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Class : Primary 6 _____

CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)



Primary 6

Preliminary Examination

23 August 2010

English Language

Paper 2 Booklet A

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

30 questions

30 marks

Instructions to Candidates:

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 advertisement below carefully and then answer questions 1 to 5.

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Mind Your Health Carnival

26 - 27 Sept 2010

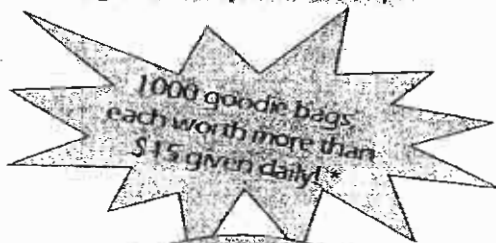
Singapore Expo Halls 5 - 6, 10am - 8pm

Mega health event of the year!

Shopper's Draw

\$4000 worth of cash and prizes to be won. Simply spend at least \$100 at any booth to qualify!

Draw will be conducted on stage at 6.30pm on 27 Sept.



Learn from the experts!

1) Managing your weight
(by Dr Lim Heng Gan, Pioneer Hospital)
26 Sept 10am - 12pm

2) Coping with stress
(by Dr. [Name], MindCare)
27 Sept 10am - 12pm

SG Freestyle Football Contest

26 Sept 3pm - 6pm
Qualifying Rounds

27 Sept
3pm - 6pm Semi-finals
6pm - 7.30pm Finals



Just for kids only!

Learn how to play golf, table tennis or basketball and receive a carnival exclusive water bottle* for free. Just register at the respective games booth!

Over 100 exhibitors offering great discounts on health products and services!

Registration required for health talks. Participants who sign up for both talks will receive \$10 off the total cost. Register before 18 Sept to enjoy a further early bird discount of \$15 off the total cost! Registration closes on 22 Sept. Contact Jasmita for more details at 6457 1234 or jas@myhc.com.sg
Hurry! Limited seats available!

To redeem goodie bags* and exhibitor offers, simply cut out and present the coupons in the Sept 26 and 27 issues of The New Times or Straits Media Asia and present them at the respective booths.

*Goodie bags limited to one redemption per coupon per person. While stocks last!

*Limited to one per child.

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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 Mind Your Health Carnival is ~~organised~~ by _____.
- (1) Neutral Health and SG Association
 - (2) Neutral Health and The New Times
 - (3) SG Association and Straits Media Asia
 - (4) Straits Media Asia and The New Times
- 2 If Rachel registers for both ~~health talks~~ on ~~16 September~~, she will have to ~~pay~~ _____ ~~in total~~.
- (1) \$90
 - (2) \$85
 - (3) \$75
 - (4) \$50
- 3 ~~Jimmy took his two children~~ to the health carnival at ~~5pm~~ on the ~~second day~~. The family ~~would be able to~~ _____.
- (1) attend the health talk by Dr Koh Yuli
 - (2) witness the result of the Shopper's Draw
 - (3) watch the SG Freestyle Football ~~semi-finals~~
 - (4) learn how to play golf and receive a free water bottle
- 4 Mrs Lim was ~~unable~~ to receive an ~~exclusive water bottle~~ because _____.
- (1) she did not qualify for it
 - (2) there was no more stock
 - (3) there were no more coupons for her
 - (4) she registered her son only for basketball
- 5 Which one of the following statements is ~~not~~ true?
- (1) Visitors to the carnival can redeem only one goodie bag.
 - (2) One can register with Jasmine on the day of the health talk.
 - (3) Discount coupons can be found in the 27 September issue of The New Times.
 - (4) One needs to spend at least \$100 at a single booth to enter the Shopper's Draw.

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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 The lady _____ you saw performing on stage is our favourite English teacher.
- (1) who
 - (2) which
 - (3) whom
 - (4) whose
- 7 "Neither you nor I _____ allowed to enter this crime scene now without a police officer," Mr Wong told the victim.
- (1) am
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
- 8 Although Siti is enjoying her holiday, she feels _____ than when she is at work.
- (1) tired
 - (2) more tired
 - (3) most tired
 - (4) least tired
- 9 The moment you hit the "I Agree" button in the website, you have to abide _____ all the terms and conditions stated.
- (1) to
 - (2) by
 - (3) for
 - (4) with
- 10 _____ the heavy downpour, John decided to go bungee jumping.
- (1) Owing to
 - (2) In spite of
 - (3) No matter
 - (4) Even though

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11 ^{omit} All (but one of) the newspapers _____ news of the tragic accident that happened yesterday.

- (1) carry
- (2) carries
- (3) carried
- (4) was carrying

12 Ray painted a beautiful sunset scene, _____ she?

- (1) didn't
- (2) hasn't
- (3) doesn't
- (4) haven't

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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)

I looked around uneasily until I saw an unmistakable figure coming towards us. As he came up to me, he gave me a rather sketchy bow.

"Good morning, sir," I greeted him politely (13) "As you can see, Hugo and I are having a little outing."

"Miss Danvers (14) ~~he~~ ~~with a~~ ~~strained~~ ~~voice~~, his face pale and chalky, "what do you think you are doing with my brother's dog?"

I stared at him in shocked disbelief. How dare he take such a tone with me! I was acquainted with neither his brother nor his dog. Hugo was my dog and no one else's (15) ~~Finally~~ ~~mad~~, I rose to my feet and started to walk away in high dudgeon.

Hugo started after me but then stopped and looked back at Mr Campion. I whistled to him and he started after me again.

Adapted from The Ghostly Bridegroom by L. Collier

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

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

- 15 (1) [,] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [?] question mark
(4) [!] exclamation mark

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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 Mr Cheong is ~~surprisingly adept at~~ cooking but he _____ ~~cooks~~ for his family.

- (1) rarely
- (2) frequently
- (3) constantly
- (4) occasionally

17 The nervous bank teller _____ ~~panic~~ when the masked robber walked to _____ ~~him~~.

- (1) stifled
- (2) gagged
- (3) muffled
- (4) quipped

18 The debaters from Fairchild School were _____ for using ~~offensive~~ language against the opponents.

- (1) frazzled
- (2) forfeited
- (3) penalized
- (4) prohibited

19 The con artist _____ a story to get the ~~retiree to part with his life savings~~.

- (1) conjured
- (2) fabricated
- (3) revamped
- (4) generated

20 Going to the university at the age of fifty is not an _____ ~~task~~ for some people as they are still able to pass with flying colours.

- (1) infallible
- (2) inevitable
- (3) indispensable
- (4) insurmountable

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

Singapore was elected the host city of the inaugural Youth Olympic Games (YOG) on 21 February 2008. The Journey of the Youth Olympic Flame (JYOF) signifies the start of the first (21) YOG to be held in Singapore in 2010. This journey aims to connect youths globally to the Olympic Movement by inspiring them to embrace, exemplify and express the Olympic values of Excellence, Friendship and Respect. In embracing the Olympic values, youths around the world (22) unite in a global celebration of the first YOG and the power and positive impact that they have (23) made by their shining examples. (24)

As with the Olympic Games, the JYOF will start its journey from Olympia, Greece. The Youth Olympic Flame will then travel to one city in each of the five continents and arrive in Singapore on 6 August 2010. Thereafter, the journey will continue in a six-day round-island torch relay before coming to a high point in the lighting of the Cauldron at the Opening Ceremony. This (25) will take place at The Float@Marina Bay.

Adapted from: <http://singapore2010.sg>

- 21 (1) unifies
(2) heralds
(3) denotes
(4) forecasts
- 22 (1) instil
(2) implant
(3) embody
(4) encourage
- 23 (1) adopting
(2) including
(3) accepting
(4) inculcating
- 24 (1) stimulus
(2) influence
(3) impression
(4) significance
- 25 (1) peaking
(2) optimizing
(3) flourishing
(4) culminating

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It was seven minutes after midnight. The dog was lying on the grass in the middle of the lawn in front of Mrs. Shears' house. Its eyes were closed. It looked as if it could have been running. But the dog was not running or asleep. The dog was dead. There was a garden fork sticking out of the dog. The points of the fork must have gone all the way through the dog and into the ground because the fork had not fallen over. I decided that the dog was probably killed with the fork because I could not see any other wounds on the dog and I did not think you would stick a garden fork into a dog after it had died for some other reason. But I could not be certain about this. 5

I went through Mrs. Shears' gate, closing it behind me. I walked onto her lawn and knelt beside the dog. I put my hand on the fork. It was still warm. The dog was called Wellington. It belonged to Mrs. Shears who was our friend. She lived on the opposite side of the road, two houses to the left. 10

Wellington was a poodle. Not one of the small poodles that have hairstyles but a big poodle. It had curly black fur, but when you got close you could see that the skin underneath the fur was a very pale yellow, like that of a chicken. I stroked Wellington and wondered who had killed him, and why. I pulled the fork out of the dog and lifted him into my arms and hugged him. He was leaking blood from the fork holes. 15

I like dogs. You always know what a dog is thinking. It has four moods - happy, sad, cross and concentrating. Also, dogs are faithful and they do not tell lies because they cannot talk. I had been hugging the dog for four minutes when I heard screaming. I looked up and saw Mrs. Shears running towards me from the patio. She was wearing pyjamas and a housecoat. Her toenails were painted bright pink and she had no shoes on. She was shouting, "What have you done to my dog?" 20

I do not like people shouting at me. It makes me fearful that they are going to hit me or touch me and I do not know what is going to happen. "Let go of the dog!" she shouted. Coming to my senses, I put the dog down on the lawn and moved back two meters. She bent down. I thought she was going to pick the dog up herself, but she did not. Perhaps she noticed how much blood there was and did not want to get dirty. Instead, she started screaming again. I put my hands over my ears and closed my eyes and rolled forward till I was hunched up with my forehead pressed onto the grass. The grass was wet and cold. 25 30

Then the police arrived. The policewoman put her arms round the distraught Mrs. Shears and led her back towards the house. I lifted my head off the grass. The policeman squatted down beside me and said, "Would you like to tell me what's going on here, young man?" 35

I sat up and said, "The dog is dead."

Adapted from The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time by M. Haddon

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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. (5 marks)

- 26 When the author found the dog, it was _____.
- (1) chasing a cat
 - (2) running on its side
 - (3) sleeping on the grass
 - (4) lying motionless on the lawn
- 27 According to the author, it is ~~easy~~ to tell what dogs are thinking because they _____.
- (1) cannot respond to humans
 - (2) are faithful and do not tell lies
 - (3) can only exhibit four emotions
 - (4) are unhappy when they concentrate
- 28 In line 11, the sentence 'It was still warm' tells us that the dog _____.
- (1) had just died
 - (2) was running before it died
 - (3) had been dead for a long time
 - (4) was out in the sun before it died
- 29 Why does the author ~~dislike~~ people ~~shouting~~ at him?
- (1) It petrifies him.
 - (2) It confounds him.
 - (3) It makes him feel agitated.
 - (4) It makes him feel disgusted.
- 30 Which one of the following statements is ~~true~~?
- (1) The author lived next to Mrs. Shears' house.
 - (2) The policeman suspected the author of killing the dog.
 - (3) Mrs. Shears was on her way to work when she saw her dead dog.
 - (4) The death of the dog could have been caused by the garden fork.

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Primary 6

Preliminary Examination

23 August 2010

English Language

Paper 2 Booklet B

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

50 questions

65 marks

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 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) also (D) from (G) into (K) of (N) while
(B) and (E) for (H) might (L) on (P) will
(C) but (F) in (J) not (M) only (Q) with

My grandfather was a teenager when he and his brothers jumped on a train in Wisconsin, headed west, and never looked back. They changed their names _____ Johnson to Johns to avoid confusion as there were too many men
(31)
named Johnson in logging camps where they worked. Here they began new lives.

Behind my grandfather's small farm was a forest we explored together. Our adventures instilled _____ me a love of the outdoors and the power
(32)
_____ observation. When I was ten, my grandfather taught me to shoot a rifle;
(33)
our hikes evolved _____ hunting trips. Eventually I put down my rifle
(34)
_____ picked up a camera.
(35)

Whenever I photograph in a forest, I am reminded of my grandfather,
_____ just because of the skills he taught me, but _____ because of the
(36) (37)
life he led. I can't help _____ wonder how he reconciled his love of the forest
(38)
_____ the fact that he cut down trees. I am sure he would have had a
(39)
thoughtful response. Perhaps he _____ even have become a conservationist,
(40)
fighting for the trees he loved. But that is speculation, coming from a grandson who
adored his grandfather.

Adapted from National Geographic January 2007 – Editor's Note

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

Unlike anywhere else in the world where cigarettes make up the bulk of junk

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collected on beaches, in Singapore it is styrofoam. This material has been pick up in

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increasing amounts over the last five years, said Mr N Sivasothi, ~~coadenater~~ of the

International Coastal Clean-up Singapore (ICCS).

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The ICCS, the annual clean-up event, is the only ~~konsirted~~ effort by

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volunteers here ~~to enemies~~ the kinds of trash that land on local shores. "Styrofoam

is potentially more damaging because it can fragment badly, whereas cigarette butts

stay whole," continued Mr Sivasothi

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(47)

"The ~~ohverwelming~~ problem is plastic items in the sea. As they break up,

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(49)

the chemicals that leach from ~~it~~ can be toxic. These plastics was also a threat to

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birds which are known to mistake them for food," Mr Sivasothi ~~anfursized~~.

Preliminary data from the clean-up showed styrofoam caking up the coastlines of

both mangrove swamps and beaches.

Adapted from "The Straits Times" September 16 2007

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How you feel about your body and appearance is what is called your *body image*. If you look in the _____ and proudly smile at your reflection, you
(51)

have a _____ body image. But if you tend to peer in the mirror and pick
(52)

out every flaw, _____ or _____, you probably have a negative body image.
(53)

This can adversely _____ many areas of your life, including your
(54)

friendships, schoolwork, and relationships with your _____.
(55)

There is _____ as a _____ body of looks. If you are trying
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to live up to an unrealistic _____ like pictures of models and movie stars
(57)

you see in _____ fashion books and billboards, you are setting an
(58)

impossible standard for _____. To enhance their looks, models and
(59)

celebrities have the benefit of makeup artists, hairstylists, and _____
(60)

'wizards' who can erase any flaws before the photographs are _____
(61)

It is normal to be self-conscious about your looks once in a while; everyone is
sometimes. However, an _____ with your appearance can interfere
(62)

with your day-to-day life. Instead of focusing on what you want to accomplish, you
_____ about your hair, clothing or body size. Remember, your true
(63)

value lies in your inner qualities, not your looks.

What matters most is what is on the inside. You are ~~much more~~ than your

_____ You are ~~someone~~ unique and when you ~~learn to~~
(64)

_____ ~~good~~ about who you are inside, you will become more
(65)

comfortable with who you are on the outside. Learn to be more positive, self-assured and fun. Other people will naturally be attracted to you.

Adapted from Gutsy Girls by Tina Schwager and Michele Schuerger

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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 The kindergarten teacher took the boy with the bad toothache to the dentist.

The boy _____

67 Mr Samad made a police report last night. His passport was taken from his hotel room.

_____ whose _____

68 The wealthy woman intended to buy the diamond necklace. It did not matter how much it cost.

Regardless _____

69 Mrs Lim tried very hard but she was unable to convince her husband to give up smoking.

No matter how _____

70 Inspector Raju inquired, "Where were you yesterday evening, Mr Singh?"

Inspector Raju asked _____

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Melinda Clark whispered, "Good night, Courtney." It was 10:00 pm. She jumped under her own covers, but she did not pull them up. Even though it was February and there was snow frozen on the ground outside) it was unusually warm that night, especially for Everett, Pennsylvania.

Something wet stopped along her cheek. It was Beau, their miniature collie. His tail thumped alongside her bed as she rubbed his sable fur. Melinda's nose twitched at the smoky odour in the air. It was probably just the wood stove downstairs. Fumes travelled up the staircase easily. Then two-year-old Justin startled her as he burst through the doorway. His face was flushed red. 5

"What?" Melinda jumped up. The carpet felt very warm as she dropped her bare feet onto the floor. The smoky smell was stronger as she stood up. She rubbed her tingling cheeks and ran out. As she opened the door at the top of the stairs, smoke sucked up the steps in swirls. Orange flames crackled and leapt towards her like snatching fingers. She covered her face and screamed. She turned and yelled for her twelve-year-old brother, Wayne. Although the bedroom light was on, she could not even see his bed through the ballooning smoke. But Wayne fought through the grey haze and stumbled into her. He was in his underwear. "My window!" Melinda yelled. Together they ran to the double windows, where Wayne began struggling with the stubborn latch on the chest high ledge. The curtains melted down the sides of the window. Flacks of hot plastic burned into Wayne's bare back. Courtney fearfully stood by. 10 15 20

Melinda and Wayne banged at the latch and the window. Then Melinda threw all her weight behind the thrust. Together, they finally forced the window open. Wayne climbed out on the plastic porch roof. Melinda handed Courtney over the window before pulling herself over the ledge. The three children walked to the edge of the roof. Wayne jumped to the ground to catch the younger kids. 25

Suddenly Melinda looked at Wayne. "Where's Justin?" she screamed. Without pausing for a breath, she turned around and climbed back over the hot window ledge.

"Justin!" she called. 30

She crawled low on the hot carpet. She found the closet and with her hands, she felt around. No Justin. Could Justin have gone back to his bedroom? If he had, she would never make it through the smoke and flames. Stretching out flat, she felt under Courtney's bed. No Justin. She coughed in spasms. As she crawled towards the window, she heard a noise. She scrambled across the floor and reached under her bed, her hand bumping into fur. Beau whimpered again and licked her hand. She went past Beau and touched hair. Justin was hiding, too. "Thanks for whimpering, Beau," she thought. 35

She pulled Justin out from under the bed. He clung to her like a baby koala as she crawled back towards the window. She inched him over the window ledge and climbed up, gasping mouthfuls of air. A second later, the window below them exploded, shattered glass flying everywhere. Courtney and Justin screamed and pulled at Melinda's arms. Melinda yelled for Beau before falling into the snow eighteen feet below with her siblings. 40

Adapted from Kids with Courage – Courage in a Fire – by Barbara A Lewis

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71 What season was it likely to be in Pennsylvania in February?

72 "Something wet slopped along her cheek." (line 5)
Explain clearly what had happened.

73 Why did Melinda ignore the smoky odour initially?

74 Quote the sentence which shows how Melinda reacted when she first saw the fire.

75 Why was the latch referred to as stubborn? (line 19)

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76 How could plastic burning into Wayne's bare back have been prevented?

77 Where was the first place Melinda checked for Justin?

78 How had Beau played a part in saving Justin's life?

79 Who were on the roof when a window shattered?

80 Why would Melinda be considered a heroine?

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Primary 6 Preliminary Examination English Language Paper 2
Booklet A

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3) 2	13) 2	23) 1
4) 1	14) 1	24) 2
5) 2	15) 4	25) 4
6) 3	16) 1	26) 4
7) 1	17) 1	27) 3
8) 2	18) 3	28) 1
9) 2	19) 2	29) 1
10) 2	20) 4	30) 4

CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)
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Booklet B

31) D	43) an	55) family
32) F	44) concerted	56) perfect
33) K	45) analyze	57) image
34) G	46) overwhelming	58) magazines
35) B	47) down	59) yourself
36) J	48) them	60) computer
37) A	49) are	61) published
38) C	50) emphasized	62) obsession
39) Q	51) mirror	63) worry
40) H	52) positive	64) looks
41) picked	53) perceived	65) feel
42) coordinator	54) affect	

- 66) The boy with the bad toothache was taken to the dentist by the kindergarten teacher.
67) Mr Samad, whose passport was taken from his hotel room, made a police report last night.
68) Regardless of how much the diamond necklace cost, the wealthy woman intended to buy it.
69) No matter how hard Mrs Lim tried, she was unable to convince her husband to give up smoking.
70) Inspector Raju asked Mr Singh where he had been the previous evening.
71) It was likely to be the winter season.
72) Beau their dog had licked Melinda's cheek and there was saliva slopping along her cheek.
73) She thought it was the fumes from the wood Stove below which travelled up the staircase easily.
74) She covered her hot face and screamed.
75) Wayne had to struggle with pulling the latch open.
76) Wayne could have put on a shirt.
77) The first place Melinda checked was the closet in her bedroom.
78) It had whimpered and when Melinda went to the source of the sound, she found Justin.
79) Courtney, Justin and Melinda were on the roof.
80) Melinda risked her life to save Justin.