



Anglo-Chinese School (Primary)
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PAPER 2
BOOKLET A
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(5 marks)

1. TIKSALE is a company that _____
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 - (1) buy at least four tickets
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 - (4) book tickets after 15th March 2009

3. By visiting the website, customers _____
 - (1) can watch the shows for free
 - (2) can meet other customers online
 - (3) can find out more about the shows
 - (4) will receive one snow globe for free

4. From mid-~~February~~ ^{February} onwards, Mr and Mrs Chan will be away on a business trip. They will not be able to watch the _____ with their children.
 - (1) drama
 - (2) magic show
 - (3) ice-skating show
 - (4) stand-up comedy show

5. Which of the following statement is true?
 - (1) Tickets are only available online.
 - (2) Group bookings are not available.
 - (3) Pre-schoolers are not allowed to watch 'The Nightingale'.
 - (4) Backstage passes are given to customers who purchase tickets.

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. John's brother, together with his parents, _____ strolling in the park a while ago.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
7. My mother has been thinking about taking up a course and _____ to attend a baking course.
- (1) decide
 - (2) decides
 - (3) has decided
 - (4) had decided
8. Please inform us should your grandmother _____ Singapore again.
- (1) visit
 - (2) visits
 - (3) have visited
 - (4) will be visiting
9. Never before had anyone in the school _____ as fast as he had that day.
- (1) swim
 - (2) swam
 - (3) swum
 - (4) swims
10. The professor went through the Mathematics solution with the pupils as they could not see _____ they had gone wrong.
- (1) who
 - (2) what
 - (3) which
 - (4) where

11. Some people feel they work better _____ pressure.

- (1) in
- (2) with
- (3) under
- (4) through

12. Linda refused to give up _____ the question was tough as she wanted to excel in the test.

- (1) lest
- (2) unless
- (3) despite
- (4) although

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)

Mr Jefferson, who had a broken arm, was sitting in a restaurant and having lunch on his own. He managed the soup without much trouble. However, when it came to the main course (13) Mr Jefferson had some difficulty cutting the meat. He saw a young waitress approaching his table and decided to seek some help.

"I'm very sorry, but do you think you could possibly help me with the meat (14) he requested.

"Well," the surprised girl exclaimed (15) we're not paid to do that for our customers, you know!"

Embarrassed, Mr Jefferson pointed to his bandaged arm and smiled apologetically.

13. (1) [:] colon
(2) [.] comma
(3) [.] full-stop
(4) [;] semi-colon
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) [;] semi-colon
(3) [,] comma and inverted commas
(4) [,] comma and inverted commas

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 audience enjoyed listening to his talk because he was an _____ speaker.
- (1) absurd
 - (2) abiding
 - (3) arduous
 - (4) articulate
17. The inexperienced doctor was unable to _____ the illness that Mr Ang was suffering from.
- (1) suspect
 - (2) examine
 - (3) diagnose
 - (4) prescribe
18. The baker could see the beggar slowly _____ every morsel of the bread she had found.
- (1) salivating
 - (2) satisfying
 - (3) savouring
 - (4) sashaying
19. During the trip, the children were eager to learn how the coins were _____.
- (1) minted
 - (2) moulded
 - (3) mechanised
 - (4) manufactured
20. The villagers waited in the shelter until the huge storm had _____.
- (1) blown up
 - (2) blown off
 - (3) blown over
 - (4) blown away

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)

The car was soon out of sight and there was nothing else Joel could do. He stood there helplessly and his teeth were chattering in inconsistent bursts. (21) He ran back to his clothes. He grabbed his jeans from the pile, letting his shirt tumble to the ground deliberately. His hand shook so violently that he could barely hold the jeans up to step into them. Evidently, Joel was too agitated to care that it was getting cold and he would need the shirt to keep him warm. (22) (23)

He walked briskly and then ran towards the highway. As he ran, he was unconscious of where he was heading. He looked down once, after tripping and picking himself up, to see that his big toe was bleeding. This further worsened his misery but he was not going to stop. He had to move on if he wanted to live. (24) (25)

Adapted from On My Honor by Marion Dane Bauer

21. (1) vague
(2) erratic
(3) blurred
(4) distorted
22. (1) intuitively
(2) incidentally
(3) intentionally
(4) involuntarily
23. (1) deranged
(2) distraught
(3) demented
(4) dismantled

24. (1) unsure
(2) unclear
(3) unaware
(4) unsound

25. (1) aggravated
(2) accelerated
(3) encouraged
(4) exaggerated

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow it.

Monday morning found Tom Sawyer miserable. Monday morning always found him so because it began another week's slow suffering in school. He generally began that day wishing he had no intervening holiday. It made going into captivity in school all the more unbearable. Nothing seemed more painful than burying himself in books. He had to do something and began 5 canvassing his body system.

Suddenly, he remembered that one of his upper teeth was loose. Then it occurred to him that his aunt would pull it out. He almost choked at the thought of it and decided to hold the tooth in reserve for the present and looked 10 further. Then he remembered hearing the doctor tell him about a certain thing that laid up a patient for two or three weeks.

Tom eagerly drew his sore toe from under the sheet and held it up for inspection. Although he did not know the necessary symptoms, it seemed well worth the while to try it out. He fell to groaning with considerable spirit. When Aunt Polly heard the loud groans coming from Tom's room, she fled upstairs 15 with Sid and Mary at her heels. Her face grew white at first and her lips trembled.

"Tom! What's the matter with you this time?" she gasped out.

"Oh, Auntie, I can't move my sore toe! Don't let me die!"

The old lady sank down into a chair and laughed a little, then cried a 20 little, then did both together. What was she to do with him? She stared at him for a moment. That was when Tom decided to change his story unwillingly and told her about his tooth. Without hesitation, Aunt Polly told Sid to fetch the dental instruments.

As soon as Sid came back with them, she made one end of the silk 25 thread fast to Tom's tooth with a loop and tied the other to the bedpost. Then she seized the chunk of fire and suddenly thrust it almost to the boy's face. In an instant, Tom moved his face to avoid the fire. He gave out a loud scream. Finally, the tooth hung dangling on the bedpost.

Adapted from *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain

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. On that Monday morning, Tom _____
- (1) was not feeling well
 - (2) had a terrible toothache
 - (3) was in no mood for school
 - (4) was held captive at school
27. The word "canvassing" in line 6 tells us that Tom was _____
- (1) trying to clean himself
 - (2) looking for signs of illness
 - (3) examining the pain in his body
 - (4) trying very hard to move his body
28. Aunt Polly "sank down into a chair" because she was _____
- (1) trembling with fear
 - (2) relieved but helpless
 - (3) afraid Tom might die
 - (4) convinced that Tom was ill
29. Tom told Aunt Polly about the tooth because he _____
- (1) was brave
 - (2) was desperate
 - (3) wanted to annoy her
 - (4) wanted the tooth removed
30. From the passage, we know for sure that _____
- (1) Aunt Polly was angry with Tom
 - (2) Sid and Mary were Tom's playmates
 - (3) Tom was not an enthusiastic student
 - (4) Tom had never complained about being sick before



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TYPE	Maximum Marks	Mark's Obtained
1. Composition	55	
2. Language Use & Comprehension	95	
2.1 OAS (Booklet A)	30	
2.2 Grammar Cloze	10	
2.3 Editing (Spelling & Grammar)	10	
2.4 Comprehension Cloze	15	
2.5 Synthesis & Transformation	10	
2.6 Comprehension	20	
3. Listening Comprehension	20	
4. Oral Communication	30	
Total	200	

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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.

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|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------|----------------------|
| (A) X an | (B) X be | (G) X of | (K) they | (N) under |
| (B) X and | (E) X like | (H) that | (L) them | (P) X was |
| (C) are | (F) X on | (J) X the | (M) to | (O) were |

Some slopes in the Alps were totally without snow in December 2006. Unseasonably high temperatures meant plenty (31) _____ rain and mud but practically no snow. Fortunately, dropping temperatures early this year ensured (32) _____ skiers had some snow to ski on.

It (33) _____ not enough to rescue the Abondance ski station in France though. This year, the town's council voted to close (34) _____ facility because of a shortfall of snow.

Things are not much better for cold-weather resorts in the United States. Average temperatures (35) _____ steadily rising. 2006 was the second warmest year in more than a century (36) _____ the snow cover is becoming less. The biggest ski resorts have slashed their number of days in operation, from (37) _____ average of 158 a decade ago to 146 in 2006.

What to do about the lack of snow? Many ski resorts are relying more on measures (38) _____ artificial snowmaking, but artificial snow can be costly and requires cool temperatures to work as a ski surface. Other resorts are



focusing more (39) _____ warm-weather activities like golf and mountain biking.

However ~~that~~ will not bring back the winters. "We used to (40) _____ able to count on snow," says Lisa Issacs, an environmental programmes director for California's Mammoth Mountain ski area. "Now the only thing we can count on is that we can't count on the snow."

Adapted from National Geographic Magazine (December 2007)



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

Eagles include birds from 6 different families, namely, true eagles, fish

(41)

(or sea) eagles, booted eagles, hawk eagles, snake eagles and specielist eagles.

(42)

Eagles are generally powerful built. They have broad rounded wings and a broad,

(43)

(44)

rounded tail and they had larger feet and a much heavier beak. In flying, they are

(45)

ponderous and rely more on surprise to catch their prey, rather than persoot.

(46)

Many, especiely the booted eagles, have fully feathered legs, all the way down to

the feet. This is rarer in the fish and snake eagles.

(47)

True hawks are birds in the Accipiter family. They have short, rounded wings

and a long manoeuvrable rounded tail. The tail in particular gives these birds good

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turning and braking ability, making them very ajyle in flight, highly suited to chasing

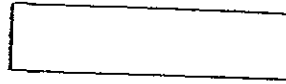
their prey through dense woodland.

Kites have very light bodies, with long narrow wings and a long narrow, often

(49)

fork tail. In flight, their wings give a great deal of lift. Coupled with the low body

(50)



weight, they have a very low wing loading, making them very boyent in the air.

Consequently, they are very graceful fliers.



Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

They do not quite know how to cope with all the dam trouble they have got down in Hampden, Maine. According to town manager Leslie Stanley, it does not look as if things will improve anytime in the immediate _____ (51)

"We've got a real gnawing problem on our hands," he says.

The gnawing problem _____ (52) in late May. About three kilometres outside of town, a colony of beavers built a dam near the mouth of a drain that carries a stream under Canaan Road. Some 50 metres of roadway and several hundred metres of land on _____ (53) side of the drain were flooded.

Stanley sent a road crew out to _____ (54) the dam. The beavers rebuilt

it. The crew tore it apart _____ (55) In fact, they tore it apart for ten

mornings in a row and for ten _____ (56) nights the beavers rebuilt it.

On the eleventh day, the foreman of the crew gave up and tossed the problem _____ (57) to the town manager. He, in turn, tossed it to the local

game warden. The warden _____ (58) out one night and hung a gasoline-

soaked cloth bag over the dam. Any beaver expert will tell you the creatures just cannot stand gasoline fumes.

In the _____ (59) the bag was found artistically woven into the dam.



The warden set out three steel traps that next night. In the morning, one was empty. The other two had been _____ by the beavers and used to

(60)

reinforce the dam. The warden, complaining about the state law against _____ beavers with firearms, got his traps back and set them out

(61)

again... and again... and again... every night the beavers stole them.

Stanley and his general staff held a council of war and agreed that fresh strategy was called for. Then they _____ up with a great idea. If they

(62)

removed every branch of the dam by hand, they reasoned, they would force the beavers to go in _____ of new building material to replace what

(63)

they had taken. Then they could place box traps along their runways and _____ them.

(64)

The plan was unanimously approved. Moreover, it worked. On July 30, town manager Stanley was able to _____ to the whole town that the beaver

(65)

colony had been trapped and removed to a remote wilderness area. There was great rejoicing in Hampden.



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. Before breaking into the house, the burglar made sure that everyone was asleep.

After _____

67. Daniel was given three weeks to complete his assignment. He did not hand it in.

In spite _____

68. "Mindy, did you take the book yesterday?" Mr Heng asked.

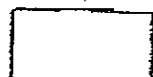
Mr Heng asked Mindy _____

69. Andy likes grapes. Timothy hates grapes.

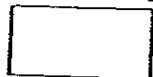
Unlike _____

70. Ismail did well in his English and Mathematics examinations.

Not only _____
but also _____



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Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

Once there was an elderly widow, Chen Ma, who lived with her only son in the Shanxi Province. Her son, following the same profession of his father and grandfather before him, was one of the tiger hunters licensed by the local magistrate. His earnings from the sale of tiger skins, meat and bones were sufficient to keep the small mud hut well-provisioned for himself and his old mother. 5

All was well until a particularly bitter winter. During a snowstorm, Chen Ma's son became food for a hungry tigress.

After her initial shock and grief subsided, Chen Ma took stock of her own utterly desperate situation - an old woman left all alone. She went and implored the magistrate to provide her with compensation for the loss of her son, who was her only source of support. The magistrate decreed that, henceforth, she would have a small share of profits from the kill of each tiger by the hunters. Needless to say, his decision was not taken well by the hunters with families. 10 15

Thus, when the hunters succeeded in killing the tigress that ate Chen Ma's son, they decided not to give her a share of the profits. Instead, they brought her the tigress' newborn cub. He was a small quivery ball of golden fur with wobbly legs and toothless gums. The rope they tied around his neck was so tight that it was practically choking him. Instantly, Chen Ma's heart went out to this helpless creature. 20

After the hunters had left, the tiger cub wobbled to where Chen Ma sat and lay at her feet.

The elderly widow looked at the tiger baby and sighed, "They told me to butcher you, to salt and smoke your flesh for my meat supply. Your skin would make warm boots for my feet; your bones are good for making Tiger Bone Wine to ease the pain in my joints. Oh, how can I bear to kill you?" Chen Ma then untied the rope from the little tiger's neck. 25

Her son had a good supply of grains and roots in the attached shed and she planned to stretch the food out to last the winter. When the store of the firewood was running low, she slept curling against the baby tiger's soft and thick fur. 30

Women from nearby villages would bring sewing for Chen Ma to do. They paid her for her labour with dried venison and small sacks of grain. At first, they did not find the little tiger's presence alarming. He was no bigger than a piglet. However, when spring came, he had grown into the size of a calf, showing a full set of teeth and claws. The women told their hunter husbands and the men came to kill the young tiger. 35

Chen Ma armed herself with her son's hunting spear and threatened to gut anyone who dared to harm her beloved pet. 40



"I've lost both husband and son. This tiger is the only companion I have now. I shall go to the magistrate and request to adopt him as my son." The hunters thought the old woman had become mad. Since she was so determined, they dared not kill her tiger without the magistrate's permission. They followed Chen Ma to the official's judgment hall.

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Chen Ma pleaded desperately with the magistrate to allow her to adopt the young tiger. The kindly magistrate did not have the heart to refuse her and had his assistant draw up a document for the tiger's adoption.

To show her deep gratitude, Chen Ma knelt down in front of the magistrate. Then she led the young tiger back to their home in the forest.

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Adapted from the story, *Tiger Son* by Teresa Ng

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. What did Chen Ma's husband work as?

72. How did hunting tigers help support Chen Ma and her son?

73. In your own words, explain clearly why Chen Ma's situation was "utterly desperate" (line 10).

74. Why was the magistrate's decision not well received by the hunters with families?



75. What word from the fourth paragraph tells us that the tiger cub could not take care of itself?

76. What does "They" in line 24 refer to?

77. Describe two ways in which Chen Ma could have made use of the tiger cub if she had killed it.

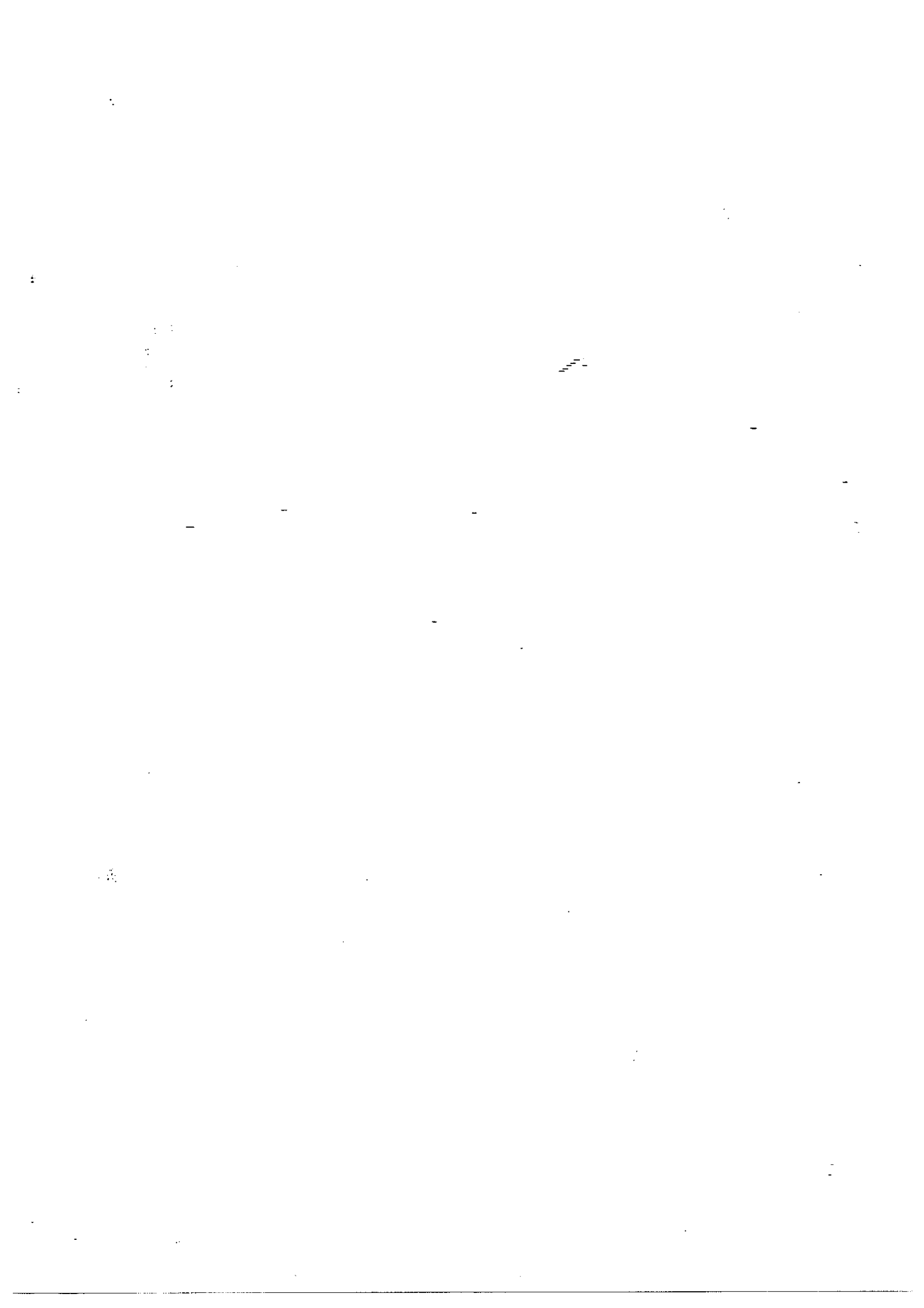
78. Why did Chen Ma sleep 'curling against the baby tiger's soft and thick fur.' (line 32)?

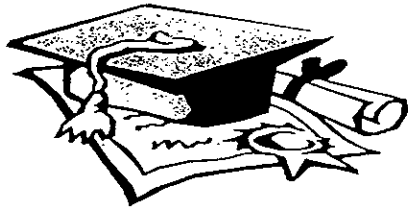
79. Give two reasons ^{why} the hunters wanted to kill the tiger cub when spring arrived. _^

80. Why did the magistrate not have the heart to refuse Chen Ma's request to adopt the tiger cub?

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ANSWER SHEET

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41)specialist

42)powerfully

43)have

44)flight

45)pursuit

46)especially

47)of

48)agile

49)forked

50)buoyant

51)future

52)started

53)each

54)destroy

55)again

56)straight

57)back

58)crept

59)morning

60)stolen

61)killing

62)came

63)search

64)trap

65)announce

66)After making sure that everyone was asleep, the burglar into the house.

67)In spite of being given three weeks to complete his assignment, Daniel did not hand in.

- 68) Mr Heng Mindy if she had taken the book the previous day.
- 69) Unlike Andy, Timothy hates grapes.
- 70) Not only did Ismail do well in his English examinations but also in his Mathematics.
- 71) Chen Ma's husband was a licensed tiger hunter.
- 72) Chen Ma's son earned money through the sale of tiger meat skin and bones.
- 73) Chen Ma's son was eaten up by a tiger and she has all alone without money.
- 74) They would have less money and they would not be able to support tiger families.
- 75) The word is "helpless."
- 76) Who hand brought Chen Ma the tiger cub.
- 77) She could use its meat to supply her diet and its skin to provide warm boots for her feet.
- 78) She wanted to keep warm when she ran out of fire wood.
- 79) The cub had grown to a size of a calf and it had a full set of teeth and claws and it would attack the people in the village.
- 80) The tiger cub was her only companion.