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NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL  
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PRIMARY 6

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2

(BOOKLET A)

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Date: 23 August 2011

Booklet A	130
Booklet B	165
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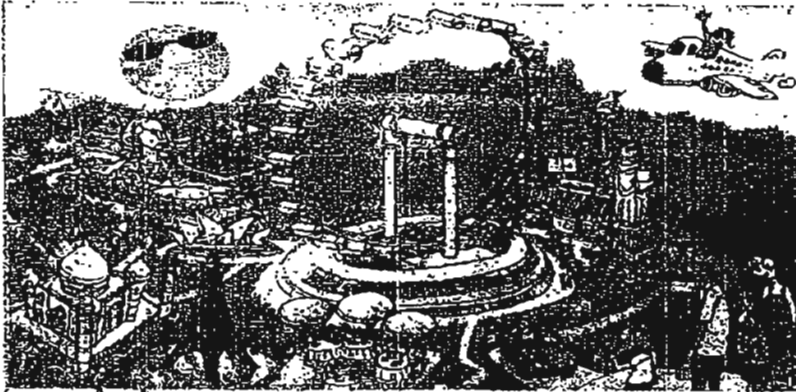
Total Time for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Write your Index Number in the boxes at the top right-hand corner.
2. Do not turn over the page until you are told to do so.
3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Answer all questions.
5. Shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

**Section A – Graphic-Stimulus Comprehension (5 x 1 mark)**  
 Study the advertisement carefully and answer questions 1 to 5.

# SINGAPORE FLYER



## ICONS of the WORLD (1 – 30 September 2011)

Admire the replicas of 5 iconic landmarks from different continents all at one location!

What's more, immerse in the culture of other countries by participating in interesting craft workshops\*. Only on weekends at 1.30 p.m. & 3.30 p.m..

+ Limited to 20 participants per session

Interested to win air tickets for a family of 4 to one of the featured continents?



Search for answers while exploring "Icons of the World" and complete the Activity Passport.

Drop the completed Activity Passports at the Singapore Flyer Guest Services Lounge to stand a chance to win.



**Meet & Greet Session with Flyer Mascot**  
 Daily from 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm

Have a memorable shot taken with our lovely Flyer Mascot. Simply spend \$50 in a single receipt at any restaurant at the Singapore Flyer.

## 2 NEW ATTRACTIONS & A RIDE ON THE SINGAPORE FLYER

All for the price of 1 at only **\$29.50!**

Includes:

- 1-for-1 Cocktail at Flyer Lounge #
- Free 'Icons of the World' Activity Passport @
- Free Singapore Flyer Backpack
- \$10 dining voucher at participating restaurants

# Applicable for adults only

@ For children age 12 and below

## Latest Attraction



## Journey of Dreams

Explore 7 engaging multimedia galleries and learn more about the story behind Singapore.

End your journey by taking a ride on the Singapore Flyer and enjoy the panoramic view at 165 metres above ground.

**Present your Singapore Flyer ticket & cut-out coupons to enjoy these fantastic treats!**

### 50% off Ben & Jerry Ice Cream

- Only redeemable at Ben & Jerry Outlet at Singapore Flyer
- One redemption per original coupon



### Free Kid's Meal

- Only redeemable at Urban Café Outlet, at Singapore Flyer
- One redemption per original coupon



For each question, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice and shade the corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

1. Which of the following is **NOT** included in the ticket?

- (1) Singapore Flyer Backpack
- (2) Dining voucher at selected restaurants
- (3) 50% discount on Ben & Jerry ice cream
- (4) Entry to the galleries at Journey of Dreams

2. To qualify for the grand draw to win air tickets, one must do all of the following except \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) pay for a ticket at \$29.50
- (2) complete the Activity Passport correctly
- (3) go through the craft workshops to search for answers
- (4) submit the Activity Passport at the Guest Service Lounge

3. A group of teenagers visiting the Singapore Flyer on a weekend will \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) enjoy two cocktails at the price of one
- (2) receive the 'Icons of the World' Activity Passport
- (3) be guaranteed of participation in the craft workshops
- (4) see the models of symbolic landmarks from around the world

4. Which of the following is **TRUE**?

- (1) The promotional ticket price of \$29.50 is only for children.
- (2) One may take a ride on the Singapore Flyer after going through the multimedia galleries.
- (3) \$50 spending in a single receipt at any shop is required before taking a photo with the Flyer Mascot.
- (4) A child may enjoy a free meal at all Urban Cafe outlets with his Singapore Flyer ticket and a cut-out coupon.

5. The main purpose of the advertisement is to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) publicise the replicas of iconic landmarks on display
- (2) encourage people to travel to the different continents
- (3) increase the number of visitors to the Singapore Flyer
- (4) promote the craft and culture of countries from other continents

**Section B – Grammar ( 7 x 1 mark)**

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 corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

6. I am so tempted to buy that sequined evening gown. Do you think five thousand dollars \_\_\_\_\_ a huge sum of money to splurge on it?
- (1) is (2) was  
(3) are (4) were
7. The injured pedestrian \_\_\_\_\_ by the time the paramedics arrived at the scene of accident.
- (1) died (2) was dying  
(3) had died (4) had been dead
8. If Kenny \_\_\_\_\_ to his mother earlier, she would not have been so angry.
- (1) apologised (2) was apologising  
(3) had apologised (4) would apologise
9. Children are not allowed on this ride \_\_\_\_\_ they are accompanied by an adult.
- (1) if (2) except  
(3) until (4) unless
10. The boy, \_\_\_\_\_ mother is found guilty of drug trafficking, is my classmate.
- (1) who (2) which  
(3) whom (4) whose
11. I am confident of scoring distinction for Higher Chinese as I have always been good \_\_\_\_\_ it.
- (1) in (2) at  
(3) on (4) over
12. When Michael saw a young lady struggling to change her punctured tyre along the road, he \_\_\_\_\_ to lend her a helping hand.
- (1) pulled in (2) pulled over  
(3) pulled out (4) pulled through

**Section C – Punctuation Discrete (3 x 1 mark)**

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 (OAS).

Luncia Gamzer jerked awake when the night erupted in angry shouts and screams of terror coming from the street below.

"Father, what's happening (13) Luncia whimpered from her bedroom.

"Go back to bed (14)" her father ordered from the living room, as he peeked out the window through the curtains (15) He muttered grimly, "You don't need to see this."

Luncia was too young to understand that the chaos outside on this frightening summer night in 1941 had been triggered by Germany's invasion and occupation of the Polish city of Lvov.

Adapted from 'Survivors' by Allan Zullo and Mara Bovsun

- 13) (1) [ , ] comma  
(2) [ ? ] question mark  
(3) [ , " ] comma and inverted comma  
(4) [ ? " ] question mark and inverted comma

- 14) (1) [ , ] comma  
(2) [ . ] full stop  
(3) [ , " ] comma and inverted commas  
(4) [ . " ] full stop and inverted commas

- 15) (1) [ , ] comma  
(2) [ . ] full stop  
(3) [ - ] em-dash  
(4) [ ; ] semi colon

**Section D – Vocabulary (5 x 1 mark)**

*For each question from 16 to 20, one of the four options is the correct answer. Make your choice and shade the corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).*

16. Grandmother's health has \_\_\_\_\_ to the point that she could no longer get out of bed.
- (1) declined
  - (2) depreciated
  - (3) deteriorated
  - (4) degenerated
17. The first drink is \_\_\_\_\_, but you will have to pay for the subsequent drinks.
- (1) compulsory
  - (2) compensatory
  - (3) complimentary
  - (4) complementary
18. He is a/an \_\_\_\_\_ person and is skilled at influencing others to get what he wants.
- (1) vicious
  - (2) obnoxious
  - (3) authoritative
  - (4) manipulative
19. Throughout the trial, he showed no \_\_\_\_\_ for the murders he had committed.
- (1) apology
  - (2) remorse
  - (3) sympathy
  - (4) compassion
20. My brother's temperament is exactly like my father's; he is \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) a bolt from the blue
  - (2) a bee in the bonnet
  - (3) a feather in one's cap
  - (4) a chip off the old block

**Section E – Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)**

For each question, choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

Jamie Neale, a nineteen-year-old British backpacker, disappeared after leaving a youth hostel in the town of Katoomba. He had gone on a one-day hike but failed to return.

For twelve days, the rescue teams searched for him across (21) hostile, mountainous terrain. The rescue operation had been (22) impeded by bad winter weather, including thick fog, rain and frigid temperatures. The police admitted that as each hour passed, his chances of survival grew slimmer.

In an (23) extraordinary story of resilience, he was found safe and well after spending almost a fortnight lost in the (24) remote Blue Mountains, west of Sydney. After his (25) dreadful encounter, Jamie Neale was taken to the nearby hospital for treatment.

Adapted from "Missing backpacker is found", *BBC Learning English*, 15 July 2009

21. (1) harsh  
(2) daunting  
(3) aggressive  
(4) intimidating
22. (1) foiled  
(2) ruined  
(3) disrupted  
(4) hampered
23. (1) fantastic  
(2) prominent  
(3) remarkable  
(4) distinguished
24. (1) isolated  
(2) forsaken  
(3) deserted  
(4) abandoned
25. (1) feat  
(2) ordeal  
(3) disaster  
(4) calamity

**Section F – Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1 mark)**

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

Alex thought of himself as being notches above others. Not only was he knowledgeable, but he was also very well-read especially in topics on psychology and behaviour patterns. He always carried himself impressively well with an air of great importance. Above all, he prided himself on his ability to size up people he came across with just one glance. 5

One day, Alex went on a luxurious cruise that sailed to nowhere, on which passengers indulged themselves in eating, drinking and gambling. With the cruise fully booked, Alex was *dismayed* to find himself sharing a two-bunker cabin with a stranger. To make matter worse, it was someone whom he did not take a liking to. The man introduced himself as Kon. He was dark-complexioned, had unkempt stubble on his chin, a one-sided smile and a nervous demeanour. Alex stared at him coldly. Kon stared back but looked away after a while. In fact, he felt so uneasy that he eventually turned his whole body away. 10

"This guy is definitely untrustworthy and unsavoury," Alex thought to himself, feeling exceedingly *pleased* that he had done it once again. "I'd better get the ship staff to keep my money securely in their safe each night." 15

While Alex was unpacking, Kon tried to make small talk to ease the awkward silence. However, when he realised that he was not making any headway, he gave up and left the cabin much to Alex's relief.

That evening, after trying his luck at the casino, Alex made his way to the purser's office before returning to his cabin. 20

"I'd feel safer if you kept this for me," Alex said as he handed over a wad of notes. Then, he leaned closer to the purser and whispered, "I'm sharing my cabin with a total stranger – and frankly, he doesn't seem the honest kind, the kind I cannot trust."

"Absolutely, sir, I understand what you mean," the purser replied with a slight sneer that escaped Alex's eyes. He was accustomed to such requests from the guests. 25

Alex was given an envelope which he duly filled, signed, sealed and handed to the purser. Then, he was handed a register to sign. With his duty almost done, the purser became chatty.

"You know, you are not the only guest here tonight to feel that way. Just before you, another gentleman came in here with the very same request, saying quite similar words. He's sleeping in a room shared with a dubious-looking character. He too wanted us to keep his cash in our safe." 30

"Really? I suppose there is more than one of such kind around," Alex replied with interest. Mildly curious, Alex looked for the gentleman's name in the register. He was dumbfounded when he found it. 35

Kon.

Adapted from "Sleeping with unsavoury character" from 'The Angel of Changi' by Goh Sin Tub



For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Choose the correct answer and shade the corresponding ovals on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

26. In Alex's opinion, what was his greatest strength?
- (1) He was an avid reader.
  - (2) He was very knowledgeable.
  - (3) He was a distinguished man.
  - (4) He was a good judge of character.
27. In line 8, what caused Alex to be "dismayed"?
- (1) He did not have a cabin to himself.
  - (2) The ship would not be stopping anywhere.
  - (3) He disliked the person who shared his cabin
  - (4) There were too many passengers on the cruise.
28. Why was Alex feeling so 'pleased' with himself in line 14?
- (1) He had thought of a way to keep his money safe from Kon.
  - (2) He could read Kon's mind and knew he had an ulterior motive.
  - (3) He could figure out Kon's personality within a short period of time.
  - (4) He had managed to make Kon feel unwelcomed by staring at him.
29. When the purser said that he understood what Alex meant in line 24, how he truly felt was that \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) Alex was overreacting but was too polite to say so.
  - (2) he disagreed with Alex's opinion of his cabin mate.
  - (3) Alex was right about the ship's safe being the most secured place to safekeep one's money.
  - (4) he empathised with Alex's concern about the security of his money in the company of a stranger he distrusted.
30. When Alex saw Kon's name on the register, he was shocked because Kon \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) could turn out be a very wealthy man instead.
  - (2) had thought of him as a dishonest person to be wary of.
  - (3) seemed to have read his mind and had known of his plan.
  - (4) did not appear to have anything of value to be put into the safe.

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**Section G – Grammar Cloze (10 x 1 mark).**

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40 in the passage below. From the list of words in the box, choose the most suitable answer for each blank and write its letter (A to Q) in it. "I" and "O" have been omitted to avoid confusion in marking.

Use each word only **ONCE**.

A) a	D) can	G) on	K) that	N) who
B) and	E) for	H) should	L) their	P) with
C) but	F) if	J) since	M) which	Q) your

Carrying a backpack can be hazardous to your health. Thousands of children have back, neck and shoulder pain caused by 31) \_\_\_\_\_ heavy backpacks. School medical staff 32) \_\_\_\_\_ were surveyed have all come across children treated 33) \_\_\_\_\_ pain and muscle fatigue caused by backpacks. Annually, American children ages five to fourteen, make above ten thousand visits to doctors' offices, 34) \_\_\_\_\_ backpack-related problems.

It has been found that a backpack can cause injuries, especially 35) \_\_\_\_\_ it weighs ten kilogrammes or more. A study by Dr. Charlotte Alexander of Houston, Texas, showed that, 36) \_\_\_\_\_ average, children carry backpacks that weigh ten percent of what they weigh. "37) \_\_\_\_\_ is not much of a problem," says Dr. Alexander, 38) \_\_\_\_\_ we found a ten year-old child with a backpack weighing twenty kilogrammes!"

How 39) \_\_\_\_\_ you carry a heavy load without hurting your back? Use both shoulder straps, place the heaviest items closest to 40) \_\_\_\_\_ back, and bend both knees when lifting. If you have a lot to carry, try a backpack with hip straps or wheels.

**Section H – Editing for Spelling and Grammar (10 x 1 mark)**

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

Diamonds are mined on every continent except Europe and Antarctica. South Africa once shone as the diamond capital of the world. A huge rush to South Africa was sparked off

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through a fifteen-year-old's lucky diamond find in a bed of gravel in the 1850s. Now, Australia

42)

is the king of diamonds, produced more than a quarter of the gems found each year.

43)

Digging for diamonds is an expensive and **exhorsting** operation. Only a fraction of the

44)

diamonds mined each year are **purfact** enough to be fashioned into necklaces and rings.

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46)

The **balk** of the diamonds found each year that are too flawed, oddly-shaped, or too

47)

small for jewels is still **valuerbel**. Those stones, called industrial diamonds, are used to

48)

create thousands of products, from protective eyeglasses and computer chips.

49)

Everyday, dentists **dreel** through tooth enamel quickly with diamond-tipped tools and

50)

doctors performed surgery with diamond-edged scalpels.

Adapted from *Dazzling Diamonds*, TIME for kids

**Section I – Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)**

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

The Hawaiian Monk Seal is an endangered seal. It can only be 51) \_\_\_\_\_ in Hawaii. In 1899, it was 52) \_\_\_\_\_ by German scientist, H. H. Schauinslandi. It 53) \_\_\_\_\_ a monk because of the short hairs on its head. The Hawaiian name for the animal is *ilio holo kai*, 54) \_\_\_\_\_ 'the dog that runs in the sea'.

Features which 55) \_\_\_\_\_ it from its cousin, the Harbour seal, are its grey coat, white belly, and slender physique. Its physique is ideal for hunting its prey 56) \_\_\_\_\_ of fish, eel, lobster, octopus and squid. 57) \_\_\_\_\_ the Hawaiian Monk Seal is not hunting and eating, it is generally found on the sandy beaches and is often 58) \_\_\_\_\_ companions because it moves around alone.

This species has remained nearly unchanged for fifteen million years, though in the past century it has been in 59) \_\_\_\_\_ of dying out completely. Fortunately, conservation 60) \_\_\_\_\_, including the translocation of seals, appear to be bringing the seals back from the edge of extinction. The Hawaiian Monk Seal 61) \_\_\_\_\_ has risen about fifteen percent in the past decade to a total of approximately one thousand and thirteen seals.

Hawaiian Monk Seals, 62) \_\_\_\_\_ are sensitive to human disruption, breed and give birth primarily in the Northwestern Hawaiian islands. In the recent years, 63) \_\_\_\_\_, monk seals have been sighted in other Hawaiian islands.

The annual birth rate for the monk seal pups is between one hundred 64) \_\_\_\_\_ two hundred, but because of shark attacks and other predators, most of them 65) \_\_\_\_\_ to reach maturity.

Although many conservation methods are in practice today, more needs to be done to prevent extinction of the Hawaiian Monk Seal.

**Section J - Synthesis / Transformation (5 x 2 mark)**

*For questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the words provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of the sentence must be the same as the given one(s).*

66. "Did you post the letter yesterday?" Mother asked Jane.

**Mother asked Jane** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

67. The children continued to play in the garden. It was blazing hot.

**Despite** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

68. I vandalised the classroom walls. I was punished.

\_\_\_\_\_ **for**  
\_\_\_\_\_

69. Megan tried very hard to hold back her tears. She could not.

\_\_\_\_\_ **no matter**  
\_\_\_\_\_

70. He did not attend the class regularly. He was expelled from the music school.

**Due to his** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Section K – Comprehension (10 x 2 marks)**

**Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80**

On my third day in veterinary college, I had my first lecture. The subject had been the parts of a horse. Professor Grant had hung up a life size picture of a horse and gone over it from nose to tail, and to make his lecture more interesting, he kept throwing in little practical points. He brought it all to life.

Points from the lecture were spinning in my head as I walked down the street. I really knew about horses. As I turned into busy road, I could hardly believe my luck when I saw the horse. It was standing outside the library. Fortune was smiling on me. 5

A horse. Not just a picture but a real, genuine horse. Stray words from the lecture floated up into my mind. I stood on the pavement and examined the animal critically. I thought it must be obvious to every passer-by that here was a *true expert*. Not just an inquisitive onlooker but a man who knew and understood all. 10

I took a few steps up and down. I worked round to the offside of the horse. So thorough was my inspection that I stood perilously among the racing traffic.

I glanced around at the people hurrying past. Nobody seemed to care, not even the horse. He gazed apathetically down the street. I hated to leave him but I had completed my examination and it was time for me to be on my way. I felt that I ought to make a gesture before I left. So I stepped forward and patted him on the neck. 15

Moving like a striking snake, the horse *seized* my shoulder in his great strong teeth and hoisted me off my feet. I hung there helplessly, suspended like a lopsided puppet. I wriggled and kicked, but the teeth were clamped immovably in my coat. 20

There was no doubt about the interest of the passers-by now. The sight of a man hanging from a horse's mouth brought them to a sudden halt and a crowd formed.

A horrified old lady was crying, "Oh, poor boy! Help him, somebody!" Some of the braver characters tried pulling at me but the horse only hung on tighter. With deep shame, I saw two attractive girls in the front row giggling helplessly. 25

I could feel myself choking and was giving up hope when a man pushed his way through the crowd. Angry eyes glared from a face blackened by coal dust.

"What in the world is this?" he shouted. "Can you not leave the horse alone?" The coalman turned his fury on the horse, "Drop him, you fool! Go on, let go!"

Getting no response, he dug the animal viciously in the belly with his thumb. Feeling the pain at once, the horse released me like an obedient dog dropping a bone. I fell on my knees. The crowd was *nodding and listening appreciatively* as the coalman shouted, "Don't meddle with things you know nothing about!" 30

Adapted from *If Only They Could Talk*, James Herriot

71. What was the topic of Professor Grant's lecture?

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72. What was the narrator training to be?

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73. Give two pieces of evidence from paragraph one to show that the professor was good at his job.

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74. Explain in your own words why the narrator thought he really knew about horses in lines 5-6?

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75. Why did the narrator feel that fortune was smiling at him in line 7?

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76. Who does the "true expert" (line 10) refer to?

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77. Quote a sentence which tells you that the narrator was fully absorbed in examining the horse.

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78. Quote a five-word phrase which tells you that the horse was quick to react.

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79. What were two responses from the crowd when the horse "seized" the narrator in line 18?

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80. Why do you think the crowd was "nodding and listening appreciatively" (line 32) as the coalman was shouting?

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**End-of-Paper**





# ANSWER SHEET

**EXAM PAPER 2011**

**SCHOOL : NAMHUA  
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F	G	K	C	H	Q

- 41)by      42)producing      43)exhausting      44)perfect      45)bulk  
46)is      47)valuable      48)to      49)drill      50)perform  
51)found      52)discovered      53)resembles      54)meaning      55)distinguish  
56)consisting      57)when      58)without      59)danger      60)efforts/  
60)measures/techniques/means/activities      61)population      62)which  
63)however      64)and      65)fail  
66)Mother asked Jane if she had posted the letter the pervious day.  
67)Despite the blazing heat, the children continued to play in the garden.  
68)I was punished for vandalising the classroom walls.  
69)Megan could not hold back her tears no matter how hard she tired.  
70)Due to his irregular attendance in the class, he was expelled from the music school.  
71)The lecture was about the parts of a horse.  
72)He was training to be a vet/veterinarian.

73) He kept throwing in little practical points and was able to bring his lecture to life.

74) He could still remember the points for the lecture and thought that he was already an expert.

75) He had just studied parts of a horse and he then chanced upon a real horse.

76) It refers to the narrator.

77) It is "So thorough was my inspection that I stood perilously among the racing traffic".

78) It is "moving like a striking snake".

79) 1) An old lady screamed. 2) Some laughed/giggled at the narrator.

80) They agreed with the coalman that the narrator should not meddle with things that he did not know.