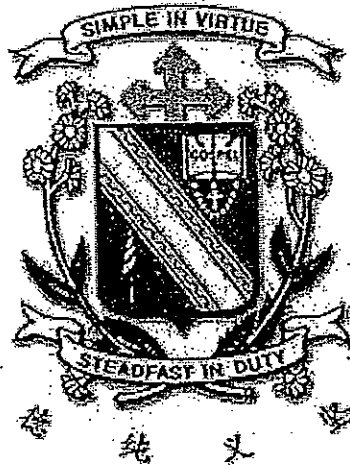


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Class : Primary 3 \_\_\_\_\_

# CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)



Primary 3

Semestral Assessment 2

28 October 2010

English Language

Paper 2 Booklet A

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

30 questions

30 marks

**Instructions to Candidates:**

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Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

*This booklet consists of 11 printed pages.*

**Section A: Vocabulary Multiple-Choice Questions (10 x 1 mark)**

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

1. The concert was sold out. All the seats in the auditorium were \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) empty
  - (2) vacant
  - (3) available
  - (4) occupied
  
2. Mr Rosali was promoted because of his \_\_\_\_\_ to lead people.
  - (1) value
  - (2) ability
  - (3) quality
  - (4) power
  
3. Susan was disappointed when her numerous job applications were \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) denied
  - (2) rejected
  - (3) cancelled
  - (4) terminated
  
4. You should wear a gown to attend the wedding dinner as the \_\_\_\_\_ code is formal.
  - (1) attire
  - (2) dress
  - (3) clothing
  - (4) costume

5. While out on a cruise in the waters of Australia, the Wong family saw a \_\_\_\_\_ of whales.
- (1) pod
  - (2) herd
  - (3) troop
  - (4) shoal
6. It is best to keep an arm's \_\_\_\_\_ from those notorious boys in the neighbourhood.
- (1) width
  - (2) height
  - (3) length
  - (4) breadth
7. Ken tried to \_\_\_\_\_ with his brother, Keith, who was too angry to listen to him and stormed out of the room.
- (1) chat
  - (2) reason
  - (3) discuss
  - (4) demonstrate
8. Throngs of people visited the art \_\_\_\_\_ to see the paintings of the late artist, Vincent Van Gogh.
- (1) hall
  - (2) gallery
  - (3) arcade
  - (4) theatre

9. The zookeepers were elated when Whisper, the mare, gave birth to a \_\_\_\_\_ last week.

- (1) kid
- (2) calf
- (3) joey
- (4) foal

10. Mrs Teo is 80 years old but she is as \_\_\_\_\_ as a fiddle. She jogs three kilometres and swims ten laps every day.

- (1) fit
- (2) frail
- (3) feisty
- (4) feeble

**Section B: Grammar Multiple-Choice Questions (10 x 1 mark)**

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

11. Mei Ee and her sister \_\_\_\_\_ very talented. They can sing, dance and draw very well.
- (1) is
  - (2) are
  - (3) was
  - (4) were
12. When the weather is good in the morning, Mr and Mrs Fong like to go to the nearby park to get \_\_\_\_\_ fresh air.
- (1) any
  - (2) many
  - (3) much
  - (4) some
13. We should put \_\_\_\_\_ some money for a rainy day.
- (1) on
  - (2) off
  - (3) out
  - (4) away
14. Nobody \_\_\_\_\_ to befriend a dishonest person. People want friends they can trust.
- (1) want
  - (2) wants
  - (3) wanted
  - (4) wanting

15. It is \_\_\_\_\_ the law to smoke in shopping centres in Singapore. Anyone caught smoking will be fined two hundred dollars.
- (1) in
  - (2) for
  - (3) with
  - (4) against
16. By the time Norah woke up, the sun \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) rise
  - (2) rose
  - (3) has risen
  - (4) had risen
17. Marcus avoided school because he was accused \_\_\_\_\_ theft by his classmates.
- (1) at
  - (2) of
  - (3) with
  - (4) from
18. Mr and Mrs Tan have five children and Johann is the \_\_\_\_\_ of them all.
- (1) brighter
  - (2) brighten
  - (3) brightest
  - (4) brightening

19. Mrs Devi is at her wit's end. Her baby \_\_\_\_\_ not stop crying no matter how hard she tries to coax her.

- (1) will
- (2) may
- (3) shall
- (4) must

20. Yimei and Karen \_\_\_\_\_ at Takashimaya Shopping Centre last Saturday when they met their form teacher, Miss Tay.

- (1) shopped
- (2) had shopped
- (3) was shopping
- (4) were shopping

**Section C: Graphic Stimulus Comprehension (5 x 1 mark)**

Study the advertisement carefully and answer questions 21 to 25:

# CHERRY WALK-A-JOG

in aid of

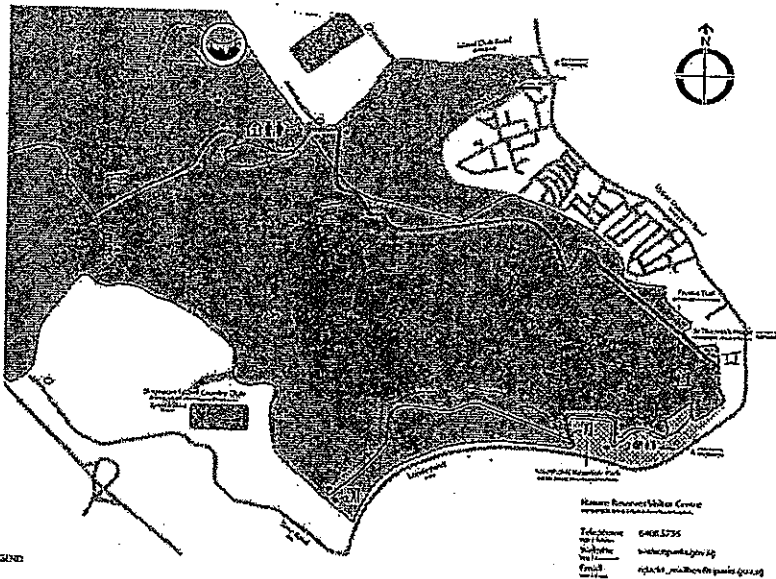
## Children with Special Needs

Date : Sunday 20 November 2010

Time : 7.30am

Distance : 10 km

Starting / Ending point : Maple Reservoir



### REGISTRATION

(From 20 October to 19 November)

#### Fees

Adult : \$10.00

Child : \$5.00

#### Venues

Singa Bank Ltd  
100 Merlion Road  
Singapore 010100

Junction 10  
33 Josh Street 12  
Singapore 200033

Champion Stadium  
13 Champs Road  
Singapore 310013

Jerry Primary School  
67 Jerry Lane  
Singapore 700067

## Early Bird Special

Register before November for a free umbrella

Free T-shirt for every participant (register early for desired T-shirt size)

★ **Carnival Sale**  
Come and grab stationery, books and toys at discounted prices.

★ **Band Performance**  
By students of Jerry Primary School

★ **Lucky Draw**  
Stand a chance to win 2 tickets to Bali, Indonesia.

Another Community Project by Singa Bank Ltd



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

21. The Cherry Walk-A-Jog is organized by \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) Junction 10
  - (2) Singa Bank Ltd
  - (3) Champion Stadium
  - (4) Jerry Primary School
22. How many places can you go to sign up for the event?
- (1) 2
  - (2) 3
  - (3) 4
  - (4) 5
23. The funds raised through the Cherry Walk-A-Jog will benefit \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) the staff of Singa Bank Ltd
  - (2) children with special needs
  - (3) the management of Junction 10
  - (4) students of Jerry Primary School
24. If you register early for the Cherry Walk-A-Jog, you will get \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) a free-size T-shirt
  - (2) an umbrella and two air-tickets
  - (3) a T-shirt of your size and an umbrella
  - (4) a T-shirt, an umbrella and two air-tickets
25. Which one of the following statements is not true of the Cherry Walk-A-Jog?
- (1) It is held on a weekend.
  - (2) It includes a lucky draw and a carnival sale.
  - (3) There is a performance by a group of students.
  - (4) Stationery is free for all participants on 20 November.

## Section D: Comprehension-Multiple-Choice Questions (5 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 26 to 30.

It is nine o'clock in the morning of July 22, 2009, in Ya'an, China. An event that occurs once every five hundred years is taking place: a total eclipse of the sun. But Lee and Zhang are unable to witness the eclipse; they are keeping watch at the panda maternity and nursery ward. Nana, a resident panda at the China Giant Panda Protection and Research Centre, has just given birth to twins.

The newborn pandas do not look very attractive. Their bodies, the size of a rat, are reddish and furless all over. The distinct black and white fur is absent at birth. To ensure the survival of the baby pandas, human caregivers like Lee and Zhang are there to fulfil the duties of the mother panda. These 'nannies' have to be with the young pandas during their mealtimes, playtime and even their toilet breaks.

Feeding a baby panda at its early stage is a challenge. A newborn panda will not open its mouth easily as it does not know what a bottle teat is. Therefore, the caregivers must understand the panda well. When it is time to feed the panda, the caregiver carefully wraps the baby panda's body with a cotton gauze patch, exposing only its head. Holding the panda in one hand and a milk bottle in the other, the caregiver gently touches the panda's mouth with the bottle teat. Sometimes, the caregiver squeezes the bottle to smear some milk on its lips, hoping that the milky flavour will entice the baby to open its tiny mouth.

It is also important that the hand holding the panda imitates a mother's embrace so that the baby feels comfortable and safe. If the baby gets too nervous or frightened, it will not feed. The caregivers are well-trained and are very patient, and surprisingly, they are mostly men!

*Adapted from 'For the Love of Pandas' by Erin Ye, Readers' Digest April 2010*

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

26. The next total eclipse of the sun is going to take place in \_\_\_\_\_ years' time.
- (1) ten
  - (2) fifty
  - (3) one hundred
  - (4) five hundred
27. The author thinks that the newborn pandas are unattractive because they \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) are all black
  - (2) look like rats
  - (3) are reddish and have no fur
  - (4) have distinct black and white hair
28. Feeding the baby panda at its early stage is a challenge as the baby panda does not \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) like its nannies
  - (2) enjoy drinking milk
  - (3) know how to open its mouth
  - (4) realize there is milk in the bottle
29. Why does the caregiver wet the panda's lips with milk?
- (1) The caregiver is impatient with the panda.
  - (2) The caregiver squeezes the milk bottle too hard.
  - (3) The caregiver thinks that the panda's lips are too dry.
  - (4) The caregiver wants to entice the baby panda to open its mouth.
30. Which one of the following statements is **false**?
- (1) There are both male and female panda caregivers.
  - (2) Lee and Zhang take on the role of a mother panda.
  - (3) A newborn baby panda will only drink its mother's milk.
  - (4) A baby panda needs to feel comfortable and safe to feed.

Name : \_\_\_\_\_

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# CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)



**Primary 3**  
**Semestral Assessment 2**  
**28 October 2010**  
**English Language**  
**Paper 2 Booklet B**

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

30 questions  
35 marks

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Booklet A	30
Booklet B	35
Total	65

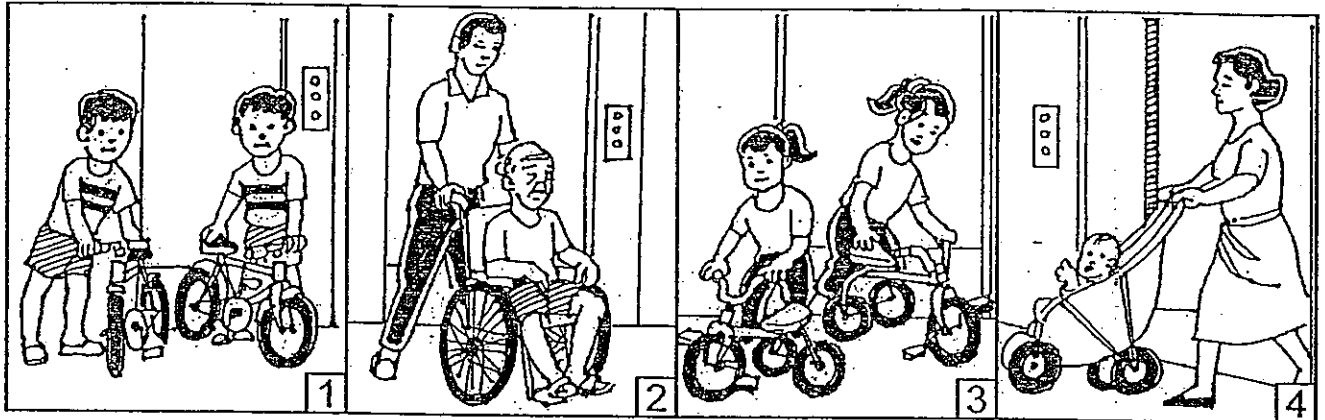
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**Section E: Picture Matching (5 x 1 mark)**

Look at the set of pictures. Listen carefully to your teacher and choose the picture that best describes the statement read. Write its number 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the brackets provided.

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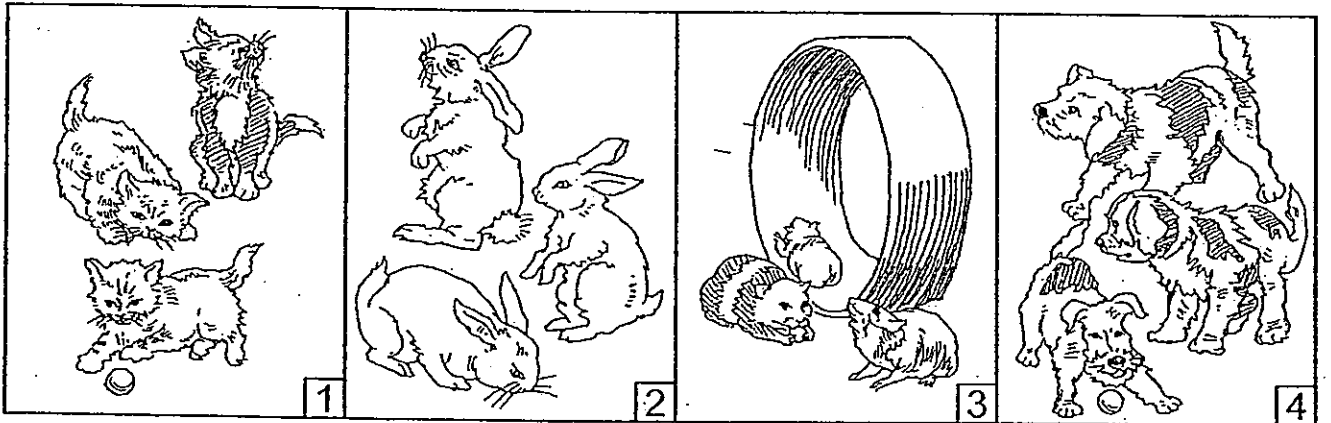
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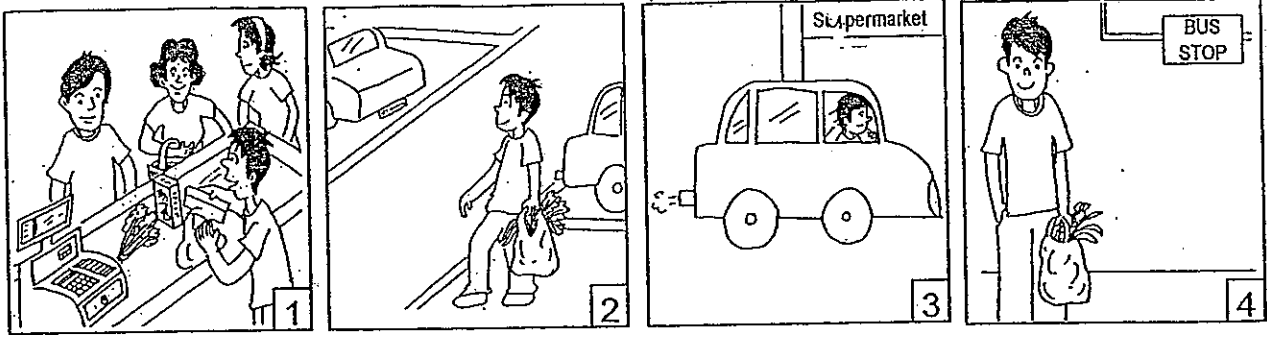
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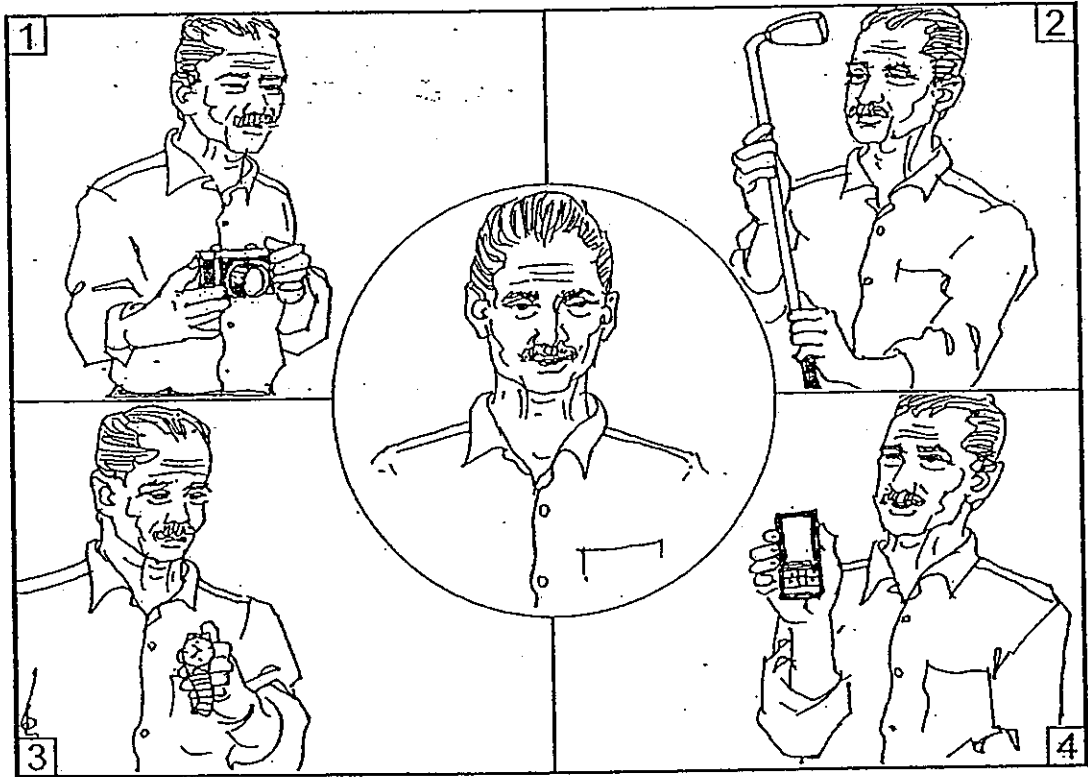


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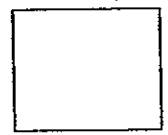


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**Section F: Note-taking (5 x 1 mark)**

Listen carefully to your teacher. Each blank from Q36 to Q40 should be filled with **one word or phrase**. As you listen, fill in the blanks with the information given.

Q36. Day of visit to the farm : \_\_\_\_\_

Q37. Year the farm was founded : \_\_\_\_\_

Q38. The crocodile farm is closed on : \_\_\_\_\_

Q39. Name a product that is made at the factory : \_\_\_\_\_

Q40. To be completed by pupils after the tour : \_\_\_\_\_



**Section G: Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)**

Read the following passage carefully. Choose the correct answer from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to H) in each blank. Use each word or phrase only once.

(A) captures	(C) guide	(E) link	(G) take off
(B) expansion	(D) impresses	(F) move	(H) tunnel

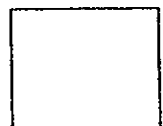
Changi Airport has come a long way since its humble beginnings in 1981. When one approaches Changi Airport, the first thing that (41) \_\_\_\_\_ his or her attention is its impressive control tower.

Standing at eighty metres tall, it is one of the tallest control towers in the world. So what goes on in the control tower? It is where air traffic controllers (42) \_\_\_\_\_ approaching planes into the airport. The air traffic controllers inform pilots of the time and runway to take and give other important information to enable planes to (43) \_\_\_\_\_ and land safely.

Changi Airport is an award-winning building. Each terminal was designed to cater to the needs of passengers. Terminal 1, for instance, underwent a few phases of upgrading and (44) \_\_\_\_\_ to offer passengers a more pleasant and spacious environment. Terminal 2 has an automated passenger mover system, known as the Skytrain, to provide a rapid (45) \_\_\_\_\_ between Terminal 1 and 2.

Terminal 3 is like an indoor tropical garden. It features a unique roof architecture which allows soft natural light into the building and a five-storey high vertical garden called the "Green Wall".

*Extracts from [www.changiairport.com](http://www.changiairport.com)*





**Section H: Grammar Cloze (5 x 1 mark)**

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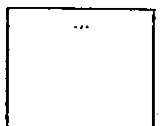
(A) also	(C) or	(E) then	(G) when
(B) because	(D) since	(F) until	(H) where

“Perut rumah” or the “stomach of the kitchen”. That was what Xiaobai called her grandmother’s beloved kitchen. Ah Ma took charge of all cooking chores here and it was (46) \_\_\_\_\_ Xiaobai’s “playground”.

Xiaobai loved keeping Ah Ma company in the kitchen. She enjoyed being given little tasks like peeling potatoes (47) \_\_\_\_\_ pounding spices. Occasionally, Xiaobai made her own face powder (48) \_\_\_\_\_ Ah Ma was not looking. She would first soak rice grains in water, then dry and pound them (49) \_\_\_\_\_ they were as fine as flour. When this special powder was ready, she would carefully store it in a glass jar.

In the night, Xiaobai would wet the powder to form a paste which she would (50) \_\_\_\_\_ use to coat her face and arms. If she remembered to steal some cucumber slices, she would make a face mask and pretend to be a ghost!

*Adapted from The Kitchen God by Adeline Foo*



**Section I: Comprehension Cloze (5 x 1 mark)**

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

It was my first day of school at Sacred Heart. The maid helped me put on my brand-new school (51) \_\_\_\_\_. It was white in colour, a little too long and stiff with starch.

After breakfast, I stood in the hallway, (52) \_\_\_\_\_ for someone to take me to school. I was wondering who it would be. The chauffeur had already left to drive my brothers to their school.

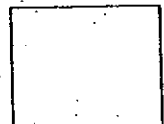
I saw Uncle Ming wheeling his (53) \_\_\_\_\_ towards the gate to go to the market. He spotted me watching him and asked, "Who is taking you to school?"

"I don't know," I replied. I was nervous and could not help staring at the big clock ticking away on the wall. It was getting (54) \_\_\_\_\_ and everyone had forgotten about me. What should I do? I was becoming panic-stricken.

Uncle Ming shrugged. "It's certainly not my job; no one mentioned anything about you to me." He was about to mount his bicycle and ride away when he noticed my (55) \_\_\_\_\_ eyes. "Now, now! Don't cry! Being late for school isn't the end of the world... Oh alright! Come along then!"

Uncle Ming lifted me onto the handlebar of his bicycle. "Sacred Heart Primary School happens to be right next to the market. Sit tight, we'll be there in no time at all."

*Adapted from Chinese Cinderella by Adeline Yen Mah*



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

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 56 to 60.

A bronze statue of a dog stands tall outside the Shibuya Train Station in Tokyo, Japan. Tourists may see the statue as yet another decorative art-piece, but it serves to remind the people of Japan the importance of loyalty. The creation of the statue was inspired by a heart-warming story of a man and his dog.

In 1924, Professor Ueno found a lost puppy and took it home. He named the dog Hachiko. Professor Ueno worked in Tokyo University and he took the train to and from his workplace. Hachiko would greet the professor at the Shibuya Train Station at 3.00pm each day after work. This routine continued until May 21, 1925, when the professor did not return at the usual time.

After his master's death, Hachiko was given away. But he always escaped. He would show up at his old home after each escape, only to be greeted by unfamiliar faces. Eventually, Hachiko seemed to realize that Professor Ueno and his family no longer lived in that house. So he went to look for his master at the train station. But each day, Hachiko waited in vain.

People who frequented the Shibuya Train Station had seen Hachiko and Professor Ueno together in the past and brought Hachiko treats and food. Some tried to "explain" to Hachiko that his master was never coming back; they spoke to him and shooed him away but Hachiko came back each day, at 3.00pm, without fail.

Hachiko died on March 8, 1935, at the same spot where he had been waiting for the past nine years. His faithfulness to his master impressed the people of Japan. In memory of him, a statue in his likeness was erected at the entrance of Shibuya Station. That entrance was later named "Hachiko-guchi", meaning "The Hachiko Exit".

*Adapted from website - <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hachiko>*

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

56. Where is the statue of Hachiko found?

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57. Explain why Professor Ueno did not return at the usual time on May 21, 1925.

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58. Whom do you think the phrase **unfamiliar faces**, in paragraph 3, refers to?

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59. Why did people want Hachiko to understand that his master was dead and was never coming back?

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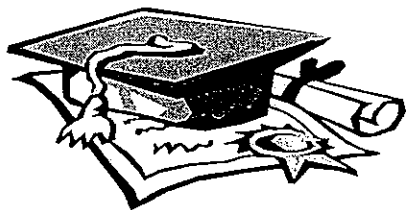
60. What does the statue of Hachiko remind the Japanese of?

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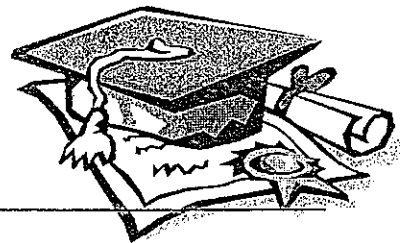


# ANSWER SHEET

**EXAM PAPER 2010**

**SCHOOL : CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' PRIMARY**  
**SUBJECT : PRIMARY 3 ENGLISH**

**TERM : SA2**



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- 41) A      42) C      43) G      44) B      45) E      46) A      47) C  
48) G      49) F      50) E      51) uniform      52) waiting      53) bicycle  
54) late      55) teary

56) It is found outside the Shibuya Train station in Tokyo, Japan.

57) Professor Ueno had passed away.

58) It refers to the new occupants living in Professor Ueno's house.

59) They sympathized with Hachiko, wanting Hachiko to move on with its life and not continuing to wait for its master who will never return.

60) It reminds the Japanese of the importance of loyalty.

