

HENRY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
PRELIMINARY EXAMINATIONS 2014
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY SIX
PAPER 2 BOOKLET A

NAME : _____

CLASS : P6 _____

INDEX NO : _____

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Follow all instructions carefully.
3. Answer all questions.
4. Shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

This booklet consists of 13 printed pages and 1 blank page.

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Booklet A : _____ / 30

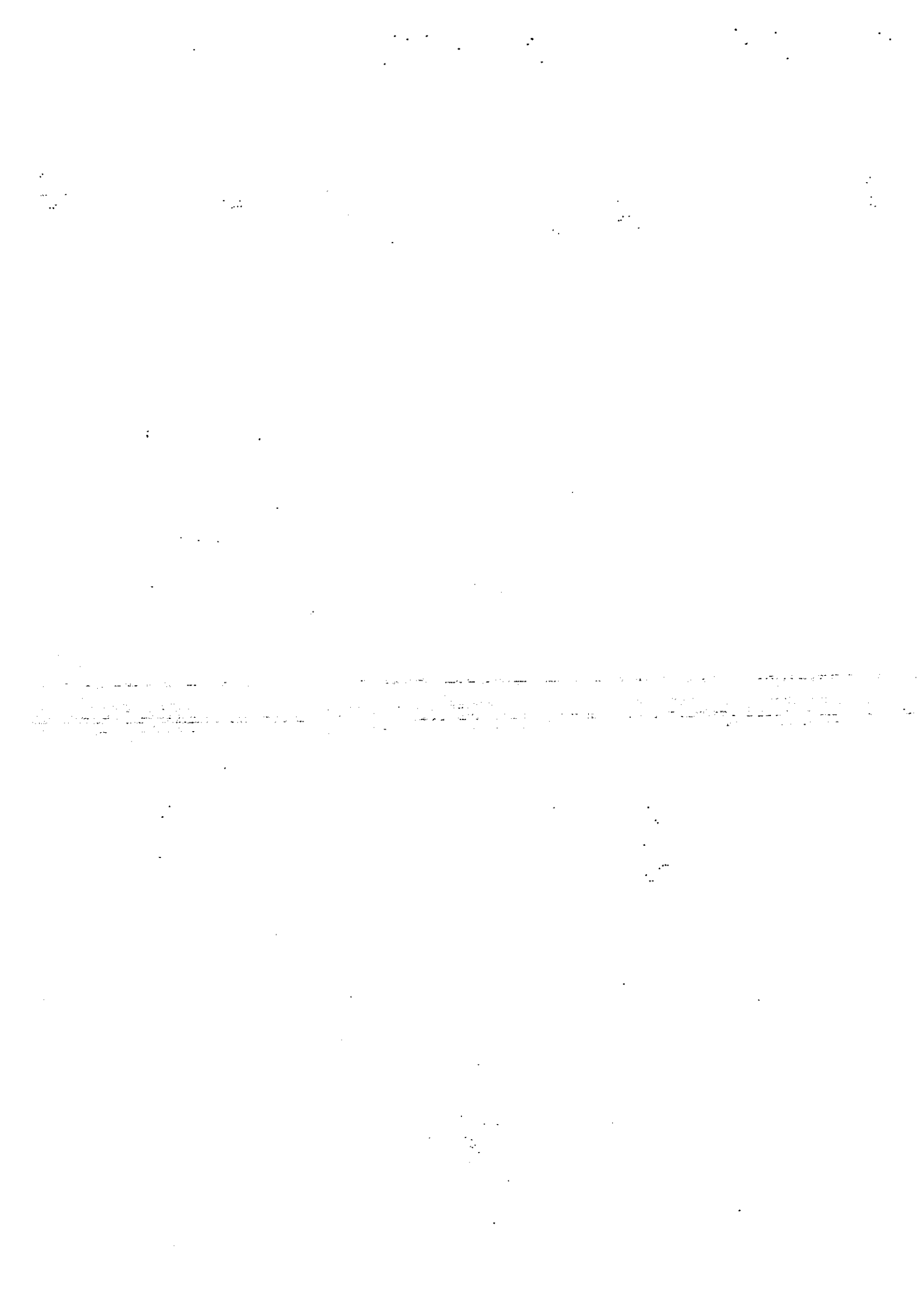
Booklet B : _____ / 65

TOTAL : _____ / 95

Booklet A

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

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Study the following text and answer questions 1 to 5.

(5 marks)

Come party with us at this family Carnival!

Do your part to help the less fortunate.

FREE
MYSTERY GIFT *

CARNIVAL
FOR ALL
UNDER THE
STARS

@ The Race Track

Saturday

13 Dec 2014

7 pm - 11 pm

FREE admission
& parking



Exclusive Race Track Tour

Join us for a first-hand feel of the world-class race track through an exclusive guided tour for only \$5 per person. (Tours will be conducted by local celebrities!)

Draw-A-Horse Contest (ages 4-6) and Equine Exhibition

Kids, let your creative juices flow and win great prizes! Find out more about horses at the Equine Exhibition.



Pony Rides ** (ages 7-11),

Horse Patting and Feeding

Admire the grace and beauty of prize-winning horses or ride a pony for just \$20 per ride at the Parade Ring.

Fun Corner - Sports, Games and More!

Prizes await adults and kids who take part in Water Balloon Toss, Coin Fishing, Horseshoe Pitching, soccer, basketball and mini golf! Look out for the roving clowns! Check out Bouncy Castle and the face-painting, balloon-sculpting and caricature artist booths!

All proceeds will go to SRC's adopted charities.

Organised by

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Horse Lovers n Co

Equine Club

Pets R Us

Singapore Riding Club (SRC)

*For the first 500 visitors

** Subject to weather conditions

For more information, visit www.src.com.sg

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 main aim of the advertisement is to _____.
- (1) raise funds for selected charitable organisations
 - (2) promote closer relationships among horse lovers
 - (3) encourage people to take up horse-riding as a hobby
 - (4) create awareness of the importance of horses in our society
2. The event is most likely to attract _____.
- (1) professional horse-riders
 - (2) adults with young children
 - (3) artists who enjoy drawing horses
 - (4) people who are interested in conducting tours
3. "Subject to weather conditions" means that the _____.
- (1) pony rides may be cancelled due to bad weather
 - (2) health of the ponies will be affected by bad weather
 - (3) success of the carnival depends on weather conditions
 - (4) weather conditions may change on the day of the carnival
4. Eight-year-old Amy, who enjoys reading about horses, will be going to the carnival with her teenage brother, a sports-enthusiast. Which activities will probably appeal to them?
- (1) Equine Exhibition and Fun Corner
 - (2) Pony Rides and Draw-A-Horse Contest
 - (3) Horse Patting and Feeding and Pony Rides
 - (4) Draw-A-Horse Contest and Race Track Tour
5. "Carnival for all under the stars" is used in the advertisement because _____.
- (1) the carnival will be held at night
 - (2) the event will be held during the day
 - (3) tours will be conducted by famous celebrities
 - (4) visitors will be able to pat and feed prize-winning horses

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. "The information you want _____ difficult to obtain nowadays," the worried private investigator told his new client.

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

7. Mr Low called to say that he _____ his work and was on his way home for dinner.

- (1) completes
- (2) completed
- (3) has completed
- (4) had completed

8. The twin girls _____ were spotted running away from the fire have a reputation for causing mischief in the neighbourhood.

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

9. When the Principal stepped into the classroom, he saw the students _____ paper aeroplanes happily.

- (1) flown
- (2) flying
- (3) were flying
- (4) had been flying

10. Although he was innocent, Ted ran away _____ he should be blamed for breaking the window.

- (1) if
- (2) lest
- (3) since
- (4) unless

11. The customer who had lost his wallet ended his letter by demanding that the manager of the supermarket look _____ the matter immediately.

- (1) at
- (2) into
- (3) beyond
- (4) through

12. Mrs Toh reprimanded her son, "Even if you're angry with them, neither the maids nor your grandmother _____ to be shouted at."

- (1) deserve
- (2) deserves
- (3) has deserved
- (4) have deserved

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)

"I am here to withdraw money from my savings account (13) the shabbily-dressed man told the manager. "I would like to withdraw \$100 000 from my account (14) The manager looked quizzically at the man.

"Do you want your money in hundred or thousand-dollar notes?" enquired the manager (15) still finding it hard to believe that the man had so much money in his account.

"All in one-dollar coins, please." The stunned manager could not believe her ears when the man said that.

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

14. (1) [,] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [, "] comma and inverted commas
(4) [. "] full stop and inverted commas

15. (1) [:] colon
(2) [,] comma
(3) [?] question mark
(4) [!] exclamation mark

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 _____ suffocated in the cargo cabin of the ship while trying to escape his pursuers.

- (1) busker
- (2) nomad
- (3) minstrel
- (4) stowaway

17. When the war started, soldiers were _____ to the front line to defend their country.

- (1) deployed
- (2) dismissed
- (3) dispensed
- (4) disembarked

18. The rescuers went through grave _____ to save the climbers who were stranded in the mountain.

- (1) perils
- (2) exposure
- (3) turbulence
- (4) adventures

19. In spite of the torrential downpour, our players' spirits were not _____. They went on to clinch the trophy.

- (1) drowned
- (2) destroyed
- (3) dampened
- (4) diminished

20. The government could not ignore the _____ against an increase in tax.

- (1) chaos
- (2) outrage
- (3) defiance
- (4) upheaval

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)

I was whizzing down a slide, moving so quickly that everything was a giant blur. Plop! I landed on what appeared to be a (21) forlorn beach. I put my hand down to help myself up. I marvelled at the strange feel of the sand. I (22) sifted the sand through my fingers, trying to decide how it was different from regular sand. It felt more like powdered sugar than sand. "Wait a minute," I thought. I (23) tentatively placed a finger in my mouth. It was POWDERED sugar. I licked my fingers clean and stood up to go and explore. I certainly wasn't bored anymore!

I walked towards the (24) shimmering water. I noticed many seashells along the water's edge. I had a huge collection of shells from our last excursion to the beach and I quickly decided to bring home a few shells from this (25) unique beach.

21. (1) wasted
(2) ravaged
(3) desolate
(4) discarded

22. (1) parted
(2) sieved
(3) probed
(4) screened

23. (1) gently
(2) carefully
(3) hesitantly
(4) temporarily

24. (1) glaring
(2) gushing
(3) glowing
(4) glimmering

25. (1) lost
(2) elite
(3) solitary
(4) exceptional

The crew on Columbus' ship were unwilling sailors. Some went on the voyage to escape prison, others did so by royal decree. They were afraid to go on a long voyage into unknown waters. Every sign of approaching disaster was observed suspiciously and they became increasingly discontented. Many felt insecure and wanted to return home.

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After travelling for about 700 kilometres west of the Canaries, they came upon the wreckage of a huge vessel. The broken pieces of wood had clearly been in the water for some time. The sailors were immediately discouraged and thought of the great dangers ahead. To add to their fears, a few days later, on 18 September 1492, they saw great rafts of seaweed floating on the ocean. This could only mean that there were rocks around so the sailors were convinced that their ships would run aground. To prove that they were wrong, Columbus threw a weight on a line into the sea and when this failed to hit the seabed, the men agreed to sail on.

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On 25 September 1492, when huge waves suddenly rocked the ship, despite the fact that there was no wind, the sailors were convinced that they were in grave danger. Columbus and the officers assured them that these were common in such a big ocean. Columbus **also logged in less distance than their true run** so that the men would not be discouraged especially in such a long journey. At times, the helmsmen did not steer correctly and the ship went off course. Columbus reprimanded them for not being careful enough.

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One night, they saw a bolt of fire falling from the sky a few kilometres away. These incidents disturbed and depressed the men who interpreted them as signs of a bad omen. Many began to fall ill and complained of the length of the voyage. Columbus tried to encourage them as best as he could. He told them it was useless to complain as he had set out for the Indies and he would continue till he reached them. He also reminded them of the benefits they would gain from it. The sailors, many of whom had never sailed far from home before, obeyed the orders simply because they believed in him.

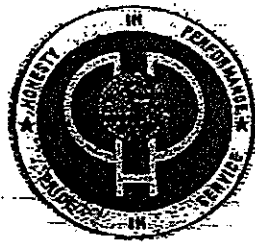
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26. Columbus' men were frightened to _____.
- (1) follow the King's order
 - (2) return to their homeland
 - (3) be on a long and unknown voyage
 - (4) be under the Columbus' commands
27. The men were suspicious of the broken wreckage of a vessel and their first response was _____.
- (1) the worst was yet to come
 - (2) the seaweeds would harm them
 - (3) that there would be pirates around
 - (4) there were huge rocks below their ship
28. Columbus threw a weight on a line into the sea to prove that _____.
- (1) the sea was deep
 - (2) the fish would be plentiful
 - (3) there was no wreckage near them
 - (4) there was nothing dangerous in the water
29. In lines 18 – 19, Columbus 'also logged in less distance than the true run'. Why did he do that?
- (1) He was trying to prolong the journey.
 - (2) He wanted to punish them for being so impatient.
 - (3) He wanted to show the men how to be good sailors.
 - (4) He wanted them to believe that the journey was not that long.
30. Based on the passage, which of the following statements is true?
- (1) Shipwrecks and dangers were uncommon in those days.
 - (2) Columbus was determined and worked hard to achieve his goal.
 - (3) The men on the ship were cowards and deserved to be reprimanded.
 - (4) The journey was successful because the sailors were skilful and brave.

END OF BOOKLET A

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

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

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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.

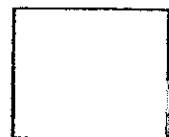
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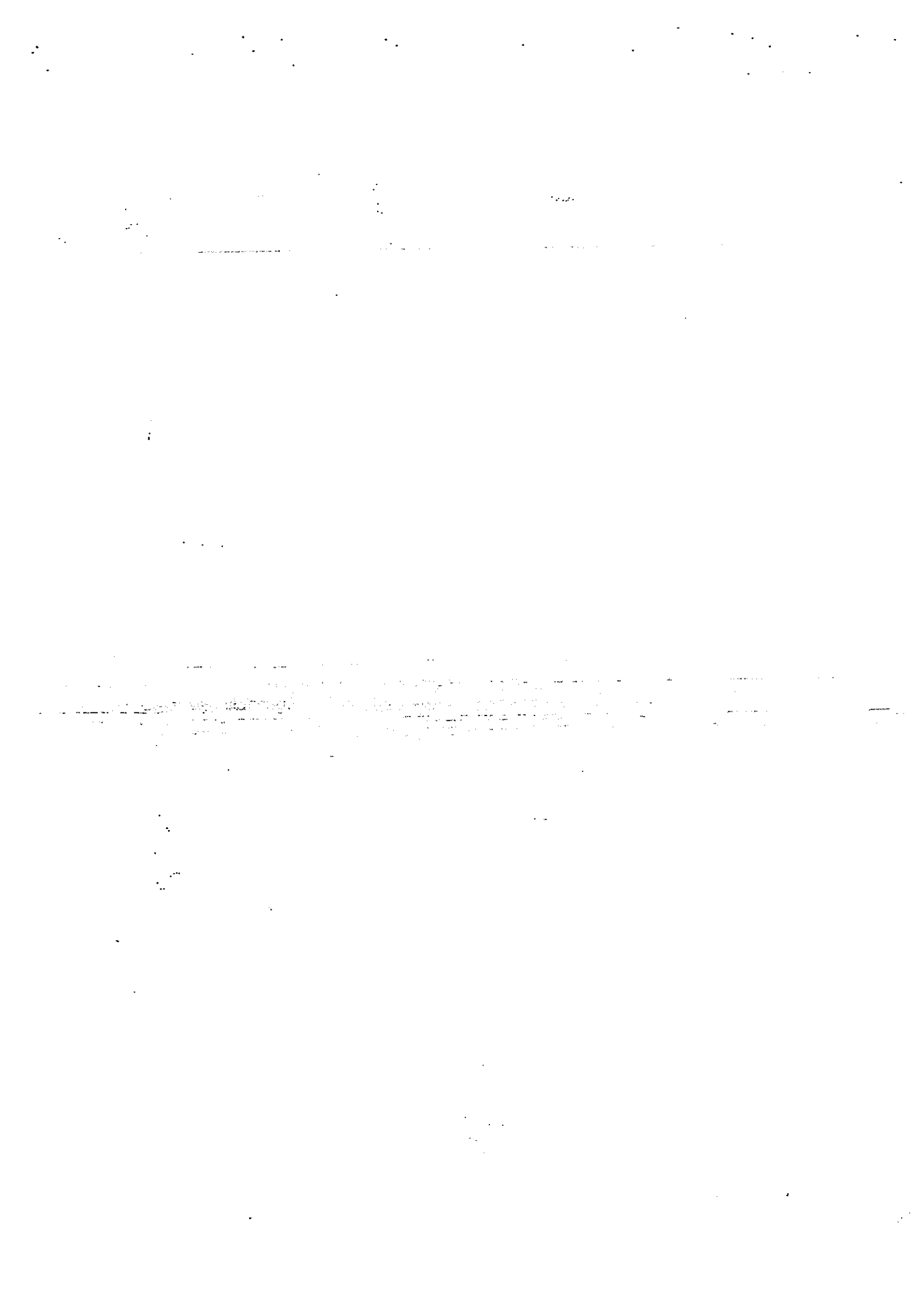
EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

A) always	D) by	G) had	K) on	N) where
B) an	E) did	H) of	L) there	P) when
C) around	F) down	J) under	M) until	Q) with

29 May 1978 was the 25th anniversary of the climbing of Mount Everest. This great peak in the Himalayan Ranges (31) _____ northern India, the highest mountain in the world, had (32) _____ looked down mockingly on mere man, seeming to say, "I challenge you to climb me, poor, weak, mortal!" And try they (33) _____, but failed to reach the top. (34) _____ were avalanches, blizzards, extreme cold to contend (35) _____. The mountain reigned supreme; that is, (36) _____ 29 May 1953.

Then it happened! The news flashed (37) _____ the world that the expedition made its second and final assault on the summit with Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay from Nepal. They reached the summit at 11.30 am on 29 May 1953, climbing the South Col route. It was the fateful moment (38) _____ Hillary and Norgay set foot (39) _____ the Roof of the World and looked (40) _____ from a height of 8,848 metres. Before descending, they stopped at the summit long enough to take photographs and to bury some sweets and a small cross in the snow.





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

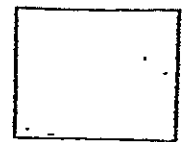
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Jewellers and antique dealers are openly selling items made (41) in tiger claws,
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skin and teeth. The Animal Concerns Research Education Society, which (42) investegated
a number of jewellery or antique shops between December and February 2010, found some
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selling body parts of the highly (43) andanegered big cat. Only seven shops knew of the
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(44) banning on trade in tiger ornaments; they (45) produce the objects from under the
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counter, or from a safe, in front of undercover officers. Selling tiger parts (46) are banned
and all six tiger species are protected under an Import and Export Act.

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Importing and exporting or (47) posezesing any tiger species without a permit can
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land one a fine of up to \$50,000 per species, with two years (48) of jail. And here is the rub —
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even if the parts are fakes, the same (49) paneltees apply. This is because trading, even in



fakes, drives up the demand for tiger parts. By some (50) estimates, only 3,400 to 5,140 were left in the wild in 2008, down from 5,000 to 7,000 in 1999.

(Adapted from *Tigers Parts Sold as Jewellery - The Little Red Dot -*



Fill in each blank with the most suitable word.

(15 marks)

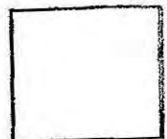
Steve reckoned that they were about three miles from the river, if there was still a river. By now, it might (51) _____ just a trickle of slow-moving water, or a bed of dried mud, full of tumbleweed and small stones. He knew that the task ahead would be a challenging (52) _____ for his men.

Steve narrowed his (53) _____ to slits as he peered through the clouds of dust – red dust kicked up (54) _____ hundreds of hoofs. The cattle that trailed past (55) _____ as he sat slumped in his saddle were as tired and worn out as the exhausted men who drove them.

Some of the cattle bellowed (56) _____ fear and pain. The younger (57) _____ pushed their noses into the sides of the cows. Unfortunately, they had no more (58) _____ to feed them. All of them were mad with thirst and very thin. From their knob-like backbones, the drawn skin was tight over the fleshless haunches. Their ribs curved (59) _____ the bars of a cage over their sunken flanks. The cattle (60) _____ starving.

They had trekked from the cattle stations in the north of Australia where heavy (61) _____ usually filled streams and pools. But this was a year of (62) _____. The burning sun, which had sucked up the last drops of water, had (63) _____ the ground cracked and dry. Wide, dangerous ruts had formed (64) _____ the earth. They were deep and broad enough to wedge a man's boot when (65) _____ walked. For Steven and his men, there was only one thing to do. The cattle must be driven many miles south, to the river, or they would die.

(Adapted from World Wide Adventure Series – published by Robert Gibson)



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. Jim did not attend school yesterday. He did not bring a letter of excuse.

Despite _____

67. "How can you take a break when the work is not completed?" Mdm Meena asked Samuel.

Mdm Meena _____

68. The suspect finally named his accomplice. The police were questioning him relentlessly.

_____ under

69. The doctor diagnosed kumar as suffering from severe dehydration.

Kumar _____

70. Your first attempt is better than this one.

Of _____



Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

Children crowded around Jantu, pressing in from all sides, to watch her deft hands work it. "Let me hold it," I begged, standing beside Jantu. "I helped you find the materials for the dolls."

Jantu nodded. Breathlessly, I held it carefully and blew on it. It worked! One of the dolls bent down and pounded the mortar with its club. The other doll straightened up and waited its turn. I was still engrossed with the toy when someone shouted a warning, "Watch out, Chnay's coming!"

Even in my short stay at the camp, I had heard of Chnay. He liked to break things, and he was a bully. An orphan, Chnay had made his way to the refugee camp at the border alone. Too young to be recruited into the resistance army, Chnay roamed the fields by himself, scrounging for food and sleeping wherever he liked.

Chnay sauntered up and shoved his way to us. "What've you got there?" he demanded.

"Nothing," I said, trying to hide the toy behind me. Laughing, Chnay snatched it away from me. One of the dolls was ripped loose and dropped to the ground.

As I bent over to retrieve it, Chnay pushed me roughly aside. "Leave it," he said. "That's for kids. Look what I have." He thrust his arm out. Big red ants were crawling on it. They were the fierce kind that would sting when they bite. "I'm letting them bite me. See?" he bragged. Already small fierce welts were swelling up on his arm, as the ants continued biting him. However, he did not reveal any sign of pain.

"That's dumb!" I exclaimed. Dodging behind him, I tried to snatch the doll back from him.

Chnay flung the toy to the ground, scattering straw and red ants into the air. I grabbed his hand, but he was taller than I, and much stronger. He shoved me aside and stomped on the dolls until it was nothing but a pile of crushed sticks and rags. That was the straw that broke the camel's back. With angry tears smarting my eyes, I lunged at Chnay. My arms were flailing wildly as I tried desperately to scratch and hurt him back. But Chnay merely turned, kicking aside a boy who stood in his way, and strode off. I squatted down beside the bits of dolls and tried to fix them together, but it was no use. The delicate rice-pounding mobile was beyond repair. Jantu knelt next to me and took the fragments of the dolls out of my hands. "Never mind," she said quietly, putting them aside. "We can always start something new."

"But it took you so long to make it," I exclaimed.

Idly, Jantu scooped up a lump of mud from the puddle by her feet and began to knead it with her hands. "Sure, but the fun is in the making," she said. She smoothed the ball with quick fingers and, after a while, held out a perfectly smooth clay marble in her palm. "For you," she announced.

(Adapted from the book 'The Clay Marble' by Minfong Ho)

71. Why did the children crowd around Jantu?

72. Which word in the first paragraph suggests that Jantu was skillful at making things?

73. Why did the author mention in lines 2 to 3 that she helped Jantu find the materials to make the toy mobile?

74. "Watch out! Chnay's coming!" (line 7)
Explain fully why someone gave the warning about Chnay approaching them.

75. Explain clearly why Chnay allowed the red ants to bite him.

76. Which of Chnay's actions was considered "dumb" (line 21) by the author?



77. What does "That" in line 25 refer to?

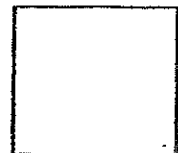
78. Which phrase best shows the emotions of the author after the delicate rice-pounding mobile was destroyed?

79. What did Jantu mean by "the fun is in the making" in line 35?

80. How would you describe Jantu's character based on her response to her toy being destroyed? Give a reason for your answer.

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ANSWER SHEET

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46)is 47)possessing 48)in 49)penalties 50)estimates
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69)Kumar was diagnosed as suffering from severe dehydration by the doctor.

70)Of the two attempts, your first one is better.

71)The children crowded around Jantu to see how she made dolls.

72)The word is "deft".

73)The author wanted to hold it.

74)Chnay had a reputation of destroying things and the children wanted to keep the toy away from him.

75)Chnay wanted to prove to the others that he was tough.

76)It was Chnay's action of allowing the red ants to bite him.

77)It refers to Chnay stomping on the dolls.

78)The phrase is "With angry tears smarting my eyes".

79)Jantu meant that it was fun making the toy.

80)Jantu was a forgiving person as she was not angry although something she had spent a lot of time on was just destroyed.