

Rumpelstiltskin was shocked that the girl had not (44) \_\_\_\_\_ a word of thanks. When he took a (45) \_\_\_\_\_ look at the bracelet, he realised that it was only made of glass beads and seashells. "Is that the way of returning my kindness!" he retorted.

*Adapted from A deal is a deal! by Dr Alvin Granöwsky*





**Section H: Grammar Cloze (5 x 1 mark)**

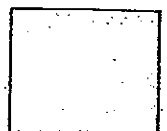
Read the following passage carefully. Choose the correct answer from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to H) in each blank. Use each word only once.

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|-------------|------------|----------------|----------------|
| (A) hers    | (C) their  | (E) themselves | (G) yourselves |
| (B) herself | (D) theirs | (F) ourselves  | (H) myself     |

Judy and Jean are twins who like to do things together. One of (46) \_\_\_\_\_ common interests is drawing paper dolls and designing their costumes. Judy and Jean design the costumes for the paper dolls (47) \_\_\_\_\_. If they run out of ideas, they will browse through magazines for inspiration. "After we have completed the drawings, we will cut out the paper dolls and costumes (48) \_\_\_\_\_," chorused the twins.

The paper dolls are so popular with their classmates that they have been asking the twins to teach them. Although most of their classmates have learnt how to make the paper dolls, (49) \_\_\_\_\_ are not as pretty as the twins'.

Even though the twins have many things in common, they do have their differences. Judy prefers spicy food whereas Jean prefers (50) \_\_\_\_\_ not spicy. This gives their mother a headache when it comes to preparing their meals.



Section I: Comprehension Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

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

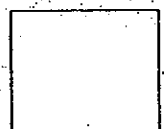
Amphibians are animals that live in water when young and on land when adult. Frogs, toads, newts or salamanders are examples of amphibians. When an amphibian is young, it does not have legs but has a tail to help it (51) \_\_\_\_\_ in water. It has gills to help it breathe in water too.

As amphibians reach the adult stage, the gills as well as the tail, will (52) \_\_\_\_\_. This happens because they do not need them anymore. Their bodies have developed lungs and legs to allow them to (53) \_\_\_\_\_ on land.

Amphibians, unlike other animals, do not have body coverings. The skin of amphibians has to remain (54) \_\_\_\_\_ at all times. If it becomes dry, the animal will soon die.

Amphibians are nocturnal animals. This means they are more active during the (55) \_\_\_\_\_. Therefore, we seldom see them moving in the day.

*Adapted from [www.gardensafarinet/english/frogs.htm](http://www.gardensafarinet/english/frogs.htm)*



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

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions 56 to 60.

Nancy was coming down the ladder when a movement behind a barrel caught her eye. Her heart beat increased; she shone the light at the barrel. It showed a scrap of light-coloured fabric. Someone was hiding behind the barrel!

Nancy wanted to flee up the ladder onto the main deck but instead of doing so, she demanded, "Who are you? Show yourself before I shout for help. I am sure the police will be able to hear me!"

"Hold it," a male voice echoed through the darkness.

The man walked out from his hiding place. Nancy pointed her torch at him to have a good look.

"Could he be a burglar?" Nancy thought as she stared at him suspiciously.

Before Nancy could say anything, he introduced himself. "I am Joseph Mascelli, a mystery story writer. I have received an anonymous tip about the burglary. I thought that this juicy bit of information would beef up my story. Could you lower the light? It's hurting my eyes."

Nancy lowered the torch. She was not convinced of who Joseph Mascelli was as no one could enter the premises without being spotted by the police.

*Adapted from Nancy Drew: The Clue Of The Gold Doubloons*

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

56. What caught Nancy's attention as she came down the ladder?

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57. What made Nancy decide not to flee up the ladder?

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58. Why did Nancy stare at Joseph <sup>Mascelli</sup> ~~Maceffi~~ suspiciously?

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59. Write down the sentence that tells us that Joseph Mascelli did not know who had informed him about the burglary.

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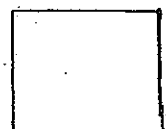
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60. Why did Nancy think that Joseph Mascelli was lying?

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# **ANSWER SHEET**

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- 41) A                      42) F                      43) B                      44) D                      45) G  
46) C                      47) E                      48) F                      49) D                      50) A  
51) swim                      52) disappear                      53) live                      54) wet                      55) night

56) A movement behind a barrel caught her attention.

57) She wanted to find out who was behind the barrel.

58) He could be the burglar.

59) The sentence is "I have received an anonymous tip about burglary".

60) Nancy thought Joseph Masceli was lying as no one could enter the premises without being spotted by the police.

