

METHODIST GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)  
Founded in 1887



PRIMARY 6 MID-YEAR EXAMINATION 2010  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
BOOKLET A

Total Time : 1 hour 50 minutes

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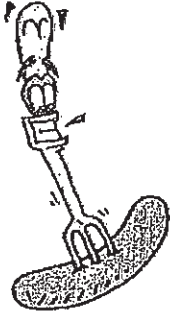
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>/ 95</b>

This booklet consists of 9 printed pages.

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



# Grand Opening Sausage Heaven Restaurant

(Located at Plaza Asia)

We will be having our Grand Opening on 15 June 2010 at 6 p.m.

On this day, patrons will receive:

- ⊕ a complimentary **Sausage Platter** for every four main courses ordered
- ⊕ a jumbo basket of **Kingfisher Chilli Chips** at the special price of \$25
- ⊕ 2 **Crystal Cinema** movie tickets for the first 50 patrons who order the set menu (courtesy of Silver Screen Pte Ltd)

## Set Menu

### Soup

Cream of tomato

*Or*

Chicken broth

### *Main Course*

Bangers and Mash

(Sausages served with mashed potatoes and special gravy)

*Or*

Fish and Wedges

(Deep fried dory fish and potato wedges)

### *Dessert*

Home-baked apple crumble with ice-cream

**\*\*\*CALLING ALL SOCCER FANS\*\*\***

We will also be airing telecasts of all English Premier League soccer matches.

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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). (5 marks)

1. Which of the following courses does not offer the customer any choice?
  - (1) soup
  - (2) dessert
  - (3) main course
  - (4) all of the above
  
2. The movie tickets are sponsored by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) Plaza Asia
  - (2) Crystal Cinema
  - (3) Silver Screen Pte Ltd
  - (4) Sausage Heaven Restaurant
  
3. Mary wants to order the set menu but she hates seafood. Which main course should she choose?
  - (1) Chicken broth
  - (2) Cream of tomato
  - (3) Fish and Wedges
  - (4) Bangers and Mash
  
4. This restaurant is most probably trying to attract customers who are \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) teetotallers
  - (2) vegetarians
  - (3) football fans
  - (4) movie lovers
  
5. On 15 June 2012, the restaurant will be celebrating its \_\_\_\_\_ anniversary.
  - (1) first
  - (2) second
  - (3) third
  - (4) fourth

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For each of the questions 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 The waitress told us that the melted butter, as well as lobster, \_\_\_\_\_ ready to be served.
- (1) is
  - (2) are
  - (3) was
  - (4) were
- 7 Mother allowed us to watch television (after) we \_\_\_\_\_ our homework.
- (1) finish
  - (2) had finished
  - (3) have finished
  - (4) were finishing
- 8 Max made arrangements with Tess and \_\_\_\_\_ to go to the dragon race this Sunday.
- (1) I
  - (2) me
  - (3) mine
  - (4) myself
- 9 Lu Yee screamed when she saw the cockroach scuttle \_\_\_\_\_ her path.
- (1) at
  - (2) on
  - (3) inside
  - (4) across
- 10 \_\_\_\_\_ it had not rained today, our barbecue would still have been cancelled.
- (1) Since
  - (2) Unless
  - (3) Even if
  - (4) Only if
- 11 Regular exercise for both men and women \_\_\_\_\_ essential for health.
- (1) is
  - (2) are
  - (3) has been
  - (4) have been

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12 On its opening day, the store gave \_\_\_\_\_ shopper) a free gift.

- (1) a  
 (2) all  
 (3) some  
 (4) each

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)

Time was running short and I was debating with myself whether to move the nets nearer to the colony's roosting site. John (13) who had woken up, sat up and stared at me.

"What's that (14) he enquired, sleepily.

I replied (15) I haven't the faintest idea, but it's been going on for about ten minutes. I had a look round and I couldn't see anything."

Just then, there was a positive rasping noise and the walls of the hut started to vibrate.

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

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For each of the questions 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 town was \_\_\_\_\_ by the earthquake that killed more than 2000 people.
- (1) crushed
  - (2) shattered
  - (3) devastated
  - (4) demolished
- 17 It is very difficult to \_\_\_\_\_ materials that is published on the internet.
- (1) cut
  - (2) censor
  - (3) cancel
  - (4) censure
- 18 After a heated debate, the opposition had no choice but to \_\_\_\_\_ that the opponents make a better team.
- (1) vouch
  - (2) confess
  - (3) concede
  - (4) surrender
- 19 This music piece is difficult and as all the players are amateurs, I am not too sure if they are able to \_\_\_\_\_ it \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) carry... on
  - (2) carry... off
  - (3) carry... out
  - (4) carry... over
- 20 The President of United States made the visit in \_\_\_\_\_ to an invitation from the Indonesian government.
- (1) return
  - (2) reaction
  - (3) response
  - (4) retaliation

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For each of the questions 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)

Crossword puzzles are so common that almost everyone knows how they work.

Yet crosswords as we know them first appeared less than a hundred years ago.

In 1913, newspaper editor Arthur Wynne wanted a unique activity for the "Fun" page of his Sunday newspaper. He retrieved the old idea of the children's word puzzle. His innovation was to expand it into a larger written format. He drew interlocking boxes in a diamond shape and provided clues to help solvers fill the boxes to form linking words.

In 1924, Margaret Farrar published the first book of crossword puzzles. They soon became a fad such that nearly every American newspaper featured them. People did crossword puzzles to relax, to improve their vocabulary and to keep their minds nimble.

The fad grew into a familiar feature of daily life. Puzzle makers began to develop larger diagrams with a minimum of blank spaces. They wrote hard clues based on obscure facts, current events, puns and riddles. Today, you will find crossword puzzles everywhere.

- 21 (1) took back  
 (2) looked back  
 (3) carried back  
 (4) brought back
- 22 (1) supplied  
 (2) awarded  
 (3) imparted  
 (4) organised

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23 (1) craze  
(2) custom  
(3) pattern  
(4) movement

24 (1) sane  
(2) sharp  
(3) strong  
(4) sound

25 ~~(1)~~ vital  
~~(2)~~ obvious  
~~(3)~~ unreliable  
~~(4)~~ ambiguous

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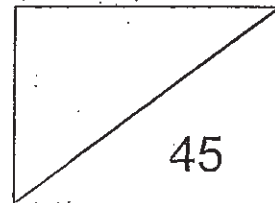
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Class: Primary 6. \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 5 May 2010



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Read the passage below and answer Questions 26 to 30.

It threw another coil, and my arm started to get weighed down.

"Bale!" Come and hold its head so I can unwind it."

"Uh-uh. It's poison," he said, squatting so he was more comfortable while he watched the show.

"Bale, it's a python. It's not poisonous. They kill by strangling." A process the python was starting on my arm. My fingers were turning red, but they held their grip, slippery as it was. 5

"Uh-uh. Even if you touch them, they're poison." I didn't have time to correct his English, let alone thousands of years of cultural belief, as my fingers were now purple. The python was drawing my two arms together so he could loop itself right over me, and I was losing the strength to fight him. 10

"Go get Anthony. Tell him I need help."

"Okay," Bale said, and began a slow amble down the path, whistling as he went.

"Bale!" He turned, and I thrust the snake towards him as if to throw it. "Run!"

He broke into a marathoner's shuffle and disappeared around a bush.

I spent all of my energy keeping my two arms apart. I knew if the python linked them or got any more coils around, I would be severely bitten. Rationally I knew that it wouldn't eat me, but the constant hissing and lunging made it seem as if it might try. A Cessna\* flew over low and waggled its wings, getting ready to land. The snake hissed at the plane and redoubled its effort to cut off the blood flow to my arm. 15

The fingers of my right hand had taken on an ominous silver-grey sheen and were losing their grip on the tail. I dropped to one knee, putting some of the python's weight on the ground. It immediately gripped the earth with its scales and drew me closer to it. I tried to stand again but I did not have the energy. I was in for one hell of a biting, I was sure. A python's teeth lacerate and leave wounds prone to infection, and I would not have any energy to defend myself. 20 25

My strength failed and I had no choice but to let go of the tail.

A hand shot forward and grabbed it. It was Anthony's. I hadn't seen him coming.

"Good timing," I said, grateful for his appearance.

"I would have been here sooner," Anthony replied. "But Bale told me the wrong place."

"Right, I panted, with a last bit of strength. I helped Anthony throw the struggling snake into a waterhole, where it wouldn't get hurt or be able to hurt us. It slithered out the opposite direction into the bush. 30

Adapted from *Whatever You Do, Don't Run – My Adventures as a Botswana Guide* by Peter Allison

\* Cessna – an airplane

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For each of the questions 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 Why did the narrator want to unwind the python (line 2)?
- (1) The python was weighing him down.
  - (2) It was heavy and the narrator did not want to carry it any more.
  - (3) He wanted to prevent the python from wrapping itself around him
  - (4) He was afraid of the python as he believed that the python was poisonous
- 27 What was the reason for Bale's refusal to help the narrator?  
He \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) believed that the python was poisonous
  - (2) thought that the python would strangle him
  - (3) was afraid that the python would bite him
  - (4) did not understand the narrator's plea for help
- 28 Why do you think the narrator tried to thrust the snake towards Bale?  
He \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) wanted Bale to go and get help as fast as possible
  - (2) was tired and wanted Bale to carry the snake instead
  - (3) thought it would make the snake release its hold on him
  - (4) knew Bale was afraid of the snake and wanted him to be brave
- 29 The narrator referred to Anthony's arrival as "good timing" (line 28) because \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) the python was starting to wind itself over the narrator
  - (2) the narrator had been severely bitten and his wounds were infected
  - (3) he arrived just in time to see the python hissing and lunging at the narrator
  - (4) he grabbed hold of the python's tail before it could totally cut off the narrator's blood flow.
- 30 Why do you think Anthony and the narrator threw the python into a waterhole?  
They \_\_\_\_\_.
- ~~(1)~~ wanted to drown the python
  - ~~(2)~~ were concerned for the safety of the snake
  - ~~(3)~~ wanted more time to escape from the python
  - ~~(4)~~ thought that was the only way the python could survive

End of Booklet A

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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.**

(A) a	(D) but	(G) its	(K) than	(N) up
(B) across	(E) down	(H) it's	(L) the	(P) upon
(C) and	(F) in	(J) on	(M) then	(Q) with

As Paul rushed out the school gate, he was thinking of the football game and the fact that he was \_\_\_\_\_ team captain. He raced home in order to get changed. Just  
(31)  
\_\_\_\_\_, a big lorry went slowly past the school gate. It was travelling  
(32)  
\_\_\_\_\_ his direction. He could not resist the temptation for a short ride. He ran  
(33)  
and jumped \_\_\_\_\_ the back of the lorry. "How lucky I am," he thought, as he clung  
(34)  
to the back with his skates.

\_\_\_\_\_ reaching the top of the hill, the vehicle picked \_\_\_\_\_  
(35) (36)  
speed. Houses and trees seemed to flash by him. He did not dare to let go. He hung on  
desperately. At last, the vehicle slowed down as it chugged \_\_\_\_\_ way up a hill.  
(37)  
Paul took his chance and released his grip. He landed \_\_\_\_\_ a thud and felt  
(38)  
awkwardly. He felt a sharp pain shoot up his right leg. He stood and tried to run  
\_\_\_\_\_ collapsed on the ground and groaned in agony. A passer-by phoned for an  
(39)  
ambulance, and within minutes, it arrived and took him to the nearest hospital.

Paul was sorry that he had let his team-mates \_\_\_\_\_ and had given his  
(40)  
parents a terrible shock. Too late, he had learnt a lesson he would never forget.

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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)

We shot around a curve, and what we saw made us freeze with fear. Downstream boiled a cloud of white spray from a narrow raceway of water that was more a waterfall than rapids. We were headed straight for them. I had more than I could do for the next few moments, jamming my paddle down to shove us away to the rocks. There was no more laughter now as we **caskayded** towards the bottom of that **inkredibl** flume.

(41)   
 (42)   
 (43)  (44)   
 (45)   
 It was too late to save themselves. The canoe shot into the air. As it turned over, I remember thinking: But I'm not ready to die! I was **plunjed** into the water. Suddenly I was struggling. A voice spoke inside my head telling me to be calm and held my breath.

I gasped and some water got into my throat. I coughed it out and with an effort more resolute than any I had ever made. I **refreined** from trying to breathe. My chest burned. I was in **agenf**.

(46)   
 (47)   
 (48)   
 (49)   
 (50)   
In my amazement, my head shot out of the water, and I had time to take a quick breath before I was thrown under again.

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Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Containing eleven decks and stretching a full 305 metres, she was the greatest liner of her time. The \_\_\_\_\_ (51) had been fitted out in true style, with plush cabins, electric lifts, gymnasium and a heated swimming pool. The owners, the shipbuilders, the captain – in fact, everyone said the Titanic was unsinkable. Perhaps this was the reason \_\_\_\_\_ (52) only enough lifeboats for half of the \_\_\_\_\_ (53) were placed on board. Tickets for her maiden \_\_\_\_\_ (54) were snapped up eagerly, and there were over 2 000 people on board when she set \_\_\_\_\_ (55) from Southampton for New York on 11 April 1912.

Disaster \_\_\_\_\_ (56) after only four days at sea. With a captain and crew determined to \_\_\_\_\_ (57) the record for an Atlantic crossing, the liner had been ploughing at a speed of 22 knots. She had entered an area \_\_\_\_\_ (58) as the Grand Banks when radio reports from other ships were received, warning of icebergs. The \_\_\_\_\_ (59) were ignored. The Titanic steamed \_\_\_\_\_ (60) at full speed. It was midnight when one of the crew members spotted an iceberg looming ahead in the darkness. But, his frantic warning cries were too late to \_\_\_\_\_ (61) the collision. A huge hole was ripped into the side of the liner and the \_\_\_\_\_ (62) poured in.

At first, the passengers treated the incident as a joke; yet, within ten minutes, the water had \_\_\_\_\_ (63) five metres inside the ship. Distress signals were sent out to the nearby liner \_\_\_\_\_ (64) her radio had unfortunately been switched off. Panic now rose as the huge liner began to \_\_\_\_\_ (65)

By the time another liner, Carpathia, finally arrived to help, fifteen hundred people had drowned in the icy seas. The loss of the Titanic was one of the greatest catastrophes in the history of navigation.

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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 Among the boys, Tom is the only one who wears spectacles.

All of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

67 Mrs Brown was grateful to Lisa for saving her pet dog. Mrs Brown gave Lisa a reward.

To express \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

68 All the guests at the party were given a box of chocolates.

Every \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

69 We were very excited that our team won the competition.

Much \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

70 You must be fit for the Physical Fitness Test. You must exercise regularly.

\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

That fateful day, Father, Betsie and I had come early with a quarter-pound of real English tea from Pickwick to celebrate my brother, Flip's birthday. My nephew, Peter was home, yet he was not safe, any more than any healthy young male. In Germany the munitions\* factories were desperate for workers. Without warning, soldiers would suddenly surround a block of buildings and sweep through them, herding every male between sixteen and forty into trucks for transport. This method of search and seizure was called 'the razzia', and every family with young men lived in dread of it. 5

Flip and his wife, Nollie had rearranged their kitchen to give them an emergency hiding place as soon as the 'razzias' started. There was a small potato cellar beneath the kitchen floor: they enlarged the opening at the trapdoor, put a large rug on top of it and moved the kitchen table to stand on it. 10

Nollie was not back yet when we arrived. We were chatting in the kitchen with Clare when all at once Peter and his older brother, Bob, raced into the room, their faces white. "Soldiers! Quick! They're two doors down and coming this way.

They jerked the table back, snatched away the rug and tugged open the trapdoor. Bob lowered himself first, lying down flat, and Peter tumbled in on top of him. We yanked the rug over it and pulled the table back in place. With trembling hands, Betsie, Clare and I threw a long tablecloth over it and started laying six places for tea. 15

There was a crash in the hall as the front door burst open and a smaller crash close by as Clare dropped a teacup. Two uniform Germans ran into the kitchen, rifles levelled. 20

"Stay where you are. Do not move."

The soldiers glanced around disgustedly at us. "Where are your men?" the shorter soldier asked Clare in clumsy, thick-accented Dutch. If they had looked closer at Betsie, she would surely have given herself away: her face was masked with terror and her fingers were twitching. 25

"These are my aunts," she said, "and this is my grandfather. My father is at work, and my mother is shopping, and ..."

"I didn't ask about the whole tribe!" the man exploded in German. Then in Dutch, he asked, "Do you have any brothers? Where are they now?" 30

Clare stared at him a second, then dropped her eyes. My heart stood still. I hope Clare knew now of all times a lie was permissible!

"I have three brothers," Clare said softly. "The oldest one is at the Theological College. He doesn't get home most nights because .."

"What about the other two?" 35

"Why, they are under the table."

Motioning us all away from it with his gun, the soldier seized a corner of the cloth. With a nod from him, the taller man crouched with his rifle cocked. Then he flung back the cloth.

\*military equipment

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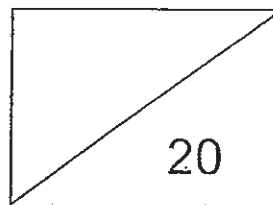
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At last the pent-up tension exploded: Clare **burst into spasms of high hysterical laughter**. The soldiers whirled around. Was this girl laughing at them?

40

"Don't take us for fools!" the short one snarled. Furiously, he strode from the room and minutes later the entire squad trooped out – not, unfortunately, before the silent soldier had spied and pocketed our precious packet of tea.

*Adapted from The Hiding Place  
by Corrie Ten Boom*

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

71 Why do you think the soldiers seized only males between sixteen and forty?

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72 What was the purpose of the emergency hiding place?

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73 Why do you think the soldiers "glanced around disgustedly" (line 23) ?

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74 "If they had looked closer at Betsie she would surely have given herself away..." (line 24-25). Which two actions of Betsie would have given her away?

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75 Why did the soldier explode at Clare?

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76 "My heart stood still" (line 31). How did the writer feel and why?

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77 Which word from lines 30-39 has the same meaning as 'bent down'?

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78 Why did Clare "burst into spasms of high hysterical laughter" (lines 40 -41)?

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79 Which word in the last paragraph tells us that goods were scarce at that time?

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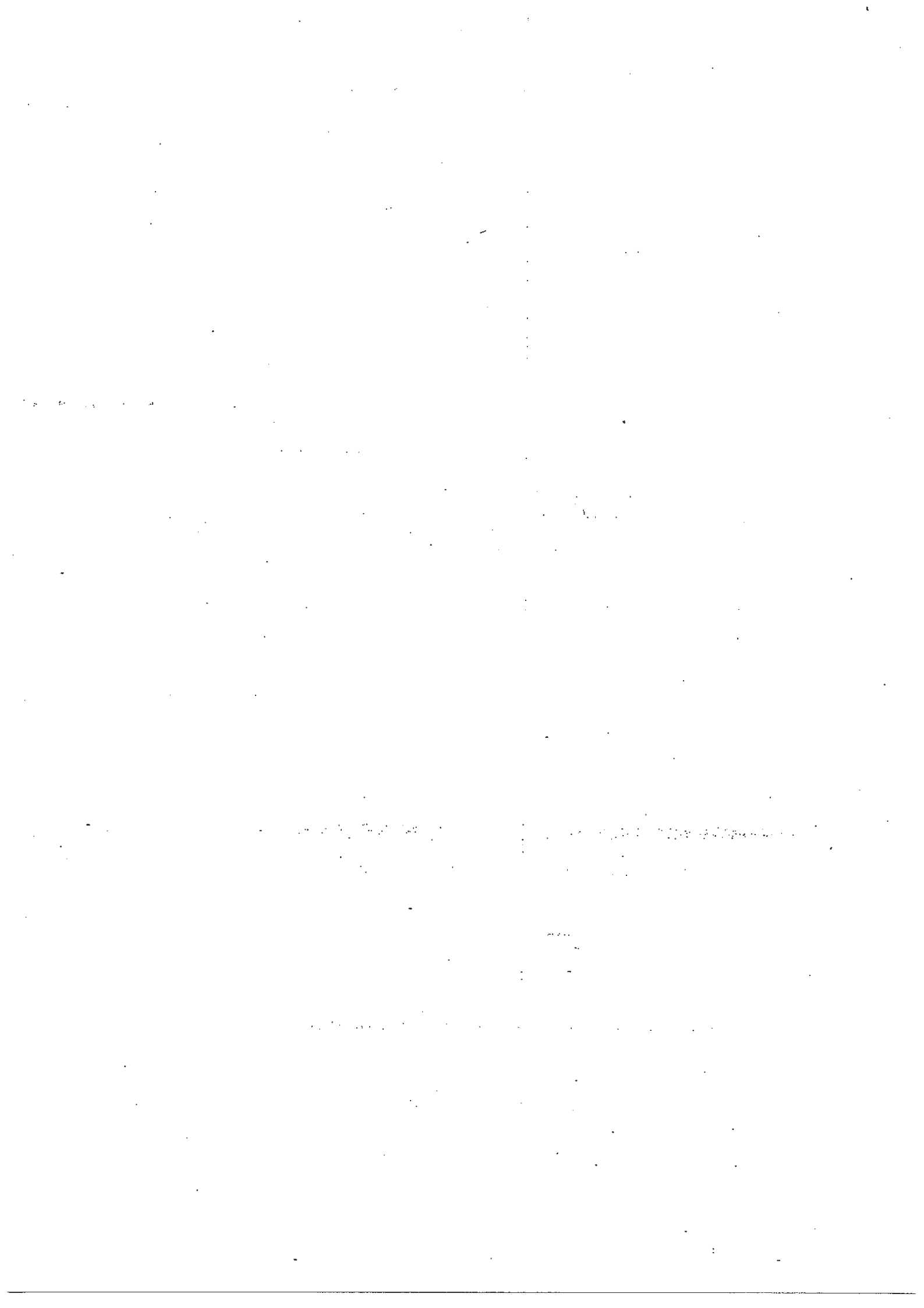
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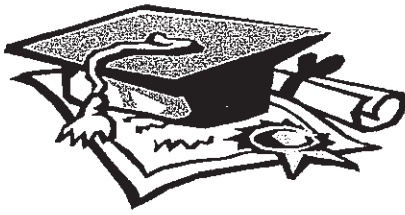
80 Are the author and her family members German? Give a reason to support your answer.

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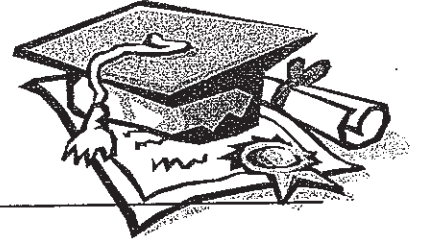


# ANSWER SHEET

**EXAM PAPER 2010**

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**TERM : SA1**



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Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
P	N	G	Q	D	E

- 41)it            42)from        43)cascaded    44)incredible   45)ourselves  
46)plunged    47)hold        48)refrained   49)agony        50)To  
51)Titanic     52)why        53)passengers   54)voyage       55)off  
56)struck      57)set         58)known       59)warnings    60)ahead  
61)avoid       62)water      63)reached     64)but           65)sink

66)All of the boys do not wear spectacles except Tom.

67)To express her gratitude to Lisa for saving her pet dog, Mrs Brown gave her a reward.

68)Every guest at the party was given a box of chocolates.

69)Much to our excitement, our team won the competition.

70)You must exercise regularly or you will not be fit for the Physical Fitness Test.

**71)Males between sixteen and forty were thought to be strong and healthy and could make military equipment easily.**

**72)The emergency hiding place served as a hiding place for boys when the soldiers came to look for them. This way, the soldiers would not find the boys.**

**73)The people in the room were only women and an old man.**

**74)She was twitching her fingers and her face was masked with terror.**

**75)Clare did not answer his question but instead told him about her family.**

**76)The writer felt nervous because she was worried that Clare would tell the truth and Peter and Bob would be taken away to work in the munitions factories.**

**77)The word is "crouched".**

**78)She wanted to trick the soldiers into believing that she was making fun of them.**

**79)The word is "precious".**

**80)The author and her family members are not German. The soldier had had to use Dutch to communicate with them.**