



PEI HWA PRESBYTERIAN PRIMARY SCHOOL
PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2009
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY 6
PAPER 2

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BOOKLET A

Total time for Booklet A and B : 1 hour 50 minutes

Booklet	Type	Max. Marks	Marks Obtained
A	Multiple-Choice	30	
B	Open-Ended	65	
Grand Total		95	

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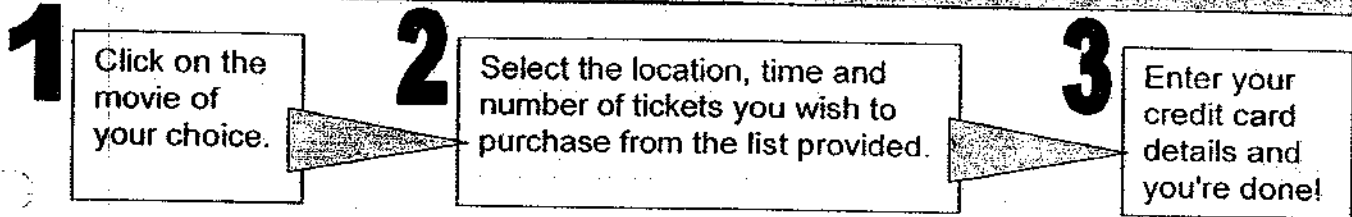
Study the following advertisement and then answer questions 1-5.

Website for booking movie tickets online: <http://bookmoviesonline.rawtheatre.com.sg>

Book Movies Online @ RAW theatre

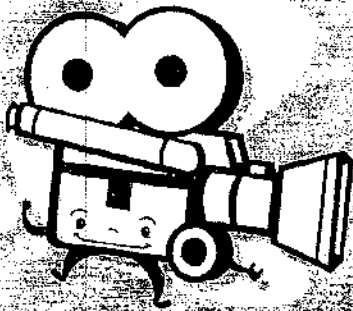
Welcome to RAWonline, where buying movie tickets is just a click away!

Booking tickets is as easy as 1, 2, 3!



Cardholder has to collect the tickets personally at the credit card "VIP Priority" express, 'no-more-queues' counter at least 30 minutes before the movie commences. Movie-goers who make their purchases with a HOUSTON VISA card will be entitled to a 25% discount, subject to a minimum purchase of 4 tickets.

Prices: Weekdays till 6pm - \$6
Weekdays after 6pm - \$8.00
Fridays and Weekends - \$10.00



TOP MOVIES		
Title	Position this week	Position last week
Transformers: The Final Return	1	Top of the box office for 7 weeks!
The Grooms' War	2	3
Miley Cyrus: Family Ties	3	-
HORROR!	4	2
The Dolphin Express	5	-

Special Students' Holiday Promotion!

10 movies for \$50!
*Student ID must be presented at the counter
**Only valid on weekdays!

Ministry for Community, Youth & Sports (MCYS) "I Love My Grandparents" Movie Discount Package!

Grandparents accompanying their grandchildren of any age can purchase tickets at \$5 each on both weekdays and weekends!

No refunds for tickets bought online, except for cases of technical malfunction within the duration of the movie.

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 Patrick, who bought his tickets online, should _____.
- (1) collect the tickets from the counter himself
 - (2) present a receipt at the counter to get into the cinema
 - (3) print the tickets and present them before going into the cinema
 - (4) ask his sister to collect the tickets using his identity card number
- 2 Apart from a 25% discount, HOUSTON VISA cardholders can also enjoy _____.
- (1) watching 10 movies for \$50
 - (2) special service when purchasing their tickets online
 - (3) watching a movie called "I Love My Grandparents" for just \$5
 - (4) collecting their tickets at the express counter and not have to join the queue
- 3 Tony and his classmates are hoping to watch a few movies during the holidays. The cheapest way would be to _____.
- (1) watch the movies at RAW theatre on a weekday
 - (2) watch the movies at RAW theatre on a weekend
 - (3) go with their grandparents for the movies they wish to watch
 - (4) present their Student ID to qualify for the Special Students' Holiday Promotion
- 4 The aim of RAW Theatre's movie discount package for accompanying grandparents is most probably to _____.
- (1) support the MCYS
 - (2) encourage senior citizens to go to the movies more often
 - (3) promote the bonding of grandparents with their grandchildren
 - (4) keep senior citizens updated with the latest blockbuster movies
- 5 Which statement is true about the advertisement?
- (1) RAW theatre is a great place for all movie-goers to save on movie tickets.
 - (2) RAW theatre only provides quality service for HOUSTON VISA card members.
 - (3) RAW theatre's only method of purchasing movie tickets is via the internet
 - (4) RAW theatre is encouraging stronger bonds between friends through discounts and promotions.

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 He is the boy _____ I was telling you about.

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

7 The labourers carried on with the road works _____ the rain.

- (1) because of
- (2) even if
- (3) even though
- (4) in spite of

8 Having been _____ by my maternal grandparents, I have always been closer to them than my paternal grandparents.

- (1) brought in
- (2) brought out
- (3) brought up
- (4) brought down

9 They turned around to see the car _____ forward and plunging into the water.

- (1) roll
- (2) rolls
- (3) rolled
- (4) rolling

10 Neither Sarah nor the other witnesses _____ to ^{coming}~~come~~ forward to testify against the accused.

- (1) is agreeable
- (2) are agreeable
- (3) has agreed
- (4) agrees

11 Sarah cried when she learnt about her father's passing, _____ she?

- (1) didn't
- (2) hadn't
- (3) did
- (4) had

12 All the shop assistants _____ by the police officers about the robbery that took place in the shop yesterday.

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

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)

Thomas looked really scared when he came home from school one day.

"Mum," he said (13) "do I really have to go back to school? I'm terrified of it. I think it is haunted."

His mother looked at him, puzzled. "You can't be serious(14)" she exclaimed.

"The principal himself," he replied(15)said that we have a strong school spirit."

- 13 (1) [:] colon
(2) [;] semicolon
(3) [.] comma
(4) [.] full stop
- 14 (1) [.] full stop
(2) [,] comma
(3) [!] exclamation mark
(4) [?] question mark
- 15 (1) [."] full stop and inverted commas
(2) [, "] comma and inverted commas
(3) [! "] exclamation mark and inverted commas
(4) [? "] question mark 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 Don't _____ the dog or it will bite you!

- (1) evoke
- (2) invoke
- (3) provoke
- (4) revoke

17 Am I _____ on you right now? Shall I return when you are available?

- (1) disturbing
- (2) encroaching
- (3) imposing
- (4) intruding

18 The _____ between the two tribes resulted in a violent, prolonged war.

- (1) angst
- (2) animosity
- (3) disgust
- (4) revulsion

19 While she is a little young to participate, 12-year-old Karen could also be _____ in this competition and win the champion trophy.

- (1) a dark horse
- (2) a cold fish
- (3) a guinea pig
- (4) a lone wolf

20 "Are the _____ on the moon suitable for people to live?" the journalist asked.

- (1) conditions
- (2) circumstances
- (3) situations
- (4) scenarios

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)

He held his breath. It felt like a long time before he could calm down. He looked at her with uncertainty. Should he pluck up his courage and ask her? He did not have much time! For almost a year now, he had been interacting closely with her. However, he still did not know if it was an opportune time to ask. Finally, he could not take it anymore.

He walked up to her and asked, "Miss Lim, can I please not sit next to Jimmy? He always sings during lesson time. Worse, he's out of tune all the time!"

21. (1) an eternity
(2) a moment
(3) a short while
(4) a split second

22. (1) confusion
(2) doubt
(3) distrust
(4) fear

23. (1) assemble
(2) collect
(3) collate
(4) muster

24. (1) appropriate
(2) auspicious
(3) delightful
(4) ominous

25. (1) limped
(2) trod on
(3) swaggered
(4) stepped up

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

A young girl believed to be the only survivor of a plane crash in the Indian Ocean flew back to Paris from the Comoros Islands and into her father's waiting arms. Bahia Bakari, who could barely swim, clung to a piece of the plane for more than 12 hours before search teams spotted her in rough waters after Yemenia Flight 626 crashed amid heavy winds off the Comoros Islands.

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"I am torn between relief and sadness. I am happy to see my daughter but her mother did not come back," the 14-year-old's father, Mr Kassim Bakari, told reporters at Roissy Airport in Paris, shortly after greeting his daughter. The other 152 people on the Yemenia flight, including Bahia's mother, were presumed dead.

Mr Bakari was relieved and overjoyed to see his daughter, whom he described as "astonishingly composed". Both father and daughter even managed to joke a little as they chatted briefly about her return trip to Paris. He then told reporters that all she really needed was a few days' rest where she would be with the family. This was also necessary as the family mourned the demise of Mrs Bakari.

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Several other relatives joined the reunion at the airport before an ambulance took the girl to a hospital. Reporters present said Bahia herself appeared groggy and said little.

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Bahia gave bits of information about the crash to the authorities over the number of days she stayed in hospital. According to her, evacuation procedures were given to passengers when the pilot realised that a crash was imminent. Then, she felt as if she had been "slightly electrocuted" before a loud sound went off. Bahia found herself in the water shortly after.

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When found hanging on to the broken wing of the plane, Bahia was suffering from hypothermia, a broken collarbone and bruises to her face, elbow and foot. Local doctors said it was her tenacity that saved her.

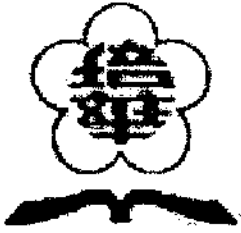
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Meanwhile, the cause of the crash remained unknown. The search for possible survivors and bodies among the plane wreckage continued amid fading hopes. However, authorities assured the public that they would persevere in their investigations and the search for more casualties of the plane crash.

Source: *The Straits Times*, 12th July 2009

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- 26 According to the passage, how many passengers could have survived the plane crash?
- (1) Mr Bakari and his family
 - (2) There was only one survivor.
 - (3) No one survived the plane crash.
 - (4) The authorities were unsure of the number.
- 27 In paragraph 2, Bahia's father's feelings were conflicting because he _____
- (1) felt guilty about feeling happy when there were many others who were missing
 - (2) was simply at a loss for words upon knowing that Bahia was still alive and did not know how to feel
 - (3) experienced the joy of his daughter being alive on one hand and mourned the loss of his wife on the other
 - (4) was torn between the joy of seeing his daughter again and the pain over those who had died in the plane crash
- 28 The phrase "astonishingly composed" (line 11) suggests that Mr Bakari _____
- (1) saw that his daughter was filled with grief
 - (2) had expected his daughter to be composed
 - (3) thought that his daughter was surprisingly calm
 - (4) knew that his daughter kept calm throughout the ordeal
- 29 The word "tenacity" in line 25 means that Bahia _____
- (1) wanted to live for her father's sake
 - (2) was very brave to have survived the ordeal
 - (3) had probably promised her mother that she would stay alive
 - (4) possessed a great deal of perseverance to have survived the plane crash
- 30 It is mentioned in line 28 that the authorities would "persevere" in their investigations. What did they hope to find?
- (1) Bahia's mother.
 - (2) Survivors and bodies of the plane crash.
 - (3) Some clues which would help solve the mystery of the crash.
 - (4) They hoped to recover the remaining pieces of the crashed plane.



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BOOKLET B

Section	Max. Marks	Marks Obtained
Grammar cloze	10	
Editing	10	
Comprehension Cloze	15	
Synthesis & Transformation	10	
Comprehension Open-ended	20	
Total	65	

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BOOKLET B

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) of	(E) then	(J) them	(N) with
(B) off	(F) each	(K) nearly	(P) until
(C) in	(G) than	(L) by	(Q) for
(D) their	(H) to	(M) from	

Diligence is a trait that ants are known to possess. Ants are found working together and are unique 31) _____ the way they organise their society. They live in collective states and 32) _____ ant has its own function. Some are the protectors of the nest while others are in charge 33) _____ sourcing for food and taking it back to the nest.

The ant can live for as long as fifteen to twenty years. It is 34) _____ blind and is guided 35) _____ its senses of smell, taste and touch. Ants cross pools of water by hanging onto one another 36) _____ they form a "live" bridge on which the rest of the troop marches.

One strange type of ant is the honey ant. Fifty 37) _____ three hundred workers are fattened every day 38) _____ sugar, leaf and flower extracts till 39) _____ stomachs are as large as peas. These "live" honey jars are 40) _____ hung up to feed the other workers.

Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant boxes numbered 41 to 50. (10 marks)

Eating vegetables is not the only way greens can make you healthy. A new

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study suggested that simply living near trees, even in cities does you body good.

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Japanese researchers studied the **serviviel** rates of more than three thousand

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senior citizens in **erbern** Tokyo and found that those which lived near parks and

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tree-lined streets is more likely to **outrive** those surrounded from asphalt. The

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researchers think that the **avialability** of such spaces **kontrbiutes** to good

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health because it **anntices** us to **be** more active.

Fill in each blank with a suitable word

(15 marks)

The Inuit have lived along the cold northernmost coasts of Alaska, Canada, Greenland and Siberia for thousands of years. They have 51) _____ a way of life that 52) _____ them to survive in the extreme cold.

The land remains frozen for most of the year. It is, therefore, not 53) _____ to grow their own food, so the traditional Inuit diet consists 54) _____ totally of meat and fish.

In the 55) _____, their whole lives revolved 56) _____ the search for food such as seals, whales and polar bears, but these days most Inuit 57) _____ closer to grocery shops. As a 58) _____, many Inuit now eat foods high in carbohydrates and sugar which encourage tooth decay and a range of diet-related 59) _____ previously unknown to them.

60) _____ the short summer season, most families venture out of their villages to find other sources of food, such as seabirds' eggs. As the sun 61) _____ high in the sky, the weather becomes warmer and the ice starts to 62) _____. It is thus no longer possible to make long trips on the frozen surface to hunt for larger animals which have more meat.

In the autumn, as the weather gets 63) _____ the sea begins to freeze again and everyone 64) _____ impatiently for the day when the ice is thick enough to bear the 65) _____ of their sledges and snowmobiles. They can then resume their long hunting trips.

It is a hard life, but most Inuit would not change it for anything else.

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. "Peter, I'll be happy to have a meal with you tonight or tomorrow evening," said Jane.

Jane told _____

67. Michael did not claim credit for helping to evacuate the flood-stricken victims. He was a modest person.

_____ prevented him

68. The manager is extremely unreasonable. It is futile to confront him.

To confront such _____

69. Jenny loves singing. Her brother does not like it.

_____ do not share the same

70. Tiger Woods is the most gifted player in the tournament.

No player _____

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

20 marks

(The passage below describes the attempt by the writer and his companions to cross a vast desert known as the Empty Quarter in Southern Arabia.)

We had now reached the beginnings of the Empty Quarter. All around, the landscape presented a dismal picture. (Dead trees lay fallen and half-buried in the sands; nothing stirred, not even a lizard.) Ahead lay a journey of six hundred kilometres in extreme temperatures with unpredictable weather conditions.

That evening, I discussed the crossing with my trusted, experienced guide. Our main concern was the limited food supply. A month's journey lay ahead of us and that meant only a quarter of a kilogramme of flour for each man per day. As for water, the camels were carrying enough to last us twenty days. However, the camels would be without water at that time and we would have to locate a source of water in twenty days or the camels would collapse. That was what we feared most because death was certain to all of us if it happened. 5 10

We slept fitfully at night. Each day, we would wake at first light, anxious to push on before the air grew unbearably hot. We plodded alongside the camels in silence, locked in our own thoughts. These invariably revolved round the dreadful isolation and emptiness of the landscape around us, with the agonising thirst we would suffer when we ran out of water uppermost in our minds. 15

On the sixteenth day, an hour into our morning start, a hot, dry wind began to blow across the desert. Grim-faced, our guide informed us that a windstorm would be imminent. We looked at the horizon; fine sand was darkening the sky. We quickened our pace as the sand began to swirl at our feet. Soon, the desert was roaring with the sound of the wind. Within minutes, the sand was so thick that we could barely see. Our guide shouted, "Hit the ground!" All of us hunkered down onto the sand without further bidding, covering our bodies with our cloaks and hoods. The wind shrieked and howled as it hurled sand over us relentlessly. We crouched still for what seemed to be an eternity. 20

Finally there was silence. A deathly silence. Cautiously I peered out of my cloak and found that I could see again. I called out to my companions to get up. We struggled to our feet, frazzled, and brushed away the sand. Relieved, we looked around. We saw the sun in the clear blue sky. There was no wind, no windstorm and... no camels! We looked at one another in alarm. Our immediate task was to look for water. Our guide pushed us on as speed was now of utmost importance. We trudged along as fast as our knackered bodies could go, our movements fuelled by the mounting sense of panic as well as thirst. 25 30

We had been moving for many hours, our spirits sinking fast, when our guide suddenly stopped and pointed. There was something, a dark patch in the fast darkening horizon. It might have been five kilometres from us. "Let's go and investigate," he said. We agreed readily. 35

The dark patch began to take shape as we approached. There were trees in a clump outlined against the sand. The trees loomed larger and we saw that they were palms surrounding a sunken hollow. The sight of the palms drew squeals of joy from the guide and we knew our danger was over.

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES

71 The writer describes the desert sands as lifeless and motionless.
Which sentence in paragraph 1 illustrates this idea?

72 Why do you think the collapse of camels would mean death for the travellers?

73 What time of the day does 'first light' in line 12 refer to?

74 Besides being "anxious" (line 12), how did the writer and his companions feel as they crossed the desert?

75 What was the main concern of the travellers as they crossed the desert?
(paragraph 3)

76 Give a word from the passage that means "likely, certain to happen very soon".

77 Which phrase in paragraph 4 shows how the travellers tried to avoid an encounter with the windstorm?

78 Why do you think the writer and his companions obeyed the guide's instructions "to hit the ground"? (lines 21-22)

79 Which 2 words in paragraph 5 show how the windstorm had an effect on the travellers physically? (the words are found in different lines)

80 "... we knew our danger was over" (last line). Do you agree that the guide deserves credit for the travellers' safety? Give a reason to support your answer.

ANSWER SHEET

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Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
1	4	4	3	1	2	4	3	4	2	1	4	3	3	2	3	3

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
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Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
L	P	H	N	D	E

41)suggests 42)your 43)survival 44)urban 45)who

46)were 47)by 48)availability 49)contributes

50)entices 51)developed 52)enables 53)possible

54)almost 55)past 56)around 57)live

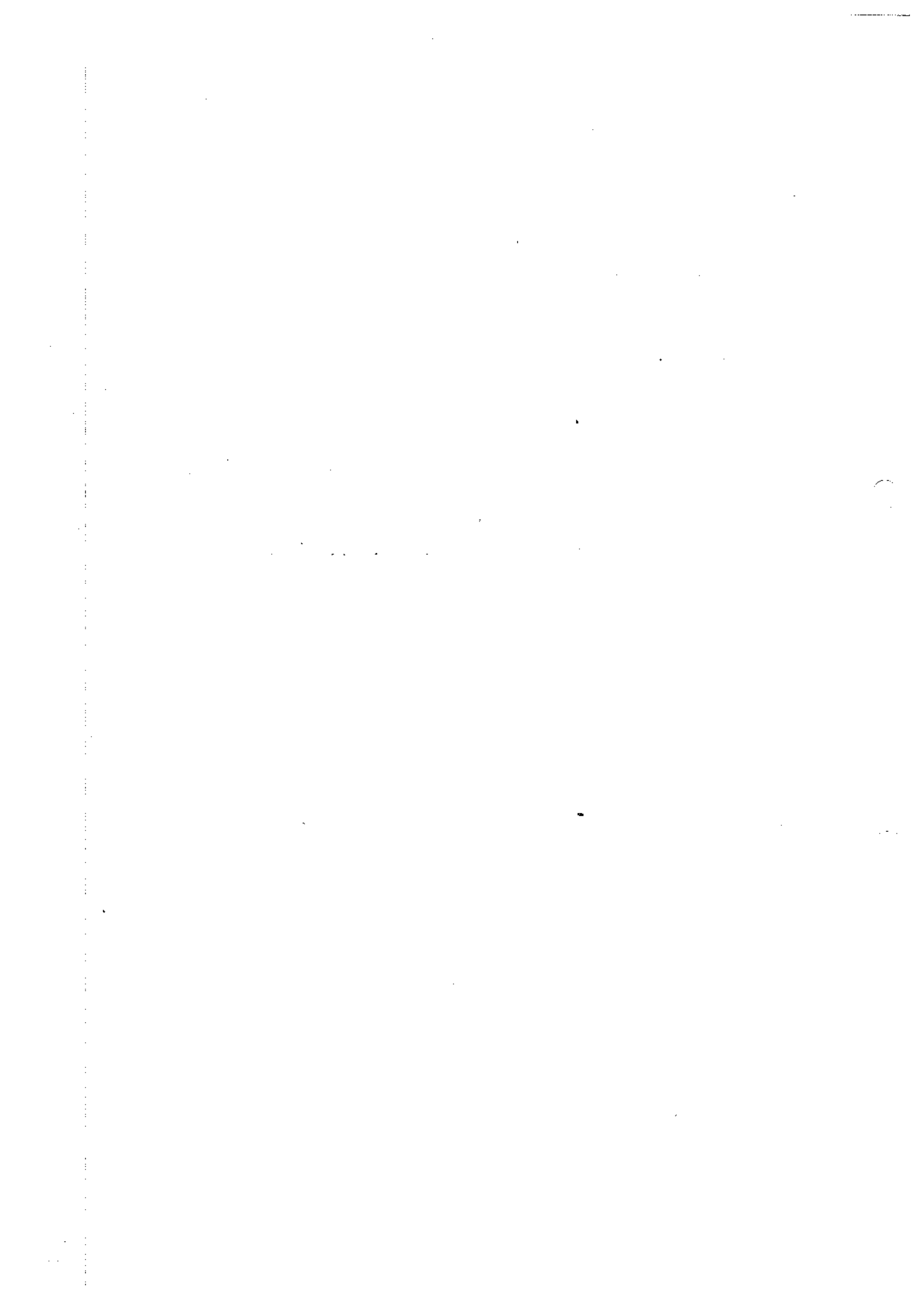
58)result 59)illnesses 60)During 61)rises

62)melt 63)colder 64)waits 65)weight

66)Jane told Peter that she would be happy to have a meal with him that night or the following evening.

67)Michael's modesty prevented him from claiming credit for helping to evacuate the flood-stricken victims.

68)To confront such an unreasonable manager, is futile.



69) Jenny and her brother do not share the same love for singing.

70) No player in the tournament is more gifted than Tiger Woods.

71) The sentence is "Dead trees lay fallen and half-buried in the sands, nothing stirred not even a lizard."

72) The camels carried their supplies without which they would die.

73) It refers to the time when the sun rises.

74) They felt lethargic.

75) The main concern of the travelers was to have sufficient water to survive.

75) The word is "imminent."

76) The phrase is :quicken our pace."

77) They trusted the guide.

78) The two words are 'frazzled' and 'knackered'.

79) Yes, I agree. He was the one who told them lie down immediately when the sand form broke.