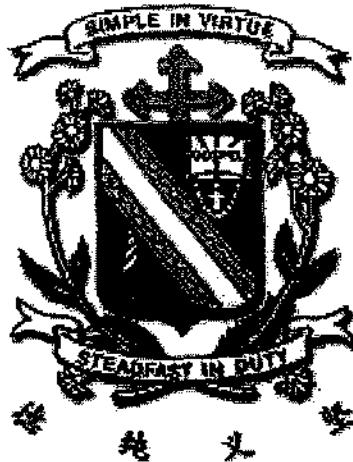


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Class : Primary 5 \_\_\_\_\_

## CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)



Primary 5

2009 Semestral Assessment 1

8 May, 2009

English Language

Paper 2 Booklet A

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

**Instructions to Candidates:**

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Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Booklet A	30
Booklet B	65
Total	95

*This booklet consists of 11 printed pages.*

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

Register now at [www.speedykidz.com.sg](http://www.speedykidz.com.sg)

(limited to first 3000 registrants)

# Speedy Kidz! 2009



The Annual Most Anticipated Race is back again @ Siloso Beach, Sentosa  
 Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> July 2009  
 7am - 12pm

Category	Distance	Age
Dynamic Sonic Sprint *	competitive 2km	10 - 12 yrs
Energetic Sonic Sprint *	competitive 1km	7 - 9 yrs
Speedy Dart Rush	Fun Race 400m	7 - 9 yrs
JumperRoo Rush **	Fun Race 200m	5 - 6 yrs
Skippy Dip Rush **	Fun Race 200m	2 - 4 yrs

Sprint events are competitive runs while Rush events are non-competitive fun races.  
 \*Prizes will be given to Top 3 finishers. For Sprint events only  
 \*\*Parents are to run with children. Only 1 parent to 1 child

## Roadshow

Middlepoint, Orchard Road  
 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> April 2009  
 (Sat & Sun)  
 10am - 4pm

- > First 99 registrants will get to participate in the Fareprice Kidz Hunt held on-site on 11<sup>th</sup> April.
- > First 200 registrants will get an exclusive goodie bag.

### REGISTRATION FEES

Early Bird (18 Apr - 30 Apr) - \$35  
 15% discount for group registration  
 (min 20 registrants)

End Period (1 May - 30 Jun) - \$50  
 10% discount for group registration  
 (min 20 registrants)

### Schools' Award

Top 3 schools with largest number of participants will be given cash prizes of \$200.

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**Fancy Kidz**

CO-ORGANISER:



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 Speedy Kidz 2009 event is co-organised by \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) Fareprice
  - (2) Funevents
  - (3) Future Run
  - (4) Future Kidz
- 2 Who is likely to win a prize at the event?
- (1) Ali who plans to take part in the Fun Race 400m.
  - (2) David who plans to watch the Dynamic Sonic Sprint.
  - (3) Jane who plans to participate in the Skippy Dip Rush.
  - (4) Mary who plans to take part in the competitive 1km run.
- 3 Based on the advertisement, which one of the following statements is true?
- (1) Anyone who wishes to participate in the race must register on-line.
  - (2) Mr and Mrs Tan have to run with their child in the JumperRoo Rush.
  - (3) Schools which participate in the event will be awarded the top 3 prizes.
  - (4) Janissa who finishes first in the Speedy Dart Rush will be awarded a prize.
- 4 Shaun is the 2000<sup>th</sup> person who registered for the event on 18 May 2009. He will \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) be given an exclusive goodie bag
  - (2) need to pay a registration fee of \$35
  - (3) be running at the Siloso Beach on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2009
  - (4) take part in the Fareprice Kidz Hunt at Middlepoint
- 5 The main aim of organising Speedy Kidz 2009 is to \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) support family bonding and togetherness
  - (2) encourage children to lead a healthy lifestyle
  - (3) celebrate the annual event held at Siloso Beach
  - (4) promote the Fareprice Kidz Hunt at Orchard Road

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 This matter is between my sister and \_\_\_\_\_. We will work things out ourselves.
- (1) I
  - (2) me
  - (3) mine
  - (4) myself
- 7 Neither of the lifts \_\_\_\_\_ working, so the twins have to climb the stairs to the tenth floor.
- (1) is
  - (2) are
  - (3) was
  - (4) were
- 8 If the fire alarm \_\_\_\_\_ off, we will have to walk briskly to the field.
- (1) go
  - (2) goes
  - (3) went
  - (4) will go
- 9 Since Kegan came home from school this evening, he \_\_\_\_\_ not \_\_\_\_\_ his dinner.
- (1) has ... had
  - (2) had ... had
  - (3) has ... have
  - (4) had ... have
- 10 Jane hardly ever goes to the school library, \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- (1) is it
  - (2) isn't it
  - (3) does she
  - (4) doesn't she

11 Please do not waste your money on this. I would rather you put it \_\_\_\_\_ a more practical use.

- (1) in
- (2) to
- (3) on
- (4) for

12 Some of you need to share the colour pencils \_\_\_\_\_ there are not many to go around.

- (1) but
- (2) since
- (3) unless
- (4) although

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)

~~Jack~~ and Jill's mother wanted them to run an errand. They were told to buy some fruits (13) apples, pears, oranges, grapes and mangoes.

"Let's play at the park before we buy our things (14) Jack suggested.

When they were at the park, they saw a cute, little puppy sitting on a bench beside a small boy.

Jill asked the boy, "Does your puppy bite?"

The boy stared at them and answered firmly, "No."

Jill immediately stretched out her hand and touched the puppy's head. Without warning, the puppy bit Jill on her arm and Jack pulled her away from it quickly. Jill cried out in pain, "Ouch (15) Didn't you say your puppy won't bite?"

The boy smiled cheekily and replied, "Indeed, *my* puppy doesn't bite. This puppy does not belong to me but my friend. I am helping him to look after his puppy."

- 13 (1) [ : ] colon  
(2) [ , ] comma  
(3) [ . ] full stop  
(4) [ ; ] semi colon

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

- 15 (1) [ ! ] exclamation mark  
(2) [ , ] comma and inverted commas  
(3) [ . ] full stop and inverted commas  
(4) [ ! ] exclamation 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 The hikers had finally reached the \_\_\_\_\_ of the mountain after a ~~five~~-hour climb.

- (1) vertex
- (2) zenith
- (3) height
- (4) ( summit)

17 During the economic \_\_\_\_\_, many people lost their jobs.

- (1) decline
- (2) descend
- (3) downturn
- (4) downsize

18 The sick child \_\_\_\_\_ forward before collapsing on the ground.

- (1) strutted
- (2) strolled
- (3) stuttered
- (4) staggered

19 "Do not wait \_\_\_\_\_ for me. I'll be home late tonight," Mrs Lee told her husband.

- (1) in
- (2) up
- (3) on
- (4) out

20 This picture can be easily \_\_\_\_\_ to make it look very different from its original by using this latest software.

- (1) falsified
- (2) distorted
- (3) smudged
- (4) plagiarized

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)

Ken had been shy and quiet since he was a little boy. He (21) loathed crowds and parties. He always felt (22) left out and ignored.

One day, he saw a flyer about a course on public speaking. (23) Without giving it a second thought, he signed up for it in the hope of transforming himself. When he attended his first lesson, Ken discovered that the speaker was actually his favourite actor whom he admired a lot. The speaker was the main reason that (24) spurred him to complete and pass his course with distinction.

After the course, he enjoyed meeting new people. He would share how he had overcome his (25) fear of being in crowded places. It was indeed a life-changing experience for Ken.

- 21 (1) hated  
(2) avoided  
(3) dreaded  
(4) shunned
- 22 (1) rejected  
(2) neglected  
(3) discarded  
(4) abandoned
- 23 (1) Imperiously  
(2) Imprudently  
(3) Instinctively  
(4) Instantaneously
- 24 (1) inspired  
(2) hastened  
(3) compelled  
(4) encouraged
- 25 (1) acrophobia  
(2) astraphobia  
(3) agoraphobia  
(4) ablutophobia

decided to make the best use of it. By moving this finger, he slowly developed a code of communication with his wife by tapping on her arm. He used this method to tell the engineers what to do. It seemed foolish but the project was underway again. 30

For 13 years, Washington tapped out his instructions with his finger on his wife's arm, until the bridge was finally completed. Today the spectacular Brooklyn Bridge stands in all its glory as a tribute to the triumph of one man's indomitable spirit and his determination not to be defeated by circumstances. 35

Adapted from [http://www.indianchild.com/inspiring\\_stories.htm](http://www.indianchild.com/inspiring_stories.htm)

For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

- 26 In line 4, 'that' refers to the \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) impossible feat and idea of Washington's
  - (2) bridge building experts' opinions of Roebling
  - (3) year 1883 when Roebling was inspired by an idea
  - (4) idea of building a bridge to link New York to Long Island
- 27 Why do you think Roebling 'had to share the dream with someone else' (line 8)?
- (1) He needed someone to help him realise his dream.
  - (2) He had been dreaming about the bridge all the time.
  - (3) He wanted to prove the bridge building experts wrong.
  - (4) He knew his son would agree to help him build the bridge.
- 28 The word 'daunted' (line 26) tells us that Washington's friends were \_\_\_\_\_ by the task.
- (1) agitated
  - (2) intimidated
  - (3) devastated
  - (4) exasperated

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

In 1883, a creative engineer named John Roebling was inspired by an idea to build a spectacular bridge connecting New York with the Long Island. However bridge building experts throughout the world thought that to be an impossible feat and told Roebling to forget the idea. It just could not be done. It was not practical. It had never been done before. 5

Roebling could not ignore the vision he had in his mind of this bridge. He thought about it all the time and he knew deep in his heart that it could be done. He just had to share the dream with someone else. After much discussion and persuasion, he managed to convince his son Washington, an up and coming engineer, that the bridge in fact could be built. 10

Working together for the first time, the father and son developed concepts of how it could be accomplished and how the obstacles could be overcome. With great excitement and inspiration, they hired their crew and began to build their dream bridge. The project started well, but when it was only a few months underway, a tragic accident on the site took the life of John Roebling. Washington was injured and left with a certain amount of brain damage, which resulted in his not being able to walk, talk or even move. 15

Everyone had a negative comment to make and felt that the project should be scrapped since the Roeblings were the only ones who knew how the bridge could be built. In spite of his handicap, Washington was never discouraged and still had a burning desire to complete the bridge, and his mind was still as sharp as ever. 20

He tried to inspire and pass on his enthusiasm to some of his friends, but they were too daunted by the task. As he lay on his bed in his hospital room, an idea hit him. All he could do was move one finger and he 25

- 29 Based on the passage, what attributes do you think best describe Washington's wife?
- (1) caring and kind
  - (2) patient and loving
  - (3) intelligent and helpful
  - (4) sincere and responsible
- 30 According to the passage, which one of the following statements is true?
- (1) Everyone felt that the project was doomed from the start.
  - (2) John Roebling died tragically a few months after the completion of the bridge.
  - (3) After the accident, Washington communicated with the engineers through his wife.
  - (4) Washington developed a system of communication to pass on his enthusiasm to his friends.

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# CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL



**Primary 5**  
**1st Semestral Assessment**  
**English Language**

**PAPER 2**

**BOOKLET B**

Total Time for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

50 questions  
65 marks.

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Follow all instructions carefully.  
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.**

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|----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|
| (A) but  | (D) for  | (G) is   | (K) off   | (N) to   |
| (B) can  | (E) from | (H) must | (L) that  | (P) was  |
| (C) down | (F) in   | (J) of   | (M) these | (Q) will |

Frightened and defenceless, a baby koala clung to a tree branch. Just below \_\_\_\_\_ helpless baby koala, his mother was screaming. While searching for their \_\_\_\_\_ dinner \_\_\_\_\_ eucalyptus leaves, she had accidentally got her head stuck in a fence. \_\_\_\_\_

For Australians, spotting a koala isn't unusual, \_\_\_\_\_ finding one in distress is. Desperate \_\_\_\_\_ save the mother koala's life, the family called the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Services. Koala rescuer, Vicki Pender, \_\_\_\_\_ sent to help. \_\_\_\_\_

Pender knew she \_\_\_\_\_ act quickly to save the terrified animal that was frantically struggling to free herself. After giving the koala a tranquilizer to calm her \_\_\_\_\_, Pender carefully cut away the fence with bold cutters. Then she placed the groggy animal in a koala carrier. Just as she was about to rush to the animal hospital, a yipping sound stopped Pender \_\_\_\_\_ her tracks. High in a nearby tree, she heard the baby calling \_\_\_\_\_ his mother. The rescuer tried to coax him from the tree, but he scampered past her and took \_\_\_\_\_ running, thinking that Pender was going to harm him. Knowing the baby would not survive alone, Pender needed to act fast.

Quick action, experience and a little luck helped the rescuer nab the baby before he got far.

- Adapted from *The Great Koala Rescue* by Ruth Musgrave -

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

Maggots "microsurgeons" will be put to work at Tan Tock Seng Hospital (TTSH) from next

(41)

month. This is the first hospital here to use the larvea to treat its patients' festering wounds.

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They will be deploy in the hospital's Specialist Wound Clinic and help heal infection

(43)

wounds of diabetics, amputees and burn **vikteems** for a start.

(44)

Those types of wounds do not heal readily, and if left untreated, died tissues is an

(45)

ideal breeding ground for **backtiria**.

(46)

Sandwiched in two pieces of gauze or other types of dressing, they are left in the

(47)

wound for up to 48 hours. After that, they are treated for biohazard waste and discarded.

(48)

Maggot therapy is apparently less risky and sped up recovery. With the therapy,

patients who would otherwise take eight months to recover could get better in two weeks.

(49)

The treatment is also cheaper than conventional **sirgerie**, with studies in Britain pegging

(50)

savings of about 80 per cent off the **medicle** bill. It is now used in Britain, Germany and the

United States, but has not been used until now.

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Fill in the blank with a suitable word. (15 marks)

Birds of Prey are the most fearsome hunters in the avian world. This group \_\_\_\_\_ the hawks and eagles, falcons, vultures, secretary birds, ospreys and owls. (51)

All birds of prey have strong, hooked beaks for \_\_\_\_\_ flesh. This enables them to pull apart their preys easily. They can see very well and have far better (52)

\_\_\_\_\_ than ours. Other than vultures, all birds of prey have very (53)

\_\_\_\_\_ talons for seizing and grasping prey. These features \_\_\_\_\_ them adept hunters. Centuries ago, human beings recognised that the features can be used to their advantage and \_\_\_\_\_ birds of prey to hunt for fresh meat for the tables, a skill known as falconry. (54) (55) (56)

Although falconry became very \_\_\_\_\_ in England in the 7<sup>th</sup> century, it is believed to have originated in China in 2000 B.C. Falconry was used to \_\_\_\_\_ fresh meat for the dining table. It was also a favourite \_\_\_\_\_ of the aristocrats and the wealthy. The act of falconry declined with the arrival of guns, - birds of prey were no longer \_\_\_\_\_ to hunt for quarry. Nowadays, falconry is practised to entertain. (57) (58) (59) (60)

Wish to know more about falconry? Before training \_\_\_\_\_ each bird is weighed. The weight is monitored daily to ensure that the birds are \_\_\_\_\_ well and maintain a suitable weight for flight. The falconer uses a lure, such as a dummy rabbit or snake, to train the bird. He swings it and as the bird swoops towards it, (61) (62)

he pulls the lure out of its \_\_\_\_\_ at the last minute. This action is

(63)

\_\_\_\_\_ several times to sharpen the bird's skill in hunting prey. As an

(64)

encouragement, the bird gets a piece of meat as a \_\_\_\_\_ whenever it

(65)

manages to secure the lure. This training is carried out with the birds daily. A trainer must

be disciplined enough to spend hours training the birds.

Adapted from *BirdLife Issue 68* 2003

As a boy growing up in Shenyang, I practised the piano six hours a day on my own accord. I loved the instrument. My mother taught me to read notes and my father, concertmaster of a local folk orchestra, showed me how to control the keys. My parents were amazed at how quickly I learnt and realised I had the talent. At first, I played on clunky Chinese keyboards – cheap but the best we could afford. Later, my parents bought me a Swedish piano, but I broke half the strings on it playing Tchaikovsky. That was when my parents and my teacher decided I was too much for such an instrument – and for our hometown. To be a serious musician, I would have to move to Beijing. I was just eight years old.

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My father knew life would not be easy. Millions of pianists in China were vying for fame. "You need fortune," my father said. "If you don't work, no fortune comes. But music is still music, and it exists to make us happy," he added.

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To relocate to Beijing with me, he made a great sacrifice. He quit his job, which he loved, and my mother stayed behind to keep working at her job at the science institution to support us. They both warned me, "Being a pianist is hard. Can you live without your mother?"

I said, "I want my mother!" But I knew I needed to be in Beijing.

15

My father and I lived in an unheated apartment with five families sharing one bathroom. My father cooked, cleaned and looked after me. He became a housewife basically. We lived far from my school, and since the bus was too expensive, my father would 'drive' me on his bicycle every day. It was an hour and a half trip each way, and I was a heavy boy, much heavier than I am as an adult. He did this in winter too.

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I was miserable, but not from my poverty or pressure. My new teacher did not like me. "You have no talent," she often told me. You will never be a pianist." And one day, she chided me. I was just nine years old. I was devastated. I did not want to be a pianist anymore. I decided I wanted to go home to my mother. For the next two weeks, I did not touch my piano. Wisely, my father did not push. He just waited.

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Sure enough, the day came at school when my teacher asked me to play some holiday songs. I did not want to, but as I placed my fingers on the piano keys, I realised I could show other people I had talent after all. That day, I told my father what he had been waiting to hear – that I wanted to study with a new teacher. From that point on, everything turned around.

I started winning competitions. We still had very little money. My father had to borrow money to pay for a trip to the International Pianist Competition in Ettling, Germany, in 1994, when I was 12. I realised later how much pressure he was under as I watched footage of the concert. Tears streamed down his face when it was announced that I had won – earning enough money to pay back our loan.

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It was soon clear I could not stay in China forever. To become a world-class musician, I had to play on the world's big stages. So in 1977, my father and I moved again, this time to Philadelphia.

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Adapted from *Music to My Ears* by Lang Lang

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. I like drawing pictures. I like reading better.

\_\_\_\_\_ prefer \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

67. The boys returned to the cave. They had found some treasure there.

\_\_\_\_\_ where \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

68. "Sam, did you give Tom some money yesterday?" Mother asked.

Mother asked Sam \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

69. Mr Tan is a good dancer and so is his wife.

Both \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

70. Peter continued swimming. It was raining heavily.

Although \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. Where did the author spend his childhood ?

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72. How can we tell that the author loved the piano?

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73. Which word in the second paragraph has the same meaning as 'competing eagerly'?

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74. What was one thing that his father gave up in order to help the author become a serious musician?

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75. Why did the author refer to his father as a 'housewife'?

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76. What does 'this' in line <sup>20</sup>~~19~~ refer to?

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77. Explain clearly the cause of the author's great suffering when he was in Beijing?

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78. What was the turning point in the author's life?

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79. Which sentence shows the author's realisation that he had to perform outside China to become a great pianist?

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80. What do you think made the author's parents sacrifice themselves to help him succeed in achieving his ambition?

END OF PAPER

# ANSWER SHEET

**EXAM PAPER 2009**

**SCHOOL : CHIJ PRIMARY**  
**SUBJECT : PRIMARY 5 ENGLISH**

**TERM : SA1**

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Q36.(H) Q.37(C) Q.38(F) Q.39(D) Q.40(K)

- 41)larvae      42)deployed      43)victims      44)dead  
45)bacteria      46)between      47)as      48)speeds  
49)surgery      50)medical      51)includes      52)tearing  
53)eyesight      54)strong      55)make      56)trained  
57)popular      58)provide      59)hobby      60)needed  
61)starts      62)fed      63)reach      64)repeated  
65)reward

66)He prefer reading to drawing pictures.

67)The boys returned to the cave where they had found some treasure.

**68)Mother asked Sam if he had given Tom some money the day before.**

**69)Both Mr Tan and his wife are good dancers.**

**70)Although it was raining heavily, Peter continued swimming.**

**71)He spent his childhood in Shenyang and Beijing.**

**72)He practiced the piano six hours a day on his own accord.**

**73)The word is "vying."**

**74)His father gave up his job which he loved.**

**75)The author's father cooked cleaned and looked after the author.**

**76)It refers to the author's father taking him to school on his bicycle every day.**

**77)His piano teacher disliked him and said that he had no talent.**

**78)He decided he had talent after all and wanted to learn with a new piano teacher.**

**79)The sentence is "To become a world-class musician, I had to play on the world's big stages."**

**80)Their love for their son and their realization that he had talent made them do that.**