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Class : Primary 6 | \_\_\_\_\_

## CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)



Primary 6

Preliminary Examination

31 August 2011

English Language

Listening Comprehension

Duration of paper : 40 minutes

20 questions

20 marks

**Instructions to Candidates**

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Answer all questions.

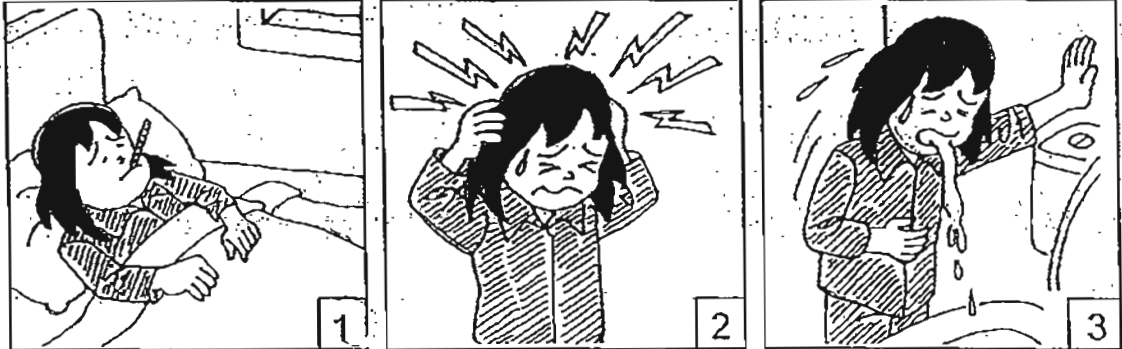
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For each question from 1 - 20, three options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1,2 or 3). Shade the correct oval (1,2 or 3) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

Text 1

Q1. What did Jane suffer from?

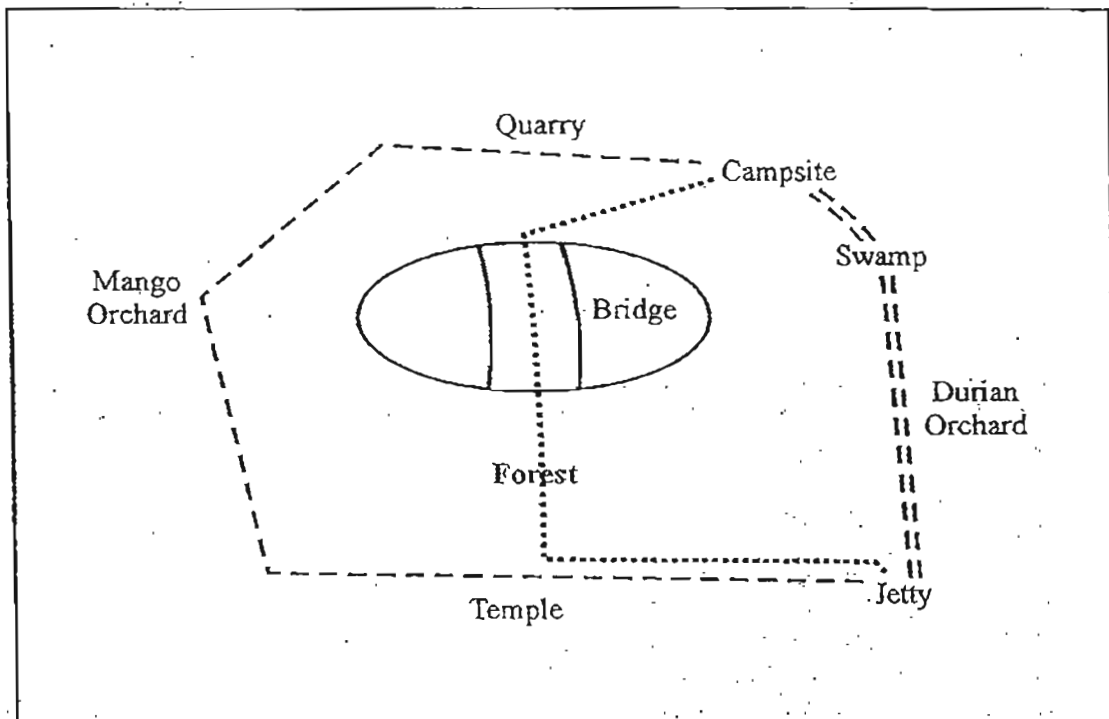


Q2. What did Jane do most of the time when she was sick?



**Text 2**

- Q3.** How many times in a year do Mary and Felix go on a camping trip?
- (1) Once
  - (2) Twice
  - (3) Thrice
- Q4.** Which of the three lines show the route that Mary and Felix took to reach their campsite?
- (1) =====
  - (2) -----
  - (3) .....



**Text 3**

- Q5.** Where was Steve?
- (1) He was at home.
  - (2) He was at Choon Hong's house.
  - (3) He was in a shop selling vases.
- Q6.** How did Mrs Sim react to the incident?
- (1) She reprimanded Steve.
  - (2) She wanted Steve to pay for the vase.
  - (3) She advised Steve to be more careful in future.

#### Text 4

**Q7. Why were people in Christchurch woken up early in the morning?**

- (1) They felt major tremors.
- (2) An overnight curfew was declared.
- (3) A major power failure had occurred.

**Q8. How many people were injured?**

- (1) 2 people
- (2) no one
- (3) 400 000 people

**Q9. What was so miraculous about the disaster?**

- (1) There was no major damage to the city.
- (2) People suffered only minor injuries.
- (3) No one was killed.

#### Text 5

**Q10. Why were the policemen hunting for a tiger?**

- (1) They were investigating a case.
- (2) They were training to track criminals.
- (3) They were trying to capture the tiger that had escaped from the zoo.

**Q11. Why was there no real danger for the policemen?**

- (1) The tiger was too tired.
- (2) The tiger was tame.
- (3) The police had tranquillizer guns.

**Q12. How did Ben feel about the whole incident?**

- (1) He felt excited.
- (2) He felt scared.
- (3) He felt worried.

#### Text 6

**Q13. How does the National Science magazine help students in recalling and understanding?**

- (1) through its colourful photos
- (2) through its hands-on activities
- (3) through its info-graphic format

**Q14. What is given free with every issue?**

- (1) teacher's guide
- (2) colourful photographs
- (3) web science resources

**Q15. How much does it cost an individual student to order 8 issues of the National Science magazine?**

- (1) \$6.95
- (2) \$9.95
- (3) \$16.95

**Q16. In how many ways can subscription to the National Science magazine be made?**

- (1) one way
- (2) two ways
- (3) three ways

**Text 7**

**Q17. Why are most spiders considered harmless?**

- (1) They do not bite humans.
- (2) They are afraid of humans.
- (3) Only a few spiders are venomous.

**Q18. How are spiders useful to man?**

- (1) They eat food crops.
- (2) They eat other insects.
- (3) They eat other spiders.

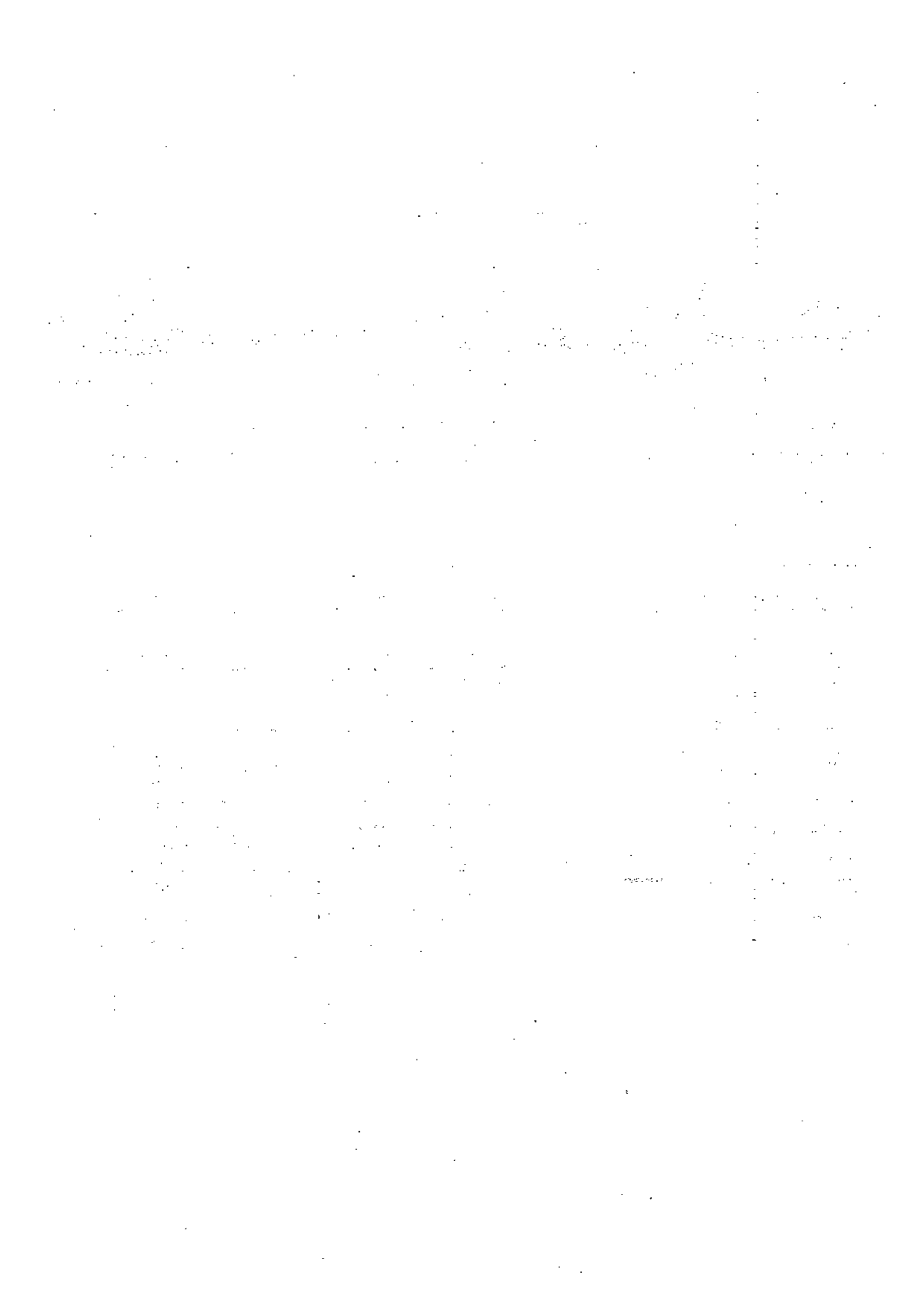
**Q19. How did the black widow get its name?**

- (1) It was named after its colour.
- (2) It was named black widow as it was venomous.
- (3) It was named from the idea that the female kills its mate.

**Q20. How is the male black widow different from its mate?**

- (1) It is smaller with long legs and yellow spots on its back.
- (2) It is half the size with reddish hour glass shape on its abdomen.
- (3) It is about 3.8cm long and lacks the eye-catching colouration.

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## CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)



Primary 6

Preliminary Examination

22 August 2011

English Language

Paper 1

Duration of Paper: 1 h 10 min

2 questions

55 marks

**Instructions to Candidates:**

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Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer question 1 and choose either question 2 or 3.

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**Part 1: Situational Writing (15 Marks)**

(1) Read the pamphlet below.

**JUMPING GYM Children's Fitness Corner**

**SPECIAL PROMOTION**  
**10% discount on all programmes**  
**(1 Nov – 31 Dec 2011)**

Jumping Gym has a special programme to help children 2 years to 10 years of age develop physically and socially in a fun-filled manner.

Jumping Gym has won the Singapore Parents' Choice Award 2011, its 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive win!

There are over 100 branches in Singapore and Malaysia offering weekly one-hour classes that incorporate music, dance, games, gymnastics and sports.

**Jumping Gym @ Bukit Batok (Main Branch)**

Block 68, Bukit Batok Central

#01-76B

Singapore 223368

Tel: 62223300

(Opposite Friendly Supermarket)

**Jumping Gym @ Simei (New Outlet)**

150 Simei Avenue 5,

#01-60

Singapore 445150

Tel: 64445100

(Next to Simei Sports Stadium)

For more details, visit our website at [www.jumpinggym.com](http://www.jumpinggym.com)

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### Your Task

You received a pamphlet promoting activities at a children's gym.

Your aunt has been looking around for a good children's gym to enrol your 4-year-old cousin, Amy, who is very active.

**Write an email to your aunt informing her of Jumping Gym Children's Fitness Corner.**

You are to refer to the pamphlet on page 2 for your email.

In your email, include the following information:

- why you are telling your aunt about this gym
- the aim of the special programme
- the duration of the weekly classes and what they include
- what will convince your aunt to select this gym
- where she should go for more details

You may reorder the points. You should write in complete sentences.

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Part 2: Continuous Writing (40 marks)

There are two questions in Part 2.  
Answer only one of them.

(2) Write a story 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 boy in front of the busker was doing
- how the girl in the pony tail reacted
- what happened in the end

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- (3) You had just settled into your new house with your family. The house next to yours was still vacant and you and your brother noticed ripe mangoes hanging from a huge tree in the garden.

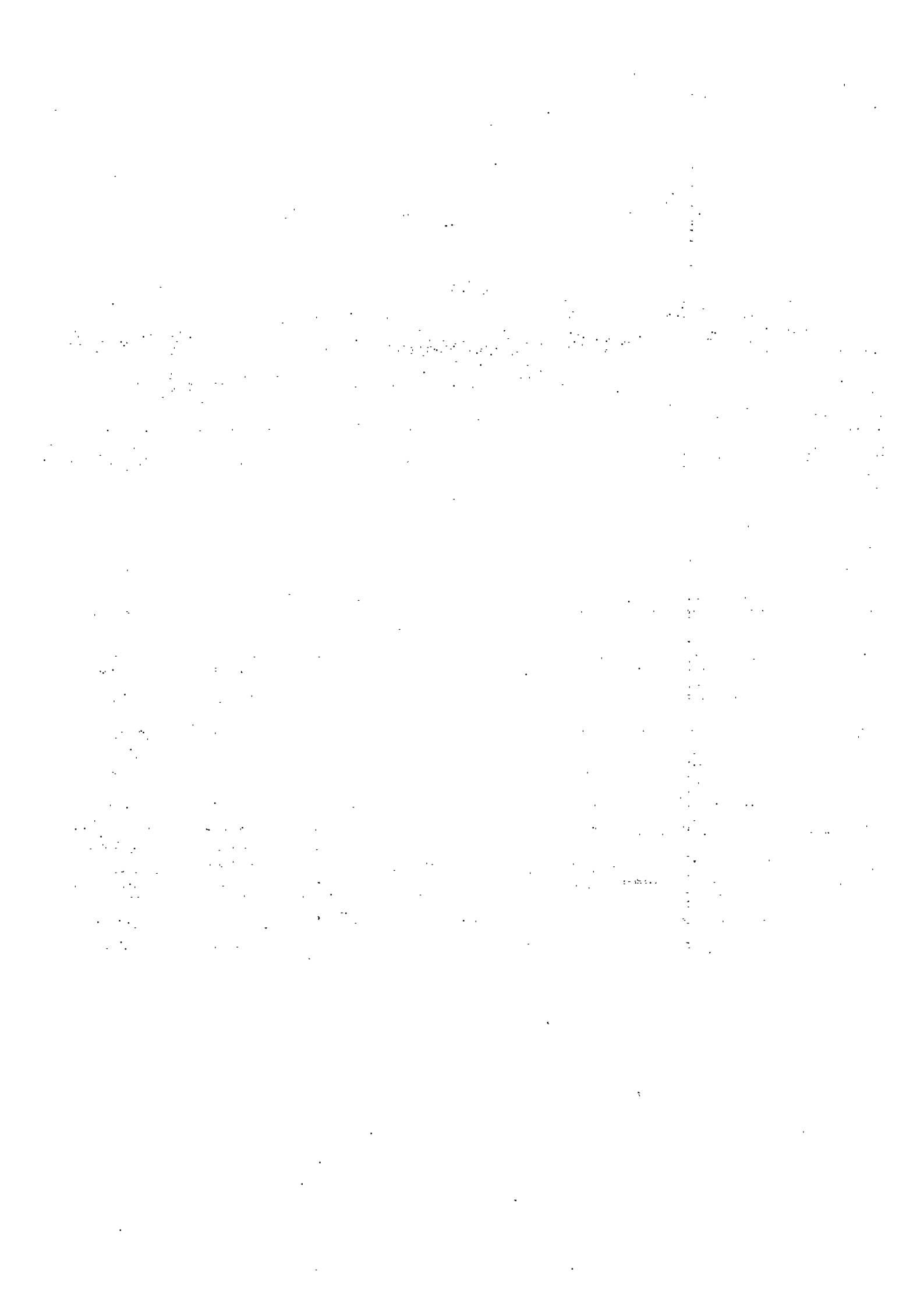
Based on the above situation, write a composition of at least 150 words.

You must make use of the points below in your story:

- how you felt about the mangoes
- what you and your brother 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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## CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)



Primary 6

Preliminary Examination

22 August 2011

English Language

Paper 2 Booklet A

Duration of Paper (Booklets A & B): 1 h 50 min

30 questions

30 marks.

**Instructions to Candidates:**

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

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

*This booklet consists of 10 printed pages and 1 blank page.*

Study the advertisement below carefully and then answer questions 1 to 5.

Do not miss this exciting PROMOTION!

# 10% Off

**\*Rebate voucher with every nett purchase of \$100 made with the JayaMetro Privilege Card**

~This promotion is exclusively for JayaMetro Cardholders~  
Come and shop at Jaya Metro from 21 – 24 Dec 2011 to enjoy this special promotion.

JayaMetro

Privilege Card

This card entitles the bearer to enjoy a free ice-cream cone from JayaMetro Supermarket every Tuesday. (Limited to the first 100 customers of the day) Please produce this card for verification at the ice-cream counter.

123 456 789

Jane Teo

Valid till Dec. 2011

\* Rebate vouchers are redeemable at the Customer Service Counter, JayaMetro Mall, Level 1.



\* Rebate will be given in the form of JayaMetro Vouchers. Only receipts accumulated on the same day from the same store may be combined to make \$100. This promotion excludes purchases from JayaMetro Supermarket.

Privilege card holders will continue to enjoy free parking at JayaMetro Mall during this period of promotion.

Card holders whose birthdays fall during this promotion period will enjoy another 5% rebate.

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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. (5 marks)

1 The flyer is promoting \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) a privilege card
- (2) shopping at JayaMetro
- (3) a \$100 rebate voucher
- (4) bonus points for shoppers

2 This promotion is valid \_\_\_\_\_ only.

- (1) on weekends
- (2) during Christmas
- (3) for a limited period
- (4) for the first 100 customers

3 The 10% discount will be given to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) anyone who shops at JayaMetro
- (2) all shoppers who shop at the supermarket
- (3) all shoppers who spend a minimum of \$100
- (4) JayaMetro Cardholders who spend the required amount

4 I will only be able to claim my rebate if I accumulate my receipts from \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) the same JayaMetro store on different days
- (2) different JayaMetro stores on the same day
- (3) the same JayaMetro store on the same day
- (4) different JayaMetro stores on different days

5 Mrs Ang was unable to get a free ice-cream cone at the supermarket because she \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) had not spent \$100 that day
- (2) was the 100<sup>th</sup> customer of the day
- (3) had forgotten to bring her privilege card
- (4) went in November 2011 instead of December 2011

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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. (7 marks)

6 Did anyone see the suspect \_\_\_\_\_ the victim with a broken bottle?

- (1) stab
- (2) stabbed
- (3) is stabbing
- (4) had stabbed

7 It was Mr Lim and not his twins who walked home by \_\_\_\_\_ every day.

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

8 \_\_\_\_\_ the naughty child has disappointed his mother many times, she still believes in him.

- (1) Since
- (2) Unless
- (3) Though
- (4) Because

9 The form teacher of Primary 6H, together with the top pupils of the class, \_\_\_\_\_ gone off to attend the prize-giving ceremony.

- (1) have
- (2) has
- (3) are
- (4) is

10 Janice, \_\_\_\_\_ brother has just left Singapore to study in Australia, is my best friend.

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

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11 If I \_\_\_\_\_ an eagle, I would be able to fly freely in the expanse of the great blue sky.

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

12 A few deer \_\_\_\_\_ spotted in the Bukit Timah Nature Reserve yesterday)

- (1) has been
- (2) had been
- (3) were
- (4) was

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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. (3 marks)

Alice stood rooted to the spot, staring at the beautiful flower before her. There seemed to be some incessant chatter coming from the tiger-lily. Alice strained her ears to decipher what the lovely flower was trying to say.

"Listen carefully, surely you hear the drum (13) Boom, Boom! There are only two notes going on over and over again. Without a doubt you can hear it, if you try hard enough," trilled the tiger-lily in her singsong voice.

Finally understanding what the tiger-lily had been trying to communicate, Alice kept very still and listened with all her heart (14) Boom, Boom! Indeed there was that rhythmic beat coming from behind the bushes.

She ~~smiled excitedly~~, "I can hear it now (15) The tiger-lily smiled back at her and together they swayed to the rhythmic beat in unison.

*Adapted from The Snow Queen by Hans Anderson*

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

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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. (5 marks)

16 In a family where many members enjoyed longevity, Mr Toh's grandmother lived to \_\_\_\_\_ age of 103.

- (1) an advanced
- (2) an ancient
- (3) an elderly
- (4) a senior

17 Mrs Lim goes to the office only when necessary as her working hours are \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) mobile
- (2) flexible
- (3) predictable
- (4) spontaneous

18 The police acted on an anonymous tip off and were able to \_\_\_\_\_ the gang's attempt to rob the jewellery shop.

- (1) foil
- (2) waylay
- (3) ambush
- (4) eradicate

19 The terracotta army was discovered by the archaeologists who \_\_\_\_\_ the burial site of Emperor Qin.

- (1) extolled
- (2) exposed
- (3) extracted
- (4) excavated

20 Under the new government's approach, more emphasis would be \_\_\_\_\_ improving primary education.

- (1) placed along
- (2) placed with
- (3) placed on
- (4) placed in

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

A computer is a special machine that can be programmed. It is designed to carry out arithmetic or logical operations automatically. A particular sequence of operations can be changed readily, allowing the computer to solve more than one kind of problem.  
(21)

Typically, a computer consists of three special features. With these features, we can store pictures, watch movies, read emails and carry out various operations on the computer.  
(22) (23)

Peripheral devices enable information to be entered from an external source, and allow the results of operations to be sent out.  
(24)

A computer's processing unit carries out series of instructions that make it read, manipulate and then store data. When we use the computer, we are actually providing input which the computer reads as instructions. This results in a smart machine that can interact with its users.  
(25)

*Adapted from www.wikipedia.com*

- 21 (1) collection  
(2) instruction  
(3) arrangement  
(4) establishment

- 22 ~~(1)~~ notably  
~~(2)~~ prefably  
~~(3)~~ obviously  
~~(4)~~ conventionally

- 23 (1) factors  
(2) numbers  
(3) functions  
(4) performances

- 24 (1) designs  
(2) gadgets  
(3) schemes  
(4) maneuvers

- 25 ~~(1)~~ facts  
~~(2)~~ statistics  
~~(3)~~ evidences  
~~(4)~~ knowledge

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Read the passage and answer questions 26 to 30.

Early in the morning, shortly after dawn, while Tito was still dreaming, Bimbo would disappear. When Tito awoke, Bimbo would be sitting quietly at his side, his ears cocked, his stump of a tail tapping the ground, and a fresh-baked loaf of bread from the kind baker at the corner of the street – more like a large round roll – at his feet. Tito would stretch himself, Bimbo would yawn and they would have breakfast together. 5

At noon, no matter where they happened to be, Bimbo would put his paw playfully on Tito's knee, and the two of them would return to the inner gate. Tito would curl up in the corner, looking almost like his canine friend and go to sleep, while Bimbo, looking quite important serving his master, would disappear again. In a half-hour, he would be back with their lunch. Sometimes it would be a piece of fruit or a scrap of meat. Often it was nothing but a dry crust. On some lucky days, there would be one of those flat, rich cakes, sprinkled with raisins and sugar, which Tito liked so much. 10

At suppertime, the same thing happened, although there was a little less of everything, for things were hard to snatch in the evening with the streets full of people. However, whether there was much or little, hot or cold, fresh or dry, food was always there. Tito never asked where it came from. There was plenty of rainwater in the hollows of soft stones and the egg woman gave him occasional cupfuls of strong goats' milk. In the grape season, the fat winemaker let him have drippings of the mild juice. So there was no real danger of going hungry or thirsty. There was plenty of everything in Pompeii if you knew where to find it – and if you had a companion like Bimbo. 15 20

One afternoon, Tito made his way to the forum, guided by Bimbo who was his eyes to the world. The forum was the part of town to which everybody came at least once during the day. Everything happened there. There were no private houses; all was public – the chief temples, the gold and red bazaars, the silk shops, the town hall, the booths belonging to the weavers and the jewel merchants, the wealthy woollen market. Everything gleamed brightly here and the buildings looked new. The earthquake of twelve years ago had brought down all the old structures, and since the citizens of Pompeii were ambitious to rival Naples and even Rome, they had seized the opportunity to rebuild the whole town. Hence there was scarcely a building that was older than Tito. 25

Tito had heard a great deal about the earthquake. Since he was only about a year old at that time, he could hardly remember it. This particular quake had been a light one, as earthquakes go. The crude houses had been shaken down, and parts of the outworn hall had been wrecked, but there had been little loss of life. No one knew what caused these earthquakes. Records showed they had happened in the neighbourhood since the beginning of time. An old sailor, who smoked pipes with his sailor friends, said it was to teach the lazy city folk a lesson and make them appreciate those who risked the dangers of the sea to bring them luxuries and to protect their town from invaders. The priests said that the gods took this way of showing their anger to those who refused to worship properly. Tito listened to the conversations around him with interest as he walked slowly, one hand holding on to his walking stick while the other held on to Bimbo's furry back. 30 35 40

*Adapted from The Dog of Pompeii by Louis Untermeyer*

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For each of the question from: 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make a choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

26. Tito's best friend was a \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) dog
- (2) goat
- (3) sailor
- (4) winemaker

27. In line 34, the word "they" refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) houses
- (2) records
- (3) buildings
- (4) earthquakes

28. Bimbo's main responsibility was to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) serve his master
- (2) provide supper for his master
- (3) be at his master's side at all times
- (4) guide his master through the town

29. Buildings looked new in Pompeii because \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) it was a relatively new town
- (2) city folks took good care of them
- (3) they were rebuilt after the earthquake
- (4) there were many rich merchants who lived there

30. Which one of the following statements is true?

- (1) There had only been one major earthquake in Pompeii.
- (2) Tito relied on Bimbo to find his way around in Pompeii.
- (3) Many buildings were older than Tito in Pompeii.
- (4) Tito always had plenty to eat in Pompeii.

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## CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)



Primary 6

Preliminary Examination

22 August 2011

English Language

Paper 2 Booklet B

Duration of Paper (Booklets A & B) : 1 h 50 min

50 questions  
65 marks

**Instructions to Candidates:**

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Booklet A	30
Booklet B	65
Total	95

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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. (10 marks)

**EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE**

- |            |             |             |          |          |
|------------|-------------|-------------|----------|----------|
| (A) an     | (D) for     | (G) into    | (K) next | (N) the  |
| (B) around | (E) have    | (H) instead | (L) of   | (P) then |
| (C) below  | (F) however | (J) its     | (M) or   | (Q) with |

The conception of the Singapore Zoo dates from 1969. At \_\_\_\_\_ time, (31)  
the Public Utilities Board (PUB) decided to use some of its land holdings  
\_\_\_\_\_ reservoirs for parks and open recreational facilities. The (32) \_\_\_\_\_ (33)  
Executive Chairman of PUB, Dr. Ong Swee Law, set aside 88 hectares of land  
\_\_\_\_\_ the construction of the zoological garden. In 1970, consultants and (34)  
staff were hired and a year later, the construction began.

On 27 June 1973, the Singapore Zoo opened \_\_\_\_\_ gates for the first (35)  
time with a collection of 270 animals and a staff \_\_\_\_\_ 130. By 1990, 1600 (36)  
animals lived in social groups, housed in 65 landscaped exhibits \_\_\_\_\_ (37)  
boundaries made to look as natural as possible.

Today, the zoo is a model of the 'open zoo' concept. The animals are kept in  
spacious enclosures separated from the visitors by dry \_\_\_\_\_ wet moats. (38)  
These are either concealed with vegetation or dropped \_\_\_\_\_ the line of vision. (39)  
In the case of dangerous animals which can climb very well, moat barriers are not  
used. \_\_\_\_\_, these animals are housed in landscaped glass-fronted enclosures (40)  
which offer unobstructed viewings of the animals.

Adapted from [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Singapore\\_Zoo](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Singapore_Zoo)

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Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box. (10 marks)

Three 'square' meals originated in the Royal Navy in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. British warships, including the *Victory*, the oldest serving warship still in commission in the

(41)  world, did not have the best of live conditions. Life aboard was harsh and the quality

(42)  (43)  of the food, often innfairsted with creatures like weevils and maggots, are poor but

the sailors had no other choice. Such meals were better than having to go hungry.

(44)  (45)

Typical, a sailor's breakfast and lunch were spaze meals consisting of little

(46)  more than bread and a barevehrage, sometimes coffee made from burnt

(47)  breadcrumbs and hot water, sweetening with sugar.

(48)

If the crew was lucky, therefore, the third meal of the day included meat and

(49)  was served on a square plahtur. Thus a 'square' meal, the only good meal of the

(50)  day, became asohcceated with eating a substantial meal. Now 'three squares' has

come to mean three-nutritious meals a day. One can only hope no one has to eat meals flavoured with weevils and drink burnt breadcrumbs these days.

Adapted from Reader's Digest, July 2001

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Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

What happens when you ask a child to write a letter these days? Well, he is more likely to turn on a \_\_\_\_\_ than pick up a pen. However, when it comes to writing to Santa Claus, hard \_\_\_\_\_ is still preferred.

(51)

\_\_\_\_\_

(52)

Over the years, the number of letters sent to the North Pole has steadily \_\_\_\_\_, said SingPost, the nation's post office. In 2002, there were \_\_\_\_\_

(53)

about 100. This year, 250 letters have been sent. The rise is remarkable \_\_\_\_\_ the shift in human communication over the last decade.

(54)

Worldwide, postal offices are \_\_\_\_\_ significant dips in mail volume as email becomes increasingly common, \_\_\_\_\_ among the young.

(55)

(56)

Children send their letters to the North Pole for many \_\_\_\_\_

(57)

Some write to ask for toys, others just to say hello. Child psychologist, Daniel Koh, said the \_\_\_\_\_ of writing letters to Santa Claus is important to children

(58)

for whom 'good memories' are built around Christmas. This may be even more relevant for children in Singapore who are \_\_\_\_\_ over homework and

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are unable to \_\_\_\_\_ or for those whose families have been

(60)

\_\_\_\_\_ by the recent economic downturn.

(61)

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"Christmas is about joy and support. Writing to Santa Clause is a representation of that. It is a unique and special tradition for children," said Dr Koh.

In Singapore, there is no dedicated Santa Claus website, but SingPost forwards all letters to \_\_\_\_\_, where Santa's office is located, even when  
(62)  
the letters do not come with \_\_\_\_\_. Christmas is, after all, the  
(63)  
\_\_\_\_\_ of giving  
(64)

'Dear Santa' letters come from all over the \_\_\_\_\_. At Finland  
(65)  
Post, a spokesman said that about 700,000 letters are received from over 200  
countries yearly.

*Adapted from The Straits Times – Santa Letters – December 25, 2009*

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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). (10 marks)

66 Mr Lim bought the diamond ring for his wife in spite of it being costly.

\_\_\_\_\_ even though

\_\_\_\_\_

67 Penny saw her neighbours exercising. She was jogging round the track.

While \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

68 To get a good conduct grade, you need to be courteous and punctual.

Both \_\_\_\_\_

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69 Samad was stunned to see his neighbour's house. It was on fire.

The sight \_\_\_\_\_

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70 No one knew Tammy was warded. Otherwise, we would have visited her in hospital.

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New-born babies, children celebrating their birthdays, newly-weds – all these, the minute their status was known to Ah Boh, instantly became objects of obsessive interest, for they were supposed to bring luck. But the most enduring source was events of tragic rather than a felicitous nature. Ah Boh rushed to the scene of any accident on the road and painstakingly copied down the numbers on the licence plate of the accident vehicle – the sight of twisted metal and blood-splattered bodies in no way distracting her from her purpose.

As the months went by and the dream was nowhere near fulfilment, Ah Boh turned to the help of her household gods. She lit a joss-stick every morning and offered scented flower petals, praying fervently that the day would come soon. In the temple, in front of the urn which contained her late husband's ashes, she prayed for the same thing, adding, in the sorrow of her heart, "Let me win a lot of money. I am not thinking so much of myself as of my old mother, your mother-in-law who was so good to you when you lived. She is already seventy, but every day she goes to work in a coffee shop. I know it is my fault and she is angry with me, for I do not give her enough even for her three meals a day. Please help me win much money, and then I shall take good care of her, and rent her a better room to live in."

And now Ah Boh became convinced that the day of fulfilment was not far away. "It will be soon," she kept murmuring to herself. "I know it. My dead husband has given me a sign." When she visited her old mother in the tiny, rented room in a dilapidated attap house, she spoke of coming wealth and happiness, but the old woman merely said sharply, "Enough of this foolish talk! How much money can you spare to support your old mother this month? But do not worry. I can take care of myself now. Take back your money and go and gamble with it!"

Sitting down in a nearby *kopitiam*, Ah Boh wept, but she was undaunted. She knew, with certainty, that luck was coming, for hadn't her dead husband given her a sign when she prayed before his ashes in the temple? In this frame of mind, she rushed out joyously when somebody told her of an accident a street away, carrying pencil and slip of paper. She arrived, gasping with excited joy, like a child about to receive a present. Untwisted, intact, calling upon Ah Boh to heed them, were the numbers on the plate. But not the front part of the car which had rammed against the iron railings at the side of the road; nor the body of the pedestrian, trapped between the car and the railings, but quickly extricated, laid down on the wet road and covered with somebody's raincoat. The two men who had brought out the body, lifeless and mangled, shook their heads and commented that half the impact would have killed her instantly; old women sometimes died after being knocked down by a mere motor scooter.

The focus of interest soon shifted from the wrecked car and the body under the raincoat to a distraught middle-aged woman kneeling on the road clutching a small piece of paper, laughing and crying. She was saying something, but it made no sense to the bystanders who merely stared at her or looked at her with pity, connecting her distractedness with the dead woman on the road. She was saying in frantic pleading, "You will not be angry with me. I will buy you the most expensive coffin with the prize money, and burn a hundred joss-sticks for you every day, and so you will not be angry with me."

*Adapted from Lottery by Catherine Lim*

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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71 In paragraph one, which two words in a sentence have meanings that are opposite of each other?

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72 What were of little importance to Ah Boh at the scene of any road accident?

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73 What do you think 'dream' (line 8) refers to?

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74 Where was the urn that held Ah Boh's late husband's ashes kept?

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75 In paragraph two, whom did Ah Boh turn to for help?

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76 Why did Ah Boh's mother have to work?

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77 Write down **two** reasons why Ah Boh wanted to rent a better room for her mother.

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78 What was the purpose of the pencil and slip of paper?

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79 Which sentence in paragraph four shows that not the whole car was wrecked in the accident?

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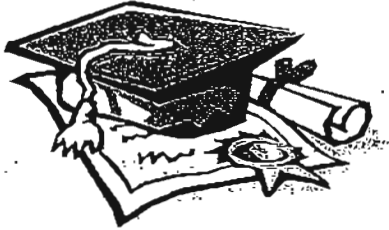
80 Why was Ah Boh distraught at the accident scene at the end of the story?

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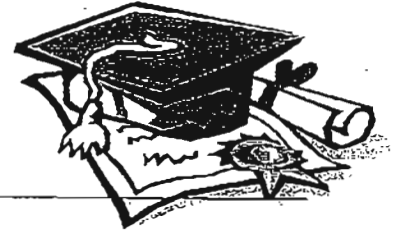


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- 41)living      42)infested      43)was      44)Typically      45)sparse
- 46)beverage      47)sweetened      48)however      49)platter      50)associated
- 51)computer      52)copy      53)increased      54)considering      55)experiencing
- 56)especially      57)reasons      58)practice      59)stressed      60)cope
- 61)affected      62)Finland      63)stamps      64)season      65)world
- 66)Mr Lim bought the diamond ring for his wife even though it was costly.
- 67)While Penny was jogging round the track, she saw her neighbours exercising.
- 68)Both courtesy and punctuality are needed to get a good conduct grade.
- 69)The sight of his neighbour's house on fire stunned Samad.
- 70)Had we known Tammy was warded, we would have visited her in hospital.
- 71)They are "tragic" and "felicitous".
- 72)The twisted metal of the vehicle involved in the accident and the victims were of no unimportance to her.
- 73)It refers to winning a lot of money.

74)It was kept in a temple.

75)She turned to her household gods and her dead husband for help.

76)Ah Boh was not giving her enough money to survive.

77)Her room was too small and it was in a dilapidated house.

78)They were used to take down the numbers on the licence plate of the accident vehicle.

79)It is "Untwisted, intact, calling upon Ah Boh to need them, were the numbers on the plate".

80)The old woman who was killed was Ah Boh's mother.