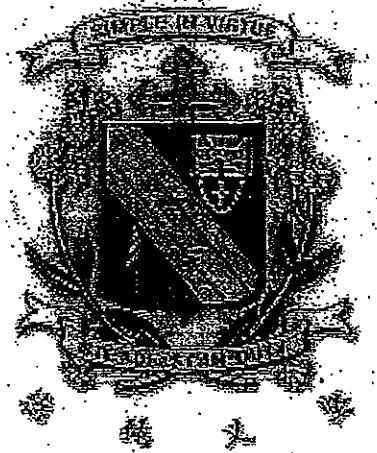


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## CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)



Primary 4

Semestral Assessment 1

4 May 2012

English Language

Paper 2 Booklet A

Duration of Paper (Booklets A & B) : 1 h 30 min

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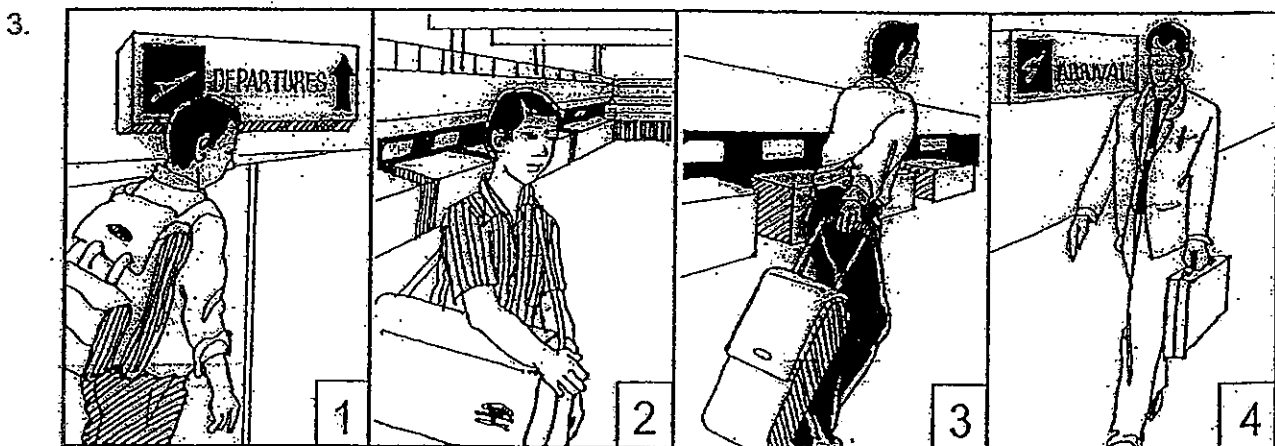
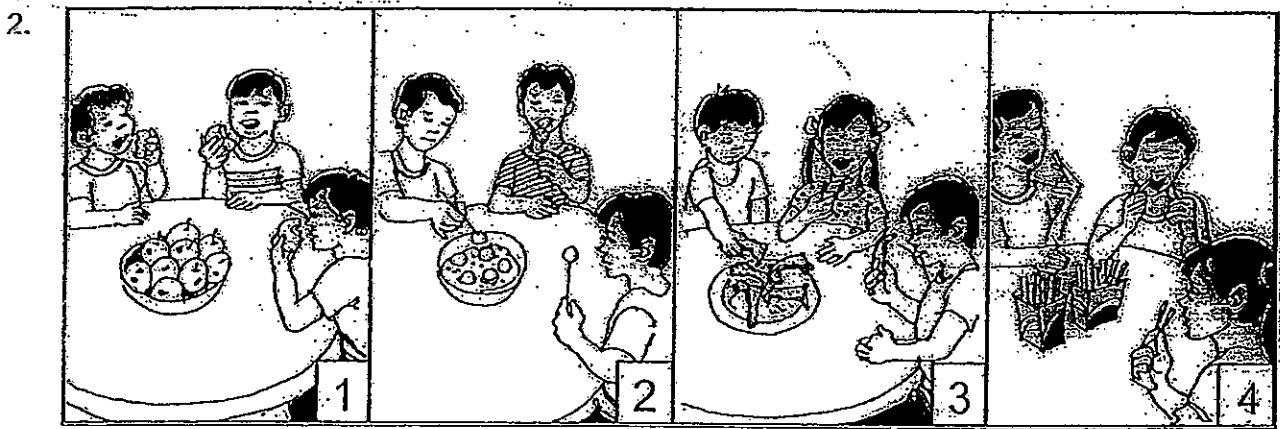
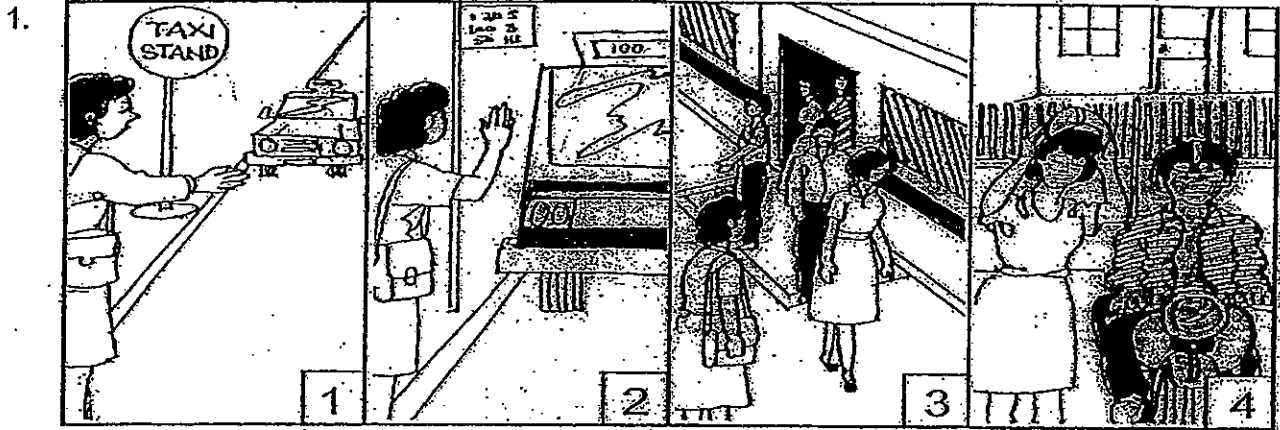
Answer all questions.

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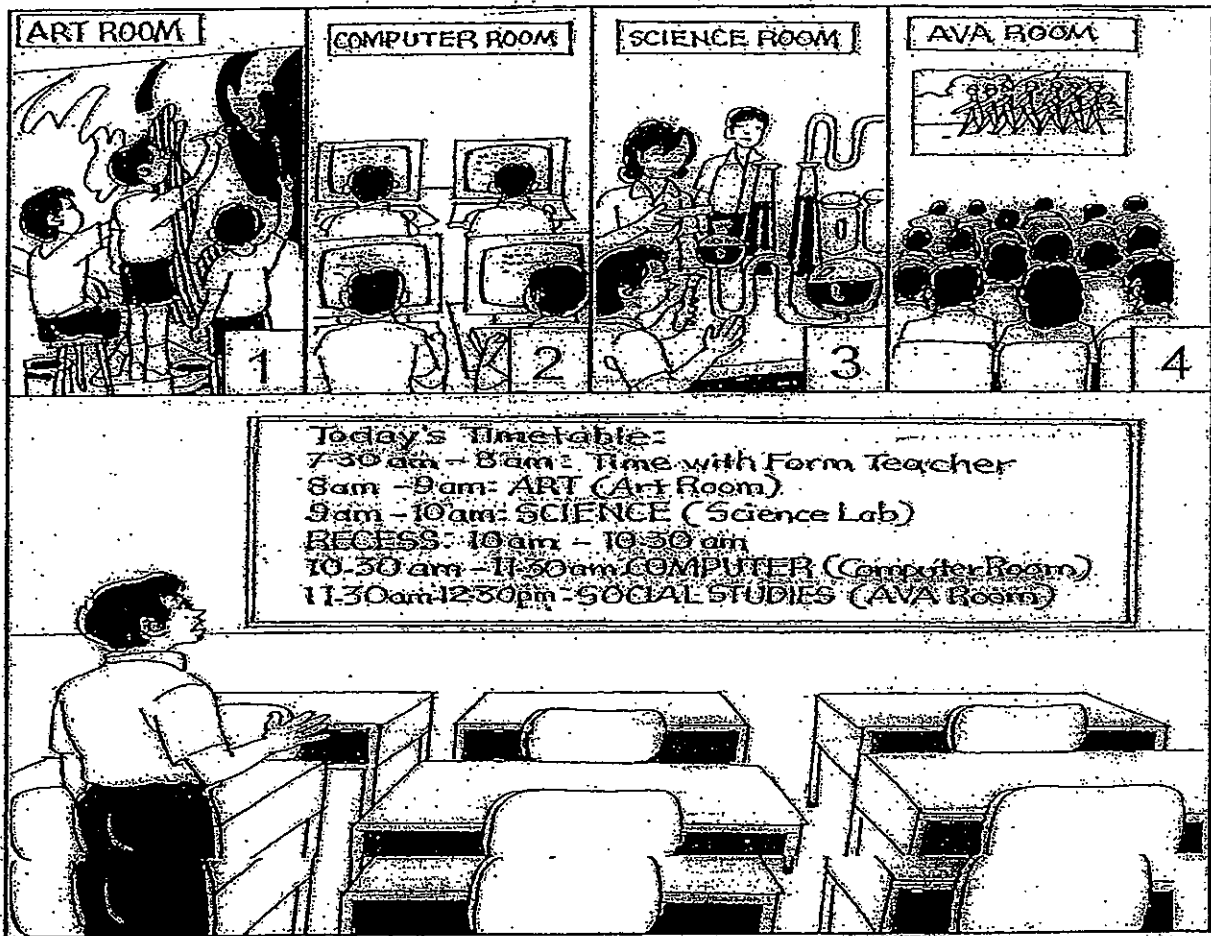
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**Section A: Picture Matching MCQ (4 x 1mark)**

Look at the set of pictures. Listen carefully to your teacher and choose the picture that best describes the statement read. Choose the most suitable answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.



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**Section B: Vocabulary MCQ (7 x 1 mark)**

Read the questions carefully. Choose the most suitable answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.

5. The girl guide pitched her tent beside a \_\_\_\_\_ of trees.

- (1) crowd
- (2) clump
- (3) bunch
- (4) bundle

6. Sam assembled the chair by \_\_\_\_\_ the manual carefully.

- (1) making
- (2) obeying
- (3) studying
- (4) following

7. My father picked up the newspapers and \_\_\_\_\_ at the headlines before rushing off to work.
- (1) glared
  - (2) stared
  - (3) peeked
  - (4) glanced
8. "This way!" cried the old lady as she \_\_\_\_\_ the passengers through the dark tunnel to safety.
- (1) guided
  - (2) guarded
  - (3) signalled
  - (4) protected
9. If the recipe is too rich, you can \_\_\_\_\_ the cream with low fat yogurt.
- (1) add
  - (2) lessen
  - (3) reduce
  - (4) replace
10. The competitor was reluctant to win the contest by \_\_\_\_\_ the truth.
- (1) cheating
  - (2) deceiving
  - (3) concealing
  - (4) suggesting
11. The bullies were given a \_\_\_\_\_ warning to stop harassing the new pupil.
- (1) stern
  - (2) serious
  - (3) sincere
  - (4) stringent

Section C: Grammar MCQ (8 x 1 mark)

Read the questions carefully. Choose the most suitable answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.

12. "Mrs Sim gave this plant to us," said the class, "so it is \_\_\_\_\_."
- (1) hers
  - (2) ours
  - (3) mine
  - (4) theirs
13. The electrician put his ladder \_\_\_\_\_ the wall and climbed up to look at the bulb.
- (1) on
  - (2) up
  - (3) along
  - (4) against
14. The children must finish their homework before they play, \_\_\_\_\_ they will have to face the music.
- (1) if
  - (2) so
  - (3) unless
  - (4) otherwise
15. After eating too \_\_\_\_\_ pieces of candy, Rita fell ill.
- (1) few
  - (2) little
  - (3) many
  - (4) much
16. The number of staff who \_\_\_\_\_ for this meeting is surprisingly large.
- (1) tuned in
  - (2) put down
  - (3) turned up
  - (4) pulled over

17. Every one of the teachers \_\_\_\_\_ that this year's prefects are great role models.

- (1) think
- (2) thinks
- (3) thought
- (4) are thinking

18. "I wish I \_\_\_\_\_ a giant so that I could reach the top shelf," groaned Alice.

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

19. Nellie \_\_\_\_\_ clearly see the smallest word on the whiteboard when she was wearing her glasses.

- (1) must
- (2) shall
- (3) could
- (4) might

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**Section D: Graphic Stimulus (5 x 1 mark)**

Study the advertisement carefully and answer questions 20 to 24.

**Universal Travels presents 2012**  
**Tour the World!**

**MIDDLE EAST**  
Turkey and Paphos Island  
9 days  
Departure: 15 Oct 2012  
Tour Guide: Mehmet (6222 1234)  
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With an overnight stay in Beirut  
Days of the Markets in the World  
8 days  
Departure: 17 Nov 2012  
Tour Guide: Jagan (6222 1234)

**EUROPE**  
France and Normandy  
18 days  
Departure: 24 May 2012  
Tour Guide: Marie (6222 1234)  
Spain and Portugal  
12 days  
Departure: 2 June 2012  
Tour Guide: Jose (6222 1234)  
England and Ireland  
14 days  
Departure: 9 August 2012  
Tour Guide: Pauline (6222 1234)

**FREE and EASY Promotion**  
Book online now to get  
\$100 off per person  
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for the first time!

**Book your place now!**

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Visit us at Universal Travels, 3 Commonwealth Ave, Singapore  
(Daily opening hours 8am-6pm) Call: 6221 3434 Fax: 6226 0800 Email: [reservations@universaltravels.com](mailto:reservations@universaltravels.com)



Choose the correct answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.

20. To go on the tour to Israel, I should contact \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) José
  - (2) Jacob
  - (3) Mehmet
  - (4) Aloysius
21. The shortest package to Middle East is \_\_\_\_\_ days.
- (1) 7
  - (2) 8
  - (3) 12
  - (4) 14
22. Mr Tan was not able to get the free and easy promotion as he wanted to travel to \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) Poland
  - (2) England
  - (3) Germany
  - (4) Czechoslovakia
23. Mr and Mrs Lim are planning a tour with their daughter who is in Primary 4. They can go on the tour to \_\_\_\_\_ soon after the term ends on 25 May 2012.
- (1) France and Italy
  - (2) Israel and Egypt
  - (3) Spain and Portugal
  - (4) England and Ireland
24. To get the best price for the tour that I am interested in, I should \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) call the tour guide
  - (2) email Universal Travels
  - (3) visit the company's website
  - (4) go to the shop during opening hours

**Section E: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1 mark)**

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 25 to 29.

"Why are you staring at me, you silly thing?" asked Anna, "And making all that noise that woke me up!" She had been lying on the grass beside her bicycle and a few beetroots she had gathered, and dreaming of crunchy carrots, golden corn and a mountain of juicy tomatoes.

"Cu-u-u-t... cu-u-u-t..." clucked the speckled hen as she walked off, startled by Anna's cross voice. It was then that Anna saw the egg! Carefully wrapping the warm egg in her headscarf, she laid it tenderly in her basket with the beetroots. Perhaps she and her mother could have a very small omelette for dinner! 5

"But the egg isn't really mine. It belongs to the owner of the hen," Anna thought unhappily. "Anyway, they would never know that I have it because it's all covered up." 10

As Anna neared a white farmhouse, her legs would not pedal any longer.

"Yes?" asked the young woman who came to the door.

Reluctantly, Anna asked, "Do you own a speckled hen?"

"Yes," she replied.

"Then this is yours, too," Anna said in a small voice as she handed the egg to her. 15

"Oh, thank you!" whispered the woman. "That speckled hen is always wandering off. We need her eggs for our little boy. He is very sick, you see. You've been so kind," she added, looking troubled. "I wish I had something to give you but there is so little of everything. I... I... have nothing to give."

Back at home, Anna was afraid her mother might be cross that she had not kept the egg. Her mother, however, looked at her for a long time before saying, "I am just thinking what a fine daughter I have. When one is so hungry all the time, only a great person could have made such a hard decision about the egg." 20

*Adapted from Anna and the Speckled Hen by Ruth Gevert*

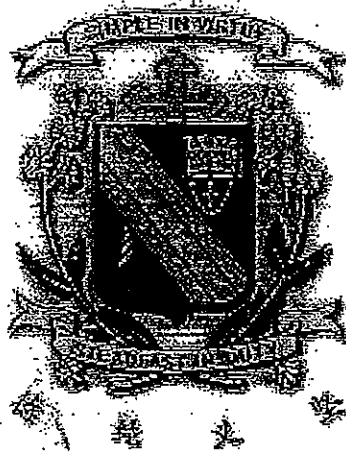
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25. Anna managed to get some \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) corn
  - (2) carrots
  - (3) beetroots
  - (4) tomatoes
26. Anna was cross with the speckled hen for \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) walking off
  - (2) waking her up
  - (3) clucking at her
  - (4) giving her a fright
27. Anna wrapped the egg in her scarf before placing it in her basket to \_\_\_\_\_ it.
- (1) hide
  - (2) warm
  - (3) protect
  - (4) decorate
28. The young woman looked 'troubled' (line 18) because \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) her son was sick
  - (2) Anna had been too kind
  - (3) she could not give Anna anything
  - (4) the speckled hen kept wandering off
29. Which one of the following statements is not true about the passage?
- (1) Mother was pleased with Anna's decision.
  - (2) It was not easy for Anna to surrender the egg.
  - (3) The owner of the speckled hen was very poor.
  - (4) Anna and her mother had a very small omelette.

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

Class : Primary 4 \_\_\_\_\_

## CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)



Primary 4

Semestral Assessment 1

4 May 2012

English Language

Paper 2 Booklet B

Duration of Paper (Booklets A & B) : 1 h 30 min

**Instructions to Candidates:**

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

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

Booklet A	29
Booklet B	36
Total	65

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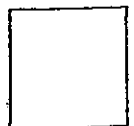
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Section F: Note-Taking (6 x 1 mark)

Listen carefully to your teacher. Each blank, from Q30 to Q35, should be filled with one word or a phrase. As you listen, fill in the blanks with the information given.

Talk on "Swim Safely" Programme

30. Mr \_\_\_\_\_ gave the talk.
31. The talk was to introduce a new \_\_\_\_\_ water safety programme.
32. Besides swimming, you will be taught water survival \_\_\_\_\_.
33. During lessons, pupils must always be aware of \_\_\_\_\_.
34. There will be \_\_\_\_\_ pupils to one instructor.
35. The whole programme is made up of six \_\_\_\_\_.





**Section G: Vocabulary Cloze (7 x 1 mark)**

Read the following passage carefully. Choose the most suitable answer from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to K) in each blank. The letter 'I' has been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking. Use each word only once.

(A) cool	(C) enhance	(E) manuals	(G) scoop	(J) treat
(B) desserts	(D) flavours	(F) recipes	(H) texture	(K) wonderful

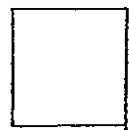
There is something about ice cream that makes it impossible to refuse. Be it a single (36) \_\_\_\_\_ of vanilla in a cone or a sumptuous rippled chocolate fernie, ice cream has long been a well-loved (37) \_\_\_\_\_.

There are many (38) \_\_\_\_\_ in cookery books on making ice cream. Nothing beats the cool, creamy smoothness of home-made ice cream. With practice, you will soon be able to make a variety of these (39) \_\_\_\_\_ iced desserts.

Whipping cream, with its natural creamy (40) \_\_\_\_\_, makes the best ice cream, especially when mixed with strong rich (41) \_\_\_\_\_ such as toffee or chocolate.

Besides, the addition of a few exotic fruits can transform ice cream into a gourmet feast. Try using pearly white lychees which will add a dramatic touch if the red skin is torn off into a spiral. Alternatively, you may sprinkle some chopped nuts or chocolate rice on the ice cream to (42) \_\_\_\_\_ its flavour. With a little creativity and imagination, it is enormously satisfying to make your own ice cream!

*Adapted from Making Ice Cream & Iced Desserts by Joanna Farrow and Sara Lewis*



**Section H: Synthesis and Transformation (5 X 1 mark)**

For each of the questions from 43 to 47, make one sentence using the word(s) given by combining the two sentences given. The meaning of the new sentence must be the same as the sentences given.

43. I will buy you a present. You pass this test with flying colours.

\_\_\_\_\_ if  
\_\_\_\_\_

44. It was raining heavily. There was a long queue at the taxi stand.

\_\_\_\_\_ because  
\_\_\_\_\_

45. You must keep your room clean. You must tidy it regularly.

In order to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

46. The gymnasts were very happy with their results. They jumped for joy.

\_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_

47. John already had two mobile phones. He wanted to buy another mobile phone.

\_\_\_\_\_ although  
\_\_\_\_\_





**Section I: Comprehension Cloze (8 x 1 mark)**

Read the following passage carefully. Fill in each blank with the most suitable word.

It was a glorious day for Singaporean canoeist, Geraldine Lee, who took part in the women's competition in Jakarta on Saturday. Geraldine, 24, finished first to (48) \_\_\_\_\_ the gold medal in the SEA Games. She had even (49) \_\_\_\_\_ a new record of 2 minutes' 47 seconds. Indonesian Masrifah won the silver, while Nguyen of Vietnam claimed the (50) \_\_\_\_\_. Speaking to the press after the medal (51) \_\_\_\_\_, Geraldine said, "I feel so happy and honoured to win a medal for Singapore!"

Stephanie Chen and Suzanne Seah also gave the 13-member team something to cheer (52) \_\_\_\_\_, after coming in second in another race. In that race, it was a very (53) \_\_\_\_\_ fight for the second and third positions. The neck and neck race to the finish saw the 3,000 (54) \_\_\_\_\_ lined up along the banks of the river, cheering and screaming for their local favourites.

At his interview with (55) \_\_\_\_\_, team manager Shaun Ho gave the team credit for their six-medal haul. He said, "Our target was only one gold medal. Being able to achieve this is an amazing feeling and I'm really very happy. We are hoping for more medals in tomorrow's events."

*Adapted from <http://www.charnelnewsasia.com/stories/sportsnews>*



Section J: Comprehension Open-ended (5 x 2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions 56 to 60.

Jonathan noticed again how quiet it was. No magpies cawed, no leaves rustled overhead. The air was stifling, with no hint of a breeze. Scruffy stood beside Jonathan quietly, with a frantic look in his eyes. Jonathan looked at his golden retriever and noticed he was shaking.

"What's wrong, Scruffy?" Jonathan asked.

He reached out to pet Scruffy but he tugged towards Abby and started barking.

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"Hush, Scruffy!" Abby ordered.

Jonathan looked in all directions. He saw nothing unusual in the woods. He listened hard. Suddenly, he heard a deep rumbling noise in the distance.

Thunder? Jonathan looked up. The sky was bright and cloudless. The noise came closer. It was more like several rifles being fired simultaneously. "Hunters!" he thought. "The hunters heard us move and they have mistaken us for deer or pheasant!"

10

"Don't shoot!" Jonathan cried.

As he yelled, he felt a jolt. He stumbled forward, thrusting an arm out to brace himself against a tree. The noise continued and the earth moved beneath his feet. Then he heard a noise like a train rumbling through the woods. The next moment, the tent which he had pitched earlier collapsed.

15

Another tremor followed and Jonathan saw a giant redwood tree falling, its branches scratching his arms. A sharp crack rang out as another tree hit the ground.

"Jonathan!" Abby's shrill cry was lost in the thunderous noise. Jonathan finally realised what was happening around him. In horror, he watched the ground crack and drop away beneath Abby's feet as if a trapdoor on the ground had opened. He saw his sister fall and spontaneously lunged forward, arms outstretched, trying to catch Abby before she fell into the gap.

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*Adapted from Earthquake Terror by Peg Kehret*

Answer the following questions. Write your answers in complete sentences.

56. What kind of animal is Scruffy?

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57. Where did the incident take place?

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58. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as "strange"?

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59. "Don't shoot!" Jonathan cried. (line 12) Explain why he did this.

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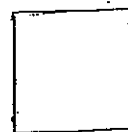
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60. What did Jonathan finally realise? (line 19)

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# **ANSWER SHEET**

**EXAM PAPER 2012**

**SCHOOL : CHIJ  
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**TERM : SA1**

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
4	3	2	2	2	3	3	3	2	3	3	4

30 to 35 listen    36)G    37)J    38)F    39)K    40)H    41)D    42)C

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47)John wanted to buy another mobile phone although he already had two.

48)win    49)set    50)bronze    51)presentation    52)for

53)tough    54)spectators    55)reporters

56)Scruffy is a dog.

57)It took place in the forest.

58)The word is "unusual".

59)He thought that the hunters were trying to shoot them.

60)He realised that there was an earthquake.

