

Name : _____ ()

Class : Primary 6 _____

CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (Primary)



Primary 6

Semestral Assessment 1

7 May 2010

English Language

Paper 1

Duration of Paper : 1 h 10 min

Instructions to Candidates:

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Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer question 1 and choose either question 2 or 3.

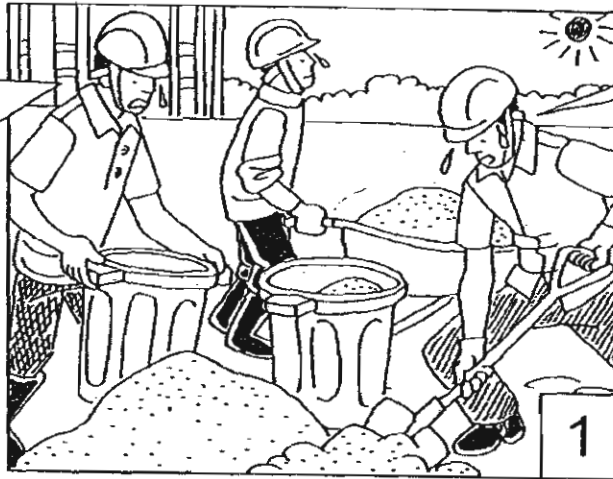
This booklet consists of 5 printed pages.

Part 1: Situational Writing (15 Marks)

(1) Study the following pictures carefully.

7 May 2010, noon

Phew! I need a cold drink now. Carrying these buckets of sand is exhausting.



What a hot day! I am dead tired!

Peter Tan: The planks! We've been hit. My head!



Ismail Ali: Help! My hand!

Let's administer first aid to our colleagues before the ambulance arrives.



Two of my workers are injured. Please send an ambulance to Zenith Construction site immediately.

(Go on to the next page)

Your Task

You are the supervisor of Zenith Construction who witnessed the accident that day.

Write a report to your manager, giving him details of what happened at the accident site.

You are to refer to the pictures on page 2.

In your report, include the following information:

- when the accident took place
- what the workers were doing
- what you saw
- what happened to Mr Peter Tan and Mr Ismail Ali
- what action the other workers and you took

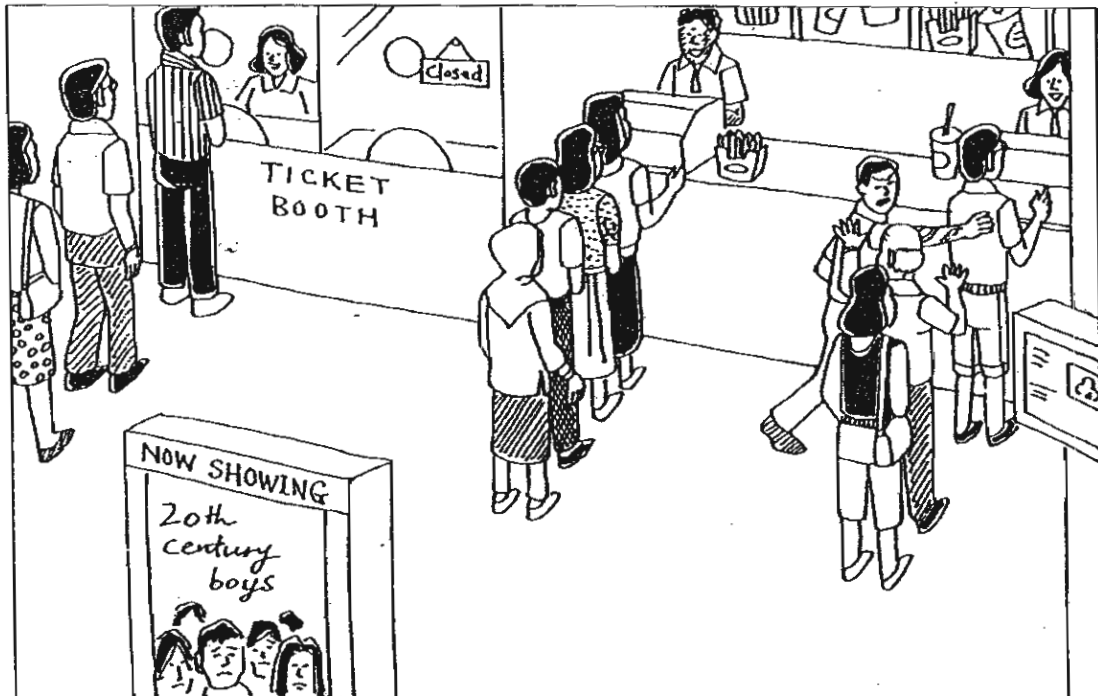
You may reorder your points. You should write in complete sentences.

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Part 2: Continuous Writing (40 marks)

There are two questions in Part 2.
Answer only one of them.

(2) Write a story based on the picture below. Your story should be at least 150 words long.



For your story, make use of the points below:

- what the man with a tattoo was trying to do
- what the elderly man was telling him
- what happened in the end

You may reorder the points. You may also include other relevant points.

(Go on to the next page)

- (3) You were jogging at the park in the evening. When you were sitting on a bench taking a rest, you heard a strange noise coming from the bushes.

Based on the above situation, write a composition of at least 150 words.

In your composition, make use of the points below :

- what the noise was
- what happened next
- what happened in the end

You may reorder the points. You may also include other relevant points.

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Paper 2 Booklet A

Total Time for Booklets A and B: 1 h 50 min

30 questions

30 marks

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

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

This booklet consists of 10 printed pages and 1 blank page.

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



STARLIGHT ENRICHMENT CENTRE

Interactive Workshop for Parents

Workshop 1:
Getting Results in Phonics and Reading (Part 1)
Friday, 26 June 2010,
7pm – 9pm

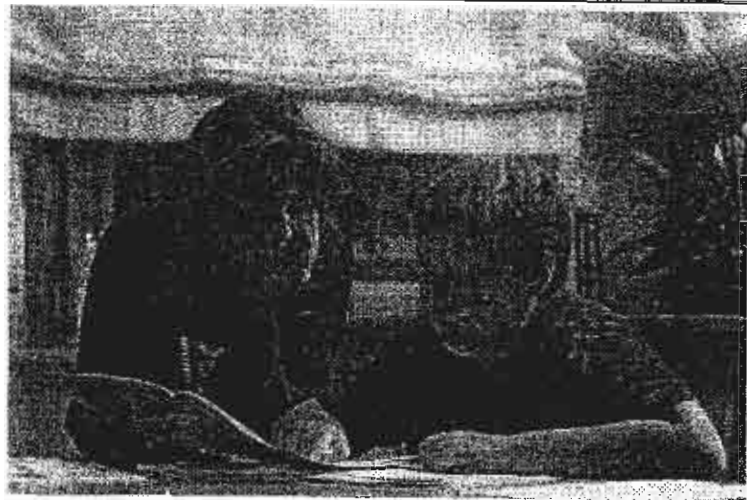
Workshop 2:
Getting Results in Phonics and Reading (Part 2)
Friday, 3 July 2010,
7pm – 9pm

These workshops will cover:

- reading together
- reading and understanding sentences
- learning to recognise high frequency words
- learning to predict words from the context
- using the knowledge of phonics to help decode new words
- developing an enjoyment of books and reading in your pre-school child

Hurry! Each workshop is limited to only 50 parents on a first-come, first-served basis.

Inquire about our free workshops for children.



Enrichment Courses for Primary Pupils:

How to Ace Your PSLE!

Every Wednesday, 3pm - 5pm
(20 lessons, starting from 12 May 2010)

Getting started with Science

Every Thursday, 4pm - 6pm
(20 lessons, starting from 13 May 2010)

To register, please call Elaine at 6252 3529 or email elaineho@starlight.com.sg

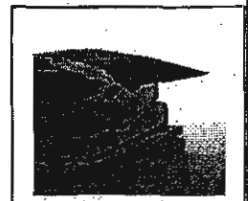
Venue: 201 Thomson Road #04-23,
Wellington Square, Singapore 333888

Cost: \$20 per person for Starlight parents, \$40 per person for others
\$35 per person for Starlight pupils, \$55 per person for others
(Payment must be made in full upon registration.)

All workshop and course materials as well as light refreshments will be provided.

* No refund will be given for workshops withdrawal.

* 50% refund will be given for withdrawal of enrichment courses made at least two weeks prior to commencement.



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 Who can participate in the "Getting Results in Phonics and Reading" workshop?
 - (1) any parents
 - (2) any pre-school children
 - (3) only parents whose children are students in Starlight
 - (4) only pre-school children who are already students in Starlight

- 2 The total duration of the parents' workshops is _____.
 - (1) two hours
 - (2) four hours
 - (3) six hours
 - (4) eight hours

- 3 To sign up for any of the workshops or courses, one has to _____.
 - (1) place a deposit
 - (2) access the centre's website
 - (3) contact the person-in-charge
 - (4) visit the enrichment centre at United Square

- 4 Salim has signed up for the Wednesday enrichment course but has decided to pull out. He is unable to get a refund because he _____.
 - (1) has arranged to pay in instalments
 - (2) notified the centre only on 4 May 2010
 - (3) has made a non-refundable payment in full
 - (4) gave them three weeks notice for withdrawal

- 5 Which one of the following statements is **true**?
 - (1) The phonics workshops are held simultaneously.
 - (2) Participants do not need to pay for the phonics workshops.
 - (3) Participants will be provided with workshop materials and dinner.
 - (4) The phonics workshops can accommodate a maximum of 50 participants.

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 Jerry, as well as his friends, _____ watching a movie at Serangoon Cinema last night when a fight broke out.

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

7 Ravi could not _____ his eyes when he saw the broken pieces of his favourite toy car on the floor.

- (1) believe
- (2) believes
- (3) believed
- (4) believing

8 Neither Julia nor her brothers _____ to go to United States this year for their holiday. They prefer Australia.

- (1) want
- (2) wants
- (3) wanted
- (4) wanting

9 The firemen fought courageously throughout the night to bring the fire _____ control.

- (1) into
- (2) over
- (3) under
- (4) below

10 To _____ were you speaking at the party last evening?

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

11 Sarah insisted on going to the chalet _____ she was not feeling well.

- (1) despite
- (2) because
- (3) however
- (4) although

12 Please walk _____ so that we will not be late for the concert.

- (1) quick
- (2) quicker
- (3) quickly
- (4) quicken

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)

For Sezairi Sezali, Sunday night was the perfect ending to 2009. He garnered more votes than his rival, Sylvia Ratonel, and took his place as the third Singapore Idol.

"I never thought of winning at all. Now that I'm here, it feels kind of surreal (13) cried the 22-year-old after the show.

However, many had no doubts about him winning, not least his father.

Not only does he get the honour of being a Singapore Idol (14) Sezairi has also received an artiste management contract with Mediacorp and a recording deal with Universal Music.

For Sylvia, it has been an emotional roller coaster (15) "I teared when the result came out. Later, I saw some of my fans crying and I comforted them," she said, tears welling up in her eyes.

Adapted from 'Idol Thoughts', Today, Dec 2009

- 13 (1) [,] comma and inverted commas
(2) [.] full-stop and inverted commas
(3) [?] question mark and inverted commas
(4) [!] exclamation mark and inverted commas

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

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

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 director had to _____ all control over his company as he was under investigation for corruption.

- dismiss
- bequeath
- terminate
- relinquish

17 Without any care for his own safety, Jun Yong drove _____ through the forest fire to rescue the hikers.

- skilfully
- abruptly
- valiantly
- recklessly

18 Siti, being _____, carried out the task of cooking and cleaning for the whole family daily without any complaint.

- (1) pompous
- (2) fastidious
- (3) meticulous
- (4) industrious

19 The afternoon rainfall provided a welcoming _____ from the scorching heat.

- (1) relish
- (2) retreat
- (3) respite
- (4) reverie

20 We cannot see the sea through this window as the view is _____ by a tall building.

- (1) blurred
- (2) distorted
- (3) hindered
- (4) obstructed

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)

Associate Professor Munidasa Winslow, a specialist in psychiatry at Raffles Hospital, sees at least one case of a compulsive spender a month. "A person who is oniomanic (the technical term for shopping addiction) tends to be (21) compulsive and there is usually a reason for it, such as marital or family problems," he said.

As with any kind of addiction behaviours, the spending binges often start out as normal activities. But when it is taken to the extreme, these people cannot stop despite knowing that they should. While they may enjoy the adrenaline-pumping (22) euphoria with each purchase, the feeling is (23) fleeting. Typically, compulsive spenders would end up buying items they have no intention to use. When asked, they would give irrational reasons on why they needed them.

A former shopping addict, Geraldine Tan, admitted that she would engage in "retail therapy" whenever she felt stressed or unhappy. Eventually, her spending (24) escalated out of control and she racked up a debt of \$80,000.

Associate Professor Winslow said that it was important for spending addicts to break the cycle of addiction with professional help. For Geraldine, her road to recovery has been (25) arduous. Though she is not yet debt-free, her debts are now manageable.

Adapted from "A time to shop, a time to stop", Today, Dec 2009

- 21 (1) sensitive
(2) impulsive
(3) obsessive
(4) destructive
- 22 (1) thrill
(2) victory
(3) satisfaction
(4) amazement
- 23 (1) speedy
(2) enduring
(3) superficial
(4) momentary
- 24 (1) boosted
(2) spiralled
(3) expanded
(4) fluctuated
- 25 (1) tough
(2) depressing
(3) complicated
(4) pressurising

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Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

Lounging on my bedroom floor in the long light of yellow sunset, I lazily copied sentences. Kira stuck her head in. "Quick, Nanjin! Your mother calls – her time has come!"

I flew to Mother's room. A wrinkled woman with slits for eyes pointed her finger at me and barked, "No children! I'm a midwife, not a nursemaid!"

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"She's old enough," said Mother. "Her hands are strong. She can help and learn, and maybe she'll be more prepared when she becomes a woman than I was." Scowling, the midwife tossed me a rag to tie around my hair.

The floor had been cleared of its mats. Cloths were piled neatly next to three containers of water and a large empty pan. Kira whispered to me importantly that it was her job to keep one bucket filled with hot, another with cold and the urn with lukewarm water to bathe the new baby. Mother's table and chest had been moved to the hallway to make more room, but with all of us moving about, the space was crowded and stuffy. I sat on a stool next to the bed. Mother, in a cotton slip and old blouse, alternately rested and squatted, breathing sharply with tight lips when contractions came. Between the moments of pain, she explained what would be happening, but nothing she said could truly prepare me for the coming ferocity of birth. When the spasms came on faster and faster, the midwife instructed me to keep Mother's neck and brow cool with wrung cloths.

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Mother squinted, her face white and sweating, and suppressed the cries that claimed her throat. Despite her earlier assurances, I was certain she was dying and scared tears ran down my cheeks. I gripped her arm, wanting to keep her alive. When the pain passed, Mother exhaled and relaxed. "Don't be frightened, Nājin. This is a woman's natural act – a gift from God. Though it's hard on the body, there's nothing to fear." I brushed aside the sodden hair clinging to her cheeks and forehead.

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The labour pains intensified and Mother clenched her teeth tight and her face contorted. The midwife thrust a cloth into Mother's mouth. Petrified, I wanted to scream. Mother gasped for breath and let go of a groan. The midwife stooped low in front of Mother and caught the baby's wet head. Mother pushed again and the midwife gathered the baby into her arms.

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Thus did I witness Mother's strength and the miracle of birth.

Adapted from The Calligrapher's Daughter by Eugenia Kim

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 Mother needed Nanjin in her room _____.

- (1) at dawn
- (2) at midday
- (3) in the late afternoon
- (4) in the middle of the night

27 Why did the midwife **not** want Nanjin in the room initially?

- (1) She thought that childbirth would frighten Nanjin.
- (2) She was confident of handling the childbirth herself.
- (3) She felt that Nanjin was too young to assist in the childbirth.
- (4) She believed that there were enough people to manage the delivery.

28 How many people were there in the room with Mother when she was giving birth?

- (1) two
- (2) three
- (3) four
- (4) five

29 This (line 23) refers to _____.

- (1) giving birth
- (2) labour pains
- (3) being pregnant
- (4) witnessing childbirth

30 Which one of the following statements is **true**?

- (1) The midwife's name was Kira.
- (2) The newborn baby was Nanjin's sibling.
- (3) Nanjin put a piece of cloth into Mother's mouth.
- (4) The lukewarm water was used to bathe Mother.

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Paper 2 Booklet B

Total Time for Booklets A and B: 1 h 50 min

50 questions
65 marks

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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 9 printed pages and 1 blank page.

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) a	(D) at	(G) even	(K) just	(N) through
(B) any	(E) between	(H) have	(L) such	(P) when
(C) around	(F) by	(J) in	(M) this	(Q) without

Many of us tend to take our teeth for granted, thinking that they will last a lifetime. Without regular maintenance _____ as repairing damaged teeth due to dental decay, scaling and polishing _____ regular intervals by the dentist, keeping your teeth a lifetime is just a pipe dream.

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Many think that brushing their teeth at least once a day is good enough. _____ is not so as healthy gums need careful attention by dental professionals.

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Without the removal of scales _____ the teeth, especially between teeth and from difficult to clean areas, these accumulated scales may result _____ your tooth loosening earlier than

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(35)

expected _____ gum disease. Many patients with loose teeth and gum disease claim that they brush their teeth regularly. Some _____ state that they brush their teeth three or more times a day. All these patients are speaking the truth but what I have discovered is that they have developed

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inefficient brushing techniques or some thinking that they have pearly white teeth without _____ sign of dental decay. Some also think brushing alone _____ regular visits to the dentist is

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(39)

adequate to retain their teeth and maintain good oral health.

Some patients tend to brush lightly or avoid brushing at gum level _____ they experience bleeding gums so as to avoid the bleeding. This is wrong. You should seek professional advice as soon as possible.

(40)

Adapted from Smile Better with MDIs by Dr Oliver Hennedige

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

Singapore is on the alert at this moment. There is a possible ~~spike~~ in cases of dengue fever,

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especially for people coming down with a less common type with the ~~virus~~.

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The current warm spell, brought on by the El Nino weather phenomenon, is part to blame, the

National Environment Agency (NEA) said.

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(44)

Although mosquitoes need ~~stacnent~~ water to breed, it is dry weather that not only accelerating

breeding, but also makes the insects infective faster.

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"While there is no reason for alarm, the ~~atoretu~~ is on the alert because there were evidence

that Dengue Type 1, 3 and 4 may be becoming more rampant," said Mr Tai Ji Choong, head of

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operations at the NEA's ~~anvhyranmantal~~ health department.

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The key to battling the ~~pohtensnerl~~ threat is to ensure that the less dominant viruses do not

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spread and are quickly nipped in the bud when they ~~okher~~.

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Mr Tai said that the NEA will be working very closey at the hospitals and clinics to encourage them to send blood samples to the NEA for testing. This will help the NEA to determine what dengue type is out there.

Adapted from The Straits Times, Dengue Alert

Fill in the blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

On April 11 1970, *Apollo 13* blasted off from Earth on the 13th minute of the 13th hour of the day. More superstitious men would not have _____ for the flight, which was the third manned mission to the Moon. But if commander Jim Lovell and his _____ astronauts, Fred Haise and Jack Swigert, had any lingering doubts about tempting fate with unlucky thirteen, these would have probably vanished _____ the evening of the second day of the trip. Things were going so smoothly that headquarters on _____ radioed up, "The spacecraft is in real good shape as far as we are _____ We're bored to tears down here."

But on the morning of the third day, completely out of the _____ there was a violent explosion. In the ship's tiny command module the crew _____ a loud bang and felt their craft shudder. An _____ instantly filled the capsule and control panel lights began to _____ indicating that vital power and oxygen supplies were quickly ebbing away.

The astronauts had been trained to keep a cool head, but their first _____ message to NASA headquarters in Houston, sounded distinctly edgy. "Ok, Houston, we've a problem."

They had an extremely serious problem. An oxygen fuel tank in the service module had

_____ up when a heating switch malfunctioned. The trouble this _____
(61) (62)

immediately doubled when another oxygen tank linked to it also emptied out into space.

Apollo 13's crew, and staff at Mission Control, Houston, were baffled. At Houston,

_____ every aspect of the flight was being closely _____ by hundreds
(63) (64)

of technicians, instrument readings suggested that _____ the explosion should

never have happened, or it should have destroyed *Apollo 13*.
(65)

It was April 13, after all.

Adapted from Lucky 13, True Survival Stories

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 My teacher asked me, "Did you take this exercise book from that cabinet last Friday?"

My teacher asked me _____

67 My father will take me to Universal Studios Singapore if I pass my examinations with flying colours.

Unless _____

68 Mr. Kumar used to be a security guard. He is not working at this moment.

Before _____

69 Serena was so frustrated that she shouted at her brother.

In _____

70 My sister was told that movie was the latest blockbuster. She decided to watch it.

_____ having

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It was sudden. It was shocking. It was deafening. The train's dining saloon came to a dead halt instantaneously. The contents and occupants, however, continued with their journey for a few moments longer, the laws of physics being what they are! Chairs tumbled; crockery, cutlery, and all the paraphernalia and trappings of exquisite table settings went hurtling forward unchecked, to land shattered and splintered along the carpeted aisle; vases of exquisite orchids toppled, spilling their contents amongst the debris and confusion.

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Tableware and plates of food slammed viciously against the passengers. The spotless damask table cloths were instantly stained deep red from shattered crystal wine glasses. The wine waiter, juggling a champagne bottle and ice bucket, tottered, spilling the contents in a glittering diamond cascade. Ice cubes skittered the length of the carriage, adding to the disaster. Vainly trying to regain his balance, the waiter trod on one of the cubes. His feet slipped from beneath him and he was propelled halfway down the dining saloon, trying to halt his forward progress with a marked lack of success. The champagne bottle, shaken to the limit, popped its cork, adding to the din.

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Screams of terror competed with the indescribable clamour as the whole train screeched to a halt. From a distance, came the agonised shrieking of tortured metal as the diesel engine moved forcefully into the bridge girders. The coaches behind crushed together and were in imminent danger of toppling helter-skelter down the railway embankment. They teetered precariously but held steady, with the engine itself coming to rest half over the swollen, swirling waters of the river below the bridge, rocking, lit by the lurid purple glow of savage bolts of lightning.

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Momentarily, the lights went out in the dining saloon, but thankfully they flickered back on again. In the complete silence that followed the disaster, broken only by the heavy rush of monsoon rain on the roof of the carriage and the nearly continuous crash of thunder, the passengers began to pick themselves up and, wonder of wonders, it appeared that none was seriously hurt. The relief was palpable. Outbreaks of nervous laughter greeted an American passenger's comment, "I've heard about a tossed salad, but this is ridiculous!"

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At once, the train manager started straightening tables and chairs, assuring the stunned diners that everything was all right now and that he would check to see what was happening. "I'll go forward through the train to see the extent of the damage and keep you informed."

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"You are going nowhere!" a harsh voice cut across the babble, following the train manager's announcement.

As one, the passengers spun around. Framed in the doorway to the dining saloon, stood a dark figure clad in camouflage fatigues. Over his head he wore a black ski-mask, effectively hiding his face. But what he carried in his hand had more impact. With a sudden gesture, he pointed the gun at the ceiling of the saloon and squeezed the trigger.

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Adapted from The Pagodas of Pahang by Duncan Watt

71 What does the word 'It' (line 1) refer to?

72 Which word in the first paragraph has the same meaning as "move with great speed"?

73 Based on the passage, write down two pieces of evidence to show that the passengers were travelling in style.

74 Why was the wine waiter not able to regain his balance?

75 Describe the weather that day.

76 How did the passengers feel when the train stopped?

77 Explain clearly why the author used this phrase "wonder of wonders" (line 25).

78 How did the train manager assure the stunned diners that everything was all right?

79 Which sentence in the last paragraph best shows that the passengers' actions were in unison?

80 Explain clearly what the author meant by "But what he carried in his hand had more impact" (line 35).

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ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2010

SCHOOL : CHIJ PRIMARY
SUBJECT : PRIMARY 6 ENGLISH

TERM : SA1

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
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Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
J	N	G	B	Q	P

41)of 42)partly 43)stagnant 44)accelerates 45)authority

46)is 47)environmental 48)potential 49)occur 50)with

51)gone/volunteered 52)fellow/brave 53)by 54)Earth

55)concerned 56)blue 57)heard 58)alarm 59)flicker -

60)radio 61)blown 62)caused 63)where 64)monitored

65)either

66)My teacher asked me if I had taken that exercise book from that cabinet the previous Friday.

67)Unless I pass my examinations with flying colours, my father will not take me to Universal Studios Singapore.

68)Before Mr Kumar stopped working, he used to be a security guard.

69)In frustration, she shouted at her brother.

70)My sister decided to watch it having been told that movie was the latest blockbuster.

71)It refers to the sound made by the trains sudden stop.

72)It is 'hurtling'.

73)1)They were serve champagne.

2)There were vases of exquisite orchids in the dining salon.

74)He trod on an ice cube and slipped.

75)It was raining heavily.

76)They were terrified.

77)No one was seriously hurt despite the chaotic state in the dining saloon.

78)He told them that he would go forward to check the extent of damage and keep them informed.

79)The sentence is "As one, the passengers spun around".

80)The author meant that the gun the man in black ski-mask was holding was more threatening them the mask he was wearing.