



AI TONG SCHOOL

2011

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT TWO

PRIMARY 5

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 1 (WRITING)

1 hour 10 minutes

55 marks

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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

There are two parts to this paper: Part 1 and Part 2.

Answer the question in Part 1 and one question from Part 2.

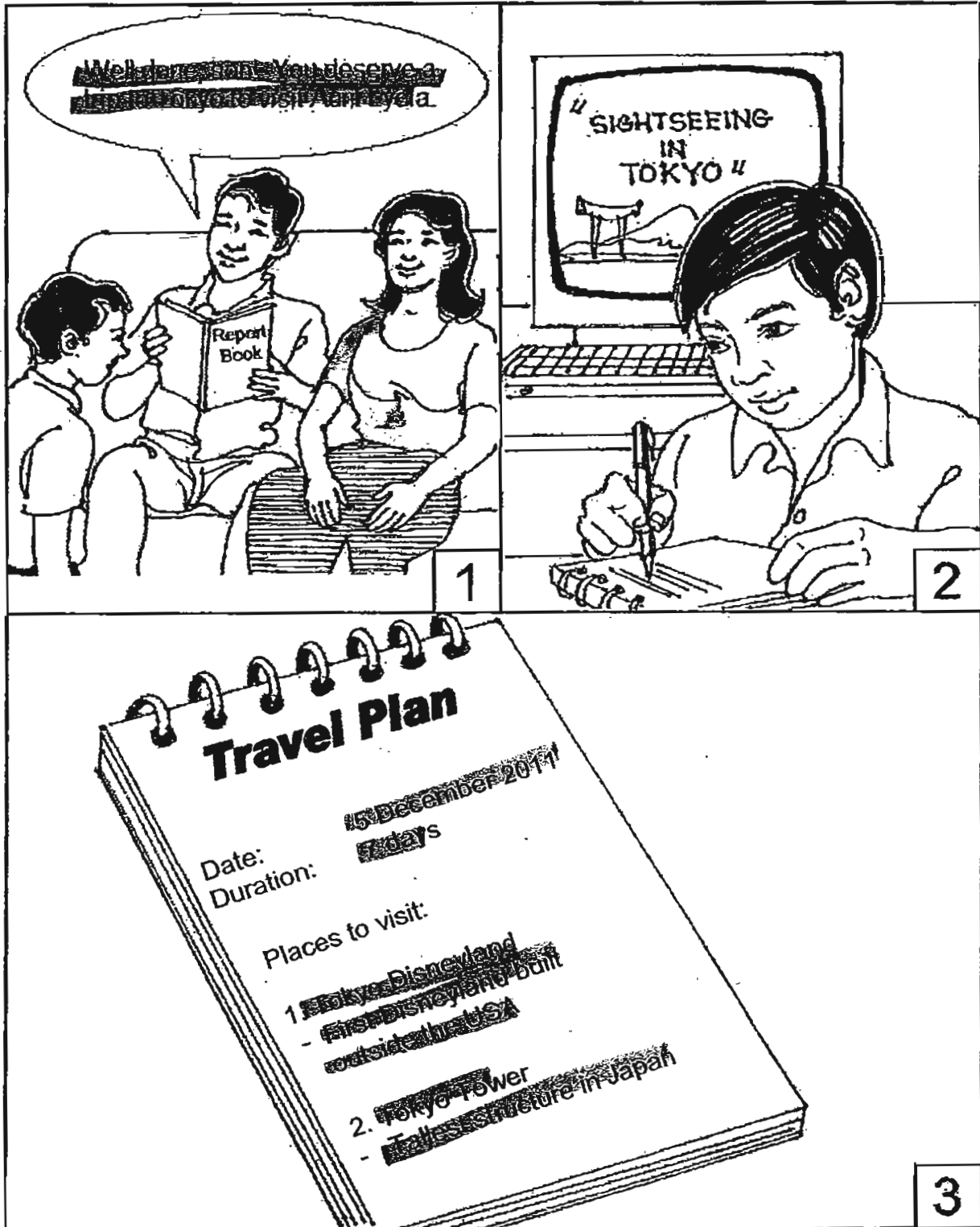
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Class: Primary _____

Date: _____

Part 1: Situational Writing (15 marks)

(1) Study the pictures below.



Your Task

Imagine that you are going to visit your favourite aunt, Aunt Lydia who lives in Tokyo. You have decided to ask her to be your guide.

Write an email to Aunt Lydia to inform her of your visit.

You are to refer to the pictures.

In your email, include the following information:

- when you will go and how long you will be staying in Tokyo
- why your parents are sending you on a trip to Tokyo
- two places you would like to visit
- ask if your aunt could be your guide

You may reorder the points. You should write in complete sentences.

Part 2: Continuous Writing (40 marks)

There are two questions in Part 2.
Answer only one of them.

(2) Write a story based on the situation in the picture below. Your story should be at least 150 words long.



For your story, make use of the points below:

- why the man was running;
- what happened next
- what happened in the end

You may reorder the points. You may also include other relevant points.

(3) You were alone at home one afternoon when you suddenly heard someone knocking frantically on your door.

Based on the above situation, write a composition of at least 150 words.

In your composition, make use of the points below:

- who was knocking on your door
- what you did
- what happened in the end

You may reorder the points. You may also include other relevant points.

End of Paper



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PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

BOOKLET A

Total Time For Booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

Date: 24 October 2011

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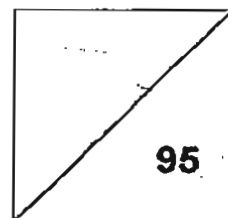
Answer all questions.

Name: _____ ()

Class: Primary _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Total Marks:



Section A: Graphic Stimulus (5 marks)

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

EAST SAFARI PARK

AN UNFORGETTABLE SAFARI ADVENTURE



East Safari Park has been given accolades for being an outstanding wildlife preserve which is home to over 400 animals. ~~It offers~~
~~an experience some of nature's most~~
~~beautiful animals in their natural habitat.~~



Open daily from 9.00 a.m. to 9.00 p.m.

Zookeeper for a Day

Here is your chance to get close to the animals. Join our zookeepers in their daily routines of feeding, cleaning and caring for our giraffes, zebras and horses.

Register with us online!

Walking Trails

Take your time to explore the park. There are many walking trails which are homes to free-ranging baboons, tigers, leopards and cheetahs.

Estimated duration of each trail: 60 min

Wildlife Conservation Programme

~~East Safari Park is committed to the~~
~~conservation of endangered species such as~~
~~the Snow Leopard, Chinese Pangolin and~~
~~Javan Rhinoceros.~~

~~You can help us in our conservation efforts~~
~~by adopting an animal or donating to our~~
~~cause.~~

If you need further information, please email your queries to us.

Boat Safari

Traverse the pristine waters of the East Safari Park in a 30-minute boat ride. You will be greeted by unforgettable sightings of monitor lizards, long-tailed monkeys and stork-billed kingfishers.

Guided tours are available on Sundays. Call us to book a tour.

Admission Rates

Adult : \$35.00

Child : \$20.00 (3 - 12 years old)

Senior Citizen : \$25.00

Note : Ticket price includes 1 tram ride

Contact Us

3002, East Safari Park

Singapore 643002

Telephone : 64422100

Email : info@eastsp.com.sg

Website : www.eastsafari.com

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.

1. East Safari Park is well-known for its _____.
 - (1) boat ride
 - (2) walking trails
 - (3) conservation efforts
 - (4) exotic and beautiful animals

2. Should Sally have queries regarding the Wildlife Conservation Programme, she can _____.
 - (1) call 64422100
 - (2) visit East Safari Park
 - (3) surf www.eastsafari.com
 - (4) email info@eastsp.com.sg

3. Which activity/programme would be best suited for a visitor who would like to observe how animals are cared for?
 - (1) Boat Safari
 - (2) Walking Trails
 - (3) Zookeeper for a Day
 - (4) Wildlife Conservation Programme

4. The main purpose of the advertisement by East Safari Park is to _____.
 - (1) promote the appreciation of nature
 - (2) attract people to work as zookeepers
 - (3) educate people about wildlife conservation
 - (4) invite people to experience wildlife in their natural habitat

5. Which one of the following statements is true?
 - (1) Guided Boat Safari tours are available daily.
 - (2) Only the senior citizen ticket price includes a tram ride.
 - (3) East Safari Park is home to 400 reptiles and birds only.
 - (4) One can play a part in conserving endangered animals by adopting them.

Section B: Grammar MCQ (7 marks)

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.

6. The restaurant has six chefs, half of _____ are foreigners.

- (1) who
- (2) which
- (3) whom
- (4) whose

7. Neither Haziq nor his sisters _____ how to play chess.

- (1) know
- (2) knows
- (3) has known
- (4) have known

8. Farah shouted with joy when she won the first prize in the lucky draw, _____ she?

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

9. Mrs Lam's choice of words _____ always appropriate and none of her colleagues ever gets offended by what she says.

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

10. Brandon is well-known for all the pranks that he plays _____ unsuspecting schoolmates.

- (1) to
- (2) at
- (3) on
- (4) for

11. The doctor advised Dawn to take care of her wound _____ it might become infectious.

- (1) if
- (2) till
- (3) as
- (4) hence

12. The elderly couple _____ by helplessly as the fire burnt down their shophouse.

- (1) stand
- (2) stood
- (3) have stood
- (4) having stood

Section C: Punctuation MCQ (3 marks)

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.

The boy seemed composed as I approached his hospital bed to give him an injection. His mother was seated next to him (13) immersed in her knitting.

When I bent over him and extended the syringe, he looked right through me and started screaming, "I can't see! I can't see (14)

I had never witnessed such a dramatic example of hysterical blindness.

"How long has this been going on (15) I asked his mother.

Without looking up, she replied, "Ever since you stepped in front of his television."

Adapted from Reader's Digest

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

Section D: Vocabulary MCQ (5 marks)

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.

16. The bookstore had to close down because it had _____ heavy losses.
- (1) owed
 - (2) incurred
 - (3) indebted
 - (4) acquired
17. As I was walking home, it suddenly _____ on me that I had forgotten to buy the groceries my mother had asked for.
- (1) dawned
 - (2) realised
 - (3) occurred
 - (4) transpired
18. The deadline for the online assignment was _____ as many students could not complete it on time.
- (1) extended
 - (2) increased
 - (3) prolonged
 - (4) lengthened
19. Since the burglary, it has become _____ for her to go through the routine of securing all the locks in her house before she sleeps every night.
- (1) habitual
 - (2) frequent
 - (3) customary
 - (4) compelling
20. The reckless boy _____ into the deep end of the pool although he could not swim well.
- (1) ventured
 - (2) promoted
 - (3) advanced
 - (4) attempted

Section E: Vocabulary Cloze (5 marks)

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.

The praying mantis is named for its prominent front legs, which are bent and held together at an angle that suggests the position of prayer.

This fascinating insect is a formidable predator, the most ferocious of its kind. It can swivel its triangular head almost 180 degrees to inspect its surroundings for potential preys. Being well-camouflaged among the plants, the praying mantis patiently stalks its preys. It uses its front legs to snare them. Moths, grasshoppers, flies and other insects are usually the unfortunate recipients of the praying mantis' attention. They are powerless against the spikey legs of the praying mantis.

Adapted from <http://animals.nationalgeographic.com/animals/bugs/praying-mantis>

21. (1) flexible
(2) dreadful
(3) muscular
(4) fearsome
22. (1) feel
(2) witness
(3) scrutinise
(4) recognise
23. (1) tail
(2) chase
(3) pester
(4) control
24. (1) trap
(2) trick
(3) restrict
(4) overthrow
25. (1) pitiful
(2) ill-fated
(3) unlikely
(4) hopeless

Section F: Comprehension MCQ (5 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

After World War II came to an end in the Philippines, I worked my way through university and in 1959, I attended a three-month community development course in Mysore City, India.

Entering the living quarters, I was dismayed to discover that my roommate was a Japanese man by the name of Kei Kiriake. Even before we were introduced to each other, I felt like a thick invisible barrier had sprung up between us.

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I recalled the Japanese soldier who had looted our house. When he could not find any money, he grabbed my father and threatened to kill him with his gun. Out of desperation, I remembered that lower-rank soldiers feared the Kempetai, the Japanese military police. I told the soldier that I studied in the Japanese-run school and my teacher, Ino San, was an officer in the Kempetai. "I'll go see him now," I said. The gamble worked and the soldier left our house in a huff.

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I could barely tell the difference between Kei and the soldier who almost killed my father. To me, they were both Japanese and they deserved my contempt.

I expressed my hatred to Kei by wrinkling my nose to indicate that I did not like his smell and I also called him "Bowlegged San".

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One day, I decided to confront him. Looking at him squarely in the eyes, I said, "Can we talk?" I bluntly told him about the atrocities committed by his countrymen during their three-year occupation of the Philippines. My hate list was endless.

Throughout my whole tirade, Kei maintained a respectful silence. When I was through with it, he took a bundle of pictures from his suitcase and laid them on the table. They were photos of Japanese survivors of the atomic bomb - people who were horribly deformed by radiation and those who suffered severe burns - many malnourished and skeletal children languished at makeshift shelters. Kei told me that he was a thirteen year-old boy in Hiroshima when the bomb was dropped. After hearing Kei's story and seeing his photos, I found out that the Japanese had their share of misfortunes too. I realised that there are no victors in war, only victims.

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The icy atmosphere in our room started to thaw. One day while walking to catch a bus, Kei and I were caught by a heavy downpour. "You know, when I was a kid, I loved to run in the rain," I said.

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"Me too!" Kei replied. Soon, we found ourselves laughing and running through the rain to the bus stop. From then on, Kei and I got along better. Just before the course ended, I felt that my blinding hatred for the Japanese people had disappeared. The vindictiveness, the prejudice and the other "wounds of war" that I had carried for years were gone.

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*Adapted from 'Healing the Wounds of War' by Emilio R. Aquino
Reader's Digest, November 2006*

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.

26. The writer was dismayed to discover that his roommate was a Japanese because _____.

- (1) he did not like his smell
- (2) he did not know how to communicate with him
- (3) he did not like the way he walked as he was bowlegged
- (4) he could not forget the atrocities committed by the Japanese during the war

27. How did the writer save his father's life?

- (1) He sought help from his teacher.
- (2) He used a gun to scare the Japanese soldier.
- (3) He threatened to report the Japanese soldier to the Kempetai.
- (4) He tricked the Japanese soldier into believing that he worked in the Kempetai.

28. The word "it" in line 21 refers to _____.

- (1) the writer's emotional outburst
- (2) the writer's relationship with Kei
- (3) the writer's experience in university
- (4) the writer's community development course

29. From the passage, it is evident that the Hiroshima bombing had not caused _____.

- (1) children to be starved
- (2) an outbreak of diseases
- (3) severe burns in the victims
- (4) physical abnormalities in the survivors

30. The writer changed his view of the Japanese when _____.

- (1) he learnt more about the Japanese in school
- (2) he found out that Kei liked to run in the rain like him
- (3) he realised that the Japanese were also victims of war
- (4) he discovered that Kei had suffered injuries during the bombing of Hiroshima

End of Booklet A



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PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

BOOKLET B

Total Time For Booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

Date: 24 October 2011

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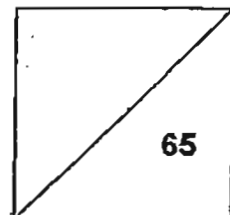
Answer all questions.

Name: _____

Class: Primary _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Marks:



Section G: Grammar Cloze (10 marks)

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.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE

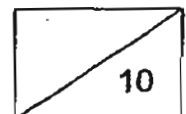
(A) a	(D) because	(G) in	(K) out	(N) through
(B) among	(E) by	(H) of	(L) since	(P) up
(C) an	(F) from	(J) onto	(M) though	(Q) which

Up and down the streets, kite runners were running triumphantly, their captured kites held high. They showed them off to their parents and friends but they all knew that the best was yet to come. The biggest prize (31) _____ all was still flying. I sliced a bright yellow kite with a coiled white tail. It cost me another gash on the index finger and blood trickled down (32) _____ my palm. I sucked the blood dry and blotted my finger on my jeans.

Within (33) _____ hour, the number of surviving kites dwindled (34) _____ fifty to a dozen. I was (35) _____ those who had made it to the final round. I knew this challenging part of the tournament would take awhile (36) _____ the few others who had lasted this long were good. They would not be easily deceived (37) _____ simple traps like the old 'lift-and-dive' (38) _____ was Hassan's favourite trick.

Shadows started to lengthen as the sun set. The spectators watching the tournament bundled themselves (39) _____ as it was getting cold. I was one of the few competitors left. With each defeated kite, hope grew (40) _____ my heart, like snow collecting on a wall, one flake at a time. I was determined to win.

Adapted from 'The Kite Runner' by Khaled Hosseini



Section H: Editing for Spelling and Grammar (10 marks)

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

Bella Choo, nine, dreamed of twirling around in ballet shoes like other little girls but

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she was too poor to afford ballet lessons. Although she was a shy and **rezerved** child, her

teacher noticed that she was able to express herself better through music and dance.

(42)

Hence, she introduces her to the school's ballet instructor, Miss Susan, who offered her two

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half-hour traiil lessons on Sunday afternoons for free.

(44)

When Miss Susan saw that Bella displayed flair and **confidense** when dancing, she

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promptly added ten more lessons. Bella seeks to remember all the dance steps diligently.

(46)

(47)

She was also keen to go home and teaches them to her two younger sisters whorn loved to

dance as much as she did.

(48)

At her graduation performance, as Bella was jumping and spins around gracefully,

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her face lit up with great joy. Her infekted eye had not stopped her from executing the

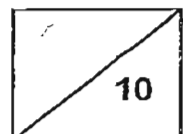
moves beautifully. Miss Susan and her family beamed with pride in the audience.

(50)

After the curtains were drawn, Bella ran to Miss Susan and gave her a **greatful** hug.

No words could describe the appreciation she felt for having her dream fulfilled.

Adapted from The Straits Times



Section I: Comprehension Cloze (15 marks)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Researching on sea turtles has never been my passion but an experience I had heightened my interest in them.

I was walking along the moonlit beach looking for nesting sea turtles. Having to complete a project on it, I had to observe and record their habits and behaviours over a (51) _____ of three months. I was watching the shore intently when my eyes suddenly (52) _____ sight of one of these gentle giants emerging slowly from the water.

I had accidentally startled one of them (53) _____ my previous trip there and the sea turtle smashed some of its own eggs by (54) _____. This time, I was cautious when moving towards the sea turtle so as not to scare it away. As I inched (55) _____, I realised that its rear flippers had been completely torn off! (56) _____ them, it would be painful for the sea turtle to dig its nest. At that moment, the decision was (57) _____. Scooping out the sand from the small (58) _____ it had dug, I (59) _____ the "flippers" of the sea turtle. It seemed oblivious (60) _____ my presence and together, we worked in unison. Soon, the sea turtle stopped and laid its eggs in the sand pit. Then, it (61) _____ the eggs with sand to keep them warm and (62) _____ them from predators. I could not help but admire the perseverance it had shown to complete the task (63) _____ its injury. Finally, the sea turtle dragged (64) _____ back to the sea using only its front flippers. The notes I (65) _____ that night was the most comprehensive one ever.

Subsequently, I have observed many more sea turtles nesting but none has left a deeper impression on me.

Section J: Synthesis / Transformation (10 marks)

For each of the questions from 66 to 70, rewrite the 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).

66. Gerald forged his father's signature on the examination paper. The discipline master punished Gerald.

_____ for

67. The patient must take her medicine regularly. Only then will she get well.

_____ unless

68. Jonah was elated. He had been chosen to lead the scouts in the hiking adventure.

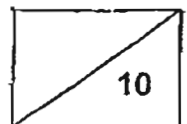
_____ that

69. Catherine heard that her pet dog had died. She broke down and cried.

Upon _____

70. "Where can one find a hairbrush in this house?" asked Patricia.

Patricia asked me _____



Section K: Comprehension OE (20 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

On a humid day in a small village in Thailand, five-year-old Lek was playing blissfully in her family's lush garden. Suddenly, she stopped and her eyes widened in wonder. Coming towards her was a massive animal but when she saw her grandfather riding steadily on it, her initial fear disappeared. "I'm sure it is safe," she assured herself.

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Upon hearing a single command from her grandfather, the elephant stopped in its tracks. Stroking its head gently, her grandfather looked down at Lek and said, "She is your birthday present. Her name is Jokia."

Lek boldly ran her fingers along Jokia's trunk. The elephant explored Lek's small figure, sniffing and feeling her with the tip of her trunk. The experience of that close encounter with Jokia was so amazing that Lek would remember it for life.

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There seemed to be a natural bond between Lek and Jokia. Although it had only been a month since Jokia joined the family, she would know when Lek wanted to ride on her. Instinctively, Jokia would also know when to be at the gate to wait for Lek after school.

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After graduating from university, Lek opened a small travel agency. Lek's work as a tour guide often took her to the local elephant shows where the domesticated elephants were chained and taunted by their keepers when performing. They were also confined in pens that were too small for them to move about and Lek hoped to get a place for them to roam freely in a safe and secure environment instead.

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One day, Lek saw a man dragging a baby elephant down a crowded street, asking tourists to pay for a bunch of bananas to feed it. It was hard to ignore the scare on the elephant's legs, an indication that it was probably recently tortured. One could also tell that the man had most likely not spent any money earned on the weak-looking elephant. It was the last straw for Lek. She spotted a large piece of discarded cardboard, picked it up and furiously wrote a message that read: "Please do not support the abuse of this baby elephant". Holding the cardboard with the message high up, she planted herself in clear view near the elephant. Everyone stayed clear and the elephant's owner was outraged. He smashed the sign with his fist and knocked Lek to the ground. She was rushed to the hospital with a broken jaw.

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Lek was undeterred from the experience. Through the persistent use of the media and frequent discussions with conservation group, she managed gradually to increase people's attention to the plight of the elephant. To fulfil her dream of getting a safe haven for the elephant, she sold her house, her car and everything else that she owned.

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Finally, in 1996, Lek opened the Elephant Nature Park. Within a few months, she managed to save nearly thirty elephants. Since then, the Elephant Nature Park has received numerous awards from various institutions and Lek was named 'Asian Hero of the Year' by Time Magazine in 2005.

Adapted from 'The Woman who Saves Giants' by Robert Kiener

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. Why was Lek not afraid of the elephant coming towards her in her garden?

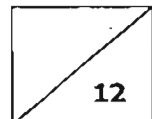
72. What does the word "She" in line 13 refer to?

73. Which two evidences in the passage tells us that Lek had good rapport with Jokia?

74. Which word in paragraph 5 has the same meaning as 'tame' ?

75. Why did Lek want to find a safe and secure environment for the elephant used in local shows?

76. From the passage, what was "the last straw" (line 25) for Lek?



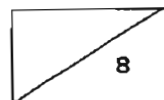
77. Why was the owner of the baby elephant in paragraph 6 angry with Lek?

78. Which sentence in the passage tells you that Lek was willing to forgo all she had to save the elephant?

79. What did Lek do to increase public awareness to the issue of elephant abuse?

80. Do you think Lek's mission in saving the elephant has been recognized? How do you know?

End of Booklet B



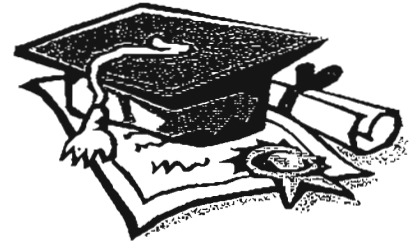


ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2011

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TERM : SA2



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B	D	E	Q	P	G

- 41)reserved 42)introduced 43)trial 44)confidence 45)sought
46)teach 47)who 48)spinning 49)infected 50)grateful
51)period 52)caught 53)on 54)accident 55)forward
56)Without 57)made 58)pit 59)became 60)to
61)covered 62)protect 63)despite 64)itself 65)wrote

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71)She saw her grandfather riding steadily on it so she knew that it was safe.

72)It refers to Jokia, Lek's elephant.

73)Although it had only been a month since Jokia joined the family, Jokia would know when Lek wanted to ride on her and when to be at the gate to wait for Lek after school.

74)The word is "domesticated".

75)The elephant were chained and taunted by their keepers and kept in small pens that were too small for them to move about.

76)It was when she could tell that the owner did not spend the money he had earned caring for the weak-looking elephant.

77)Lek picked up a discarded cardboard and wrote a message that read :“Please do not support the abuse of this baby elephant”,help me cardboard high up and planted herself in clear view near the baby elephant while everyone stayed clear and this would affected his business.

78)The sentence is “To fulfil her dream of getting a safe haven for the elephant, she sold her house, her car and everything else that she owned”.

79)Through the persistent use of the media and frequent discussions with conservation groups, Lek increased public awareness to the issue of elephant abuse.

80)In 1996, Lek opened the Elephant Nature Park which has received numerous awards from various institutions and Lek was named "Asian Hero of the Year" by Time Magazine in 2005.