



**AI TONG SCHOOL  
2009**

**CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT ONE**

**PRIMARY 6**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**PAPER 2**

**DURATION : 1h 50 min**

**DATE : 3 March 2009**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

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

**Follow all instructions.**

**Answer all questions.**

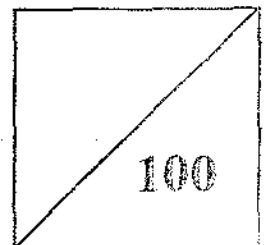
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Section A : Comprehension-Graphic Stimulus (5 marks)

Study the following advertisement and then answer the questions that follow it.



# Marina Christmas Extravaganza

22 – 25 December 2009

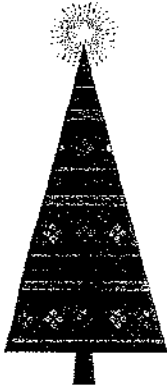
5.00 – 11.30 pm

Marina Harbour Boulevard

*Jointly organised by:*  
Tourism Authority of Singapore  
Raffles Recreation Group

*Proudly sponsored by:*  
Palembang Airlines  
Temasek Country Club

### Event Highlights:



#### The Singing Christmas Tree

Be **DELIGHTED** by Christmas carols performed on a 20-metre tall Christmas Tree by the acclaimed choir, Voices of Brooklyn, from New York City.



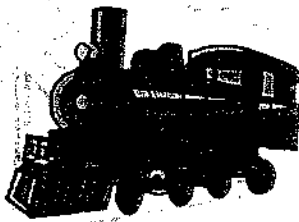
#### Bring Him On!

Be **THRILLED** in a competition to create the most attractive Snowman and stand a chance to win a \$500 Christmas hamper!



#### Christmas Cravings Galore

Be **INDULGED** by a wide variety of Christmas confectionaries, including log cakes, gingerbread cookies and almond puddings.



#### A Night on the Winter Express

*Based on the children's novel by Alex Smart*  
Be **ENCHANTED** by a Christmas musical staged in stunning settings by the Drama Club of London's Manchester College. Show starts at 7.30 pm sharp. Limited seats on a first-come-first-serve basis!

For any enquiries, please call our event hotline at 6250 4521 or visit our website at [www.marinachristmas.com](http://www.marinachristmas.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.

1. If Mr Tan wants to find out more about the event, he should \_\_\_\_\_
- (1) call the event hotline
  - (2) contact the Winter Express
  - (3) visit Marine Harbour Boulevard
  - (4) register at [www.marinachristmas.com](http://www.marinachristmas.com)
2. In 'Bring Him On!', participants are involved in a competition to \_\_\_\_\_
- (1) create and paint a Snowman
  - (2) sculpt and beautify a Snowman
  - (3) produce and polish a Snowman
  - (4) make and decorate a Snowman
3. The event is organised by \_\_\_\_\_
- (1) Temasek Country Club and Palembang Airlines
  - (2) Raffles Recreation Group and Temasek Country Club
  - (3) Palembang Airlines and Tourism Authority of Singapore
  - (4) Tourism Authority of Singapore and Raffles Recreation Group
4. Jane wishes to go for 'A Night on the Winter Express'. Which one of the following statements is **not** a likely reason for her interest?
- (1) She has often acted in skits and dramas.
  - (2) She has never watched a Christmas musical.
  - (3) She has never liked the stories of Alex Smart.
  - (4) She has always liked the performances by foreign students.
5. Which of the following statements is true of the event?
- (1) It has foreign performers to entertain visitors.
  - (2) It has free food and drinks to satisfy all visitors.
  - (3) It has souvenirs on the Winter Express for visitors.
  - (4) It has bands singing on a Christmas Tree for visitors.

**Section B : Grammar MCQ (7 marks)**

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.

6. My father offered you a lift, \_\_\_\_\_ ?

- (1) did he
- (2) has he
- (3) didn't he
- (4) hasn't he

7. \_\_\_\_\_ putting in effort in her studies, Penny failed her examinations.

- (1) While
- (2) Unless
- (3) Despite
- (4) However

8. "You \_\_\_\_\_ these magazines relevant to the topic of your speech," the teacher assured Aileen.

- (1) find
- (2) found
- (3) will find
- (4) have found

9. The adventurers drove their vehicles \_\_\_\_\_ the border between China and Myanmar.

- (1) into
- (2) across
- (3) through
- (4) between

10. Never before \_\_\_\_\_ there been so many exciting programmes planned for the Christmas celebration.

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

11. The mountaineers struggled all the way, \_\_\_\_\_ the summit of Mount Everest in the late afternoon.

- (1) reach
- (2) reached
- (3) reaching
- (4) had reached

12. The elderly man \_\_\_\_\_ you met at the lift lobby yesterday is a retired police inspector.

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

**Section C : Punctuation MCQ (3 marks)**

For each question from 13 to 15, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

“Hey, Marcus, what’s up (13) I hailed. Marcus turned his head. I felt my jaw drop as soon as I saw his face.

There were cuts and bruises all over his face. “Did someone beat you up?” I enquired. “Come (14) let me take you to the sick bay.” I offered to help him up.

However, Marcus refused to move. “No, I can’t go to the sick bay (15) stammered Marcus. “I can’t go to the sick bay. I can’t tell anybody. I’ll be in more trouble!”

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) [ : ] colon  
(2) [ , ] comma  
(3) [ - ] hyphen  
(4) [ . ] full-stop

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

**Section D : Vocabulary MCQ (10 marks)**

**For each question from 16 to 25 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.**

16. A column of exhausted soldiers \_\_\_\_\_ through the dense forests.
- (1) slunk
  - (2) flitted
  - (3) trudged
  - (4) romped
17. You should leave this place before dark because crime is \_\_\_\_\_ here.
- (1) rowdy
  - (2) restless
  - (3) raucous
  - (4) rampant
18. When a scuffle broke out, the Prime Minister ordered the police to \_\_\_\_\_ the crowd.
- (1) disrupt
  - (2) dissolve
  - (3) disperse
  - (4) dispense
19. The widespread destruction caused by the hurricane shows the \_\_\_\_\_ force of nature.
- (1) vital
  - (2) potent
  - (3) dynamic
  - (4) paramount
20. Teachers have the responsibility to \_\_\_\_\_ suitable punishment when a pupil misbehaves in class.
- (1) will out
  - (2) pan out
  - (3) give out
  - (4) mete out

21. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the pupils in staging the musical was an enthusiasm that impressed us.
- (1) ability
  - (2) delight
  - (3) fervour
  - (4) warmth
22. Those walls are the \_\_\_\_\_ of a fort that once defended the people against pirates.
- (1) splinters
  - (2) leftovers
  - (3) remnants
  - (4) fragments
23. By working \_\_\_\_\_, you will make careless mistakes in the examination.
- (1) slightly
  - (2) sleazily
  - (3) slovenly
  - (4) sluggishly
24. With a look of displeasure on his face, Michael \_\_\_\_\_ agreed to apologize to his neighbour.
- (1) grudgingly
  - (2) negligently
  - (3) unwittingly
  - (4) rebelliously
25. Proper \_\_\_\_\_, obtained from eating a variety of wholesome foods, is important to the growth of children.
- (1) nutrition
  - (2) ingestion
  - (3) digestion
  - (4) consumption

**Section E: Vocabulary Cloze (5 marks)**

For each question from 26 to 30, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

Watches are more than just wrist-worn instruments people buy to keep track of time. In recent years, the (26) affluence of Singaporeans has seen a strong growth in the purchase of timepieces for luxury and fashion. It is no longer uncommon to hear of people who have no (27) qualms of spending thousands of dollars on a branded watch. Today, the luxury watch industry is controlled by (28) venerable manufacturers with a long history of producing excellent timepieces. Many famous watch producers have their factories in Switzerland. Do not be surprised that timepieces handcrafted by their master watchmakers can fetch up to a million dollars! What makes the (29) deluxe products of Swiss watchmakers so expensive? Two key reasons account for their steep prices. First, the making of a unique watch demands the skills of an expert. Second, the (30) adornment of a luxury watch often includes diamonds, jewels and other gemstones. There are other factors contributing to the worth of exceptional timepieces.

26. (1) prowess  
(2) progress  
(3) prosperity  
(4) promotion
27. (1) risks  
(2) feelings  
(3) problems  
(4) reservations
28. (1) gigantic  
(2) powerful  
(3) esteemed  
(4) magnificent
29. (1) rare  
(2) plush  
(3) intricate  
(4) exorbitant
30. (1) invention  
(2) decoration  
(3) temptation  
(4) fascination

**Section F: Comprehension MCQ (5 marks)**

**Read the passage below and answer questions 31 to 35.**

Butterfly populations are declining throughout the world. The destruction of habitat, through the removal of forests and grasslands, is the main cause. Worsening the situation are the use of pesticides, collection by people and the scourge of diseases. But you can do something to help butterflies. Without much time or effort, you can actually create an attractive environment in the green spaces around you for these beautiful insects to feed and reproduce in safety. We are talking about butterfly gardens. 5

Just a few steps will lead you to the creation of one. The first step for you is to find out the species of flowers that are inviting to butterflies found in your area. What really attract them are strongly scented, brightly coloured flowers rich in nectar for their nourishment. Butterflies also need trees, shrubs and leafy green plants to lay their eggs. Don't forget that caterpillars feed on leaves to grow and transform themselves into adults. 10

Next, you will want to consider the arrangement of flowers, shrubs and other plants in your butterfly garden. Combining plants of different heights will certainly offer protection as well as food. For example, short flowering plants like bee palm and lavender may be grown with taller, sturdier trees and shrubs like poplar, hibiscus and lantana. 15

The best possible magnet of your garden is a rich variety of flowering plants. But you need not separate them into different beds of the similar species or colours. Nor do you need to tend the garden with special care to rid it of weeds and wildflowers. In enhancing the charm of your garden, you can be comfortable with letting nature takes its course. That way, you would gradually see more and more plants that are native to your area appear in the garden, drawing butterflies that are associated with them. 20 25

A sunny spot makes a good location for a butterfly garden. This is necessary because butterflies cannot regulate their body temperatures. Also, you should have sheltered parts and windbreaks in your butterfly garden for the insects to sleep at night and hide during bad weather. Remember to provide some rocks or exposed surfaces to allow butterflies to rest with wings outstretched to soak up sunlight. A small, nice butterfly garden will go a long way in contributing to the conservation of our delightful winged insects. 30

31. What is the most important reason for the worldwide decline of butterfly populations?
- (1) Loss of habitats
  - (2) Use of pesticides
  - (3) Collection by people
  - (4) Destruction by diseases
32. From the second paragraph, we learn about the \_\_\_\_\_ for a butterfly garden.
- (1) selection of plants
  - (2) production of scents
  - (3) arrangement of flowers
  - (4) development of colours
33. According to the passage, which of the following statements is **not** true?
- (1) Butterfly gardens are places with good sunlight.
  - (2) Butterfly gardens are easy to create and maintain.
  - (3) Butterfly gardens are sheltered from wind and rain.
  - (4) Butterfly gardens are helpful in conserving butterflies.
34. According to the passage, how can one attract butterflies native to the area of a butterfly garden?
- (1) Allowing wild species of trees to flower quickly.
  - (2) Allowing wild species of shrubs to spread easily.
  - (3) Allowing wild species of flowers to grow naturally.
  - (4) Allowing wild species of butterflies to move freely.
35. The main purpose of the passage is to \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) offer reasons for creating butterfly gardens
  - (2) give directions for creating butterfly gardens
  - (3) discuss the benefits of creating butterfly gardens
  - (4) explain the difficulties of creating butterfly gardens

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**Section G : Grammar Cloze (10 marks)**

There are 10 blanks numbered 36 to 45, 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.

**EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.**

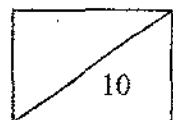
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<del>(B) will</del>	<del>(E) our</del>	<del>(H) without</del>	<del>(L) along</del>	<del>(P) would</del>
<del>(C) within</del>	<del>(F) their</del>	<del>(J) through</del>	<del>(M) throughout</del>	<del>(Q) that</del>

Singaporeans are reducing energy consumption. Bishan-Toa Payoh Town Council is no different, and they are doing (36) \_\_\_\_\_ part to keep utility cost down.

There are two approaches (37) \_\_\_\_\_ energy saving: one way is to use energy-efficient products, and the second is to change (38) \_\_\_\_\_ usage pattern. Bishan-Toa Payoh Town Council has implemented alternate lighting (39) \_\_\_\_\_ the estates. Corridor lights are usually switched on from 6.45 pm (40) \_\_\_\_\_ 7.00 am. To conserve energy and (41) \_\_\_\_\_ compromising the residents' safety, alternate lights (42) \_\_\_\_\_ the corridor and staircase will be switched off at 1.00 am and turned on again at 5.00 am.

The Town Council (43) \_\_\_\_\_ be installing High Powered Compact Fluorescent Lamps (44) \_\_\_\_\_ are more energy efficient. Changing of lamps in Bishan and Toa Payoh Central precincts will be completed (45) \_\_\_\_\_ the year. The project is expected to save \$4,000 to \$6,000 per month.

(adapted from Bishan-Toa Payoh Town Council News, Issue No.82, Dec 2008)



**Section H : Editing for Spelling and Grammar (10 marks)**

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

Smokers in Singapore have even fewer places to enjoy a puff now. A

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nationwide ban on lighting up in a new list of public areas took affect yesterday.

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About 100 plain-clothes enforcement officers from the National **Envieroment** Agency

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(NEA) fanned open across the island yesterday to issue friendly **rimineders** to

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smokers whom were still puffing away in now out-of-bounds areas such as lift lobbies and carparks.

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The widened ban is part of a drive since 1970 to stamp out smoking at

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Singapore. Already, lighting up is **fourbedden** in all hawker centres, **restorants** and

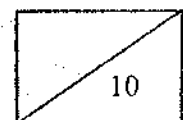
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community clubs, among other places. NEA has put most public health officers on

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duty daily to enforce the ban. A smoker who ignores the ban can be **find** up to \$1000. Operators who fail to advise their patrons to stub it out can also be penalised.

*(adapted from 'Stub it out, please', The Straits Times, Friday, 2 January 2009)*



**Section I : Comprehension Cloze (15 marks)**

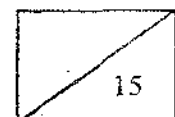
**Fill in each blank with a suitable word.**

The pickle jar sat on the floor beside the dresser in my parents' bedroom. When he got ready for bed, Father would empty his pockets and toss his coins into the jar. As a small boy, I was always fascinated at the (56) \_\_\_\_\_ the coins made as they were dropped into the jar. I used to squat on the floor in front of the jar, (57) \_\_\_\_\_ the copper and silver circles that glinted like a pirate's treasure in the sunlight.

Once the jar was filled, Father would sit at the kitchen table and roll the coins into bundles before taking (58) \_\_\_\_\_ to the bank. Taking the coins to the bank was always a big affair. Stacked (59) \_\_\_\_\_ to form columns in a small cardboard box, the coins were placed (60) \_\_\_\_\_ Father and me on the seat of his old truck. Every time we drove to the bank, Father would look at me with (61) \_\_\_\_\_. "Those coins are going to keep you out of the hard life, son. You're going to college to get a good (62) \_\_\_\_\_."

As Father slid the box of bundled coins (63) \_\_\_\_\_ the counter at the bank towards the cashier, he would grin proudly. "These are for my son's college fund." We would always (64) \_\_\_\_\_ each deposit by treating ourselves to an ice cream cone. When the ice cream seller handed Father his change, he would show me the (65) \_\_\_\_\_ coins nestled in his palm. "When we get home, we'll (66) \_\_\_\_\_ filling the jar again." I always dropped the first coins into the (67) \_\_\_\_\_ jar. As they rattled around with a brief, happy jingle, we grinned at each other.

The years passed, and I finished college and took a job in (68) \_\_\_\_\_ town. Once, (69) \_\_\_\_\_ visiting my parents, I used the phone in their bedroom, and noticed that the pickle jar was gone. It had served its (70) \_\_\_\_\_ and had been removed. A lump rose in my throat as I stared at the spot beside the dresser where the jar had always stood. It had taught me the values of determination and faith far more eloquently than the most flowery of words could have done.



**Section J : Synthesis / Transformation (10 marks)**

For each of the questions from 71 to 75, rewrite the 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).

71. However hard Tony tries, he will not be able to break the high jump record.

Even if \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

72. The ferry will not leave yet. There is still space on it.

As long as \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

73. There are emergency exits. People should use them in an emergency.

\_\_\_\_\_ in case

\_\_\_\_\_

74. The police detained the young offenders for two hours yesterday.

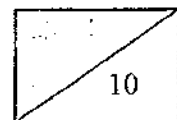
The young offenders \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

75. Kim saw a box of Disney puzzles on her study table. She jumped with joy immediately.

\_\_\_\_\_ as soon as

\_\_\_\_\_



**Section K : Comprehension OE (20 marks)**

**Read the passage below and answer questions 76-85.**

The jungle floor felt hot and dry under the bare feet of Suchai and Thipong. A severe drought had afflicted the land. Not a drop of rain had fallen for more than three months. Even the flowing river where the two boys used to have splashing fun had shrunken to a trickling stream. Instead of using an old bridge, they walked over rocks and boulders on the exposed river bed to the other side of the jungle.

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Crossing it in the scorching heat proved a torture. When the boys found themselves back in the jungle, they responded with great relief. "I need to stop and drink some water," Thipong said weakly. His companion, sapped of energy too, merely nodded. A tree-root rising above the soil offered them rest in the jungle shade.

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"We must get..." Suchai paused suddenly, turned and looked at his friend. Before they could utter anything, the ground shook again amidst a cacophony of noises that could only be produced by something enormous moving through the jungle. The sounds of forest litter – leaves, barks, twigs and branches – being crushed grew louder each time the ground shuddered with a greater force. Unnerved, the boys scrambled to their feet and hid behind the tree-root, facing the approaching mystery. They knew it was getting closer to them.

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Both wondered what it could be. "I thought the animals had either died or left," Thipong whispered. Suchai shrugged his shoulders. With his eyes raised just above the tree-root, Suchai focused on the section of the jungle ahead. Moments later, his hunch turned out to be right. It all happened quickly. Heavy pounding of the hard-baked ground, forceful shaking of branches and a rustling shower of leaves heralded the emergence of a huge creature. "An elephant!" Thipong gasped.

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It was no ordinary elephant. The animal soon revealed itself fully. "Is it sick?" Thipong asked. He noticed its white eyes, which were unlike those of

other elephants. Suchai had a different idea. The more he examined the elephant, the more he admired it. The cream colour of the elephant's body struck him as another distinguishing trait of Thailand's noblest animal. Its pair of magnificent tusks added to the awe. He said smilingly, 'Thipong, keep quiet. I think we've found a white elephant! It will bring fortune to you and me.'

Thipong looked straight at the mammal again. For centuries, the white elephant has symbolized the glory of Thai kings. Whenever one is discovered, it must be reported to the royal palace which will then send experts to examine the animal. A true white elephant will be presented as a gift to the king and honoured as a prince. The find could not have come at a more critical time. Plagued by severe famines, the whole kingdom groaned in hunger and misery. The white elephant, believed to be a good omen, could end those sufferings, bless the land and restore it to happiness. Urged not by the expectation of royal rewards for themselves, Thipong decided that they must report their discovery immediately for the sake of the Thai people. "Let's go," the boy told Suchai.

**ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.**

76. Why were Suchai and Thipong able to 'walk over rocks and boulders' (line 5)?

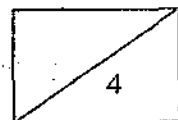
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77. What does 'it' in line 7 refer to?

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78. Why did the boys respond 'with great relief' when they 'found themselves back in the jungle' (lines 7 – 8)?

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79. Which four-word phrase in the third paragraph tells you that the elephant made harsh and disturbing sounds?

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80. Did any of the boys expect the mysterious creature to be an elephant? How do you know?

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81. Which word in the fourth paragraph has the same meaning as 'announced'?

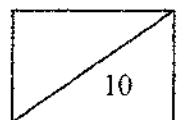
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82. How did the boys know that the White Elephant 'was getting closer to them' (line 18-19)?

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83. According to the passage, what were the two distinguishing traits of a white elephant?

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84. "...I think we've found a white elephant! It will bring fortune to you and me."  
(line 33). What fortune was Suchan thinking about?

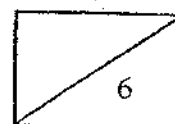
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85. Why did Thipong decide to report the discovery of the white elephant immediately?

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# ANSWER SHEET

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SUBJECT : PRIMARY 6 ENGLISH

TERM : CA 1

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
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46)effect      47)Environment      48)out      49)reminders      50)who

51)in      52)forbidden      53)restaurants      54)more      55)fined

56)sound      57)admiring      58)them      59)together      60)Between

61)hope      62)education      63)across      64)celebrate      65)few

66)be      67)empty      68)another      69)while      70)purpose

71)Even if Tony tries very hard, he would not be able to break the high jump record.

72)As long as there is still space the ferry will not leave.

73)People should use emergency in case there is an emergency .

**74)The young offenders were detained by the police for two hours yesterday.**

**75)Kim jumped for joy as soon as she saw a box of Disney puzzles on her study table.**

**76)A drought had dried up the river /exposed river bed.**

**77)It refers to the exposed river bed.**

**78)The jungle shade protected them from the scorching heat.**

**79)The four word phrase is "a cacophony of noises."**

**80)Yes, the passage says that Suchai had a hunch that turned out right.**

**81)The word is "heralded."**

**82)They heard louder noises and felt greater rumbling of the ground.**

**83)The cream colour of the elephant's body and its pair of magnificent tusks added to the awe and it has white eyes.**

**84)He was thinking of the kings/ royal rewards for their discovery of the white elephant.**

**85)He believed that the white elephant could end the hunger and misery of the Thai people, bless the land restore it to happiness.**

**---end---**