



RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (2)
2010

Name: _____ () Class: P5 _____

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BOOKLET A

Instructions to Pupils

1. Write your Name, Class and Index No. in the spaces above.
2. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Answer all questions.
5. Shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided for questions 1 to 30 only.

Section A : Comprehension (Graphic Stimulus) (5 marks)

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



**Kiwi Village at
Riverbank Wildlife Park
NOW OPEN!**

Have fun this December holidays and hop down to the Riverbank Wildlife Park to experience the Kiwi wonder! This new attraction adds to the current 25 enclosures in the park. Lying between Butterfly Garden and Lion Kingdom, Kiwi Village boasts a sprawling area of more than 30 000 square metres. Be sure to be amazed by more than 450 wildlife species from New Zealand in the entirely new enclosure!

Grand opening – 5 December 2010, 10am

Strike a pose with our mascot, Marney the Kiwi, who will be at the door to welcome you. The first 100 visitors will receive a goodie bag each!

Kiwi Enclosure – One and only in Asia!

Don't miss this rare opportunity to look at New Zealand's most iconic bird. In our specially-designed nocturnal houses, you don't have to view the kiwis only at night now!

You can also watch the keepers feed the kiwis at one of our Kiwi Feeding times!



Kiwi feeding daily at:
10am to 10.30am
1.30pm to 2pm
4.30pm to 5pm

Riverbank Wildlife Newsletter

Sign up for our quarterly newsletter with this irresistible bargain! Offer starts from 1 December 2010 to 10 December 2010

1 year subscription - \$36 and receive a \$20 dining voucher

2 year subscription - \$68 and receive a \$45 dining voucher and a Marney plush toy

Sign up at the registration booth at the entrance of Kiwi Village. Top up \$3 and receive a poster with every issue.

The Conservation Show

The Conservation Show features some of the most fascinating endangered wildlife in New Zealand. Get up close and personal with free-flying birds while our team of keepers entertains with their wealth of knowledge and experience!

Show timings

Monday to Friday – 11am and 3pm

Saturday and Sunday – 10am, 3pm and 5pm

Getting to Riverbank Wildlife Park:

By bus: Take bus 113 from Woodfare MRT station. By car : Take Cross-island Expressway and exit at E15

Shuttle bus service from Riverbank MRT Station (30 min interval): Monday to Friday: 9am to 7.30pm

Saturday and Sunday: 8am to 7.30pm

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. According to the advertisement, which one of the following statements is true?
 - (1) The Conservation Show is available twice daily.
 - (2) There are more than 20 different enclosures in the park.
 - (3) Everyone at the grand opening will receive a goodie bag.
 - (4) Subscriber will receive a Riverbank Wildlife newsletter every month.

2. Jay reached Riverbanks Wildlife Park at 12.30pm on Saturday and he would like to watch the kiwis being fed. What time should he be at the enclosure?
 - (1) 2:20 p.m.
 - (2) 4:25 p.m.
 - (3) 5:20 p.m.
 - (4) 10:15 p.m.

3. Mr and Mrs Ong brought their three children to the park on Friday, 8 December 2010. They would be able to _____
 - (1) pose a picture with Marney, the Kiwi
 - (2) catch the Conservation Show at 5pm
 - (3) take the shuttle bus to the park at 8am
 - (4) sign up for the newsletter at a discount

4. The Kiwi Enclosure could be the star attraction of the park because _____
 - (1) we can now look at the kiwis in the day
 - (2) it is the only kiwi enclosure in the world
 - (3) the public can only visit it in December
 - (4) we can hold the kiwis and take a picture with them

5. Kelly paid \$39 to sign up for the Riverbank Wildlife Newsletter on 2 Dec 2010. She would receive a _____
 - (1) Marney plush toy
 - (2) \$20 shopping voucher
 - (3) \$20 dining voucher and posters
 - (4) \$20 dining voucher, posters and a Marney plush toy

Section B : Grammar Discrete (7 x 1 mark)

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. I hope the food we bought was _____ your liking.
- (1) in
 - (2) to
 - (3) at
 - (4) for
7. All but one of the participants _____ punctual for the workshop yesterday.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
8. _____ any of the twins know about the plan tomorrow?
- (1) Do
 - (2) Has
 - (3) Have
 - (4) Does
9. Mrs Tan made her son _____ for his rudeness.
- (1) apologise
 - (2) apologised
 - (3) apologises
 - (4) apologising
10. He promised to return to the office after lunch, _____?
- (1) isn't he
 - (2) didn't he
 - (3) hadn't he
 - (4) wouldn't he

11. Nobody _____ from her since she left the company last year.

- (1) hears
- (2) heard
- (3) has heard
- (4) have heard

12. _____ his injury, Joe continued to play in the match.

- (1) Despite
- (2) However
- (3) Although
- (4) Because

Section C : Punctuation

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)

"The tale of the Dragon cannot be true," said old Mrs Greywhistle, the shopkeeper.

"How can it be true when the heat is so unbearable (13) We are going to melt in this furnace!" replied her customer, tapping an angry foot.

It was now too hot for the children to play out in the direct sun and they would gather under the shade of the trees, digging holes in the dust and snapping brittle twigs (14) Do you think the Dragon will help us?" asked Tom.

"He must do something," agreed Jim (15) he won't leave us in the lurch."

Adapted from <http://www.eastoftheweb.com/short-stories/UBooks/DragRock.shtml>

13. (1) [.] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [-] hyphen
(4) [?] question mark
14. (1) [:] colon
(2) ["] inverted commas
(3) [, "] comma and inverted commas
(4) [. "] full stop and inverted commas
15. (1) [: "] colon and inverted commas
(2) [, "] comma and inverted commas
(3) [. "] full stop and inverted commas
(4) [? "] question mark and inverted commas

Section D: Vocabulary (5 marks)

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.

16. The _____ noise caused by the road works near my house will distract me from revising my work.
- (1) incessant - never stopping
 - (2) involuntary
 - (3) inadequate - not enough
 - (4) insignificant
17. Whenever I listen to my father's _____ stories about his difficult childhood, tears would well up in my eyes.
- (1) soothing
 - (2) poignant
 - (3) provocative
 - (4) nonsensical
18. Janice will not see improvements in her test results if she continues to _____ in her studies.
- (1) slacken
 - (2) advance
 - (3) enhance
 - (4) decrease
19. The park rangers watched helplessly as the calf _____ for its life in the tiger's mouth.
- (1) wriggled
 - (2) fumbled
 - (3) struggled
 - (4) competed
20. Mary has no friends because she tends to make _____ comments about others.
- (1) decisive
 - (2) desirable
 - (3) derogatory
 - (4) deteriorating

Section E: Vocabulary Cloze (5 marks)

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

A man (21) lambasted his 3-year-old daughter for wasting a roll of gold wrapping paper. Money was tight and he was (22) maddened when the child tried to decorate a box to put under the Christmas tree. Nevertheless, the little girl brought the gift to her father the next morning and said, "This is for you, Daddy."

The man was embarrassed by his earlier overreaction, but his anger flared again when he found out that the box was empty. He (23) took hold of her hand and yelled at her, "Don't you know, when you give someone a present, there is supposed to be something inside?" The little girl looked up at him with tears in her eyes and cried, "Oh, Daddy, it's not empty at all. I blew kisses into the box. They're all for you, Daddy."

The father was (24) awed. He put his arms around his little girl, and he begged for her forgiveness. Only a short time later, an accident took the life of the child. Her father kept that gold box by his bed for many years and, whenever he was (25) discouraged, he would take out an imaginary kiss and remember the love of the child who had put it there.

-Taken from "Motivational sayings & stories - A Box Full of Kisses"

21. (1) lauded
(2) applauded
(3) reprimanded
(4) complimented
22. (1) pleased
(2) infuriated
(3) appeased
(4) depressed
23. (1) seized
(2) stroked
(3) strangled
(4) slammed
24. (1) amazed
(2) disturbed
(3) frightened
(4) threatened
25. (1) heartened
(2) reassured
(3) dissatisfied
(4) demoralised

Section F : Comprehension MCQ (5 marks)

Read the passage and answer questions 26 to 30.

When I was quite young, my father had one of the first telephones in our neighbourhood. I remember well the polished old case fastened to the wall. The shiny receiver hung on the side of the box. I was ~~too~~ little to reach the telephone, but used to listen with fascination when my mother talked to it. Then I discovered that somewhere inside the wonderful device lived an amazing person. Her name was "Information Please" and there was nothing she did not know. "Information Please" could supply anybody's number correctly.

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My first personal experience with this genie-in-the-bottle came one day while my mother was visiting a neighbour. Amusing myself with a hammer at the tool bench in the basement, I was careless and I hurt myself. The pain was terrible, but there didn't seem to be any reason in crying because ~~there was no one~~ at home to give sympathy. I walked around the house sucking my throbbing finger, finally arriving at the stairway - The telephone! Quickly, I ran for the footstool in the storeroom and dragged it to the landing. Climbing up, I unhooked the receiver from the telephone and held it to my ear. "Information Please," I said into the mouthpiece just above my head. A click or two and a small clear voice spoke into my ear. "Information."

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"I hurt my finger ...," I wailed into the phone. The tears came readily enough now that I had an audience.

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"Isn't your mother home?" came the question. "Nobody's home but me," I blubbered. "Can you open your icebox?" she asked. I said I could. "Then chip off a little piece of ice and hold it to your finger."

After that, I called "Information Please" for everything. I asked her for help with my geography and she told me where Kuala Lumpur was. And there was the time that Petey, our pet canary, lay motionless at the bottom of its cage. I called "Information Please" and told her what I saw. She listened, then said the usual things grown-ups say to soothe a child but I was unconsolated.

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She must have sensed my deep sadness, for she said quietly, "Paul, always remember that there is a better place for Petey to sing in." Somehow I felt better.

Then when I was 9 years old, we moved to another city. I missed my friend very much. "Information Please" belonged in that old wooden box back home, and I somehow never thought of trying the tall, shiny new phone that sat on the hall table.

Yet as I grew into my teens, the memories of those childhood conversations never really left me; often in moments of doubt and perplexity, I would recall the serene sense of security I had then. I appreciated now how patient, understanding, and kind she was to have spent her time on a little boy.

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-Adapted from "Information Please" by Paul Villian

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

26. When the writer was younger, he could not use the telephone because _____.

- (1) he was not allowed to do so
- (2) he was fascinated by the new telephone
- (3) the telephone was mounted too high up for him
- (4) he was happily listening to his mother talking to it

27. In paragraph 2, "Information Please" refers to a/an _____.

- (1) old telephone
- (2) genie in the bottle
- (3) telephone operator
- (4) person who lived in the phone

28. The writer did not cry when he first hurt his finger because _____.

- (1) he was careless
- (2) there was no one to cry to at home
- (3) he wanted to talk to "Information Please"
- (4) the people at home would give him sympathy

29. What happened to Petey?

- (1) It died.
- (2) It was sleeping.
- (3) It did not want to sing to the writer.
- (4) It flew off and sang in another place.

30. What gave the author a sense of security as a child?

- (1) His old friend from his school.
- (2) The new phone on the hall table.
- (3) The first telephone his father had.
- (4) The conversations he had with "Information Please".

BOOKLET B

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Section G : Structural Cloze (10 marks)

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.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) a	(B) been	(C) in	(K) on	(N) was
(J) although	(E) for	(H) of	(L) the	(P) which
(Z) be	(F) had	(D) off	(M) to	(Q) who

Four men were facing jail after being convicted of taking part in a brazen raid on a jewellery store, Graff Diamonds, in London, which netted gems worth \$84 million.

Police welcomed the convictions but appealed (31) _____ help in finding a motorcyclist who made (32) _____ with the jewels, which have yet to (33) _____ recovered.

During the trial, the court was shown footage of Solomun Kassaye, 25, firing (34) _____ shot in the street outside the shop, sending passers-by running for cover. He (35) _____ pleaded innocent, saying it was a case of mistaken identity. Two further suspects were cleared of suspicion (36) _____ February and another two were found not guilty last week.

Detective Chief Inspector Pam Mace welcomed (37) _____ successful outcome of the investigation but said they would continue to trace the motorcycle rider and the whereabouts of the jewellery.

The items snatched in the raid were put into a black plastic bag and handed (38) _____ an accomplice who sped off on a motorcycle. (39) _____ he had to abandon the motorcycle nearby after it had broken down, police still lost track of him.

Graff Diamonds, (40) _____ is known for its well-cut diamonds, was also targeted in 2003 in a robbery worth \$23 million.

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

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

Thrice a week, Mr Wan Chong Hock inspects the HDB blocks in Ang Mo Kio and

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neighbouring Yio Chu Kang constituency. His town council is within ~~16~~ others across

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Singapore that is is being assessed for the first time on their performance in four areas:

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clairniness of estate, lift performance, **manngament** of arrears in service, conservancy

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charges and **maintainence** of facilities. Results will be out this month and will pit the

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councils with one another in each **catigery** on a level from one - which is the best - to

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five. Residents are quick to let him know when things goes awry, and he tries his best to

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see to the problem as soon as possible. A **ruetine** check could start as early as 9 a.m.

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and last as long for ~~six~~ hours!

Adapted from The Straits Times Wednesday, June 9, 2010

Section I: Comprehension Cloze (15 marks)

Fill in each blank with the most suitable word.

The recent BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico has affected scores of marine life.

It also stirred _____ an emotional debate, especially since a flood of pictures featuring oil-coated birds appeared in the papers. (51)

Some experts, citing traditionally low _____ rates for rescued birds, are arguing it would be better to immediately and humanely kill the suffering birds. Too much damage could have been done by the time the birds are _____. (52)

Oil harms birds in two ways: internally and _____. (53)

Oil-soaked birds vigorously preen their _____ to remove the toxic crude, accidentally _____ it, which can cause internal ailments. (54)

"Try removing crude oil from your arm with your mouth and not getting any of it into your body," Louisiana State's Remsen said. (55)

Externally, crude oil degrades the birds' waterproofing _____, allowing cold water to seep _____ their skin. It also makes the animals vulnerable _____ hypothermia, a sudden drop in body temperature which may result in death, especially in cold regions. (56)

Fortunately many of the hard-hit Gulf birds such _____ brown pelicans and laughing gulls, do not spend much time at sea, making the process of waterproofing _____ critical. (57)

The Deepwater Horizon crude is also especially sticky. It requires workers to _____ the birds with more "intense" detergent. This, in _____ strips more of the birds' waterproofing oils. Also, when a bird is rehabilitated, there is a possibility that the birds cannot _____ to their new homes. It (58)

is a tragic example, in our face, that this problem is going to be _____ us for decades. Only time will tell. (59)

Adapted from website <http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news>

Section J: Transformation / Synthesis (5 x 2 marks)

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).

66. Tony could not solve the puzzle despite trying very hard.

However _____

67. "Did you attend the meeting yesterday?" Alan asked Wendy.

Alan asked Wendy _____

68. All of us jumped for joy when we heard the good news.

_____ upon

69. We were relieved that nobody was hurt in the fire last night.

Much to _____

70. Karen was wearing a thick jacket, but she was still cold.

Although _____

Section K: Comprehension Open-Ended (20 marks)

Laura and Brian Mullin and their 18-month-old daughter, Sarah, were looking forward to Christmas as they arrived to join Brian's family in Northern Ireland on December 21, 1996. However, the next day, their **good cheer turned to numbing disbelief** when a friend telephoned to tell them, "I'm afraid you've been burgled."

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Back home in England in their comfortable 1930s house in an affluent Southampton suburb, they found their world had literally been turned upside down. No room was untouched. The intruders had systematically turned out drawers and cupboards and even emptied the tea caddy in their search for cash. The television and stereo had gone. So had Laura's jewellery, much of it given to her by her grandmother and irreplaceable.

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The break-in was one of a string of strikingly similar burglaries of well-appointed houses. Most had taken place while the occupants were on vacation. So far, the thieves had plundered goods worth around \$425,000. In eight cases, they had even taken the victims' cars to drive away their haul. They had not left a single fingerprint.

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Detective Inspector Dean Jones, head of Hampshire police's 30-strong Western Area Crime Unit, based in Southampton, had been called in to hunt down the highly professional gang. However, the tough 37-year-old was baffled. In his 19 years as a policeman, Jones had never come across a series of burglaries with no geographical pattern. Normally they happened in clusters in the same town or district, or strung out along highways for a quick getaway. This gang seemed to be raiding at random.

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Jones set a 12-member team to study the police reports on all the break-ins, hoping to find a link that had been overlooked. **It was like searching for a contact lens on an ice rink.**

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Then one detective spotted that two of the victims had flown on vacation from Southampton International Airport. "Is that just a coincidence?" Jones wondered aloud to Olan Jenkins, the 26-year-old constable coordinating the inquiry.

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"Let's find out how the other victims travelled," Jenkins suggested. He went to see Brian and Laura Mullin. They had flown from Southampton. So had at least six others and all had flown with the same airline: British Airways.

Jenkins talked to airport director, John Bullen, and Roger Edge, general manager of Southampton Handling, the company subcontracted to do ticketing and checking-in reservations for British Airways (BA). They were dumbfounded at the suggestion that BA passengers might be targets. "We'll give you every support," Bullen promised as the list of victims grew.

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"There's only one way the gang could have got those addresses," Jenkins added. He asked Roger Edge for a name list of all the employees handling ticketing and reservations. Now, the suspects they had to investigate were visibly reduced.

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Among those on the list was Katherine Woodward, an attractive 23-year-old blonde who had worked at Guernsey Airport before moving to the mainland in early 1996. That April, Roger Edge, impressed by her efficiency, friendly manner, had given her a job on check-in, processing departing travellers. After two months, she was promoted to the ticketing and reservations desk.

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Adapted from Tim Bouquet's Ticket to a Break-In, from Reader's Digest January 1999

Answer questions 71-80

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Answer questions 71-80 in COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. Explain clearly in your own words, why the Mullin family experienced "good cheer turned to numbing disbelief" in lines 3-4.

72. Give two reasons why it was so difficult to find the culprits of the break-ins?

73. In most cases, how did the thieves manage to get away with all that they had stolen from the houses?

74. Which word in the passage from lines 17-38 has the same meaning as *bewildered*?

75. When did the thieves normally strike?

76. "It was like searching for a contact lens on an ice rink." What were Jones and his team actually searching for in lines 25-26?

77. What was common in all of the victims Detective Jenkins had asked?

78. Why did Detective Jenkins suspect the employees handling ticketing and reservations?

79. What were the reasons for Katherine Woodward's quick promotion since she moved from Guernsey?

80. Which sentence in the passage tells you that the thieves only targeted wealthy homes?

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ANSWER SHEET

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TERM : SA2

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
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Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
1	3	4	3	2	1	1	4	3	3	2	1	4	E	J	C	A

Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
F	G	L	M	B	P

- 41) among 42) are 43) cleanliness 44) management 45) maintenance
 46) against 47) category 48) go 49) routine 50) as
 51) up 52) survival 53) saved 54) externally 55) feathers
 56) swallowing 57) oils 58) through 59) to 60) as
 61) less 62) wash 63) turn 64) adjust 65) haunting
- 66) However hard Tony tried, he could not solve the puzzle.
 67) Alan asked Wendy if she had attended the meeting the previous day.
 68) All of us jumped for joy upon hearing the good news.
 69) Much to our relief, nobody was hurt in the fire last night.
 70) Although Karen was wearing a thick jacket, she was still cold.
 71) At first, they were looking forward to Christmas as they arrived to join Brian's family in Ireland, then they found out that they had been burgled.
 72) The culprits of the break-ins had not left a single fingerprint and instead of having a series of burglaries with geographical pattern, this gang seemed to be raiding at random.
 73) In most cases, the thieves had taken the victims' cars to drive away their haul.
 74) The word is "baffled".
 75) The thieves normally strike while the occupants of the house were on vacation.
 76) Jones and his team were searching for a link of all the burglaries that had been overlooked in the police reports.
 77) All the victims had flown from Southampton International airport and all had flown with the same airline: British Airways.
 78) As all the victims had flown with British Airways, there was only one way the gang could have gotten those addresses which was through employees handling ticketing and reservations.
 79) Katherine Woodward was promoted as Roger Edge was impressed by her efficiency and friendly manner.
 80) The sentence is "The break-in was one of a string of strikingly similar burglaries of well-appointed houses."