

# METHODIST GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)

Founded in 1887



## PRIMARY 5 CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT 2010 ENGLISH LANGUAGE BOOKLET A

Total Time : 1 hour 50 minutes

### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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Answer all questions.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

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

Date: 25 February 2010

<b>Booklet A</b>	<b>/ 30</b>
<b>Booklet B and C</b>	<b>/ 65</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>/ 95</b>

This booklet consists of 9 printed pages.

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

# Too Hot To Miss!

## Singapore Annual Airshow 2-7 FEB 2010



A weekend of fun for everyone

Public Days: 6-7 February 2010

Head down to Asia's biggest Airshow – the Singapore Airshow to see the latest in aviation technology. Also, enjoy the weekend with the Singapore Airshow Carnival

- Limited tickets available at SISTIC sales counters or [www.sistic.com.sg](http://www.sistic.com.sg)

### Event Highlights

- \*Exhilarating aerobatic flying displays
- \*Brilliant showcase of Youth Olympic Games sports
- \*Swiss & Belgian cultural experiences
- \*Entertaining mascots
- \*Live band performances
- \*Lucky draws throughout the day

### General Show Information

Flying Display Timings  
 6-7 Feb 2010 (Sat-Sun) 11.30am-1.00pm  
 3.00pm – 3.30pm

### TICKET CHARGES

Adult: \$20

Child: \$8 (weekend package)

Family package: \$100 for two adults, two child tickets and a car park label.

Vehicles with only valid car park label will be allowed into Changi Exhibition Centre. Alternatively, you may park at Changi Airport Terminal 2 or 3 and hop onto the free shuttle service.

Organiser: Singapore Airshow & Events Pte. Ltd.

Main Sponsor:



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For more information: [www.singaporeairshow.com.sg](http://www.singaporeairshow.com.sg)

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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 biggest highlight of the airshow would be the \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) live band performances
  - (2) ~~aerobatic flying displays~~
  - (3) Swiss and Belgian cultural experiences
  - (4) showcase of Youth Olympic Games sports
- 2 The Singapore Airshow Carnival was held at \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) Changi Airport Terminal 2
  - (2) Changi Airport Terminal 3
  - (3) the Changi Exhibition Centre
  - (4) the Singapore Airshow Carpark
- 3 Which of the following statements is true?
- (1) Lucky draws took place only after 3.30pm.
  - (2) There were flying displays throughout the day.
  - (3) All vehicles were allowed into the exhibition site.
  - (4) The airshow was opened to the public only for a limited number of days.
- 4 Belinda could have purchased tickets from \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) Changi Airport or sistic sales counter
  - (2) sistic.com or singaporeairshow.com
  - (3) sistic sales counters or sistic.com
  - (4) Changi Airport or sistic.com
- 5 The organiser of the Singapore Annual Airshow was \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) Boeing
  - (2) Changi Exhibition Centre
  - (3) SIA Engineering Company
  - (4) Singapore Airshow & Events Pte Ltd

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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 Did the minister \_\_\_\_\_ the meeting just now?
- (1) attend
  - (2) attends
  - (3) attended
  - (4) attending
- 7 Neither of the blouses \_\_\_\_\_ good on Mrs Morgan.
- (1) look
  - (2) looks
  - (3) is looking
  - (4) are looking
- 8 The scout leader, as well as his scouts, \_\_\_\_\_ attacked by a swarm of hornets last night.
- (1) is
  - (2) are
  - (3) was
  - (4) were
- 9 Peter has a fear \_\_\_\_\_ water.
- (1) at
  - (2) of
  - (3) for
  - (4) about
- 10 Fans of that singer arrived at the stadium \_\_\_\_\_ the busloads.
- (1) on
  - (2) by
  - (3) for
  - (4) with
- 11 "Keith, please \_\_\_\_\_ your brother from school now and don't forget to \_\_\_\_\_ an umbrella with you," said Mother.
- (1) take.....fetch
  - (2) take .....bring
  - (3) fetch .....bring
  - (4) fetch.....take

12 \_\_\_\_\_ of us was given a door gift at the Christmas party last evening.

- (1) All
- (2) Both
- (3) Each
- (4) Some

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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)

The genie's anger was so great that the sea and the sky shook.

"You do not believe me?" He lifted his knife above his huge head.

The fisherman smiled again (13) Where did you come from (14) You did not come out of that little bottle, did you? I am a simple man, but I am not stupid.

Now, tell me the truth."

"I am a genie," replied the man (15) "genies can do anything!"

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

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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 Mimi's brother is \_\_\_\_\_ from doing any physical exercise in the army because he is medically unfit.
- (1) rejected
  - (2) refrained
  - (3) excluded
  - (4) exempted
- 17 When George was arrested for drink driving, he expected to lose his driving licence. However, he was lucky to be \_\_\_\_\_ with a fine.
- (1) let off
  - (2) let out
  - (3) let down
  - (4) let through
- 18 Sheila's sister found that she had to \_\_\_\_\_ to the culture and lifestyle of the country which she had migrated to.
- (1) alter
  - (2) adapt
  - (3) change
  - (4) convert
- 19 Pamela has a/ an \_\_\_\_\_ appetite for danger and adventure. She is a dare-devil.
- (1) negligible
  - (2) unhealthy
  - (3) voracious
  - (4) inadequate
- 20 Mala \_\_\_\_\_ many dangers while fleeing from her homeland.
- (1) found
  - (2) shunned
  - (3) discovered
  - (4) encountered

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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)

Many were seen lying dead. The war had indeed taken a turn for the worse.

There was incessant firing of guns. Three men were severely wounded and bleeding  
 (21) (22)

profusely after being shot by their pursuing enemies. They were fortunate enough to have  
 (23)

been able to escape by hiding in a dark cave. There, they dressed one another's wounds  
 and stopped the bleeding. The next morning, they emerged from their refuge and found  
 (24) (25)

themselves in the midst of an open fire again.

- 21 (1) continuous  
 (2) occasional  
 (3) intermittent  
 (4) monotonous
- 22 (1) deeply  
 (2) harshly  
 3(3) strongly  
 4(6) critically
- 23 (1) well  
 (2) quick  
 (3) happy  
 (4) lucky
- 24 (1) blocked  
 (2) restrained  
 (3) prevented  
 (4) staunch
- 25 (1) haven  
 (2) shelter  
 (3) ambush  
 (4) lodging

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Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

On a May weekend in 1995, my world changed forever. I was competing in an equestrian event in Virginia when my horse, Buck, decided to put on the brakes just before the third jump.

When he stopped suddenly, momentum carried me over the top of his head. My hands got entangled in the bridle and I could not get an arm free to break my fall. All 1.8m and 98kg of me landed headfirst. Within seconds, I was paralysed from neck down and fighting for air like a drowning person.

I woke up five days later in the intensive care unit at the University of Virginia hospital. Dr. John Lane, head of the neurosurgery at the hospital, said that I had broken the top two vertebrae and that I was extremely lucky to have survived. He told my wife that I may never be able to breathe on my own again. However, my head was intact and my brain stem so close to the site of the injury appeared unharmed.

Dr Lane said my skull would have to be reconnected to my spinal column. He was not sure if the operation would be successful, or even if I could survive.

Suddenly it dawned on me that I was going to be a huge burden to everybody, that I had ruined my life and everybody else's. Why not die? I thought miserably and save everyone a lot of trouble?

As family and friends visited, my spirits were on a roller-coaster ride. I would feel so grateful when someone came a long way to cheer me up. Then the time would come when everybody had to leave and I would lie there and stare at the wall, stare at the future, stare in disbelief.

When I would finally fall asleep, I would be whole again. Then I would wake up and realise that I could no longer do many things; I was just taking up space.

One day my wife, Dana came into the room and stood beside me. I could not talk because of the ventilator. As we made eye contact, I mouthed the words, "Maybe you should let me go."

Dana started crying. "I am only going to say this once," she said. "I will support whatever you want to do because it is your life and your decision. But I want you to know that I'll be with you for the long haul, no matter what."

Then she added the words that saved my life, "You're still you. And I love you." I can't drift away from this, I began to realise.

Adapted from "Still Me" by Christopher Reeves

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 When did Christopher Reeves meet with an accident?  
He fell \_\_\_\_\_
- (1) after the second jump
  - (2) as he made the third jump
  - (3) as he made the second jump
  - (4) when he completed the third jump
- 27 "The word "entangled" in line (5) has the same meaning as \_\_\_\_\_
- (1) caught
  - (2) clogged
  - (3) burdened
  - (4) suppressed
- 28 "Why not die?" (line 18) The writer thought to himself: Why did he feel that way?  
He did not want \_\_\_\_\_
- (1) anyone to pity him
  - (2) craving anyone to care for him
  - (3) to trouble everyone around him
  - (4) everyone around him to feel sad for him
- 29 He sustained such a serious injury because \_\_\_\_\_
- (1) he was too heavy
  - (2) the bridle broke loose
  - (3) he was unable to cushion his fall
  - (4) he fell while the horse was still moving
- 30 "My spirits were on a roller-coaster ride." (line 20) What did he mean by this?  
He meant that he felt \_\_\_\_\_
- (1) frightened
  - (2) disheartened
  - (3) strong emotions
  - (4) drowsy and dizzy

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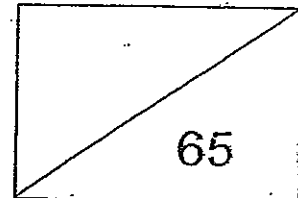
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Date: 25 February 2010



This booklet consists of 8 printed pages.

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)~~ at  
~~(B)~~ by  
~~(C)~~ for

~~(D)~~ from  
~~(E)~~ in  
~~(F)~~ into

~~(G)~~ of  
~~(H)~~ on  
~~(J)~~ out

~~(K)~~ over  
~~(L)~~ upon  
~~(M)~~ where

~~(N)~~ which  
~~(P)~~ who  
~~(Q)~~ whose

For ten years, large areas of Australia have been suffering from a severe drought. This has made many of the country's forests, known as the 'bush', very dry and dangerous. The south-eastern region \_\_\_\_\_ Australia, especially around the city of Melbourne has been experiencing a heat wave, lasting \_\_\_\_\_ three weeks. Daily temperatures have reached 40°C and the high temperatures been blamed \_\_\_\_\_ the deaths of at least 30 people. Bushfires happen every year in Australia. Usually the fires can be controlled \_\_\_\_\_ teams of firefighters. People \_\_\_\_\_ houses are threatened by bushfires often use water hoses to protect their homes.

On 8 February 2009, several bushfires in the surrounding areas broke \_\_\_\_\_.

Strong winds and the dry forests caused the fires to spread very quickly. The fires raced through the forest \_\_\_\_\_ unbelievable speeds. Burning embers were blown \_\_\_\_\_ the air by the strong winds. These helped spread the fires to other areas of the bush. People fled from their homes \_\_\_\_\_ realising the danger. Government officials set up relief shelters \_\_\_\_\_ people who had lost their homes could stay.

Most of the fires were caused by lightning but the police believe some were started on purpose.

Adapted from "Wildfires Strike South-Eastern Australia"

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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)

Throughout history, tea has been regarded as a medicinal wonder. Now, researchers are investigating what is behind the health-giving properties of tea.

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All 3000 different **variatees** of tea consumed in the world come from this one pfant and

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its **haibrits**. After the tea leaves are harvested, it is the method of processing that turnted them

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into one of three basic form of tea, green, oolong and black. More than three-quarters of the tea

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harvest in the world become black tea. Green tea is the older form of tea.

All three types of tea have healthy effects and contain flavonoids which are found in fruits and vegetables as anti-oxidants. A medical study reported that higher black tea

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**konsumsion** corresponded with fewer fatal heart attacks. Black tea flavonoids prevent

dangerous clots that may lead to heart attacks and most strokes. Other studies have

indicated that tea may prevent some cancers.

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Tea also contains fluoride which can strength tooth enamel and help prevent tooth

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decay. Tea kills some oral bacteria that can cause gum **disaese**.

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*Modern research is confirming an ancient proverb: "Drinking tea each day will starve the doctor." However, no research is needed to prove that a soothing cup of tea can also lift the spirit.*

Adapted from "Tea: It's Just the Cure"

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Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Philip had not been to this part of the library before. There were about twenty people in the room, most of them with their head bent \_\_\_\_\_ their books.

(51)

The silence of the Reference Library was broken only by an occasional cough and now and then by the barely audible sound of \_\_\_\_\_ being turned over.

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The assistant librarian who was in charge of the room sat at a desk in one corner.

She glanced at Phillip as he came in, then \_\_\_\_\_ on with her work.

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He walked around the \_\_\_\_\_ almost on tiptoe, afraid of disturbing

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the readers with his heavy shoes. The shelves were \_\_\_\_\_ with thick books;

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dictionaries in many languages, encyclopedias, and other works of references. He

found nothing that was likely to interest him, until he came to a small section on

photography, which was \_\_\_\_\_ of his hobbies. The books in this section were

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on a high \_\_\_\_\_ out of his reach, so he had to fetch a small ladder in order to get

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one down. Unfortunately, as he was climbing down the \_\_\_\_\_, the book he had

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chosen slipped from his grasp and fell to the floor \_\_\_\_\_ a loud crash. Twenty

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pairs of eyes looked up at him at the \_\_\_\_\_ time, annoyed by this disturbance.

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Philip felt himself turn \_\_\_\_\_ as he picked up his book.

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He had just sat down when he found the young lady assistant standing alongside

him. "You must be more careful when you are handling these \_\_\_\_\_," she

(62)

said severely.

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"By the way, how old are you?" she asked Philip. "Twelve," he told her.

"People under the \_\_\_\_\_ of thirteen are not allowed here, you know,"

(63)

the assistant said. "Didn't you see the notice on the door?" Philip shook his head. He \_\_\_\_\_ expected the assistant to ask him to \_\_\_\_\_.

(64)

Instead, in a more kindly tone, she said, "Well, never mind, but make sure that you don't \_\_\_\_\_ the other readers

(65)

again, otherwise I shall have to ask you to leave." Peter nodded his head. Satisfied that she had done her duty, she turned back to go back to her desk.



For each of the questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s). (10 marks)

66 I was looking for the teacher. The teacher was on sick leave.

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67 James does not enjoy listening to classical music. The twins do not enjoy listening to classical music too.

Neither

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68 You will catch a cold if you carry on playing in the rain.

Unless

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69 "Do you know where is my camera, Mother?" asked Pauline.

Pauline asked

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70 I was very relieved that I was able to retrieve the important data from the computer.

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Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

As a baseball player, Jackie Robinson won over the fans, his teammates – and his own hot temper. Robinson was the best base runner of his time and also the first African-American baseball player in the big leagues in this century. Someone once said, "Jackie Robinson is a fiery competitor, he did not just come to play, he came to beat you!"

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In 1947, when Robinson was a rookie in baseball, baseball topped the sports world. It was also a tough time to be black. Black kids went to separate schools, black people had to ride in the backs of buses and there were even separate drinking fountains for blacks and whites. There had not been a black player in the major baseball leagues in more than 60 years. Blacks who are good enough to play in major leagues had their own teams and leagues. People who did not want blacks in baseball felt that blacks and whites should not compete.

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When the baseball team, Dodgers signed Robinson, the club president, Rickey, told Robinson that he would have to curb his temper if he was abused or taunted by white players or fans. Upon hearing that, Robinson asked, "Mr Rickey, do you want a player who is afraid to fight back?"

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"I want a player with enough guts not to fight back," Rickey said.

Robinson was the loneliest man in baseball in 1947. During spring training, half a dozen Dodgers players told Rickey that they would not play if he joined the team. Rickey put down that mutiny with stern words. Soon most of Dodgers players warmed up to Robinson when they realised that he was a good player and was helping them win games.

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Opponents were not so friendly and they made it as tough as they could for the **black pioneer**. A few players tried to trip Robinson and he was hit by the baseball nine times. Many players and fans screamed racial taunts at him too.

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"Plenty of times I wanted to throw in the towel when somebody insulted me for the colour of my skin," he said later.

Robinson was not only abused or taunted at the baseball field, he was not even safe from hate at home. He received letters threatening to harm him, kidnap his infant son or attack his wife. ~~Despite the great pressure he faced, Robinson had a good season.~~ Fans, black and white flocked to see Jackie Robinson play. He became a hero in black communities.

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The Dodgers won the National league that year. Robinson was named National League Rookie of the Year. Robinson's success in the 1947 season paved the way for other black baseball players. From 1949 to 1952, Jackie Robinson was one of the two of three best players in baseball. His performance in 1949 earned him the league's Most Valuable Player award.

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Jackie Robinson retired from baseball in 1957. Five years later, he was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame. He became an outspoken leader in the fight for equality for black people. Jackie Robinson proved himself a hero off the baseball field as well as on.

*Adapted from "Hero on the Ball Field"*

**ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.**

- 71 Which word from lines 1 to 12 has the same meaning as "inexperienced"?

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- 72 The author states that "It was also a tough time to be black." (line 7). Give two examples from paragraph 2 that show the African-Americans had a tough time.

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- 73 Explain clearly why there were no black players in the major baseball leagues in more than 60 years.

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- 74 Explain clearly what ~~that~~<sup>16</sup> in line ~~17~~ refers to.

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75 Which two-word phrase from lines 15 to 27 tells you the players from Robinson's team eventually accepted him?

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76 Why was Jackie Robinson called the "black pioneer" (line <sup>25</sup>26)?

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77 Which sentence from lines 28 to 34 tells us that Robinson was able to perform well in spite of the racial taunting and threats?

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78 How do we know Robinson was finally accepted by the American community?

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79 Explain clearly why Robinson's success in the 1947 season was significant.

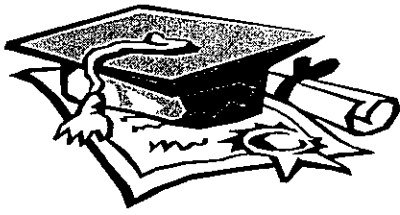
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80 How was Jackie Robinson a hero off the baseball field?

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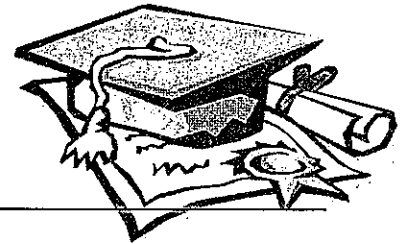


# ANSWER SHEET

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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
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Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
Q	J	A	F	L	M

41)varieties      42)hybrids      43)turns      44)forms      45)harvested

46)oldest      47)consumption      48)strengthen      49)disease      50)Modern

51)over      52)pages      53)carried      54)room      55)filled

56)one      57)shelf      58)ladder      59)with      60)same

61)red      62)books      63)age      64)leave      65)disturb

66)The teacher whom I was looking for was on sick leave.

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71)The word is "rookies".

72)The two examples are that the black kids went to separate schools and the black people had to ride in the backs of buses.

**73) People felt that blacks and whites not compete.**

**74) It refers to Robinson curbing his temper.**

**75) The two-word phrase is "warmed up".**

**76) He was the first African-American baseball player in the big league.**

**77) The sentence is "Despite the great pressure he faced, Robinson had a good season".**

**78) His success paved the way for other black baseball players.**

**79) Robinson's success in the 1974 season was significant because his success paved the way for other black baseball players.**

**80) He was an out spoken leader in the fight for equality for black people.**