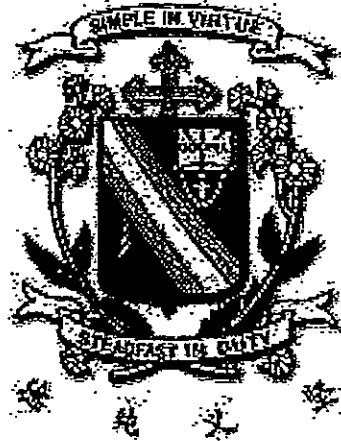


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CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)



Primary 6

Semestral Assessment 1

10 May 2013

English Language

Listening Comprehension

Duration of Paper: 45 minutes

20 questions

20 marks

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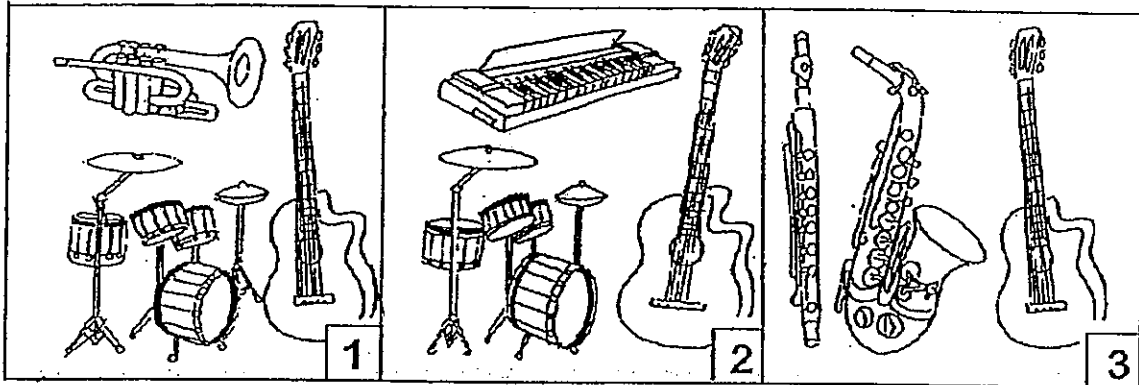
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For each question from 1 - 20, three options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2 or 3). Shade the correct oval (1, 2 or 3) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

Text 1

Q1. Which of the following shows the instruments that will not be kept in the cupboards? ()



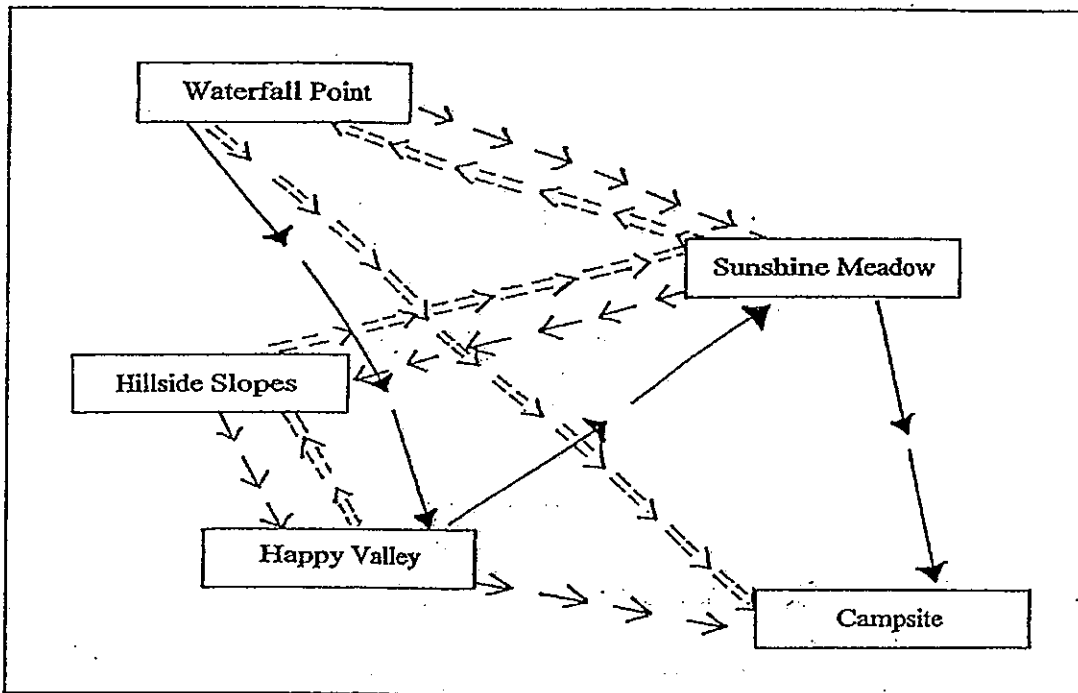
Text 2

Q2. Which picture best depicts Jessica's cousin?..... ()



Text 3

- Q3.** For campers in Team Leader David's group, which of the following is their first stop? ()
- (1) Happy Valley
 - (2) Waterfall Point
 - (3) Sunshine meadow
- Q4.** Which of the following shows the route that the campers with Team Leader Molly will take?..... ()
- (1) → → → → →
 - (2) ==> ==> ==> ==>
 - (3) —————→



Text 4

- Q5.** What can Mrs Tan do in order to pay only \$8 for entry to the National Bird Park?..... ()
- (1) take her six-year-old son there on a Monday in June
 - (2) flash her Feathered Friends membership card
 - (3) arrive before 9.00 am on a Monday in June
- Q6.** Which of the following is a privilege current Feathered Friends Club members can enjoy in June?..... ()
- (1) a \$30 discount on annual membership fees
 - (2) free admission into the National Bird Park
 - (3) a 15% discount at the restaurants

- Q7. If Bob would like to join the Feathered Friends Club in June, how much will he need to pay for an annual membership?..... ()**
- (1) \$120
 - (2) \$150
 - (3) \$180

Text 5

- Q8. Can Paul play floorball even though he doesn't have a floorball stick?..... ()**
- (1) Yes, the sticks will be provided.
 - (2) No, all players need a stick to play floorball.
 - (3) Yes, the floorball team rents sticks to players.
- Q9. Where was floorball first played?.....()**
- (1) Sweden
 - (2) Norway
 - (3) Finland
- Q10. Is floorball only played in Scandinavian countries?..... ()**
- (1) Yes, floorball leagues can only be found there.
 - (2) No, it is played in every country around the world.
 - (3) No, people are playing it in various countries including North America.
- Q11. Why does Mag play floorball?..... ()**
- (1) She wants to join a floorball league.
 - (2) She thinks it is a safe game.
 - (3) She enjoys playing it.

Text 6

- Q12. According to the text, why was 2008 a most memorable year?.. ()**
- (1) China had a huge debt to repay.
 - (2) Two major disasters struck Asia.
 - (3) The world ignored the damage caused.
- Q13. What did Cyclone Nargis cause?..... ()**
- (1) An earthquake
 - (2) Damage to the North Indian Ocean
 - (3) A very high number of deaths
- Q14. Why were relief efforts after Cyclone Nargis struck slowed down?.....()**
- (1) Leaders of other countries were reluctant to help.
 - (2) Relief efforts were held up by heavy rain.
 - (3) Myanmar's leaders refused help at first.
- Q15. Why was the Sichuan earthquake likened to a monster?.....()**
- (1) It measured 7.9 in magnitude, causing great loss of lives and damage.
 - (2) It was the third costliest disaster in China.
 - (3) It was uncontrollable.

- Q16. How long after Cyclone Nargis did the Sichuan earthquake occur?..... ()**
- (1) A month apart
 - (2) More than a month apart
 - (3) Less than a month apart

Text 7

- Q17. What are the species of elephant that exist today?..... ()**
- (1) The Indian elephant, the African forest elephant and the African bush elephant
 - (2) The African bush elephant, the Asian elephant and the Indian elephant
 - (3) The Asian elephant, the African forest elephant, the Indian elephant and the African bush elephant

- Q18. In what way do the lives of male and female elephants differ?..... ()**
- (1) Males have no natural predators but females are often poached.
 - (2) Males move around alone but females move in groups.
 - (3) Males live longer than females.

- Q19. How many years do elephants usually live for?.....()**
- (1) 65 to 85 years
 - (2) 50 to 70 years
 - (3) 25 to 45 years

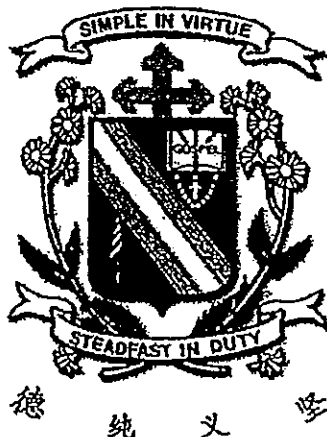
- Q20. How do humans pose a threat to the survival of elephants?.. ()**
- (1) By killing the calves and weak adult elephants
 - (2) By hunting them and destroying forests
 - (3) By breeding lions to prey on them

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Class : Primary 6 _____

CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)



Primary 6

Semestral Assessment 1

6 May 2013

English Language

Paper 1

Duration of Paper : 1 h 10 min

2 questions
55 marks

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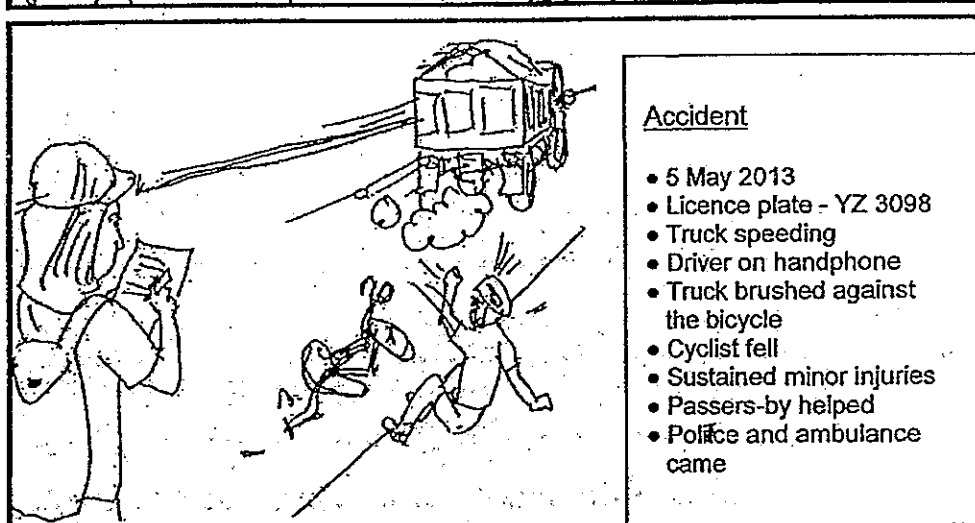
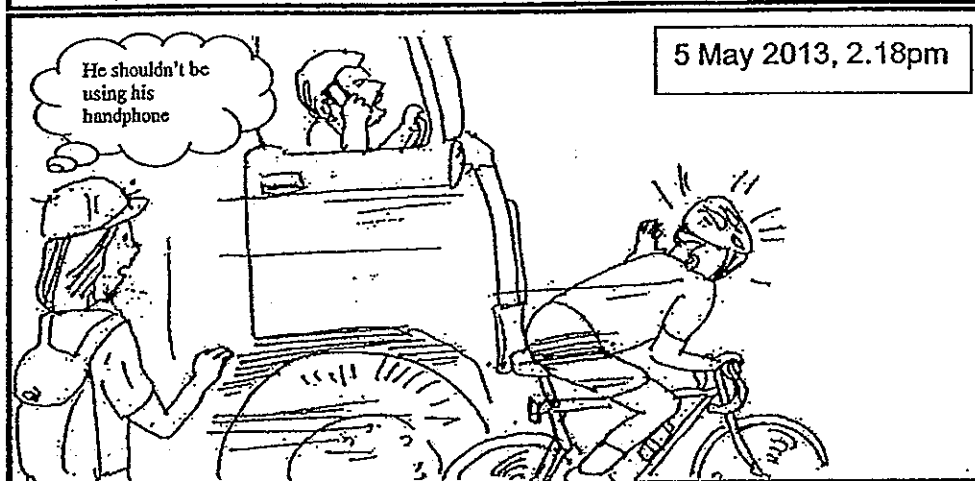
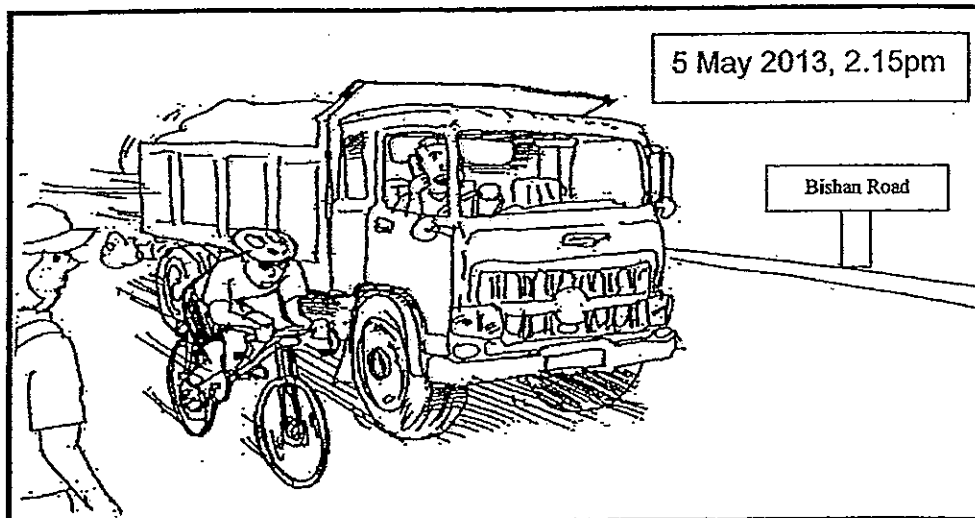
Answer question 1 and choose either question 2 or 3.

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Part 1: Situational Writing (15 Marks)

(1) Study the following pictures carefully.



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Your Task

Imagine you are the girl in the picture. You saw a truck hit a cyclist while you were walking home from school. You immediately took down the details.

When the police arrived at the scene, Inspector Lim asked you to write a report on what you had seen.

You are to refer to the given pictures and details for your report.

In your report, include the following information:

- the date and time of the accident
- what the driver was doing and what happened as a result of his action
- what happened to the cyclist
- one important detail about the truck
- what the driver did after the accident

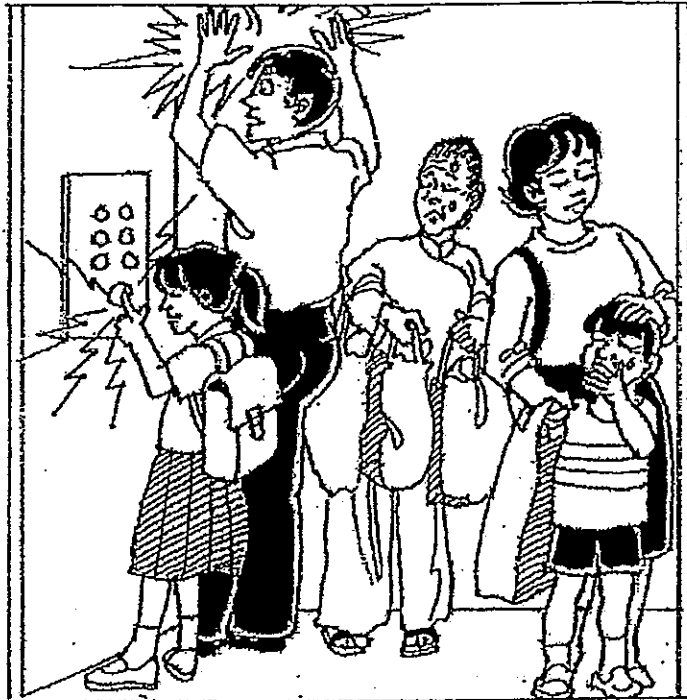
You may reorder the points. Write in complete sentences.

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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.

- how the people in the lift felt
- what the people did
- how it all ended

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

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(3) It was about 3 o'clock in the morning. You and your family were all sound asleep when the doorbell rang.

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

In your composition, make use of the points below :

- who rang the doorbell
- what you and your family did
- what happened in the end

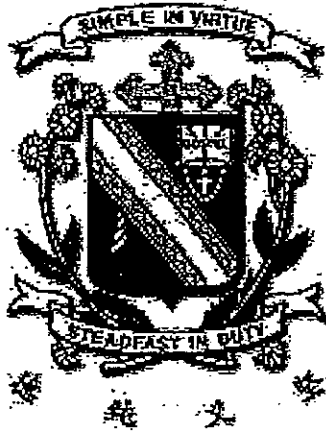
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CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)



Primary 6

Semestral Assessment 1

10 May 2013

English Language

Paper 2 Booklet A

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

30 questions

30 marks

Instructions to Candidates:

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Answer all questions.

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

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

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GEORGINE AND THE AMAZING COAT

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CHILDREN'S ARTS FESTIVAL

Based on the bestselling children's book by Kathy Novella.
A heart-warming tale about sisterly love and generosity.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Starring talented actors including Nellie Hans and John Solo
- Music by popular musician, Tong Min
- Meet the-cast sessions after every performance
- Interactive activities based on the play is available at www.pac.com.sg (designed for primary school students)

PERFORMANCE ARTS COUNCIL THEATRE

1 to 30 June 2013

10am and 1pm shows (weekdays)

9am, 12pm, 3pm and 6pm shows (weekends)

Tickets at \$25 each

Available from Performance Arts Council box office,
stic.com.sg and all STIC ticketing counters

Special rates and additional weekday show times will be arranged for school and group bookings
Please contact Petra at 800 0099 or sales@pac.com.sg for enquiries and group bookings.

Organiser:



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Shelter



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ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO A CHARITY FOR CHILDREN

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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 'Georgine and the Amazing Coat' is organised by _____.

- (1) Junior Drama Academy
- (2) Children's Arts Festival
- (3) Tong Min Music School
- (4) Performance Arts Council

2 At the end of each performance, the audience can look forward to _____.

- (1) listening to popular music
- (2) meeting the actors and actresses
- (3) watching other performances at the festival
- (4) buying the bestselling book by Kathy Novella

3 The main aim of the performance is to _____.

- (1) raise funds for disadvantaged children
- (2) give children an opportunity to perform
- (3) teach the values of family ties and generosity
- (4) promote the bestselling children's book by Kathy Novella

4 To purchase tickets for her class of 40 pupils, Ms Ho should _____.

- (1) visit www.pac.com.sg
- (2) telephone Petra at 6001 0099
- (3) approach any STic ticketing counter
- (4) go to the Performance Arts Council box office

5 Which one of the following statements is not true?

- (1) Tickets for group bookings cost \$25 each.
- (2) There are more than two actors in the play.
- (3) Tong Min will not be singing during the performances.
- (4) A website address is provided for online ticket purchases

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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 "There is a cure _____ this disease," the doctor said reassuringly.

- (1) of
- (2) to
- (3) for
- (4) with

7 The student whom the reporters interviewed _____ nominated for a prestigious award last month.

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

8 Had I known you were unwell, I would not _____ you.

- (1) disturb
- (2) disturbed
- (3) had disturbed
- (4) have disturbed

9 It was Sarah and not Tommy who did the housework all by _____.

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

10 I have not seen my friend _____ she left our school last year.

- (1) until
- (2) since
- (3) when
- (4) although

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11 Neither Peter nor his sister enjoys eating apple pie, _____ they?

- (1) do
- (2) has
- (3) have
- (4) does

12 After he had completed the 2.4km race, the athlete _____ down on the grass in exhaustion.

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

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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)

Gandhi was washing his face and hands with water from a jug. As he washed, he was deeply engaged in a discussion with his friend. Before he had finished washing his face, the jug became empty.

"I will fetch another jug of water for you (13) his friend smiled.

Gandhi exclaimed, "You mean I have used up a jugful of water without finishing washing my face? How wasteful of me (14) I use only one jug of water every morning."

He stopped talking and tears flowed down his face.

"Why are you worried about the water? There are three great rivers, the Ganges, the Jummar and the Saraswati," he said (15) "You don't need to worry about water here!"

Gandhi replied, "You are right. You have three great rivers in your town but my share in those rivers is only one jug of water a morning and no more."

Adapted from Save the Earth by Satish Kumar

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

- 14 (1) [,] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [?] question mark
(4) [!] exclamation mark

- 15 (1) [,] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [?] question mark
(4) [!] exclamation mark

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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 Only pupils who have cleared the _____ can join the drama club.

- (1) contest
- (2) audition
- (3) interview
- (4) competition

17 The workers _____ the scaffold as it was not stable.

- (1) took in
- (2) took on
- (3) took up
- (4) took apart

18 Asha looked exhausted after her English examination as she had _____ preparing for it.

- (1) beat about the bush
- (2) bent over backwards
- (3) built castles in the air
- (4) burned the midnight oil

19 The angry demonstrators went on a _____ through the streets, burning and looting shops.

- (1) spree
- (2) frenzy
- (3) rampage
- (4) stampede

20 The embassy was _____ by the number of calls from the anxious relatives of the disaster victims.

- (1) harassed
- (2) saddened
- (3) devastated
- (4) overwhelmed

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

(5 marks)

In April 1998, the incredible happened! A hostile creature named Tyson escaped from his cell, a tank of quarter-inch-thick glass. He was quickly subdued by nervous attendants. Unlike his heavyweight namesake, Mike Tyson, the famous boxer, Tyson was only four inches long. But scientists have found that Tyson, like all his kin, can throw the fastest and most powerful punches in nature. He is a mantis shrimp.

His secret weapon is a pair of hinged arms which can be opened out at a staggering speed of under three thousandths of a second. According to a scientist, the strike is one of the fastest limb movements in the animal kingdom. The heavy clubs at the end of these arms are used to bludgeon prey such as fish and octopuses to death, and shatter the thick armour of crabs as easily as they do aquarium glass.

Adapted from The Mantis Shrimp by Ed Yong

- 21 (1) superior
(2) aggressive
(3) courageous
(4) extraordinary
- 22 (1) calmed
(2) inhibited
(3) restrained
(4) quietened
- 23 (1) unfurled
(2) unveiled
(3) unfastened
(4) unscrambled
- 24 (1) sting
(2) poison
(3) clobber
(4) suffocate
- 25 (1) crack
(2) smash
(3) rupture
(4) pulverize

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Read the passage and answer questions 26 to 30.

The train clanked and rattled through the suburbs of Tokyo on a drowsy spring afternoon. Our cabin was relatively empty – a few housewives with their kids in tow, and some old folks going shopping. I gazed at the drab houses and dusty hedgerows.

When the doors opened at the next station, a man staggered in. He was big, dirty and very drunk. Bellowing incomprehensibly, he swung at a woman holding a baby. The blow sent her spinning into the laps of an elderly couple. It was a miracle that the baby was unharmed. 5

The couple jumped up and scrambled towards the other end of the cabin. The drunk aimed a kick at the retreating back of the old woman but missed. This so enraged him that he tried to wrench the steel pole out of its base. I could see that one of his hands was cut and bleeding. I stood up. I was young and strong. I was trained in Aikido but my martial arts skills were untested in actual combat. 10

"Aikido," my teacher had repeatedly reminded me, "is the art of reconciliation. We study how to resolve conflict, not how to start it."

I listened to her words but, in my heart, I wanted a legitimate opportunity to save the innocent by destroying the guilty. "This is it!" I whispered to myself. 15

Seeing me stand up, the drunk roared, "Ah, a foreigner! You need a lesson in Japanese manners." I held on lightly to the commuter strap overhead and gave him a long look of disgust. I planned to take him down but he had to make the first move.

A second before he could rush at me, someone shouted, "Hey!" We both turned and stared down at a little old Japanese gentleman sitting there, immaculate in his kimono. He took no notice of me but beamed delightedly at the drunk. 20

"C'mere and talk with me," the old man said in an easy manner.

"Why should I talk to you?" the drunk growled, glaring at him.

"Whatcha been drinkin'?" the old man asked, his eyes sparkling with interest. 25

"I've been drinkin' wine... and it's none of your business!" the drunk bellowed in response, spattering the old man with flecks of spittle.

"Oh, that's wonderful," the old man said, eyes twinkling. "You see, I love wine too. Every night, my wife and I have a little wine in the garden and see how our persimmon tree is doing. My great-grandfather planted that tree, you know." The drunk's face began to soften. His fists slowly unclenched. 30

"Yeah," he said, "I love persimmons, too..." His voice trailed off.

"Yes," said the old man, smiling, "and I'm sure you have a wonderful wife."

"No," replied the drunk. "My wife died." He began to sob. "I ain't got no wife. I ain't got no home. I ain't got no job. I'm so ashamed of myself." A spasm of despair rippled through his body. 35

Standing there without knowing or understanding enough, yet full of my 'make-this-world-safe-for-others' righteousness, I suddenly felt dirtier than he was.

As I alighted at my stop, I heard the old man saying sympathetically, "That is a difficult predicament, indeed. Sit down here and tell me about it." 40

As the train pulled away, I beheld the drunk sprawled on the seat beside the old man, his head on the old man's lap, and the old man's hand laid gently on the drunk's mass of filthy, matted hair.

I sat down on a bench. What I had wanted to do with muscle had been accomplished with compassion. I had just seen Aikido tried in combat, and the essence of it was love. 45

*Adapted from *Lighting Candles in the Dark* by Ram Dass*

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For each of the questions 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 What was the first sign that the man was drunk in paragraph two?

- (1) He was dirty.
- (2) He was cut and bleeding.
- (3) He staggered into the cabin.
- (4) He attacked the woman with the baby.

27 The writer stood up to _____.

- (1) confront the drunk man
- (2) help the woman holding a baby
- (3) get a better view of the commotion
- (4) go nearer to the housewives and their children

28 The drunk man did not attack the writer because he was _____.

- (1) afraid of being beaten up
- (2) injured on one of his hands
- (3) distracted by the old Japanese man
- (4) guilty about attacking the woman with her baby

29 The writer 'felt dirtier' (line 38) than the drunk man because he had been _____.

- (1) too quick to judge the drunk
- (2) spattered with flecks of saliva
- (3) unable to help the people in the cabin
- (4) in close contact with the unwashed man

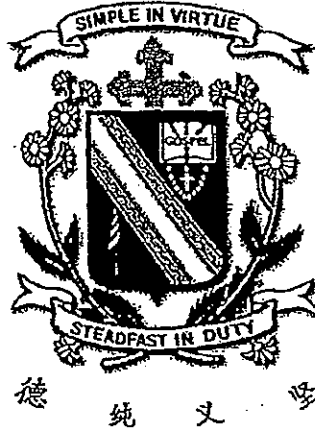
30 Which one of the following statements is not true?

- (1) The writer was Japanese.
- (2) The drunk man was a widower.
- (3) The passengers on the train were terrified.
- (4) The old Japanese gentleman was patient and caring.

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Class : Primary 6 _____

CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)



Primary 6

Semestral Assessment 1

10 May 2013

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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Answer all questions.

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) and | (D) back | (G) has | (K) is | (N) out |
| (B) as | (E) but | (H) in | (L) like | (P) up |
| (C) at | (F) from | (J) into | (M) of | (Q) yet |

Food Republic Beer Garden is the new dining magnet for foodies, tourists and hungry folks. It _____ been doing a brisk trade feeding hordes of diners out (31)

not just for a bite, _____ also a serving of nostalgia. (32)

Converted _____ the open car park fronting the St James Power Station (33)

entertainment complex, the \$2 million food haven brings _____ memories of (34)

street dining in Singapore _____ the 1960s. (35)

It boasts 18 stalls – on pushcarts and trucks – selling fare _____ *lok lok* (36)

(skewered meat and vegetables) and *or lua* (oyster omelette). Singers and musicians entertain diners _____ they chow down on their *roti prata*. (37)

It is _____ another brainwave from Mr George Quek, the man who revolutionised bakeries and changed the faces _____ food courts in (39)

Singapore. New, novel, unique - these are the buzzwords for the founder of The BreadTalk Group. This passion to stand _____ from and stay a step ahead of (40)

his competition is probably what helped him grow his global food empire. From just one pushcart selling dragon beard candy in Taipei in the 1980s, his business now comprises more than 400 bakeries and restaurants in 13 countries and territories.

Adapted from The ST Interview by Wong Kim Hong

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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)

Kite-flying is taking off in Singapore. However, some enthusiasts are causing a (41) potential hazard by taking his hobby too close to roads or railway tracks.

On Sunday, a large kite landed on the tracks at Lakeside MRT station and got (42) (43) antengled underneath a train, causing a delay. It was believed to have blow in (44) from a field beside the station, where raesidants often gather at weekends to fly kites.

(45) As kite-flying becomes increasing popular in Singapore, experts have (46) highlighted the need for enthusiasts to be korsious. (47)

Sunday's incident was the first time that such a large kite – about 1m in wide – had fallen on train tracks. The Straits Times understands that the kite was spotted (48) by a passenger whose saw it when the train doors opened and alerted the control station. According to SMRT, the delay lasted less than five minutes and 1,300 passengers were affected. A west-bound train was tuned around to pick up the (49) strended passengers. (50)

An SMRT spokesman said, "Big kites or proffessienel kites have metal structures, which may pose a greater danger to train operators."

Adapted from The Straits Times, March 8, 2011

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

On 12 May 2008, an earthquake took place in Sichuan, China. The massive earthquake killed thousands of _____ Millions were also made
(51)

_____ when buildings and houses were destroyed. The earthquake also
(52)

affected a giant panda nature reserve and _____ Wolong Panda Centre.
(53)

Fortunately, the staff and pandas in Chendu Panda Base _____ not
(54)

affected by the disaster. This panda conservation and research base has since been _____ with the rescue of wild pandas. It also assists in housing
(55)

and _____ for the pandas relocated from Wolong Panda Centre, which
(56)

was badly damaged by the earthquake. In addition, Chendu Panda Base is

_____ with the government to provide assistance to the giant panda
(57)

nature reserves.

Owing to the destruction of roads, transporting bamboo and medical

_____ and equipment for the pandas became difficult and, at times,
(58)

nearly _____. This became a big problem for Chendu Panda Base as
(59)

the staff lacked what was needed for the pandas' well-being.

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When Wildlife Reserves Singapore _____ news that Chendu
(60)

Panda Base required help in the form of medical equipment, they quickly activated
and _____ up a task force. A total of \$29 000 was pledged with about
(61)

\$2000 _____ from public donations and the rest from Wildlife Reserve
(62)

Singapore. The money was used to purchase the required equipment, which was
_____ to Chendu Panda Base in October 2008.
(63)

It is _____ that there are about 1 600 pandas left in the wild. This
(64)
number is dwindling. Many panda habitats have been converted to farms or
destroyed for timber and fuelwood. In 1998, the Chinese government banned logging
in panda habitats but activities such as mining and hydropower developments are
new _____ that giant pandas have to face. Giant pandas now live in
(65)

about 20 isolated pockets of forests in China.

Adapted from Wildlife Wonders

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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 Tan apologised to the woman. She remained upset.

_____ although _____

67 The tourists reached their destination. They checked into a hotel.

Upon _____

68 Samuel and Richard have not arrived for the meeting.

Neither _____

69 "Did you pick up the clothes from the launderette last night?" Mandy asked her sister.

Mandy asked _____

70 Dennis felt very satisfied. He ate a big bowl of piping hot noodles.

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Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

I was responding to a call from a small brick apartment in a quiet part of town. When I arrived at 2.30 am, the building was dark except for a single light in a ground floor window. Under these circumstances, many drivers would just honk once or twice, wait a minute, then drive away. But I had seen too many impoverished people who depended on taxis as their only means of transportation. Unless a situation smelled of danger, I always went to the door. This passenger might be someone who needs my assistance, I reasoned to myself. So I walked to the door and knocked. 5

"Just a minute," answered a frail, elderly voice. I could hear something being dragged across the floor. After a long pause, the door opened. A small woman about eighty stood before me. She was wearing a print dress and a pillbox hat with a veil pinned on it, like somebody out of a 1940s movie. By her side was a small nylon suitcase. The apartment looked as if no one had lived in it for years. All the furniture was covered with sheets and there were no knickknacks or utensils or the counters. In the corner was a cardboard box filled with photos and glassware. 10

"Would you carry my bag out to the car?" she said. I took the suitcase to the cab then returned to assist the woman. She took my arm and we walked slowly toward the curb. She kept thanking me for my kindness. "It's nothing," I told her. "I just try to treat my passengers the way I would want my mother treated." 15

"You're such a good boy," she said. When we got in the cab, she gave me an address, then asked, "Could you drive through downtown?" 20

"It's not the shortest way," I answered quickly.

"I don't mind," she said. "I'm in no hurry. I'm on my way to a hospice." I looked in the rearview mirror. Her eyes were glistening. "I don't have any family left," she continued. "The doctor says I don't have very long" 25

I quietly reached over and shut off the meter. "What route would you like me to take?" I asked. For the next two hours, we drove through the city. She showed me the building where she had once worked as an elevator operator. We drove through the neighbourhood where she and her husband had lived when they were newlyweds. She had me pull up in front of a furniture warehouse that had once been a ballroom where she had gone dancing as a girl. Sometimes she would ask me to slow in front of a particular building or corner and would sit staring into the darkness, saying nothing. 30

As the first hint of sun was creasing the horizon, she suddenly said, "I'm tired. Let's go now." We drove in silence to the address she had given me. It was a low building with a driveway. Two orderlies came out to the cab as soon as we pulled up. They were concerned and intent, watching her every move. They must have been expecting her. 35

I opened the trunk and took the small suitcase to the door. The woman was already seated in a wheelchair. "How much do I owe you?" she asked, reaching into her purse.

"Nothing," I said. 40

"You have to make a living," she answered.

"There are other passengers," I responded. Almost without thinking, I bent and gave her a hug. She held onto me tightly. "You gave an old woman a little moment of joy," she said. "Thank you." I squeezed her hand, then walked into the dim morning light. Behind me, a door shut. It was the sound of the closing of a life. 45

I did not pick up any more passengers that shift. I drove aimlessly, lost in thought. For the rest of that day, I could hardly talk.

Adapted from The Cab Ride by Kent Nerburn

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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71 Which word in paragraph one has the same meaning as 'needy'?

72 Referring to the first paragraph, explain fully why the writer had not driven away despite the circumstances that he was facing.

73 In line 12, 'The apartment looked as if no one had lived in it for years.' Quote the sentence which gives the writer this impression.

74. What does 'something' in line 8 refer to?

75 In paragraph three, what did the writer do which showed that he was a kind man?

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76 In line 24, the old lady mentioned 'I don't have very long'. What did she mean?

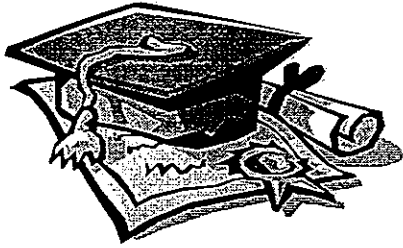
77 How do you know that the writer had decided not to charge the lady for the ride?

78 What did the hospice attendants do to show that they were expecting the old lady?

79 In what way had the writer brought the old lady 'a little moment of joy' (lines 43 - 44)?

80 In the last paragraph, was the writer moved by the old lady's plight? How can we tell?

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57)working 58)supplies 59)impossible 60)received

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66)The women remained upset although Mr Tan had apologized to her.

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68)Neither Samuel nor Richard has arrived for the meeting.

69)Mandy asked her sister if she had picked up the clothes from the launderette the previous night.

70)Having eaten a big bowl of piping hot noodles, Dennis felt very satisfied.

71)It is "impoverished".

72)He thought that there would be someone who needed his assistance and he did not sense any danger.

73)It is "All the furniture was covered in sheets and there were no knickknacks or utensils on the counters."

74)It refers to the small nylon suitcase.

75)When the old lady requested him to carry her bag to the car, he took the suitcase to the cab and returned to assist the old woman to the cab.

76)She went that her life was not going to last very long and she was going to die soon.

77)He turned off his cab meter.

78)They came out to the cab as soon as the cab stopped and they were concerned and intent, watching her every move, showing that they were expecting her.

79)He had driven her to all the places she wanted to visit to relieve her memories.

80)He was moved. He did not pick up anymore passengers during that shift and also drove aimlessly, lost in thought and could hardly talk for the rest of the day.