

ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOL (P) / ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOL (J)

2004 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 1

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (      )

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 23 August 2004

1 hour

50 marks

Instruction

- 1 Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
- 2 There are two parts to this paper : Part I and Part II.  
Answer two questions : one from Part I and one from Part II.

Part I: Functional Writing (10 marks)

Question 1

Imagine you are Sam. Your classmate, Ali, has made a request and you agree to help.



Using complete sentences, write a note to your mother informing her of the following:

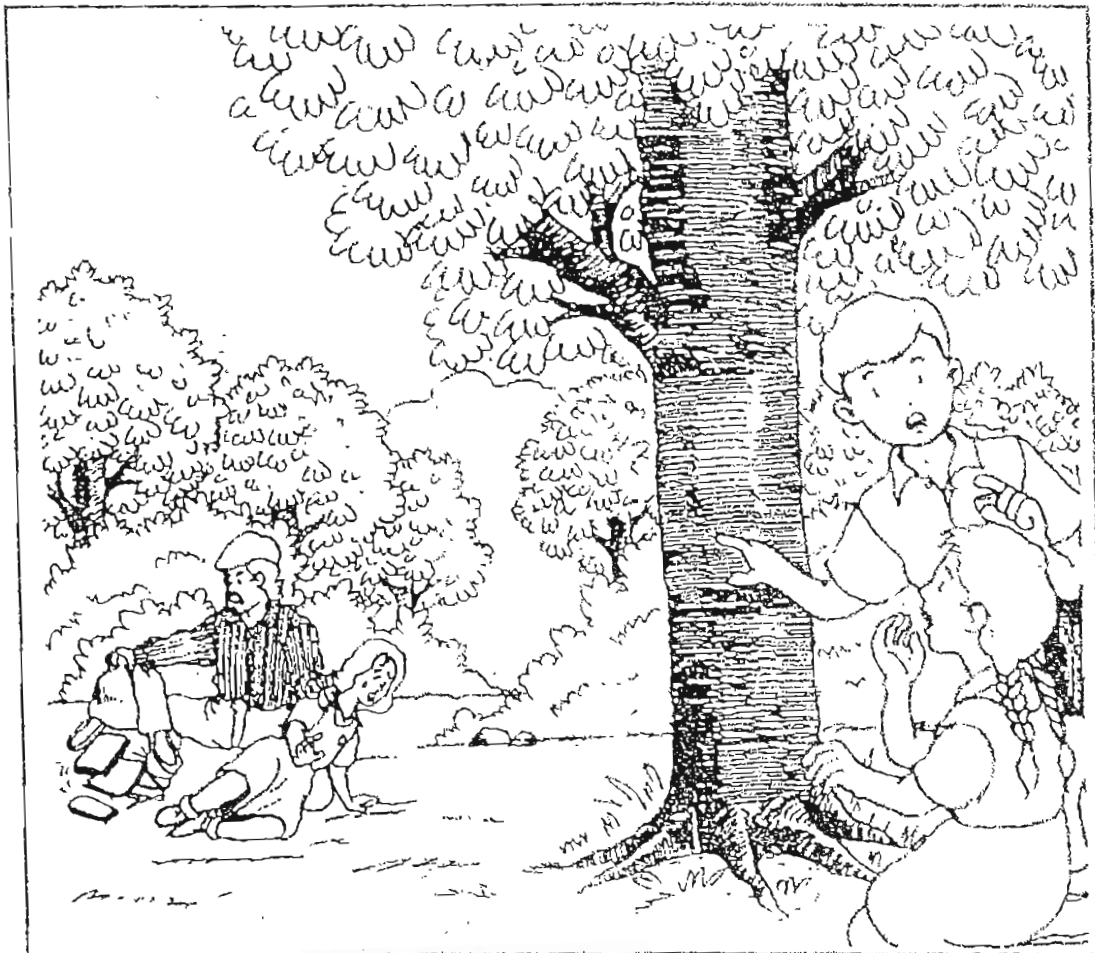
- where you will be going
- what you will be doing
- whom you will be going with
- when and how you will get back

Part II : Continuous Writing (40 marks)

There are two questions in Part II.  
Answer only one of them.

Question 2

Write a story for a story-writing competition based on the picture below. Your story should be at least 150 words long.



For your story, make use of the points below:

- what the children were doing there
- what the man was doing
- what happened in the end

You may reorder the points. You may also include other relevant points.

### Question 3

You were about to join your friends in a game of soccer at recess when you saw a group of pupils at the far corner of the field.

Based on the above situation, write a composition of at least 150 words.

In your story, make use of the points below:

- why the pupils were there
- what you did
- what happened in the end

You may reorder the points. You may also include other relevant points.

End of Paper

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PAPER 2

BOOKLET A

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

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 23 August 2004

35 questions

40 marks

Total Time for Booklets A & B : 2 hours

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FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.

ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS.

# Discover the Secret Goldmine at Compass Point

(28 May – 4 July 2004)



## The Gold Discovery Playland

Bring your children to experience our specially constructed gold-mining tunnel. They can explore the mine, pan for gold and learn about gold. Your children are entitled to free admission when you present a single or accumulated same-day receipts amounting to \$200. Limited to two free admission passes per redemption per day.

### *Kids Squad Exclusive*

Be a Kids Squad member today and get a free admission pass to Gold Discovery Playland. Catch appearances by our very own mascots - Flip, Blip and Pip every Sunday.



## Gold Coast Escape Lucky Draw

Stand a chance to win a trip for two to Gold Coast, Australia with every \$200 spent.

## 'Driven to Shop' Lucky Draw

You also get a chance to win a Mitsubishi Gold in the 'Driven to Shop' Lucky Draw with every \$80 spent. Sponsored by Highway Motors Pte Ltd.



## Pot-of-Gold Freebies Giveaway

Look out for free shopping vouchers on weekdays with a minimum of \$50 spent. For details, get a copy of our flyers at the Redemption Counter, Basement 1.



## Golden Gift with Purchase

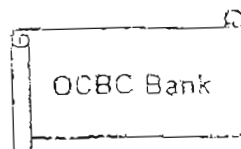
Get a free LIMITED EDITION Compass Point Shopping Bag when you spend a minimum of \$200! While stocks last.



## Golden Privileges for OCBC Cardmembers

Charge your purchases to your OCBC Credit Card and you can walk away with free taxi or coffee vouchers. Look out for other exclusive OCBC discounts and offers – only at selected participating outlets.

Official credit card :



Compass Point Shopping Centre  
1 Sengkang Square  
Singapore 545070  
(Next to Sengkang MRT)

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

1. "Discover the Secret Goldmine" is organised by \_\_\_\_\_
  - (1) OCBC Bank
  - (2) Highway Motors Pte Ltd
  - (3) Gold Discovery Playland
  - (4) Compass Point Shopping Centre
  
2. To qualify for the Gold Coast Escape Lucky Draw, one needs to \_\_\_\_\_
  - (1) spend at least \$80
  - (2) spend at least \$200
  - (3) redeem free shopping bags
  - (4) redeem free taxi or coffee vouchers
  
3. Which one of the following is **not** an activity at the Gold Discovery Playland?
  - (1) Learn about gold and pan for it.
  - (2) Explore the gold-mining tunnel.
  - (3) Sign up for Kids Squad membership.
  - (4) Take photographs with the mascots on Saturdays.
  
4. How many lucky draw promotions are there?
  - (1) One
  - (2) Two
  - (3) Three
  - (4) Four
  
5. Which one of the following statements is **true**?
  - (1) Shoppers can redeem free shopping vouchers anytime.
  - (2) Shoppers may win a trip to Gold Coast, Australia for two families.
  - (3) Shoppers can obtain a maximum of two free admission passes to visit the Gold Discovery Playland each day.
  - (4) Shoppers will receive discounts at all shopping outlets when they charge their purchases to an OCBC credit card.

For each question from 6 to 25, 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. This is the boy \_\_\_\_\_ she mistook for her son.

- (1) who
- (2) whom
- (3) whose
- (4) which

7. Mr Lim, together with his children, \_\_\_\_\_ going ice-skating today.

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

8. Neither the girls nor their brother \_\_\_\_\_ seen in the playground since last month.

- (1) is
- (2) was
- (3) has been
- (4) have been

9. Colin was so exhausted after rugby practice yesterday that he \_\_\_\_\_ on the floor and fell asleep.

- (1) lie
- (2) lied
- (3) lay
- (4) laid

10. The dog escaped through the open gate and was \_\_\_\_\_ over by a car.

- (1) run
- (2) ran
- (3) running
- (4) being run



11. Shirley will tell us all about her trip to France when she \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) returns
  - (2) returned
  - (3) is returning
  - (4) had returned
12. Having worked very hard on the project all week, my brother and I decided to treat \_\_\_\_\_ to a sumptuous dinner at a restaurant.
- (1) himself
  - (2) myself
  - (3) ourselves
  - (4) themselves
13. Mr and Mrs Mano were jogging in the park when they suddenly heard a baby \_\_\_\_\_ loudly.
- (1) cry
  - (2) cries
  - (3) cried
  - (4) was crying
14. Winnie needs to have a hair cut, \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- (1) does she
  - (2) doesn't she
  - (3) has she
  - (4) hasn't she
15. \_\_\_\_\_ you see the suspicious-looking man again, call the neighbourhood police.
- (1) Could
  - (2) Might
  - (3) Should
  - (4) Would
16. Sally likes to cook. She \_\_\_\_\_ tries out new recipes.
- (1) often
  - (2) never
  - (3) rarely
  - (4) seldom

17. "Be careful with the paint! Don't spill \_\_\_\_\_ on the carpet," warned Emily.
- (1) any
  - (2) much
  - (3) some
  - (4) none
18. Brandon takes \_\_\_\_\_ his father. Everyone they meet comments on how similar they look.
- (1) on
  - (2) to
  - (3) over
  - (4) after
19. The camaraderie \_\_\_\_\_ Michael, Owen and David is admired by many.
- (1) in
  - (2) with
  - (3) among
  - (4) between
20. The arrogant woman ordered her friends around \_\_\_\_\_ they were her servants.
- (1) so that
  - (2) or else
  - (3) even if
  - (4) as though
21. Although Wan is an intelligent boy, he is often \_\_\_\_\_ by his more talkative siblings.
- (1) overrun
  - (2) overcome
  - (3) overpowered
  - (4) overshadowed

22. The kidnapper's voice was \_\_\_\_\_ when he put a piece of cloth over the telephone receiver as he spoke.

- (1) blurred
- (2) muffled
- (3) lowered
- (4) subdued

23. As the hard wooden seats were uncomfortable, the children soon started to \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) sprint
- (2) sweat
- (3) squirm
- (4) squeeze

24. To say that you did not do your homework because your dog ate your worksheet is a \_\_\_\_\_ excuse indeed!

- (1) limp
- (2) lazy
- (3) faint
- (4) flimsy

25. The millionaire's family was \_\_\_\_\_ when he decided to leave his entire fortune to charity and not to them.

- (1) jubilant
- (2) severed
- (3) impressed
- (4) astounded

For each question from 26 to 30, choose the most suitable word(s) to replace the underlined word(s). Shade its oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

26. The crowd waiting for the pop star outside his hotel repeated over and over again, 'Ruben, Ruben' till he appeared at his balcony.
- (1) chanted
  - (2) hollered
  - (3) stuttered
  - (4) stammered
27. Take no notice of what Cynthia said. It is typical of her to throw cold water on other people's ideas.
- (1) give insight on
  - (2) take the credit for
  - (3) be discouraging about
  - (4) pretend to know about
28. The seat belt will jam if you suddenly and forcefully pull it. You need to pull it steadily.
- (1) tug
  - (2) jerk
  - (3) twist
  - (4) push
29. When we were young, my brother and I used to creep down the stairs on Christmas Eve to look quietly and secretly at Mum and Dad wrapping our presents.
- (1) peek
  - (2) stare
  - (3) squint
  - (4) glance
30. Although they started to relax later, most of the boys felt embarrassed and nervous at their first dance lesson.
- (1) jittery
  - (2) clumsy
  - (3) unusual
  - (4) awkward

Read the passage below and answer questions 31 to 35.

A British millionaire is continuing his fight against a government threat to deport a Nepalese youth he now considers his own son. He is keeping a promise made to the boy's father ten years ago. 1

Richard Morley, aged forty-one, became seriously ill while climbing the Himalayas. His life was saved by a local guide who ran for three days across the mountains to fetch help. 5

When he had recovered, Richard Morley searched for the guide, Basu Khadka. Basu Khadka, who suffered from a weak heart, refused any money as a reward. Instead, he asked Mr Morley to take care of his son if he should die. Mr Morley willingly agreed. 10

Morley and Basu Khadka wrote to one another for several years. Then the correspondence stopped. Morley went at once to the Himalayas. There he discovered Khadka had died of a heart attack. He then set about finding his son, Jayaram. It took him more than a month.

"He was in rags and destitute, living on the floor of a restaurant. He was working as a goatherd and down a mine," recalled Richard Morley. 15

Morley brought Jayaram back to England. He gave him a fine education with a private tutor. Morley had no children of his own and his wife had died. He now wants Jayaram to inherit all his property and money.

However, there is a problem. Morley had brought Jayaram into Britain as a visitor. Morley said he was eighteen when in fact he was only fourteen. Morley says he did not know the true age when the boy arrived. Five months after his arrival, he tried to change the visitor's visa to one allowing permanent residence. This was refused, and so far many appeals have been refused. A fresh appeal was made to the Home Secretary yesterday. 20 25

"I cannot understand the attitude of my government," declared Richard Morley. "Jayaram has cost the British people nothing, and he will cost them nothing in the future. His father saved my life, and I must keep my promise. If he is not allowed to stay in Britain, we shall leave the country forever. The attitude of the Home Office is foolish and inhumane. To me, this is clearly a bad case of racism." 30

"I have had no problems adapting to life in England," said Jayaram yesterday, "and I want to stay. I would now be a stranger in Nepal. Richard has looked after me like a father. I now call him my father."

A Home Office spokesperson would only say, "When people from overseas come into this country, there are certain rules to be obeyed." 35

For each question from 31 to 35, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3, or 4). Shade the oval (1, 2, 3, or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

31. Richard Morley agreed to look after Basu Khadka's son, Jayaram, because \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) he owed Basu Khadka his life
- (2) Jayaram was living a destitute life
- (3) Jayaram was about to be deported
- (4) he and Basu Khadka were good friends

32. Basu Khadka thought he might die soon because \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) he had a serious medical condition
- (2) it was dangerous working in a mine
- (3) living conditions were poor in Nepal
- (4) he often became ill on the mountains

33. When Richard Morley found Jayaram, the youth was \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) ragged
- (2) famished
- (3) unemployed
- (4) impoverished

34. At the time Richard Morley brought Jayaram into Britain, he \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) concealed Jayaram's age
- (2) obtained a student visa for him
- (3) did not know how old Jayaram was
- (4) tried to apply for permanent residence for Jayaram

35. Richard Morley thought that Jayaram should be allowed to stay in Britain because \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) Jayaram's father had saved his life
- (2) he had to keep his promise to Jayaram's father
- (3) the government had to change its unwise attitude
- (4) the country did not need to pay for Jayaram's upkeep

There are 10 blanks numbered 36 to 45 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 in order to avoid confusion. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE

(A) a	(L) apart	(Q) beyond	(K) his	(N) than
(B) after	(E) aside	(H) had	(L) my	(P) then
(C) an	(F) before	(J) has	(M) our	(Q) yet

As I made my way up the steps leading to the carpark, the boy reappeared. He had \_\_\_\_\_ bag slung carelessly over his shoulder and in a bold \_\_\_\_\_ friendly sort of way said, "What have you got in your bag?"

\_\_\_\_\_ I could reply, he pulled \_\_\_\_\_ the handles of my

\_\_\_\_\_ canvas bag and peered into it.

"Books! Books! What standard are you in?" he exclaimed.

I laughed at \_\_\_\_\_ cheekiness and invited him to join me for supper.

"Cheng Tng is not good enough," he said. "I want claypot rice!" He giggled. By \_\_\_\_\_, he had already quietly returned my bag to me.

I told him his appetite for expensive food was \_\_\_\_\_ my means

and again gestured for him to join me. As if satisfied with \_\_\_\_\_ little

exchange, the boy scampered and vanished behind the dark walls of a neighbouring block.

I warmed at the thought that \_\_\_\_\_ tiny seed of friendship

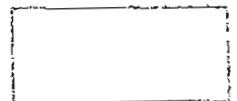
\_\_\_\_\_ been sown based on trust.

Adapted from 'Face to Face' by Anne Lim



Each of the underlined word contains either a spelling or grammatical error. A wrong or missing punctuation mark is indicated by a circle. Put the correct punctuation mark or word in each of the boxes. (10 marks)

You are in the middle of an English Language test. There is total  
(46)  (47)   
silent in the class. While the others are writing on furiously, you are  
beginning to feel hungry. It is nearly recess time and you are thinking of  
(48)   
how dilesious a bowl of laksa in your canteen would taste. Suddenly,  
(49)   
without any warning at all, your stomach made a loud growling sound. Your  
(50)   
classmates start to giggle and you nearly die of embearasment.  
(51)   
Why does your stomach behave that way  When you are hungry,  
(52)   
your stomach begins to secreat digestive juices. The churning of these  
(53)   
juices in your stomach are what causes the growling sound. When you eat  
(54)   
to sastify your hunger, the juices will not churn as there is now something  
(55)   
to work on. Thus, the churning of these juices is the stomach s way  
of alerting you that it is time to eat.





Fill each blank with a suitable word.

(20 marks)

Many a time, my mother used to remind me never to stand under a ladder. She believed that misfortune would certainly \_\_\_\_\_ anyone who did so.  
(56)

Being scornful of all superstitious beliefs, I used to laugh at her for \_\_\_\_\_ such a silly thing. Then, \_\_\_\_\_ long ago,  
(57) (58)  
something happened which changed my thinking. Perhaps there is some \_\_\_\_\_ in superstitions after all.  
(59)

It \_\_\_\_\_ on a Sunday morning just before the Chinese New Year  
(60)  
I decided to \_\_\_\_\_ our living room with paper lanterns and other  
(61)

colourful ornaments. To put these up, I needed to use a \_\_\_\_\_ . I went to  
(62)

the storeroom and brought out the old wooden one that we had. I climbed up to the top  
(63)

\_\_\_\_\_ of the ladder, with a lantern in one hand, a pair of scissors in the  
(64) and a reel of thread \_\_\_\_\_ my teeth. Just as I  
(65)

was \_\_\_\_\_ out to tie the lantern to a nail high on the wall, the step  
(66)

under me gave way. \_\_\_\_\_ - completely by surprise, I fell to  
(67)

the floor with a heavy \_\_\_\_\_ . I felt a \_\_\_\_\_ pain on  
(68) (69)

my back as well as my ankle. The pain was so acute that I could not utter a

\_\_\_\_\_ . I sat there on the \_\_\_\_\_ biting my lips with  
(70) (71)

tears streaming down my face. Mother heard the sound of the falling ladder. She rushed

into the living room. She took one \_\_\_\_\_ at me and decided to take me  
(72)

to the nearest hospital. The injury on my ankle was \_\_\_\_\_ than we  
(73)

thought. On careful \_\_\_\_\_, the doctor found that I had a fracture just  
(74)

above my ankle. I was sent home with strict \_\_\_\_\_ to remain in bed  
(75)

I would think twice before walking under a ladder in the future.

*Adapted from Self Test Comprehension*

For each of the items 76 to 80, 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 given one(s). (10 marks)

76. Mr Brown is working hard. He has a family of seven to support.

\_\_\_\_\_ to.

\_\_\_\_\_

77. My uncle would rather watch movies (at home than go to a cinema).

\_\_\_\_\_ prefers \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

78. Only Paul paid attention to the instructor. No one else paid attention to the instructor.

\_\_\_\_\_ except \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

79. Mrs Tay colours her hair every month. It makes her happy.

Colouring \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

80. "You must come here by 8 o'clock tonight." Mrs Lee told the children.

Mrs Lee told the children \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



Read the passage below and answer questions 81 to 90. (20 marks)

I first met Sheba in 1956. I was a third grade student. She was a seven-week-old kitten in a pet-shop window. She caught my eye immediately. I had always wanted a kitten, or at least that was what I told myself when I saw her there on display. 1

At first she did not even notice me standing there. I tried tapping on the glass but her concentration remained elsewhere as she gave full attention to the task at hand. A thousand generations of hunting and stalking instinct were brought to bear as she successfully brought down her quarry - her sister's tail. 5

I tapped again. She stared at me for a moment, and the bond was made. Following a brief discussion through the glass, we concluded that we were made for each other. I vowed to return later in the day to take her home with me. 10

Unfortunately, I soon found that the road to kitten ownership was not without obstacles. Mum and Dad did not think much of my plans. It seemed that they knew quite a lot about the subject of acquiring pets. "Who ever heard of paying money for a cat? A kitten is something that you can get for free at any barn. Besides, we're dog people." 15

I was not sure what that meant but, even at eight years old, I could see that the only true stumbling stone here was the finances. You see, Sheba came with a stiff price tag, two dollars and fifty cents. "A lot of money for something that you can get for free anywhere." 20

Getting my way this time was not going to be easy. However, I felt up to the challenge at hand and after a day of typical little kid whining and a chunk of "birthday money" that came from Uncle Ron, Sheba was mine.

Sheba slept on my bed every night. We had long and meaningful conversations when no one else was around. In fact, Sheba was largely responsible for my deciding somewhat early in life to pursue a career as a veterinarian. 25

Through my high school, college and veterinarian school, Sheba remained a close feline friend. Many important decisions regarding my career were influenced by conversations, whether real or imagined, with Sheba.

It was her influence once again that got me thinking about opening a veterinary hospital for cats only. In June of 1978, my new hospital opened its doors. 30

Sheba was twenty-two on opening day when Mum and Dad brought her to the new hospital she had inspired. They did not warn me in advance that there was second reason for the visit.

Sheba looked horrible. She had become quite ill that week. I did a thorough check on her and was forced to a bitter conclusion. You see, I had been in the practice long enough to know when a situation was hopeless 35

It seemed fitting that in the new hospital, Sheba was the first cat whose suffering we could ease. We had the last of our long conversations before she fell gently asleep in my arms. 40

*Adapted from Chicken Soup for the Soul*

For each question from 81 to 90, write your answer in the space provided.  
ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

81. How was Sheba put on display?

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82. Why did Sheba not respond to the author's tapping?

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83. Write down the parts of two different sentences from paragraph 3 that tell you Sheba and the author liked each other.

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84. What was the author's age when he first met Sheba?

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85. Why were the author's parents not willing to pay for a kitten?

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86. From the author's point of view, what was the real problem to his acquiring a kitten?

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87. Write down the two-word phrase from paragraph 6 that suggests that the author had managed to get what he had desired before.

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88. How did the author overcome the obstacles to getting the cat?

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89. Write down clearly the two important decisions that Sheba had helped the author to make about his career.

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90. How did the author ease the cat's suffering?

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02. 2	12. 3	22. 2	32. 1
03. 4	13. 1	23. 3	33. (4)
04. 2	14. 2	24. (4)	34. 3
05. 3	15. 3	25. 4	35. (4)
06. 2	16. 1	26. 1	
07. 1	17. 1	27. 3	
08. 3	18. 4	28. (2)	
09. 3	19. 3	29. 1	
10. 1	20. 4	30. (4)	

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| 36) L             | 58) not         | 76) Mr Brown is working hard to support a family of seven.  |
| 37) Q             | 59) truth       | 77) My uncle prefers watching movies at home to going to a cinema.  |
| 38) F             | 60) happened    | 78) Everyone except Paul did not pay attention to the instructor.   |
| 39) D             | 61) decorate    | 79) Colouring her own hair every month makes Mrs Tay happy.   |
| 40) K             | 62) ladder      | 80) Mrs Lee told the children that they had to go there by 8 o' clock that night.                         |
| 41) P             | 63) step        | 81) Sheba was displayed in a shop window.   |
| 42) G             | 64) other       | 82) She was trying to catch her sister's tail and could not pay attention to the author then.             |
| 43) M             | 65) between     | 83) The parts are "the bond was made" and "made for each other".  |
| 44) A             | 66) reaching    | 84) The author was eight years old.   |
| 45) H             | 67) Taken       | 85) One could get a kitten for free.  |
| 46) silence       | 68) thud        | 86) From the author's point of view, the cost of the kitten was the real problem.                         |
| 47) away          | 69) sharp       | 87) The phrase is "this time".  |
| 48) delicious     | 70) word        | 88) He whined at his parents repeatedly and used the money from Uncle Ron to pay for it.                  |
| 49) makes         | 71) floor       | 89) The author decided to be a veterinarian and also decided to open a veterinary hospital for cats only. |
| 50) embarrassment | 72) glance      | 90) The author put the cat to sleep.  |
| 51) ?             | 73) worse       |   |
| 52) secrete       | 74) examination |   |
| 53) is            | 75) orders      |   |
| 54) satisfy       |                 |   |
| 55) stomach's     |                 |   |
| 56) befall        |                 |   |