

METHODIST GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)

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PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2011 PRIMARY 6 ENGLISH

PAPER 2 (BOOKLET A)

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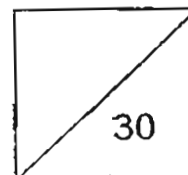
Answer all questions.

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

Name: _____ ()

Class: Primary 6. _____

Date: 23 August 2011



This booklet consists of 10 printed pages including this page.

Study the following advertisement and then answer Questions 1 to 5.

Swim With Your Dog Carnival

Sunday 13 September 2011
8am to 11am
Sentosa Island

Charges:
Adult - \$23
Children - \$18 (12 years and below)

Register with the organiser:
Pet Care Centre
Registration closes on 31 August
2011.
Tel: 61234567 (Enquiries only)



Light refreshments will be provided by Aloe Drinks & Snacks and all registered participants are entitled to a goodie bag with products worth \$20.

Come enjoy the sun and sea, and swim with your dog at beautiful Sentosa Island. Highlights include:

- Swimming lessons with your dog
- Fastest dog swimming contest
- Obedience training demonstration by K-Nine Club

Present the attached Pet Care Centre (PCC) coupon when you register to get a FREE VIP Membership and a FREE Pool Bag Canister. Offer is valid till 31 August 2011.

Pet Care Centre
≈ ORCHID BUILDING ≈
(LEVEL 2)

Services: Pet Grooming
Pet Hotel
Veterinarian Services

Pet Care Since 2000

For each of the questions 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 ~~Patrons at the carnival~~ will be able to _____.
- (1) get a goodie bag
 - (2) get their dogs groomed
 - (3) swim in the swimming contest
 - (4) sign up their dogs for obedience training
- 2 The Poo Bag Canister is exclusive to _____.
- (1) pet owners only
 - (2) those who sign up for services
 - (3) existing members of Pet Care Centre
 - (4) those who sign up to be a member with a valid coupon
- 3 The event is organised by _____.
- (1) K-Nine Club
 - (2) Sentosa Island
 - (3) Pet Care Centre
 - (4) Aloe Drinks & Snacks
- 4 My mother and 10-year-old sister will have to pay a total of _____ for the registration fee.
- (1) \$18
 - (2) \$23
 - (3) \$36
 - (4) \$41
- 5 The Pet Care Centre cannot help to _____.
- (1) attend to sick pets
 - (2) train pets to be obedient
 - (3) make pets look their best
 - (4) look after pets when owners are on holiday

For each of the questions 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 Meg arrived at school ~~only after the bell~~ _____.
- (1) rings
 - (2) has rung
 - (3) had rung
 - (4) was ringing
- 7 ~~She looks~~, with the exception of Leng Leng, _____ forward to the Spooky Old Town Tour ~~tonight~~.
- (1) looks
 - (2) is looking
 - (3) are looking
 - (4) have looked
- 8 Would you mind _____ for a while? Mr Ravi will see you as soon as he can.
- (1) wait
 - (2) to wait
 - (3) waiting
 - (4) to be waiting
- 9 He is _____ late, ~~but he's early today~~.
- (1) never
 - (2) hardly
 - (3) always
 - (4) seldom
- 10 May I congratulate you _____ winning the coveted award.
- (1) at
 - (2) on
 - (3) over
 - (4) upon

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11 The Sunshine Nursery takes in children aged ~~between~~ one _____ four.

- (1) or
- (2) to
- (3) and
- (4) until

12 Let Lela and _____ help you with the jigsaw puzzle. We are quite good at it.

- (1) I
- (2) me
- (3) we
- (4) myself

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)

Homer had just finished raking the leaves into a neat pile at the kerb and was about to find a match when the sheriff turned the corner in his car.

"Hi Sheriff (13) Do you have a match?" ~~shouted Homer.~~

"Sure thing, Homer (14) said the sheriff as his car jerked to a stop (15) That's a huge pile of leaves you have there. Burning leaves sure smell nice, don't they?" ~~he said~~ as he struck a match and lit the pile.

Adapted from *Homer Price* by Robert McCloskey

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

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For each of the questions 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 My neighbours put a scarecrow in their vegetable garden to _____ the birds from eating the crops.

- (1) deter
- (2) avert
- (3) avoid
- (4) dispel

17 Tammy nibbled on some nuts as she was feeling _____.

- (1) peckish
- (2) famished
- (3) ravenous
- (4) gluttonous

18 Mrs Mooty works full time and raises her five children without a helper. I admire her and _____.

- (1) take my hat off to her
- (2) weather the storm with her
- (3) have a bone to pick with her
- (4) throw down the gauntlet to her

19 The house looks run-down because the owners _____ its upkeep.

- (1) omitted
- (2) neglected
- (3) overlooked
- (4) maintained

20 The _____ painting was stolen from the museum last night. Experts say that ~~it is irreplaceable~~

- (1) worthy
- (2) priceless
- (3) overrated
- (4) exorbitant

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

Research into chimpanzees in the Fongoli region of Senegal has revealed behaviour that could change the way we view them.

The research suggests that the Fongoli chimps seem to have mastered the art of basic tool-making. A chimp was observed sharpening a stick with her teeth before using it as a primitive tool to kill a small bush animal.
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Although few people dismissed the findings completely, some researchers
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question their significance. Primatologist Craig Stanford, for example, while
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acknowledging that the behaviour is fascinating, pronounced that the research findings
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can only be significant enough to be a short note in a journal. However, researcher Jill Pruetz claims that the discovery is remarkable.

Adapted from *The National Geographic*

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|----|-----|---------------|
| 21 | (1) | simple |
| | (2) | unscientific |
| | (3) | home-made |
| | (4) | sophisticated |
| 22 | (1) | doubted |
| | (2) | rejected |
| | (3) | accepted |
| | (4) | embraced |
| 23 | (1) | accuracy |
| | (2) | credibility |
| | (3) | importance |
| | (4) | seriousness |
| 24 | (1) | knowing |
| | (2) | confessing |
| | (3) | recognising |
| | (4) | understanding |
| 25 | (1) | stated |
| | (2) | argued |
| | (3) | repeated |
| | (4) | guaranteed |

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Read the passage below and answer Questions 26 to 30.

Then came our dinner at the Lakeview Restaurant. The Lakeview was an expensive restaurant, one of those places where a headwaiter, dressed in a formal jacket, conducted you to your seat, and the only light came from candles and flaming desserts. In one corner of the room, a lady harpist played tinkling melodies.

Father wanted to celebrate, because he had just been promoted. He worked in an electronics company, and after his English started improving, his superiors decided to appoint him to a position more suited to his training. The promotion not only brought a higher salary but was also a tremendous boost to his pride. 5

Up to then we had eaten only in Chinese restaurants. Although my brother and I were becoming fond of hamburgers, my parents did not care much for Western food. 10

But this was a special occasion, and Father asked his co-workers to recommend a really elegant restaurant. So there we were at the Lakeview, stumbling after the headwaiter in the murky dining room.

At our table we were handed our menus, and they were so big that to read mine, I almost had to stand up again. But why bother? It was mostly in French, anyway. 15

Father, being an engineer, was always systematic. He took out a French pocket dictionary. "They told me that most of the items would be in French, so I came prepared." He even had a pocket torch, the size of a marker pen. While Mother held the torch over the menu, he looked up the items that were in French.

"*Pate en croute*," he muttered. "Let's see...*pate* is paste...*croute* is crust...hmm...a paste in crust." 20

The waiter stood looking patient. I squirmed and died at least fifty times.

At long last Father gave up. "Why don't we just order four set dinners at random?" he suggested.

"Isn't that risky?" asked Mother. "The French eat some peculiar things, I've heard." 25

"A Chinese can eat anything a Frenchman can eat," Father declared.

Adapted from *The All American Slurp* by Lesley Namioka

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

26 Why did the writer's father choose to take the family to the Lakeview Restaurant for dinner?

- (1) He wanted the dinner to be a special one.
- (2) Everyone in the family was getting fond of Western food.
- (3) He wanted the family to learn the Western way of dining.
- (4) He wanted to show that he had the money to pay for an expensive dinner.

27 Why were the writer and her family "stumbling after the headwaiter" (line 12)?

- (1) The restaurant was dimly-lit.
- (2) The family was very clumsy.
- (3) The headwaiter was walking too fast.
- (4) The family was excited about being in the elegant restaurant.

28 Which one of the following statements is true of the Lakeview Restaurant?

- (1) It served some peculiar food.
- (2) It served mainly French food.
- (3) Diners were serenaded by a violinist.
- (4) Diners had to bring torches to read the menu.

29 Why did the writer squirm when her parents were reading the menu?
She _____.

- (1) felt awkward in the elegant restaurant
- (2) was embarrassed by her parents' behaviour
- (3) was getting impatient as her parents were taking a long time
- (4) felt restless as she was not used to sitting down for too long

30 Why did the writer's father decide to order set dinners in the end?
He did that as _____.

- (1) the writer was squirming in her seat
- (2) the headwaiter was getting impatient
- (3) he believed a Chinese could eat anything a Frenchman could eat
- (4) he had failed in trying to use the dictionary to help him order the food

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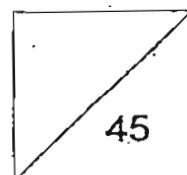
Answer all questions.

Write your answers in this booklet.

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There are 10 blanks, numbered 31–40, 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 blanks. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking. -(10 marks)

(A) about	(D) by	(G) from	(P) so	(N) when
(B) away	(E) but	(H) of	(L) that	(R) who
(C) being	(F) for	(J) on	(M) to	(S) whom

When a captain in the French Army told some children about "Night Writing", a mysterious method _____ soldiers used to convey secret messages to each other in the dark, one young listener was enthralled. (31)

Louis Braille was 12 years old when he started getting enthusiastic _____ the Barbier 12-dot system, a series _____ raised dots and dashes that represented sounds. (32)

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Soldiers spoke to each other in this manner at night, said the captain, _____ that they would not need to light a match to read written notes, and risk giving _____ their location. (34)

(35)

Louis Braille thought the idea was brilliant. _____ blind, his whole world was dark, and he yearned to be able to read. (36)

Louis was born into humble beginnings in a small town near Paris, France, _____ a hardworking saddle-maker who produced harnesses and other leather goods. (37)

At the age of three, wanting to help his father, he had picked up an awl – a sharp tool used _____ making holes in leather – and begun punching some leather. (38)

Unfortunately, the awl slipped _____ his small hands and piced his eye, damaging it forever. The boy eventually lost sight in his other eye _____ (39)

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inflammation from his pierced eye spread to it. Despite his disability, Louis proved himself to be an intelligent student.

Adapted from Louis Braille Gets the Blind to Read

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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)

No other invention – perhaps only the wheel comes close – has had a longer and

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greater impact on humanity than writing. Writing are so powerful that it is believed to have

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changed the kaurs of history especially when cultures discovered it. Written words have even

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overthrowing governments. In fact the transformed of language into written words has allowed

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the developing of other important areas like art and science.

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Much of writing's power comes from its fleksibiliti. Humans have searched for the

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ideal tool to portray words. They have carved simbels in stone and bone and written

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in leaves, bark, silk, papyrus parchment, paper and electronic screens. This skill, once known

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only to a few profashional scribes, grew into mass literesy. More than five billion people, or

about 85 per cent of the world's population, can now read and write.

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Children in well-developed countries are ~~eating~~ far too much fat and are prime candidates for heart disease from the age of 12, a ~~study~~ has _____ (51)

The eating habits of 1 000 12-year-olds ~~show~~ they are _____ double the recommended ~~amount~~ of saturated fats which ~~come from animal and dairy~~ _____ (52)
(53)

The study was _____ by an international health organisation. Associate Professor Robert Smith said the _____ of the study were alarming and suggested many children would get cardiovascular disease at an ~~early~~ _____ (54)
(55)
(56)

Most of the children _____ in the project had their diet and blood pressure levels studied when they were nine years old. Professor Smith said that the _____ of fat being consumed by the children was far _____ (57)
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(59)
recommended levels and was potentially _____ (60)

It is particularly disturbing in light of the extensive media campaigns _____ (61) ~~run~~ by health authorities to ~~educate parents~~ about healthy diets. The ~~amount of saturated fats in~~ children's diets _____ particularly worrying. Autopsies on children _____ in car accidents sometimes showed advanced diseases of the arteries. (62)
(63)

Professor Smith said even if _____ checked fat intake, children could still get 'junk food' away from home. Although children can be allowed to indulge in such food occasionally, but not _____ the extent as the survey shows. The (64)
(65)

researchers plan to ~~study~~ the same group of children every three years until they are adults.

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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 Sarah does not want to study medicine as much as she does law.

_____ prefers

67 The police was able to open the door. They kicked it with force.

_____ with a

68 She was coerced to tell the truth although she resisted.

_____ despite her

69 To be fluent in Mandarin, you need to speak it often.

Without _____

70 Siti painstakingly sews every dress for her children.

_____ by Siti

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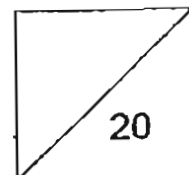
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Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

My grandparents and parents would tell me "The Big Lie". "The Big Lie" went something like this...if I behaved in a respectful and modest way, and kept up my grades, all opportunities would be open to me. As I grew older, I realised that the colour of my skin kept a lot of opportunities from me, even one as simple as sitting down with other folks at a lunch counter. The way the world was structured made me very angry and I knew that if I did not do something about it, I would not be able to live with myself. 5

On 1 February, 1960, I met three of my friends at the College library and together we walked to Woolworth's. It was eerie; walking; nobody talked. It was so quiet, we could hear one another's hearts pounding. For my part, I knew the day might end with me in a coffin. 10

At that time in the South, African Americans were not allowed to eat with whites. Woolworth's had a separate lunch counter in the basement for "Negroes". My friends and I had agreed that we would sit down at the white lunch counter and ask to be served. And we did just that. 15

Immediately, there was a hush – it felt like a church in that Woolworth's. Spoons stopped halfway to people's mouth. Every eye was on us.

Again, we asked the waitress for coffee and doughnuts, and she said, "I'm sorry, but I can't serve you."

"Why not?" 20

"It's just a custom," she said.

And I asked, "But you'll agree that the custom is wrong, won't you?"

We were adamant to be very polite – our goal was to embarrass people into doing right. So we sat there, waiting.

A policeman came in, and it was clear he was angry. His face was as red as beet. He stopped right behind me; I could feel his hot breath on my neck as he stood over me. He pulled out his police baton, and I said to myself, "This is it." But he just stood there for a minute, then backed away and started pacing up and down. It dawned on me; he did not know what to do. That was when I thought, "This could work – we could win this." 25

There was a little old white lady who must have been 200 years old sitting farther down the counter. She finished her doughnut and headed straight for us. I braced myself for a blast of abuse. I was taken aback. She put her hands on our shoulders and said, "Boys, I am so proud of you. I only regret that you didn't do this ten years ago." That gave me added resolve to see it through. 30

We went back to that lunch counter every day for six months until four African Americans were finally served a cup of coffee.

Fifteen seconds after I sat down on that stool on that February day in 1960, I felt so relieved, so cleansed, so self-accepting. It was the kind of feeling that holy people pray for. It was the feeling of freedom that people live a lifetime seeking. I would not have felt cheated if I had died right there and then. I was invincible. And I have never felt better in my life.

Adapted from *The Day I Ordered a Cup of Coffee* by Franklin McCain

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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71 How did the writer realise what the elders told him was a lie?

72 Referring to the second paragraph, explain fully how the writer and his friends felt about what they were going to do at the restaurant!

73 Why was everyone at the restaurant staring at the writer and his friends?

74 What was the custom the waitress was referring to?

75 Which five words from lines 23-31 show us that the writer was very determined? The words are found in different lines.

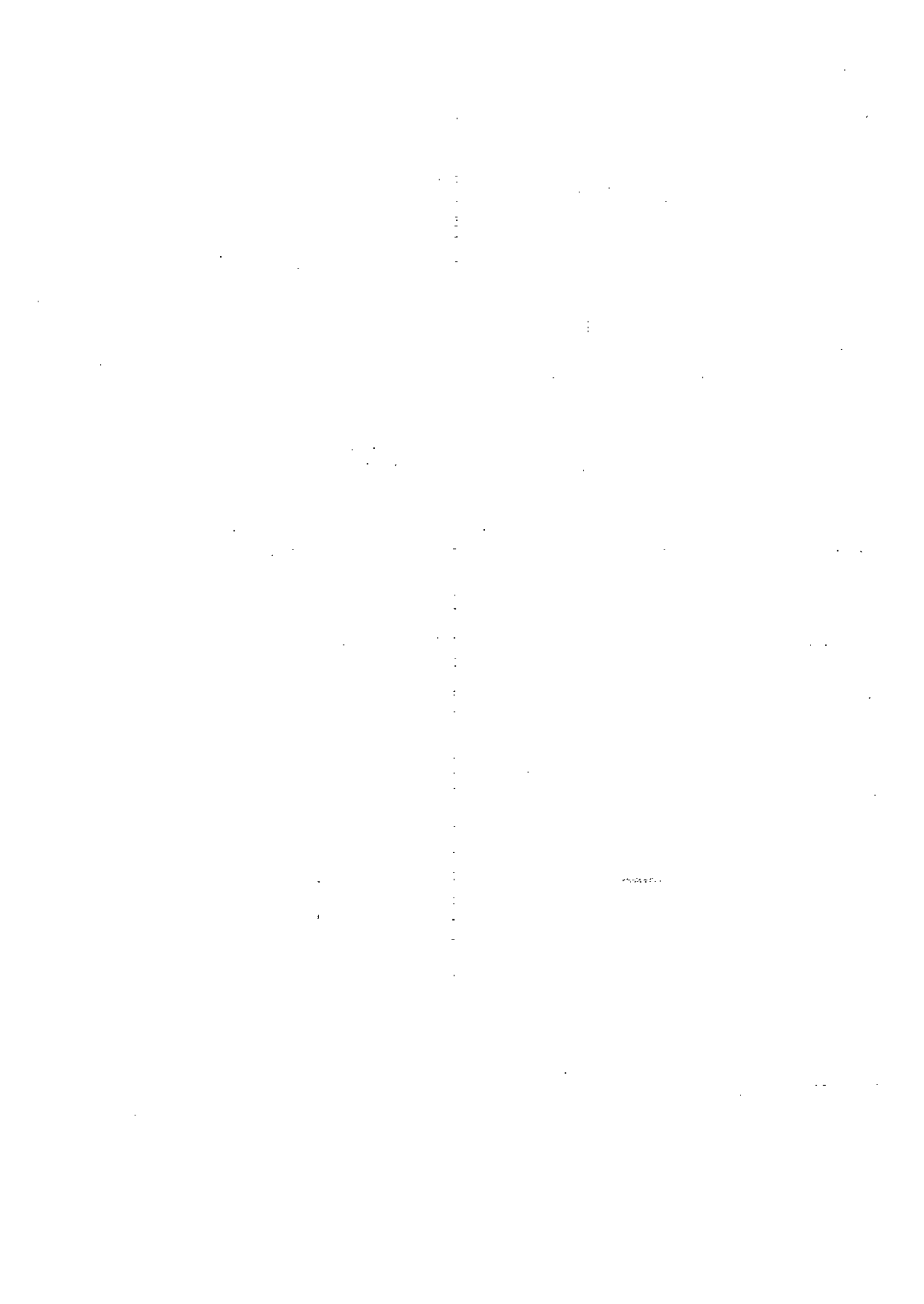
76 What did the writer expect the policeman to do?

77 Why did the policeman not know what to do?

78 Explain clearly why the writer was "taken aback" (line 31) by the old lady.

79 Were the writer and his friends finally served on that February day? How do you know?

80 What was the writer and his friends' actual reason for asking to be served at the white lunch counter?

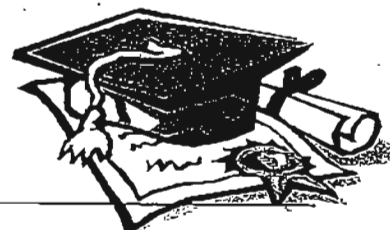




ANSWER SHEET

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Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
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Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
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Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
B	C	M	F	G	N

- 41)is 42)course 43)overthrown 44)transformation
- 45)development 46)flexibility 47)symbols 48)on
- 49)professional 50)literacy 51)shown 52)consuming
- 53)products 54)conducted 55)results 56)age
- 57)involved 58)amount 59)above 60)lethal
- 61)carried 62)is 63)involved 64)parents 65)to

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71)He realised what the elders told him was a lie as the elders used to tell him if he behaved in a respectful and modest way all opportunities be open to him but when he grew older, he realised that the colour of skin kept a lot of opportunities from him.

72)They were nervous as they did not talk to one another as they walked to the restaurant.

73)They were staring as at that time African Americans were not allowed to eat with whites and there was a lunch counter for the African Americans in the basement but they sat down at the white lunch corner and asked to be served.

74)African Americans were not allowed to eat with the whites.

75)The two words are "adamant" and "resolve".

76)The writer expected the policeman to use his baton to beat the writer up.

77)This had not happened before.

78)The writer had expected the old lady to abuse him but instead, she put her hands on their shoulders and commended them for trying to resolve the matter.

79)No, they were not served on that day. They had to go back to that lunch counter everyday for six months before all of them were served a cup of coffee.

80)They wanted to be given the same treatment as the white.