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CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)



Primary 4

Semestral Assessment 1

7 May 2010

English Language

Paper 1

Duration of Paper : 50 min

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Answer **ONE** out of the two questions.

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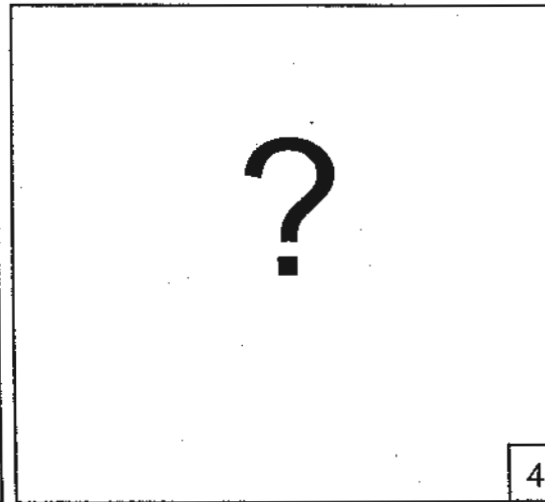
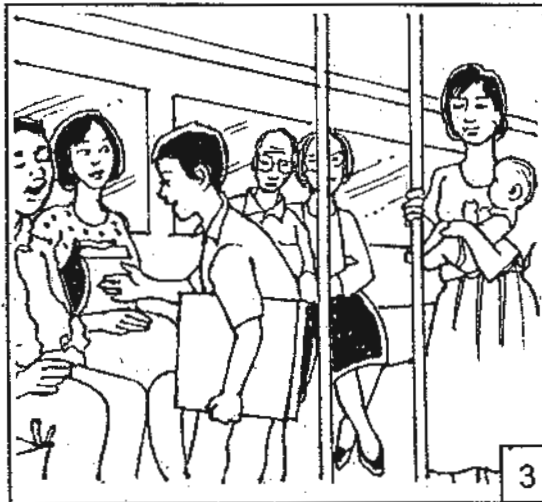
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Continuous Writing

Answer only **ONE** out of the two questions below.

Question 1

Look carefully at the pictures below. Write a story of **at least 120 words** based on the pictures. Give the story your own ending. You may use the words in the box to help you.



Helping Words:

approached asked politely boarded deep in conversation elderly couple
MRT train oblivious pole selfish thoughtful

Question 2

You woke up late. You rushed to school and missed flag-raising. When you reached the classroom, your group members were gathered at the front. You then realised that you had forgotten to bring the chart for the presentation!

Write a composition of **at least 120 words** based on the above situation. Give the story your own ending.

Make use of the following points in your composition. You may re-order the points. You may also include other relevant points to make your composition interesting.

- panicked
- group members were upset
- parents were overseas
- explained to your teacher
- ?

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Paper 2 Booklet A

Duration of Paper (Booklets A & B) : 1 h 30 min

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Section A: Vocabulary MCQ (7 x 1mark)

Read the questions carefully. Choose the most suitable answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. I burst into tears when a _____ of drawers fell on my right foot.
 - (1) set
 - (2) pack
 - (3) suite
 - (4) chest

2. The _____ charged her vegetables at a high price owing to the recent pesticide scare at the plantation in Malaysia.
 - (1) florist
 - (2) hawker
 - (3) fruiterer
 - (4) greengrocer

3. Larry went to the information counter to _____ about the arrival time of his uncle's flight.
 - (1) derive
 - (2) enquire
 - (3) request
 - (4) question

4. Siti was careless during her recent examinations but she has promised to be more _____ in her work.
 - (1) anxious
 - (2) cautious
 - (3) studious
 - (4) industrious

5. We _____ go to that expensive restaurant. We only do so on special occasions.
 - (1) never
 - (2) hardly
 - (3) always
 - (4) frequently

6. June had difficulty in trying to _____ her timid brother into the Underwater World as he was afraid of marine creatures.
- (1) con
 - (2) coax
 - (3) coach
 - (4) convey
7. We are very excited that we will be attending the _____ of the thriller this coming Friday at the Grand Cineplex.
- (1) debut
 - (2) launch
 - (3) premiere
 - (4) ceremony

Section B: Grammar MCQ (8 x 1 mark)

Read the questions carefully. Choose the most suitable answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.

8. My books cannot fit into this bag. I need a _____ one.
- (1) big
 - (2) bigger
 - (3) biggest
 - (4) as big as
9. The players in the soccer team _____ instructed to drink lots of water before every training session.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
10. At the end of the play, we removed _____ masks before taking a bow on stage.
- (1) his
 - (2) her
 - (3) our
 - (4) their

11. "You have cleaned your room, _____ you?" asked Mother.
- (1) has
 - (2) have
 - (3) hasn't
 - (4) haven't
12. Please arrange the chairs _____ five neat rows for tomorrow's meeting.
- (1) by
 - (2) in
 - (3) on
 - (4) with
13. _____ of the fish was not well cooked so we decided not to eat it.
- (1) All
 - (2) One
 - (3) Both
 - (4) Some
14. "_____ are you related to that old lady at the old folks' home, Mary?" asked Mrs Chew.
- (1) How
 - (2) Who
 - (3) What
 - (4) Whose
15. Lenny refused to _____ to her mother's advice about brushing her teeth daily. As a result, she is having a bad toothache now!
- (1) listen
 - (2) listens
 - (3) listened
 - (4) listening

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Section C: Graphic Stimulus (5 x 1 mark)

Study the advertisement carefully and answer the questions 16 to 20.

Lambert ★ Talent ★ School

ATTENTION TO ALL 8-15 YEAR OLDS!

In this month-long holiday, join the various fun-filled workshops to see where your real talent lies!



Drama Workshop

This is designed to develop actors to appreciate and perform poetry and drama from different periods in their own creative way.

Day : ~~Every Monday~~ Wednesday
Time : 9am - 5pm
Venue : Drama Studio
Cost : \$50 per lesson

First Come, First Served! Hurry!

Dancing Under The Stars

Ballet? Hip-hop? Tap? Swing? Latin? Folk Dance? We will teach you all! Come and dance with us so that you will learn what it takes to be a dancer.

Day : Every Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday
Time : 9am - 1pm
Venue : Dance Studio
Cost : \$20 per lesson

Guess what? No prior experience required! Come and have loads of fun with us!



To register, call Amy at 6555-0976. So, what are you waiting for? Pick up the phone and dial now!

Deadline : 1 November 2010



Our location:
168 Daughtry Lane
Singapore 809168



Sing... LALala!

Who says you can't sing? Prove them wrong by joining us in this workshop that will make you the next Taylor Swift or Justin Bieber!

Day : ~~Every Sunday~~
Time : 2pm - 6pm
Venue : Hall
Cost : \$25 per lesson



Choose the correct answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.

16. These workshops will last for a _____.
- (1) day
 - (2) week
 - (3) month
 - (4) year
17. The main objective of this holiday programme is to _____.
- (1) discover what you are good at
 - (2) act on stage in your own creative way
 - (3) learn and master the different types of dances
 - (4) sing professionally to be as famous as Taylor Swift
18. I have signed up for ten lessons of dance. How much will my parents have to pay?
- (1) \$20
 - (2) \$50
 - (3) \$200
 - (4) \$250
19. June loves to act and sing so she should attend the workshops on _____.
- (1) Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
 - (2) Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday
 - (3) Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday
 - (4) Monday, Wednesday, Sunday
20. Which of the following statement is **true** about this advertisement?
- (1) Registration after 1 November will be considered.
 - (2) You need to have dancing experience to attend the dance workshops.
 - (3) Children of age 8 to 15 years are allowed to sign up for these workshops.
 - (4) You are to go to the various venues to register for a place in the workshops.

Section D: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions 21 to 25.

Cycling can be quite a challenge to some. From a four-wheeled to a two-wheeled 1
bicycle, balancing plays a major role to allow you to stay off ground. This is very true for the
new vehicle that runs on electricity. It is called the Segway, a two-wheeled, self-balancing
electric vehicle invented by Dean Kamen in 2003. This **ingenious** invention has indeed taken
the world by surprise. 5

To operate this vehicle, you lean forward to go forward and lean back to go backwards.
To turn, you will use a "Lean Steer" handlebar, turning it left or right. Sounds easy? As long as
you maintain your balance, it needs little effort to travel anywhere in this vehicle.

However, like every new product, there are always faults, be it minor or major. When it
was first launched in 2003, approximately 6,000 Segways were recalled due to a defect which 10
caused the vehicle to stop suddenly when the batteries ran dry.

There were also other faults. Users have had accidents when their vehicles stopped
suddenly, jerked unexpectedly or failed to properly respond to controls. These caused them to
lose balance or get knocked off the vehicle. Injuries sustained included neck and back
injuries, brain injury as well as fractured arms or legs. 15

Segways are now in-built with the maximum speed limit, depending on the country's
specifications. In some countries, they enforce the Segway owners to be licensed before they
can ride the vehicle around. Some countries have even banned such motorised vehicles from
the sidewalks so as to prevent any accidents. Helmets are also a must if you ride on one.

All in all, Segways are still an easy mode of transport, as long as the users take the 20
necessary training and precautions.

Adapted from SPIN Asia Magazine, August 2009

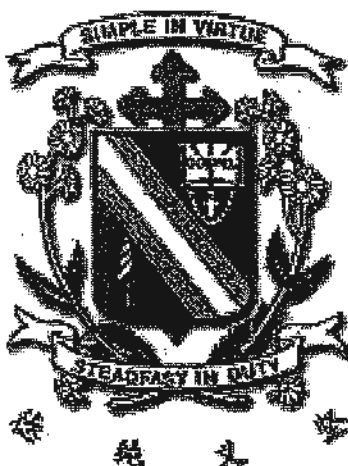
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21. The Segway is a _____.
- (1) two-wheeled bicycle
 - (2) four-wheeled bicycle
 - (3) two-wheeled vehicle
 - (4) four-wheeled vehicle
22. Which word has the same meaning as "ingenious" in paragraph one?
- (1) fascinating
 - (2) complicated
 - (3) outstanding
 - (4) resourceful
23. A Segway that is functioning well will _____.
- (1) turn left when you lean it right
 - (2) jerk occasionally when you ride on it
 - (3) stop suddenly when the batteries run dry
 - (4) move forward and backwards depending on your balance
24. Some safety measures taken by some countries include _____.
- (1) wearing a helmet
 - (2) licensing the vehicle
 - (3) traveling at any speed you like
 - (4) riding on the sidewalks with the pedestrians
25. Which of the following statement is true about the passage?
- (1) The Segway does not run on electricity.
 - (2) Body injuries are rare when the vehicle is not functioning well.
 - (3) In 2003, the launch was a success with 6,000 Segways free of defects.
 - (4) In some countries, it is against the law to ride the vehicle without a licence.

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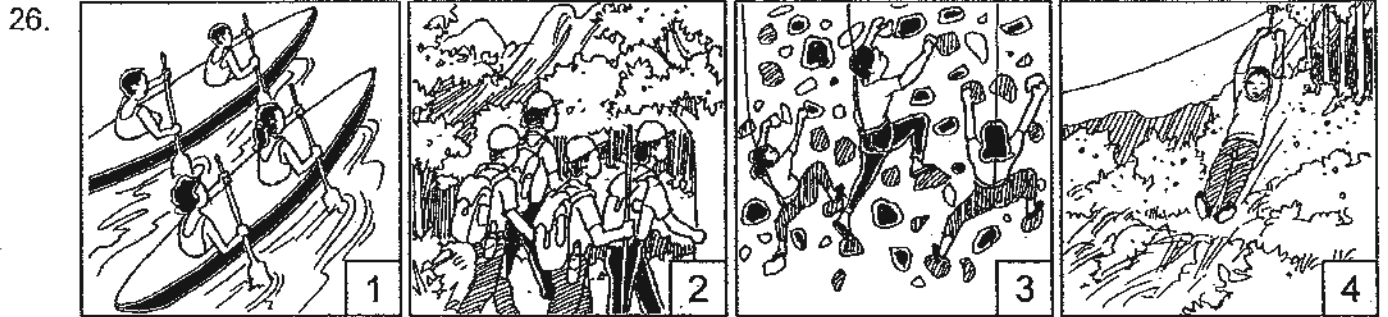
Answer all questions.

Booklet A	25
Booklet B	40
Total	65

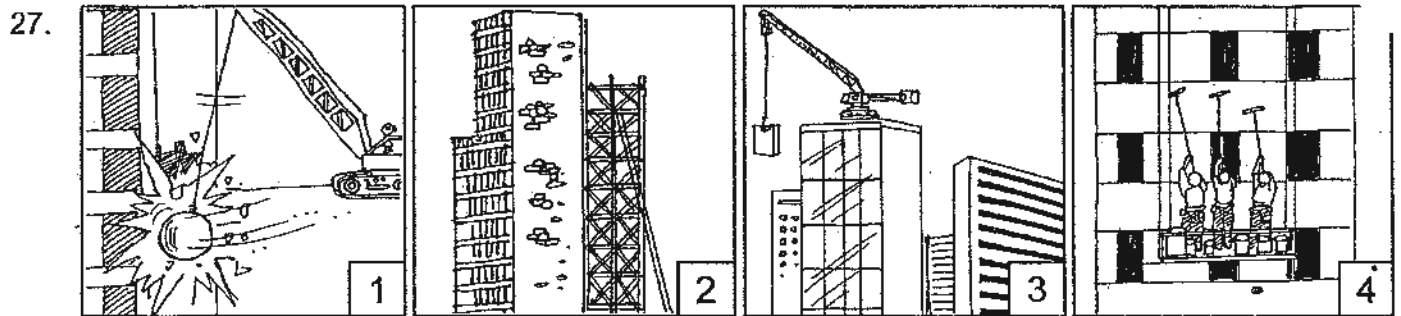
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Section E: Listening Comprehension MCQ (4 x 1 mark)

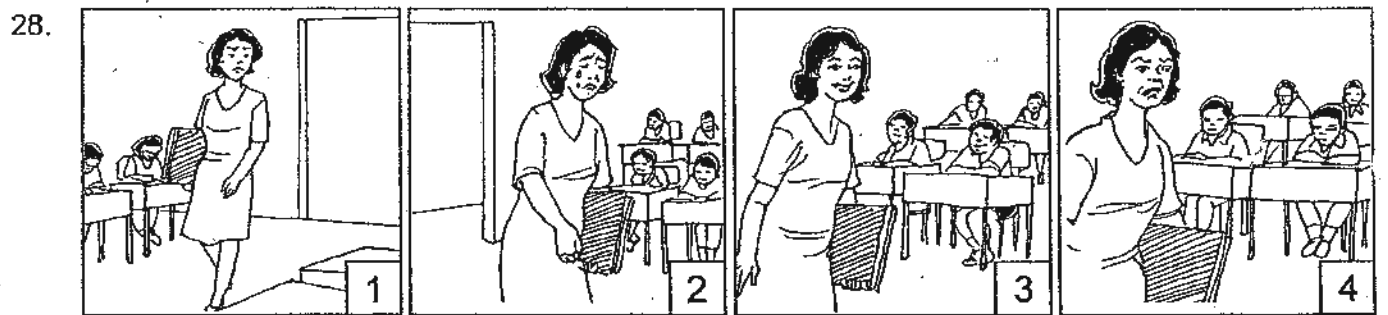
Look at the set of pictures. Listen carefully to your teacher and choose the picture that best describes the statement-read. Write the number 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the brackets provided.



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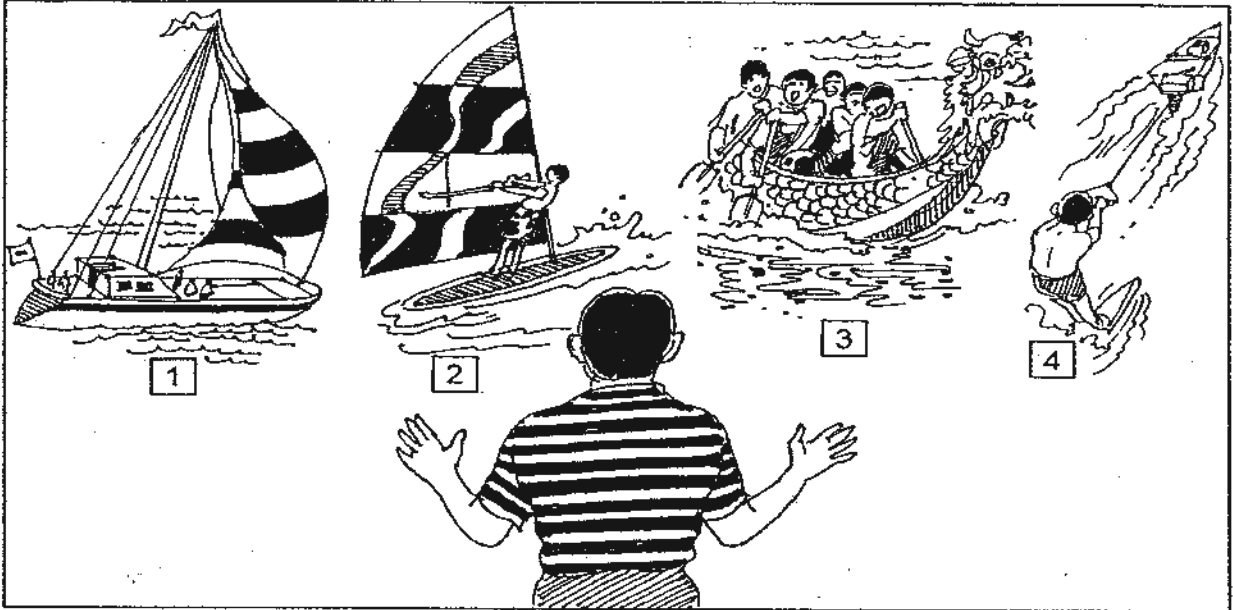
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Section F: Note-Taking (6 x 1 mark)

Listen carefully to your teacher. Each blank, from Q30 to Q35, should be filled with a word or a short phrase. As you listen, fill in the blanks with the information given.

30.	<i>Title of book</i>	:	_____
31.	<i>The number of pages of the book</i>	:	_____
32.	<i>Where book was found</i>	:	_____
33.	<i>Two main characters</i>	:	_____ and _____
34.	<i>The book teaches its readers about</i>	:	_____
35.	<i>The tree wants the boy to be</i>	:	_____



Section G: Vocabulary Cloze (7 x 1 mark)

Read the following passage carefully. Choose the most suitable answer from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to K) in each blank. The letter 'I' has been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking. **Use each word only once.**

(A) contains	(C) familiar	(E) nudge	(G) profess	(J) resembles
(B) embraces	(D) lower	(F) possession	(H) rearrange	(K) twisting

To many, rabbits are simply mild furry animals. However, they actually (36) _____ their love for their owners in amusing ways.

When rabbits are happy, they love to dance. It is called a "binky". A rabbit binkies by jumping into the air and (37) _____ its head and body in opposite directions before falling to the ground. It is impossible to mistake this particular dance move for anything else as it (38) _____ convulsion in the air, hence sending first-time rabbit owners in a panic.

Another form of love is shown through touching the human feet with its chin. Its chin actually (39) _____ scent glands so it will rub its chin on items to indicate that these belong to them. It is basically crazy about its owner and treats him/her as its (40) _____

Like humans, rabbits love massages. A rabbit will come right up close under the owner's hand and give a (41) _____ with its nose. It will then (42) _____ its chin and chest to the ground, stretching itself, ready for a massage. It loves the pampering.

Adapted from Pets Magazine, January 2008



Section H: Synthesis and Transformation (5 X 1 marks)

For each of the questions from 43 to 47, make **one** sentence using the word(s) given by combining the two sentences given. The meaning of the new sentence must be the same as the sentences given.

43. Mrs Singh sold the car she had won in the contest. She was afraid of driving.

As _____

44. I love watching ballet under the stars. June loves watching it, too.

Both _____

45. Ali was scared of the sea. He jumped into it to rescue the girl.

_____ although _____

46. The dancer has sprained her ankle. The dancer is my sister.

_____ who _____

47. Mother ate dinner early. Mother could catch the eight o'clock movie at the cinema.

_____ so that _____



Section I: Comprehension Cloze (8 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Fill in each blank with the most suitable word.

Being disabled means that there is a problem with your body function or structure. However, there are disabled people in this world who dare to test their limits.

Louis Braille became blind by accident at the age of three. He found it (48) _____ to learn by just listening so he needed to find a new way. This led him to invent Braille, a series of organised bumps representing letters which enables blind people to read through feeling those bumps. He even (49) _____ his first-ever Braille book in 1829.

Another group of disabled people who are worthy of our admiration are the musicians like Beethoven and Andrea Bocelli. Their disability did not stop them from making beautiful (50) _____, be it playing instruments or singing. In Singapore's Project Superstar of 2005, despite being blind, Kelvin Tan Wei Lian won through his soulful singing! In (51) _____, this blind singer is a competitive bowler, winning competitions in Singapore and Australia.

In sports, one needs to (52) _____ the challenge of being disabled. A Singaporean paralympian, Laurentia Tan, was (53) _____ with cerebral palsy and deafness after birth. At five, she lost control of her body muscles completely which (54) _____ in her taking up horse riding as a form of physiotherapy. This built up her confidence and self-esteem. (55) _____ of giving up due to her disability, she persevered. Laurentia became the first Asian Paralympic equestrian medalist in 2008.

Adapted from What's Up, Issue 48



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Section J: Comprehension Open-ended (5 x 2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions 56 to 60.

“No way! What a depressing morning!” I muttered under my breath.

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The second I turned the corner on my way to school, I saw the crowd, the commotion and the dingy gray body bags being wheeled out of the dilapidated hotel. The passers-by simply stood there and stared at the horrific scene.

My hands searched into my blue tote bag and I whipped out my camera. I weaved through the crowd towards the entrance of the hotel. I started snapping away, as if I was a photojournalist. I knew that I should not be doing this but curiosity got the better of me. After a few more shots, I was ready to head off.

5

Suddenly, two muscular paramedics wheeled out one more body. Behind them were men in suits and uniforms. With their hardened looks, it was clear that they had seen such scenes before. They were talking and shaking their heads. Just then, one detective spotted me and walked towards my direction.

10

I quickly took my last shot and that was the moment when I screamed at the top of my lungs! One of the body bags moved! The zipper was creeping backward. A finger emerged, then the entire hand, bleeding profusely. Soon, the bloody hand was desperately pushing through the bag, reaching for help. I had to do something!

15

“What are you doing here, young lady?” I turned around and saw this pair of dark, intense eyes staring right into mine. I started to cry, tears streaming down my cheeks uncontrollably. I pointed towards the moving body bag with my eyes shut tightly.

The next second, I could hear the detective yelling. The paramedics and the other detectives turned and saw the pair of bloody hands flailing for help. They worked frantically to save the situation. The crowd watched in disbelief as the paramedics carried the injured victim carefully out of the body bag and into the ambulance.

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Seeing that she was rescued, I dried my tears and headed towards school, feeling dreary and dazed.

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Adapted from You've Been Warned by J. Patterson & H. Roughan

Answer the following questions. Write your answers in complete sentences.

56. Where was the author going that morning?

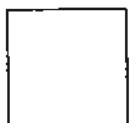
57. Why do you think the crowd stood there to watch the "horrific scene"?

58. Which sentence in the passage tells you that the accident was not the first case for the police?

59. When did the author scream loudly?

60. How did the author know that the victim was rescued?

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ANSWER SHEET

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TERM : SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1

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

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25
3	4	3	3	3	4	1	4

Q36)G-profess Q37)K-twisting Q38)J-resembles Q39)A-contain
Q40)F-possession Q41)E-nudge Q42)D-lower

Q43) As Mrs Singh was afraid of driving, she sold the car she had won in the contest.

Q44)Both June and I love watching ballet under the stars.

Q45)Ali jumped into the sea to rescue the girl although he was scared of it.

Q46)The dancer who is my sister has sprained her ankle.

Q47)Mother ate dinner early so that she could catch the eight o'clock movie at the cinema.

Q48)difficult Q49)wrote Q50)music Q51)addition
Q52)meet Q53)diagnosed Q54)resulted Q55)Instead

Q56)The author was going to school that morning.

Q57)The crowd was curious about what had just happened.

Q58)The sentence is "With their hardened looks, it was clear that they had seen such scenes before."

Q59)She screamed loudly when one of the body bags moved.

Q60)The author saw the paramedics carry the victim into the ambulance.