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英文 ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)  
BOOKLET A

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

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

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

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

School : \_\_\_\_\_  
Name : \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
Class : \_\_\_\_\_  
Date : 21 August 2008

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

# Holiday Activities

Katong Community Centre provides enrichment activities at reasonable rates. This December holiday, Katong CC has packed a complete and dynamic series of holiday activities for kids. From discovery science, street magic to speech & drama camps, we have it all!

Bring out the natural creativity in your child. We have Baking Workshop (5 years & up) on 2 December 08 and Flower and Card Making (5 years & up) on 17 December 08.

Get professional advice from a certified image consultant @ Kids' Dining Etiquette course (6-14 years) on 3 December 08. Now you can bring your kids to your wedding anniversary dinner without worrying about cutlery mishaps.

Fun in Mandarin on 2 December 08 (3-6 years) caters specifically to pre-school kids.



Due to overwhelming demand, we have arranged 3 extremely popular kids' camps (6-12 years) this December holiday!

Discover that little magician of yours with our IKIDS-Street Magician: Building Confidence course on 11 December 08 (7-12 years)

Future doctors-to-be with our Lollipops Life Science: The Little Doctor course on 9 December 08 (5-10 years) and The Little Cell Biologist course on 13 December 08 (5-10 years)

Fairytale Holiday Chinese Camp 28-30 November 08, Magic Moments English Speech & Drama Camp 2-6 December 08 and Magic Moments Mandarin Speech & Drama Camp 9-12 December 08.

Materials for all activities will be provided.

Register before 27 October 08 to get a free gift!

Bring your kids down to Katong CC and experience learning the fun way!

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.

(5 marks)

1. Which one of the following activities requires the longest duration to complete?
  - (1) Fun in Mandarin
  - (2) Fairytale Holiday Chinese Camp
  - (3) Magic Moments English Speech and Drama Camp
  - (4) Magic Moments Mandarin Speech and Drama Camp
  
2. After attending the Building Confidence course, the children will \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) become magicians
  - (2) overcome stage fright
  - (3) grow cells in the body
  - (4) tend to patients in the hospital
  
3. Mrs Chan would like her son to learn some table manners. Which one of the following activities can she register her son in?
  - (1) Baking Workshop
  - (2) Lollipops Life Science
  - (3) Flower and Card Making
  - (4) Kids' Dining Etiquette course
  
4. Which one of the following statements is true?
  - (1) All participants need not bring any materials for the activities.
  - (2) All activities are targeted at primary school children only.
  - (3) All participants will receive a free gift upon registration.
  - (4) All activities are organised throughout the year.
  
5. Mr and Mrs Tan have three children aged six, nine and fourteen. They want their children to attend the same activity together. The number of activities which they can attend is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) one
  - (2) two
  - (3) three
  - (4) four

For each question from 6-12, 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. Cathy was demonstrating a product to a customer when she noticed a youth \_\_\_\_\_ off with an unpaid mobile phone.

- (1) walk
- (2) walks
- (3) walked
- (4) has walked

7. "Don't be embarrassed," he said to us. "Make \_\_\_\_\_ as clear as possible."

- (1) himself
- (2) yourself
- (3) themselves
- (4) yourselves

8. His injury was worse than mine, but he made \_\_\_\_\_ fuss about it.

- (1) more
- (2) least
- (3) less
- (4) few

9. The coach was pleased with her team's effort \_\_\_\_\_ a tough opposition.

- (1) from
- (2) about
- (3) against
- (4) through

10. When the prefect spotted the latecomer at the gate, she knew \_\_\_\_\_ he was.

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

11. The florists tried very hard to salvage their plants, but not even \_\_\_\_\_ of them could succeed.

- (1) any
- (2) one
- (3) none
- (4) some

12. Someone \_\_\_\_\_ a handbag in the canteen. It is in the General Office now.

- (1) was leaving
- (2) is leaving
- (3) leaves
- (4) left

For each question from 13-15, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage.  
Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (3 marks)

An 80-year-old man goes to a doctor for a check-up. The doctor is amazed at his state of health and commented (13) To what do you attribute your remarkably good health?"

"I'm an early riser and that's why I'm in good health. I get up before daylight and chase turkeys up and down mountains."

The doctor says, "Well, I'm sure it helps, but there have to be genetic factors too. How old was your dad when he died (14)

"Who says my dad's dead? Dad's 100 years old (15) In fact, he turkey-hunted with me this morning."

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

For each question from 16-20, 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. As Bin Tong has been missing lessons, his teacher is very \_\_\_\_\_ about his progress.
- (1) wary
  - (2) cautious
  - (3) interested
  - (4) concerned
17. Sanjay, after much interrogation, \_\_\_\_\_ vividly what had happened in the school bus.
- (1) related
  - (2) described
  - (3) translated
  - (4) discovered
18. The maid \_\_\_\_\_ the frozen meat at room temperature before cooking.
- (1) melted
  - (2) thawed
  - (3) softened
  - (4) dissolved
19. Miraculously, the victim \_\_\_\_\_ for a week under the rubble without food and water.
- (1) subdued
  - (2) survived
  - (3) sustained
  - (4) supported
20. The latest *iphone* boasts of many \_\_\_\_\_ functions unavailable in other models.
- (1) imaginative
  - (2) resourceful
  - (3) innovative
  - (4) standard

For each question from 21 to 25, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

The \$50 million National Stadium was opened in July 1973 by the then Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew. More than three decades later, the stadium will be demolished to make way for the new Sports Hub. There will be a befitting closure involving the whole nation.  
(21)

For most, it will be a trip down memory lane. Most know the stadium as the venue for National Day Parades and major football matches.  
(22)

"600 athletes, both past and present, will parade round the stadium to the cheers of the crowd. We hope that the crowd will give them a good reception and appreciate what they have done for Singapore," said the chairman of the National Stadium Closure Committee. As a symbolic gesture, the cauldron will be lighted by sprinter Kunalan, marking the start of the farewell party.  
(23)  
(24)

Nostalgia will be the order of the day, as spectators can indulge in snacks and drinks sold by vendors, just like the good old days.  
(25)

21. (1) an appropriate  
(2) an outstanding  
(3) an applicable  
(4) an entire

22. (1) scene  
(2) position  
(3) location  
(4) destination



23. (1) be pleased with  
(2) be thankful for  
(3) understand  
(4) welcome
24. (1) motion  
(2) signal  
(3) sign  
(4) act
25. (1) Homesickness  
(2) Reminiscence  
(3) Melancholy  
(4) Indulgence

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

I remember sitting at the kitchen table in our Kuala Lumpur home when I was eight, watching my mother fix dinner. Before doing anything else, she would always take off her silver wedding band and place it on the counter. I remember playing with it, running my fingers over the grooves of the simple design.

This particular day has stayed in my memory because it was a week or so after my father had given her a glitzy diamond ring to replace the simple band from their student days. "Why aren't you wearing the new ring?" I asked. "Don't you like it?"

"Of course I do," she replied. "It's beautiful, but my hands are ugly and the new ring would only draw attention to **them**."

"Ugly?" Seeing my look of disbelief, my mother wiped her hands on her apron and held them out before me.

"See," she said. "They're bony and my veins stick out. That's why I never wear nail polish or bangles."

I remained unconvinced. The bones and veins were what made those hands familiar, what made them hers. My mother's hands were among the most comforting things in my life. Always cool, never shaky, they could soothe a fever instantly when she laid them on my forehead.

From my eye level, her hands were the first things I noticed whether she was making sandwiches or assembling the perfect teddy bear birthday cake. I remembered watching her hands when she taught herself to sew *baju kúrung*, the traditional female attire in my father's Malay culture. I also noticed that in fast traffic, she would **grip the steering wheel so tightly that her knuckles would protrude**, but she still managed to drive my brother, sister and me to piano lessons, school, birthday parties and all those other places that children have to go.

The years passed and then life started to go wrong. I fell into a depression. I was introduced to heroin! I knew my lifestyle was hurting my mother.

**Exhausted with the despair and self-destruction in my life**, I eventually turned to my parents for help. We started the roller-coaster ride called *The Recovery*. I worked my way, painfully and slowly, through a maze of treatment centres and failed attempts to kick my addiction.

All the way, my parents stood by me, sometimes holding each other's hands, more often than not, holding mine. I remember once opening my eyes slowly in a dimly lit hospital room. My mother was sleeping on the chair beside me, completely drained. Her hands were clasped and I noticed her wedding ring. I tried to think back to a time when I didn't have this sadness inside me. That night, I cried tears of sadness for that little girl sitting at the kitchen table and tears of anger for what I had done to her. 35

Source: *Reader's Digest*, May 2007

For each question from 26-30, 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. In line 9, "them" refers to the \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) wedding band and diamond ring
  - (2) grooves of the wedding band
  - (3) hands of the writer's mother
  - (4) nail polish and bangles
27. The writer did not believe her mother when she said that her hands were ugly because they were \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) always cool and steady
  - (2) the first things that she noticed
  - (3) always holding the writer's hands
  - (4) a source of assurance and comfort
28. In lines 21-22, the words "grip the steering wheel so tightly that her knuckles would protrude" tell us that the writer's mother was \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) depressed
  - (2) persistent
  - (3) relieved
  - (4) anxious

29. In line 27, "Exhausted with the despair and self-destruction in my life" suggests that the writer was overwhelmed with \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) grief
- (2) stress
- (3) weariness
- (4) hopelessness

30. Which one of the following is the main idea of the passage?

- (1) The writer realised that she had disappointed her mother and herself.
- (2) The writer missed her mother's rough hands.
- (3) The writer had led a life of self-destruction.
- (4) The writer tried to kick her bad habits.

**END OF BOOKLET A**



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BOOKLET B

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Write your answers in this booklet.

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Class : \_\_\_\_\_  
Date : 21 August 2008

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There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

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| (A) a     | (D) because | (G) if  | (K) off | (N) of     |
| (B) by    | (E) in      | (H) the | (L) to  | (P) from   |
| (C) about | (F) for     | (J) up  | (M) at  | (Q) around |

The Singapore Flyer was officially launched (31) \_\_\_\_\_ style by Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong who kicked (32) \_\_\_\_\_ the festivities by beating on a drum to set off a dazzling laser light show and fireworks display. It also got the thumbs-up from Mr Lee when he said the Flyer offered (33) \_\_\_\_\_ remarkable view of "our beautiful city" after a ride on it.

Noting that (34) \_\_\_\_\_ 165m-tall wheel was the latest addition (35) \_\_\_\_\_ Singapore's constantly growing and changing skyline, Mr Lee pointed out the many things that were happening (36) \_\_\_\_\_ Marina Bay, including the upcoming integrated resort and F1 circuit.

Mr Lee, the guest-of-honour (37) \_\_\_\_\_ the event, said the Flyer's management was optimistic that the \$240-million observation wheel would do well and become "one of the busiest in the world". The evening was not all (38) \_\_\_\_\_ glitz. A cheque for \$28,000 was presented to The Straits Times School Pocket Money Fund.

Mr Florian Bollen, chairman of the Singapore Flyer, said, "The wheel stands for wholeness, perfection, progress and speed — all (39) \_\_\_\_\_ which fit Singapore's character very well." The Flyer — the world's highest (40) \_\_\_\_\_ now — has been open to the public since 1 March .

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

On 20 March 2008, Mr Yuichiro Miura, a 75-year-old Japanese adventurer, set out on his quest to become the oldest man to climb Mount Everest — again. He left for Nepal,

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where he acclimatized himself before heading for Tibet's region capital of Lhasa to scale the world's highest peak from the Chinese side.

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(43)

Mr Miura had been training for the **challengch** by walking around with weights strap

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to his ankles and sleeping in a low-oxygen chamber. However, the political situaysion in

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Tibet could disrupt his carefully planned **shaedule**. "The region has a history of unrest and

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it is regret something like this happened," said Mr Miura, who had a permit to scale

(47)

Everest from the Chinese mountaineering **autoreties**.

(48)

Mr Miura is already famous for have skied down Everest in 1970, a feat captured in

(49)

an Oscar-win documentary. In 2003, he climbed the 8,850m Himalayan peak and became the oldest man to reach the top at the age of 70.

He was eclipsed by fellow Japanese climber Takao Arayama, who scaled the peak

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in 2006 and was just three days older than Mr Miura was, when he **acheifed** his feat.

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Whenever we celebrate a Chinese festival, I never hesitate to tell my friends how much I want to eat *jiaozi*. The mere thought of those dumplings makes my mouth (51) \_\_\_\_\_. Upon hearing that, friends from southern China, (52) \_\_\_\_\_ rice is the staple food, would exclaim, "Oh dear, not dumplings again!"

My love for *jiaozi* goes back to my childhood in China. At that time, we were poor and needy. With seven children to be (53) \_\_\_\_\_, we knew well what that gourmet deprivation meant. Each year as the Lunar New Year (54) \_\_\_\_\_ near, we would wait with great expectation for the magic day to come.

On the eve of New Year, Mum and my elder sisters would start making dumplings. They would talk and laugh heartily while they kneaded the dough and chopped the vegetables. I was then too young to join (55) \_\_\_\_\_ in their "high-skilled" labour. They would work for hours, showing no (56) \_\_\_\_\_ of fatigue until rows and rows of *jiaozi* were lined up.

In the morning, Mum would put the New Year *jiaozi* in boiling water and wake all of us up. Filled with excitement, the (57) \_\_\_\_\_ family would sit around the table and enjoy the dumplings. After that, Mum would instruct us to give away the many *jiaozi* we still had to our neighbours. "There are people who don't have *jiaozi* to eat," she would tell us.

Year after year, we would carry out the sacred task of (58) \_\_\_\_\_ our dumplings with those who were less fortunate (59) \_\_\_\_\_ we were. After I grew up, I travelled to many places and (60) \_\_\_\_\_ I went, I searched for the familiar taste of *jiaozi*. As I could not always go home for Chinese New Year, I learned to



make dumplings for myself. However, it was never the same – what was missing was the fond (61) \_\_\_\_\_ of making and eating them with my family.

I called home two years ago to let Mum know that I was going to make dumplings to enjoy with my friends during Lunar New Year.

“That’s good, my daughter. You’ve grown up,” she said. Mum is a woman of (62) \_\_\_\_\_ words. Though she did not say much, I could sense that she felt a surge of great pride and happiness for me.

Later that day, my second sister told me that Mum had cried after talking to me. Suddenly, it (63) \_\_\_\_\_ on me that Mum has been practising hospitality her whole life, showing us how to love our neighbours. Now, in her (64) \_\_\_\_\_ old age, she feels content that she has passed (65) \_\_\_\_\_ the legacy of generosity to the next generation. I guess this is Mum’s heart-felt desire for all her children.

Source: *Reader's Digest*, February 2007

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 the sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s). (10 marks)

66. Brandon had to tidy up his messy room. Brandon hated to do it.

\_\_\_\_\_ having \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

67. Of all the candidates, only Adeline is well-prepared for the final examination.

\_\_\_\_\_ except \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

68. Sam vandalised the wall. Sam has confessed.

\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

69. "You must complete your project by next week," Mrs Chan reminded her class.

Mrs Chan reminded her class \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

70. John is diligent and sincere. John bagged the top award.

John's \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

When Arthur Charles Clarke was born in 1917, typewriters were the cutting edge of office technology and the first transatlantic flight was a whole year away. Today, missives can be transmitted across the world in mere seconds via the Internet and mankind has made it to the moon and beyond.

The eldest of four children, Clarke became fascinated with science from a young age. The leading American science-fiction then was *Astounding Stories of Super-Science* which he loved to read. While in school, he joined the newly formed British Interplanetary Society, a group of science-fiction enthusiasts who believed in the then far-fetched idea of space travel. 5

During World War II, he served as an officer in the Royal Air Force, working with a team of American scientist-engineers to develop the first radar-controlled system for landing airplanes in bad weather. However, writing science-fiction was his first love, something he had attempted before the war. He started out selling short stories to magazines and soon became a full-time writer. Readers all over the world, including in Singapore, were captivated by his ideas, which they say were compelling as they retained a human element at the core. 10 15

Mr Dave Chua, a freelance writer and novelist who started reading Clarke's science-fiction as a teenager, said, "He wasn't always great at character development, but his ideas were always interesting and sometimes mind-blowing." Mr Fong Hoe Fang, founder of local literary imprint Ethos, said Clarke was the first science-fiction author he ever read, leading him to seek out others such as Ray Bradbury and Isaac Asimov. "He really got me started on science-fiction, as he thought outside the box." 20

Dr Kirpal Singh, who knew Clarke personally, said, "He was very warm, generous and firm but kind. He was not afraid to critique and censure you when he thought you were wrong. He was the kind of old-English gentleman who would see other people as people he needed to help – as a burden, in a good sense." Dr Singh added, "My stance would be that technology did not pay attention to the human side." However, Clarke thought otherwise. He always talked about the larger perspective; he felt that technology could better life and should be embraced. 25 30

Clarke was drawn to Sri Lanka when he developed an interest in diving in the early 1950s. In 1962, he suffered a severe attack of polio. Though he recovered, he developed post-polio syndrome, a progressive condition characterised by muscle weakness and extreme fatigue. He spent the last years of his life in a wheelchair. Even towards the end of his life, Clarke kept his nose to the grindstone. His last published novel was last year's *Firstborn* and, at the time of his death, he was working on a new novel. 35

He died at the age of ninety on 19 March 2008.

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. From paragraph 1, which four-word phrase tells you that Clarke was born before the first transatlantic flight?

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72. Give two reasons to support Clarke's strong interest in Science when he was young.

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73. From the passage, what did the British and the Americans do as a team during World War II?

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74. In line 16, what does the word "they" refer to?

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75. Who were the other two science-fiction writers mentioned in the passage?

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76. In lines 22 and 23, Mr Fong Hoe Fang mentioned "he thought outside the box". What does this phrase suggest about Clarke?

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77. Quote the sentence from paragraph 5 that suggests Clarke would not hesitate to express his strong disapproval of your mistakes.

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78. Explain clearly how Dr Kirpal Singh's view on technology differs from Clarke's.

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79. Which two physical conditions caused Clarke to be wheelchair-bound?

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80. In line 35, explain clearly what is meant by "Clarke kept his nose to the grindstone".

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**END OF PAPER**

# Hokkien Primary School

## Primary 6 English SA2 Exam (2008)

### Answer Keys

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| 2   | 4   | 1   | 3   | 1   | 4   | 2   | 2   | 2   | 3   |
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| Q31 | Q32 | Q33 | Q34 | Q35 | Q36 | Q37 | Q38 | Q39 | Q40 |
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| 41. regional    | 42. challenge   | 43. strapped | 44. situation | 45. scheduled |
| 46. regrettable | 47. authorities | 48. having   | 49. winning   | 50. achieved  |
| 51. water       | 52. where       | 53. fed      | 54. drew      | 55. them      |
| 56. signs       | 57. whole       | 58. sharing  | 59. than      | 60. wherever  |
| 61. memories    | 62. few         | 63. dawned   | 64. ripe      | 65. on        |

66. Brandon hated having to tidy up his messy room.
67. All the candidates except Adeline are not well prepared for the final examination.
68. Sam has confessed to vandalizing the wall.
69. Mrs Chan reminded her class that they had to complete their project by the following week.
70. John's diligence and sincerity bagged him the top award.
71. It is "a whole year away".
72. He loved reading Astounding Stories of Super-Science at that time. He joined the British Interplanetary Society, which was a group of Science-fiction enthusiasts.
73. They developed the first radar-controlled system for landing airplanes in bad weather.
74. It refers to Arthur Charles Clarke ideas.
75. They were Ray Bradbury Isaac Asimov.
76. This phrase suggests Clarke was a person who has a lot of ideas that people would not thought and he is innovative.
77. The sentence is "He was not afraid to critique and censure you when he thought you were wrong".
78. Dr Kirpal Singh thought that technology could not improve the life of people but Clarke felt that, technology could better life and should be embraced.
79. The two physical conditions were muscle weakness and extreme fatigue.
80. It meant that thought Clarke was going to die, he still continued his work of writing science-fiction.