

**HENRY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
2012 SEMESTRAL EXAMINATION ONE
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY 6
PAPER 2 BOOKLET A**

NAME : _____

CLASS : P6 _____

INDEX NO : _____

30 QUESTIONS

30 MARKS

TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 HOUR 50 MINUTES

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

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

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Booklet A : _____ / 30

Booklet B : _____ / 65

TOTAL : _____ / 95

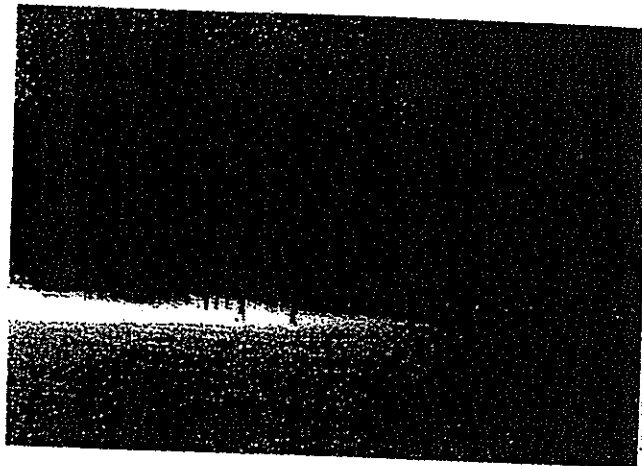
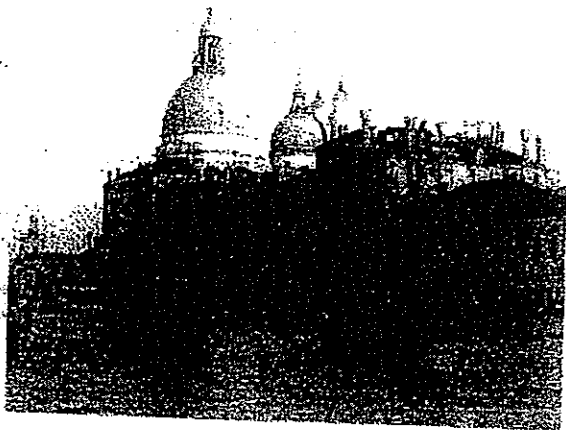
Booklet A

Section	Marks	
Comprehension (Graphic Stimulus)		5
Grammar		7
Punctuation		3
Vocabulary		5
Vocabulary Cloze		5
Comprehension MCQ		5
Total		30

Study the advertisement carefully and answer questions 1 to 5.

FLY AWAY TO PARADISE!

**ORGANISED BY
CHAN SISTERS TRAVEL AGENCY**



WHAT'S IN STORE!

- ❖ Presentations by expert speakers
- ❖ Booths set up by overseas exhibitors
- ❖ Exciting entertainment programmes
- ❖ Cultural performances from different countries
- ❖ Special promotions and discounts on travel packages

Bonus Discount!

The first 100 visitors who sign up for any tour packages at the travel fair will receive a bonus 10% off their travel package.

COME AND WIN!

Visit the fair and you stand to win attractive prizes of return air tickets in our daily lucky draw!

CLOSING EVENT!

A grand lucky draw on the last day of the fair. You stand to win 2 return air tickets to Venice via Singapore Airlines and 3 nights accommodation for two at Palazzo Dandolo.

Plus 8 days free City Tour for two, sponsored by the Venetian Tourism Office.

**What are you waiting for?
Come and join us at the fair
and fly away to paradise!**

Venue: Singapore Expo Centre
Halls 4 and 5

Dates: 2nd June 2012 (Saturday)
3rd June 2012 (Sunday)

For more information on the fair, please log on to
<http://www.chansisterstravelfair2012.com>



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 Which of the following will not be a feature at the Chan Sisters Travel Fair 2012?
- (1) Talks given by experts
 - (2) Offers on travel packages
 - (3) Movies from different countries
 - (4) Overseas cultural performances
- 2 Prizes for the grand lucky draw include _____.
- (1) 3 nights accommodation for two at Palazzo Dandolo.
 - (2) 8 nights accommodation for two at Palazzo Dandolo and city tour
 - (3) 2 one-way tickets to Venice and 8 nights accommodation for two at Palazzo Dandolo
 - (4) 2 one-way tickets to Venice and 3 nights accommodation for two at Palazzo Dandolo
- 3 According to the advertisement, the travel fair will offer _____ for the first 100 visitors who sign up for a tour package at the travel fair.
- (1) a trip to Venice
 - (2) free travel packages.
 - (3) free food, drinks and travel packages
 - (4) a bonus 10% discount on any travel package
- 4 If Joseph is unsure of the opening hours of the travel fair, he should _____.
- (1) contact Chan Sisters travel agency
 - (2) check the newspaper for further updates
 - (3) log on to the website stated in the advertisement
 - (4) visit the Singapore Expo Centre and ask the information counter
- 5 Anyone who wants to book a tour package can do so by _____.
- (1) contacting the Singapore Expo Centre
 - (2) logging onto the website stated in the advertisement
 - (3) going to the travel fair over the weekend stated in the advertisement
 - (4) visiting the Singapore Expo Centre Halls 4 and 5 on any Saturday or Sunday

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 Taylor Swift did not rest but continued practising _____ she reached the perfect pitch for her new song.
- (1) otherwise
 - (2) unless
 - (3) until
 - (4) when
- 7 I saw the naughty boy _____ down the hand railings of the school staircase.
- (1) glide
 - (2) glides
 - (3) glided.
 - (4) has glided
- 8 Neither the crew members nor the captain _____ to attend the dinner as they were suffering from food poisoning.
- (1) is going
 - (2) are going
 - (3) was going
 - (4) were going
- 9 _____ you see the suspicious-looking man again, please inform the neighbourhood police post.
- (1) Must
 - (2) Might
 - (3) Could
 - (4) Should
- 10 Mr Loh holds two jobs as his family of six _____ him for financial support.
- (1) looks to
 - (2) looks at
 - (3) looks up
 - (4) looks after

11 Matthew _____ in the bathroom when the water supply was cut off suddenly.

- (1) is singing
- (2) was singing
- (3) has sung
- (4) will sing

12 Nadrah _____ the letter before _____ it into the letterbox.

- (1) seals ... puts
- (2) sealed ... putting
- (3) is sealing ... will put
- (4) has sealed ... puts

For each question from 13 to 15, 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. (3 marks)

When I woke up from the deep slumber, one of the dwarf people made a long speech. "I don't understand what you are saying, kind sir, but thank you (13) I replied. "I want food," I said and I put my finger on my mouth to show that I wanted food. At once (14) several ladders were set against my sides. Then, more than a hundred people climbed up and walked towards my mouth with baskets full of meat. Before I could say (15) Delicious, very delicious!", I fell asleep for about eight hours. It was no wonder, for the doctors, by the Emperor's order, had put a sleeping potion in that meat.

Adapted from Gulliver's Travel by Jonathan Swift

- 13 (1) [.] full stop
(2) [:] semi-colon
(3) [, "] comma and inverted commas
(4) [."] full stop and inverted commas
- 14 (1) [,] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [-] hyphen
(4) [;] semi-colon
- 15 (1) [,] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [: "] colon and inverted commas
(4) [, "] comma and inverted commas

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 The citizens were fearful and refused to be _____ in any police investigations relating to the death of the politician.
- (1) absolved
 - (2) involved
 - (3) resolved
 - (4) revolved
- 17 The artist prepares to mix the oil paints on his _____.
- (1) palate
 - (2) palette
 - (3) pall
 - (4) pallet
- 18 Due to the H1N1 virus outbreak, thousands of chickens were _____ around the world.
- (1) culled
 - (2) dead
 - (3) extinct
 - (4) lost
- 19 The audience _____ with laughter at the antics of the comedians.
- (1) blurted
 - (2) chortled
 - (3) jested
 - (4) joked
- 20 Indiscriminate logging of redwood trees has severely _____ the number of redwood forests in the world.
- (1) depleted
 - (2) exhausted
 - (3) moved
 - (4) stripped

For each question 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)

A miser sold all that he had and bought a lump of gold which he buried in a hole in the ground by the side of an old wall. He went to look at it daily. A villager watched him closely and 21) discovered the secret of his hidden treasure. The greedy villager started digging at the spot, soon he came to the lump of gold and stole it. The miser found the hole empty on his next visit. He began to tear his hair and made loud 22) lamentations. A neighbour witnessed the commotion. Seeing the miser 23) overcome with grief and after learning the 24) cause, he said, "Pray, do not grieve but go and take a stone and place it in the hole and 25) imagine that the gold is still lying there. It will do you quite the same service; for when the gold was there, you had it not, as you did not make the slightest use of it."

Adapted from Aesop Fables: The Miser

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|----|-----|--------------|
| 21 | (1) | exposed |
| | (2) | learned |
| | (3) | revealed |
| | (4) | unleashed |
| 22 | (1) | admonishment |
| | (2) | bantering |
| | (3) | groaning |
| | (4) | snivelling |
| 23 | (1) | amazed |
| | (2) | defeated |
| | (3) | overwhelmed |
| | (4) | speechless |
| 24 | (1) | ground |
| | (2) | origin |
| | (3) | reason |
| | (4) | root |
| 25 | (1) | concoct |
| | (2) | conjure |
| | (3) | hallucinate |
| | (4) | visualise |

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30. (10 marks)

Amelia Earhart was born on July 24, 1897 in Atchison, Kansas. She was the elder of Edwin Stanton and Amy Otis Earhart's two daughters. The two bright sisters did not have a happy childhood as their father was an alcoholic and the family travelled a great deal.

Amelia wanted to attend college after finishing school. However, she met some World War I (1914 - 1918) veterans and decided to study nursing instead. During the war, Amelia worked as a military nurse in Canada and later, she became a social worker and taught English to immigrant children. 5

Besides work, Amelia had one hobby. She enjoyed watching airplane stunt shows which were popular in the 1920s. Then one day she took a 10-minute plane ride and knew what her vocation would be - she would learn to fly. 10

Flying was only her hobby until 1928. It changed when Amelia received a call from Captain Hilton H Railey. He asked her to join pilots Wilmer Stultz and Louis Gordon on a flight from the United States to England. After this, Amelia received tremendous publicity. 15

In May 1932, she was the first woman to fly across the Atlantic alone and set a new transatlantic crossing record of 13 hours and 30 minutes. She received a medal from American President Herbert Hoover for this. Several years later, she became the first woman to fly from California to Hawaii. 20

Amelia's last flight began in June 1937, many preparations were underway as navigator Fred Noonan and she prepared to fly around the world. They were in a twin-engine Lockheed Electra. The two of them took off from Miami in America to South America. Then they crossed the South Atlantic Ocean to Dakar in Africa. However, after they left New Guinea for Howland Island, the American coast guard lost contact with the plane. They received a final message on July 2, 1937 at 8:45 am, and Amelia's tone was described as frantic. 25

Despite an extensive search, the American Navy never found a trace of either the plane or the aviators. Their disappearance is still a mystery. While some believe that Noonan and Amelia were captured and executed by the Japanese, others feel that President Roosevelt sent Earhart on a secret spy mission. However, none of these theories has been confirmed. 30

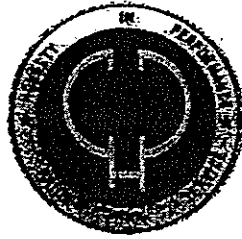
Adapted from *Amelia Earhart* by Brishti Bandyopadhyay



For each question 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.

- 26 Amelia Earhart was the first woman _____
- (1) to fly solo across the Atlantic
 - (2) to fly a plane around the world
 - (3) to fly from United States to England
 - (4) sent by President Roosevelt on a secret spy mission
- 27 Amelia Earhart discovered her love for flying while _____
- (1) meeting some war veterans
 - (2) taking a 10-minute plane ride
 - (3) watching airplane stunt shows
 - (4) flying from the United States to England
- 28 Why did Amelia Earhart receive a medal from American President Herbert Hoover?
- (1) She was the first woman to fly from California to Hawaii.
 - (2) She had worked well as his undercover spy on secret missions in Japan.
 - (3) She joined pilots Wilmer Stultz and Louis Gordon on a flight from the United States to England.
 - (4) She had crossed the Atlantic alone and set a new transatlantic crossing record of 13 hours and 30 minutes.
- 29 What did Amelia Earhart and Fred Noonan set out to achieve on their last flight?
They wanted to _____
- (1) fly around the world
 - (2) achieve success in their spy mission
 - (3) set a new transatlantic crossing record
 - (4) try flying in a twin-engine Lockheed Electra

- 30 Based on the passage, which of the following statements about Amelia Earhart's achievements is true?
- (1) Amelia received much publicity after flying airplanes in stunt shows.
 - (2) Amelia's first flight was in June 1937 when she set out to cross the Atlantic ocean.
 - (3) Amelia set a new transatlantic crossing record after her solo flight across the Atlantic.
 - (4) Amelia was the first woman to fly with President Herbert Hoover from California to Hawaii.



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ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY SIX
PAPER 2 BOOKLET B**

Name: _____ () Class: P6 _____

Total Duration of Paper: 1h 50 min

Section	Marks	
Grammar Cloze		10
Editing for Spelling and Grammar		10
Comprehension Cloze		15
Synthesis / Transformation		10
Comprehension Open Ended		20
Total		65

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.

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|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| (A) after | (D) down | (G) much | (K) on | (N) up |
| (B) at | (E) for | (H) of | (L) some | (P) which |
| (C) but | (F) many | (J) off | (M) to | (Q) with |

Once upon a time there lived a husband and wife who were very poor and had nothing at all in their house. The wife, who was pregnant, gave birth to a son at ten o'clock at night, but she had nothing with (31)_____ to wrap the tender baby. The poor father groaned and cried, "We have no clothes, not even (32)_____ wool, to cover the baby, and he may die by morning."

Suddenly a man appeared, stood (33)_____ the entrance to the room, and said, "Peace be upon you! Do you have some straw to lend me? My wife has just given birth and we have nothing to lay the child (34)_____. He may die of the cold." The couple replied, "We are very poor but we do have some straw. If you want it, please take it."

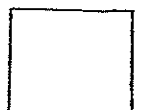
The man took his cloak, filled it with straw, thanked the couple and went (35)_____. As he stepped outside, he threw the straw (36)_____ next to the door but the couple did not notice it.

(37)_____ the stranger had left, the husband said to his wife, "Look how rich we are! There are people who do not even have straw, we are rich compared (38)_____ them."



In the morning the husband got (39) _____, went outside and found many silver and gold coins. He called his wife and said to her, "Look how (40) _____ silver and gold we have behind the door!" They realised then that the man who came at night to ask for straw had turned the straw into silver and gold coins.

Adapted from <http://learningtogive.org/resources/folktales/LuckChild.asp>



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

Think of your favourite scent: say, freshly ground coffee, cookies baking,

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clean laundry drying in the sun or roses at the florist. Now try to description that

smell. Nearly impossible, isn't it? As tough as they are to capture in words,

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43)

odours are indelibly linked with **memmoories**, like the familiar combination with

coconut tanning lotion and slightly mildewed life jackets that brings back

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childhood holiday recollections. As Helen Keller said, "Smell is a **potant** wizard

that transports us across a thousand miles and all the years we have lived."

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Smell is so **mistirious** that its mechanisms baffled scientists for decades.

Then, after fifteen years of intensive research, two American scientists made a

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stunning discovering that won them the 2004 Nobel Prize in Medicine. Two other

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researchers, Richard and Linda, found roughly 1000 **geans** responsible for our



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ability to recognise and remember some 10 000 differing odours. Their

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breakthrough studies help us understand the complex process that enable us to

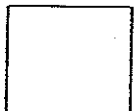
tell the difference between the sweet scent of a hyacinth, the tang of garlic and

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the **huhsh** sting of ammonia.

Smells can lift our spirits, calm us and maybe even help us to lose weight.

Adapted from Follow Your Nose, Reader's Digest



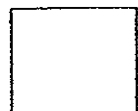
Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

The elephant is Earth's largest land animal although the Asian elephant is slightly smaller than its African cousin. Asian elephants can be identified by (51)_____ smaller, rounded ears. Elephant ears radiate (52)_____ to help keep these large animals cool but sometimes that is not enough. Elephants are fond (53)_____ water and enjoy showering by (54)_____ water into their trunks and spraying it all over themselves.

An elephant's (55)_____ is actually a long nose with many functions. It is used for smelling, breathing, trumpeting, drinking and (56)_____ for grabbing things especially a potential meal. The trunk alone contains (57)_____ 100,000 different muscles. Asian elephants have a finger-like feature at the end of their trunk that they can use to (58)_____ small items.

Elephants use their (59)_____ to dig for roots, strip bark from trees and even fight each other. Unfortunately their ivory has (60)_____ them into a lot of trouble. Many elephants have been killed for their tusks (61)_____ ivory is so valuable to some humans. This trade is illegal today but it has not been (62)_____ eliminated.



Elephants (63) _____ roots, grasses, fruit and bark. An adult elephant can consume (64) _____ to 136 kilograms of food in a single day. These hungry animals do not sleep (65) _____ and they roam over great distances while foraging for the large quantities of food. They require it to sustain their massive bodies.

Adapted from <http://animals.nationalgeographic.com/animals/mammals/asian-elephant/>



For each of the questions from 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. Exercise invigorates the brain and keeps us healthy.

In addition to _____

67. Hamid completed his homework. He was allowed to play.

Having _____

68. Anne's wallet was found. Anne was very relieved.

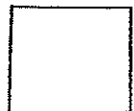
Much to _____

69. She should take greater care. Then she would not drop the bag of oranges.

Had _____

70. Tom alighted from the bus. A lorry crashed into it.

No sooner _____



Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80 (20 marks)

Rama sat at the door of his hut and relaxed. He knew people would call him an idler but he did not care. He refused to work and there was no one to chase him out of his house – his wife was still away. It was with quiet joy that he sent her off in a taxi two days ago. Though he was sad to be apart from his little son, he hoped that her parents would insist that she stayed an extra few days. If she were around, he would have to be climbing coconut trees, clearing them of pests and plucking the coconuts just to earn a dollar for that day's work.

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He was tempted to join his friends at Lucky Club to gamble at a game or two but became angry when he remembered that she did not let him keep a cent of his hard-earned money. "What is the point of going there empty-handed?" Rama remarked. At that moment, an idea struck him. He walked to a corner of their house, where an old trunk lay. It was the most prized possession in the household. He ransacked the trunk for a wooden box where she usually kept her money. He opened the wooden box but it was empty.

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"Where has all the money gone? She must have given it to her brother!" Just then, something caught his eye. Tucked away in a corner of that old trunk laid a cigarette tin. It belonged to Gopal, who had picked it up from the rubbish dump behind a rich man's bungalow. He had spent hours playing with that cigarette tin and would not part with it till Rama suggested that he made a money-box out of it.

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"When it is full," said the young lad, "I will buy a motorcar, like that boy in the big house!" Rama took the tin to a blacksmith who then sealed its lid, leaving only a slit that was big enough to insert a coin. Gopal often asked his father in great anticipation, "Is it full? When can I open it?"

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Now Rama shook the tin violently but nothing came out. The slit was large enough for a coin to go in one way only. His conscience pricked him and he felt resentful that his wife had made him succumb to such a **wicked idea**. He ransacked his house for an assortment of things that could help to pry open the tin, but to no avail. In his frustration, he threw the tin onto the floor and it burst open along its side. Rama scooped the coins up hungrily and counted them. Ten dollars. He put them in his pocket and headed for Lucky Club.

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There, luck had deserted him and he lost all the money. He rose from his seat and started his walk home. As he turned into the lane, he saw his wife and Gopal walking towards their house. "May it be a dream!" Rama muttered.

"Gopal missed you, so we decided to come home a day earlier," she said. Rama watched her and felt a dull panic building up inside him. The old trunk with its contents messed up, the battered cigarette tin – she would see them all the moment she stepped in. The situation was hopeless. "Why do you look like that?" she asked, going in.

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Gopal held up some coins to his father. "Uncle gave me these. Will you put them into the tin for me?" A groan of misery escaped Rama, as he resigned himself to face an oncoming storm.

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(Adapted from 'Wife's Holiday' by R.K. Narayan)

71. Who was Gopal?

72. What did Rama's job require him to do?

73. What prevented Rama from going to Lucky Club at first?

74. Why do you think Rama's wife did not allow him to keep a cent of his hard-earned money (lines 9-10)?

75. Explain clearly what the 'wicked idea' (line 27) was.



76. How do we know that Gopal valued the cigarette tin a lot?

77. Which word in paragraph 4 has the same meaning as 'expectation'?

78. What does 'it' in line 34 refer to?

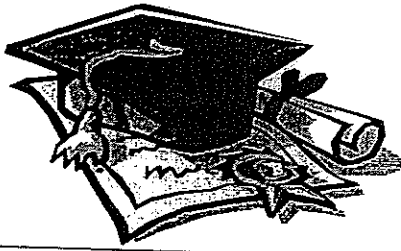
79. "He knew people would call him an idler but he did not care." (lines 1-2)
Do you agree that Rama is an idler? Why?

80. What was the oncoming storm (line 42) that Rama had to face?

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ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2012

SCHOOL : HENRY PARK
SUBJECT : PRIMARY 6 ENGLISH

TERM : SA1

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
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Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
J	D	A	M	N	G

- 41)describe 42)memories 43)of 44)potent 45)mysterious
 46)discovery 47)genes 48)different 49)enables 50)harsh
 51)their 52)heat 53)of 54)sucking 55)trunk
 56)also 57)about 58)grab 59)tusks 60)got
 61)as 62)totally 63)eat 64)up 65)much

- 56)In addition to keeping us healthy, exercise invigorates the brain.
 57)Having completed his homework, Hamid was allowed to play.
 58)Much to Anne's relief, her wallet was found.
 59)Had she taken greater care, she would not have dropped the bag of oranges.
 60)No sooner had Tom alighted from the bus than a lorry crashed into it.

)Gopal was the son of Rama.

)Rama's job required him to climb coconut trees, clear them of pests and pick the coconuts.

)He had no money.

)I think Rama's wife knew that Rama would gamble the money away.

)It was stealing Gopal's money so that he could gamble.

)Gopal spent hours playing with the cigarette tin and would not part with it. Rama suggested that he made a money-box out of it.

)The word is "anticipation".

)It refers to Gopal and his mother walking towards their house.

)Yes, I agree. He did not want to work but instead, stole from his son to gamble.

)It was Rama's wife scolding him.