



Anglo-Chinese School (Primary)

MID-YEAR EXAMINATION 2012
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2 (BOOKLET A)
PRIMARY SIX

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. This question paper consists of 11 printed pages.
2. Do not turn this page until you are told to do so.
3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

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

ANNUAL TANAS TRAVEL FAIR 2012

Organised by World Tour Network
 19 - 21 March
 (10 a.m. - 10 p.m.)
 Exhibition Circle 1


<p>Traditional Japan at \$1188* 1- 8 June</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discover the art of traditional wine making in Yuzu Wine Region • Learn more about the largest village in Japan at the Utashi Folk Village • 5-star hotel accommodation 	<p>Best of Korea at \$1288* 7 - 11 June</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • View the largest collection of teddy bears at the Jeju Teddy Bear Museum • Indulge in the breathtaking view at Mount Sorak National Park • 5-star hotel accommodation
<p>Amazing Taiwan at \$1088* 13 - 19 June</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Admire European style architecture at Olly Resort • Visit the strawberry farms and learn more about making strawberry jam. • 3-star hotel accommodation 	<p>Perth Farmstay at \$1888* 16 - 24 June</p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enjoy true Aussie hospitality at Lavender Outback Farm • Indulge in unique farm activities such as feeding the animals • Taste seasonal fruits grown on the farm


*Prices stated exclude airport taxes.

Other Attractions...

- Free passport holders for first 100 customers!
- Spend above \$1500 and enjoy 20% discount!

Sponsors:

Dream Holidays 

Universal Airways 



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. The whole event is organised by _____.
 - (1) TANAS Travel
 - (2) Dream Holidays
 - (3) Universal Airways
 - (4) World Tour Network

2. Mr Ramli loves to travel. However, he prefers short trips. Which four should he opt for?
 - (1) Best of Korea
 - (2) Perth Famstay
 - (3) Amazing Taiwan
 - (4) Traditional Japan

3. Being the 150th customer, Joanna confirmed her Perth Famstay booking on 19 March. Which one of the following will she receive?
 - (1) A trolley bag only
 - (2) A trolley bag and a 20% discount
 - (3) A trolley bag and a passport holder
 - (4) A passport holder and a 20% discount

4. Which one of the following statements is true?
 - (1) This event is held every year.
 - (2) All prices shown include airport taxes.
 - (3) Hotel accommodation is provided for every travel deal.
 - (4) Every visitor to TANAS Travel Fair will receive a passport holder.

5. The main aim of this advertisement is to _____.
 - (1) sell air tickets
 - (2) promote travel packages
 - (3) promote Universal Airways
 - (4) give free trolley bags to every customer

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. (7 marks)

6. Mrs Lee is tired _____ reprimanding him every day.
- (1) of
 - (2) for
 - (3) off
 - (4) from
7. "Bacon and eggs _____ the chef's speciality here," explained Lina.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
8. Aunt Annie is taking my sister and _____ to the amusement park this weekend.
- (1) I
 - (2) me
 - (3) mine
 - (4) myself
9. _____ my explanation, Jia Wei was not convinced that he was in the wrong.
- (1) Since
 - (2) In spite
 - (3) Despite
 - (4) Although
10. The book belongs to you, _____ it?
- (1) is
 - (2) isn't
 - (3) does
 - (4) doesn't

11. After Rachael _____ her medication, she went to bed.

- (1) take
- (2) took
- (3) takes
- (4) had taken

12. If I _____ you, I would check my work during the examination.

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

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)

The entire class hated Science lessons because of our very strict and unfriendly teacher, Mr Poh. He would always start his lesson with a question he considered higher-order thinking but we thought otherwise.

"What is the colour of our burp (13) he asked haughtily.

Puzzled, everyone started to chatter. Some even began flipping through their Science notes. Ten minutes passed. No one knew the answer.

Mr Poh sniggered and was about to give us the answer when Tim (14) the most notorious boy in school, raised his hand to answer the question.

"The colour of our burp is ... burple."

The class roared with laughter.

Mr Poh turned red. He took in a deep breath and bellowed (15) Silence!"

Adapted from <http://kids.yahoo.com/fokes>

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

14. (1) [,] comma
 (2) [.] full stop
 (3) [?] question mark
 (4) [!] exclamation mark

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

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.
(5 marks)

16. Jeff won the Best Speaker Award after presenting his motion _____ to the audience.
- (1) glibly
 - (2) vividly
 - (3) blithely
 - (4) eloquently
17. "The monster is just a _____ of your imagination. Monsters do not exist," Kelly assured me.
- (1) figment
 - (2) pigment
 - (3) segment
 - (4) fragment
18. Kaishen's impressive track record was _____ by his drug addiction.
- (1) marred
 - (2) defaced
 - (3) tarnished
 - (4) smudged
19. The soccer fans were _____ after the team scored the winning goal.
- (1) delirious
 - (2) lethargic
 - (3) apoplectic
 - (4) meticulous
20. The committee decided to _____ the controversial issue before it reached the media.
- (1) talk out
 - (2) talk over
 - (3) talk back
 - (4) talk down

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)

In June 2010, India was hit by the worst heat wave in 30 years. The temperature reached an average of 46 degrees Celsius in the day. Hardy

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camels died of heatstroke while vultures gathered around the fountains of the

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Indian capital, desperate for a drink.

The streets, which were normally choked with traffic, were strangely

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empty. Many hid themselves indoors to escape the scorching sun. Villagers were forced to trek long distances to look for water.

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To overcome the heat, many Indians drank lime juice laced with salt or sugar - a traditional way to fight thirst. Some resorted to drinking the juice of

(25)

half-ripe mangoes or even onion juice.

The only people who benefitted from the heat wave were the ice creams sellers and the vendors of chilled water.

Adapted from *Thaindian News* (June 2010)

21. (1) hit
(2) tipped
(3) arrived
(4) touched

22. (1) met
(2) engaged
(3) collected
(4) clustered

23. (1) filled
(2) congested
(3) suffocated
(4) obstructed
24. (1) spurred
(2) motivated
(3) influenced
(4) compelled
25. (1) unusual
(2) draconian
(3) customary
(4) contemporary

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

It was 1968 and for 16 years Byrne had been the only professional hunter in Nepal. He was young, strong and determined. He brought down his first big-game animal – a wild boar that had been terrorising a village – not with a shotgun but with an axe. Yet despite his bravery, Byrne had a soft spot in his heart waiting to be revealed.

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During one of his hunts, Byrne told his client not to fire too soon. However, the gun was fired. The tiger roared, sprang back into the grass and vanished. With a flashlight and a loaded gun, he walked towards where the tiger had disappeared. He shone his light on the grass and saw frothy blood. A lung shot. The tiger was injured and at large.

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"You've wounded it," Byrne said.

"Are we going to track it?" his client asked.

"Not tonight. You never track a wounded animal in the dark."

He hated to think of the tiger suffering out there with a bullet in its lung. A tiger did not deserve to die that way. Byrne did not know it then, but his hunting days were numbered.

15

At sunrise, Byrne and his gun bearer, Pasang, began their search for the injured tiger. They tracked the blood trail to a grassy patch where Byrne saw a faint white puff. It was the tiger's breath. He could make out the animal's form, lying flat on the cold earth.

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"It's alive!" Pasang hissed.

Byrne was not too sure if it was. He decided to check the tiger's eyes. They were a pair of shiny jewels, more shimmering than anything Byrne had seen before. The morning sunshine played at the tiger's face, increasing the brilliance of the two incredible orbs.

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Before he could register their beauty, the brilliance began to fade, driven out by a dull, milky haze.

Sickened by the revelation, he decided to put away his guns and devote himself to conservation.

Adapted from Reader's Digest (2007)

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. (5 marks)

26. Why did Byrne and his client not track the tiger down at night?

- (1) His gun was out of bullets.
- (2) He wanted the tiger to suffer.
- (3) He was sickened by the tiger's blood.
- (4) He knew it was not safe to approach an injured animal.

27. In line 15, 'it' refers to _____.

- (1) the injured tiger
- (2) Byrne's numbered hunting days
- (3) where Byrne had to look for the tiger
- (4) when Byrne was going to look for the tiger

28. In line 25, "the two incredible orbs" refer to the _____.

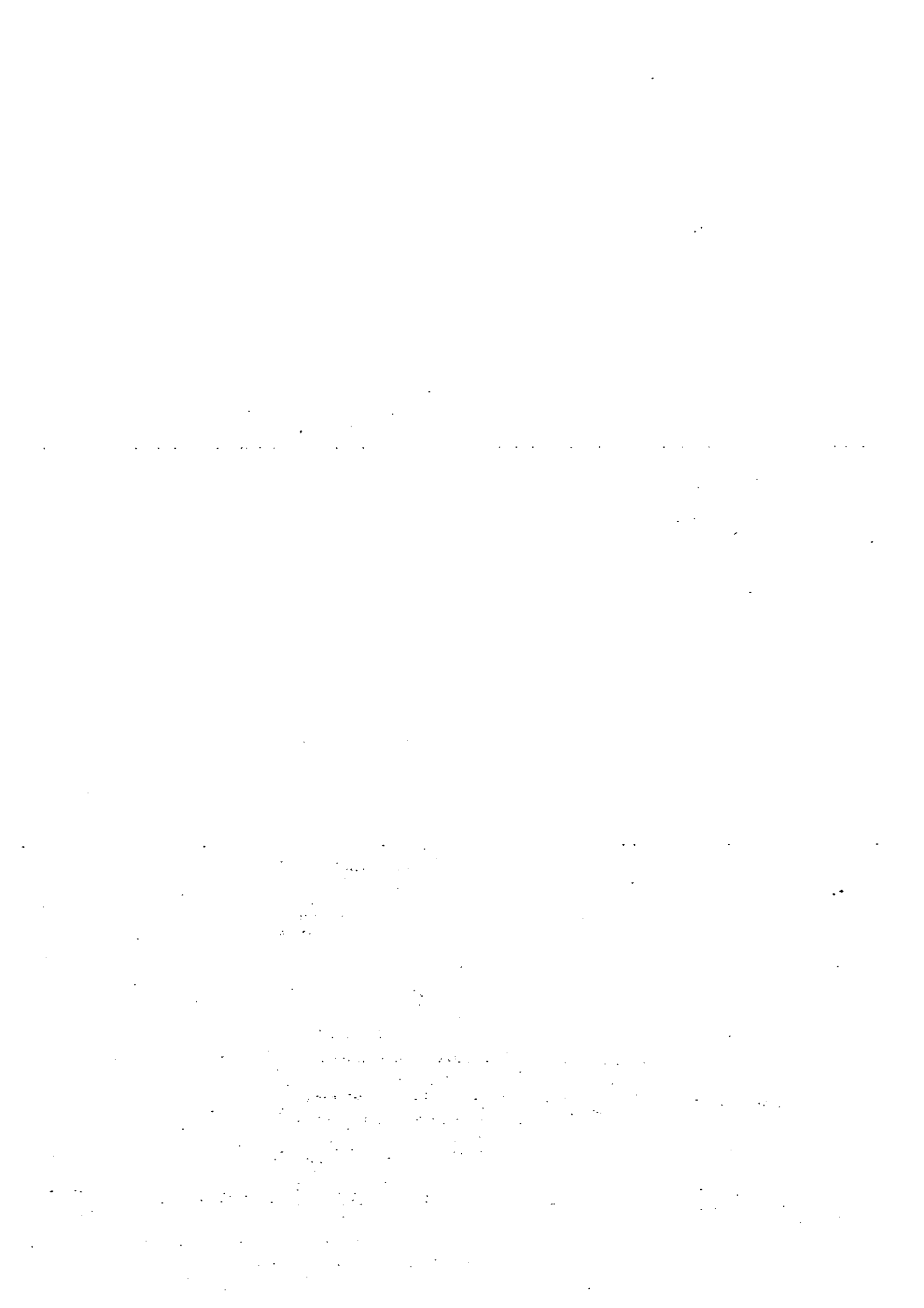
- (1) tiger's eyes
- (2) tiger's breath
- (3) morning sun rays
- (4) pair of shiny jewels

29. Referring to lines 22 – 29, what caused Byrne to change his attitude towards hunting?

- (1) He wanted a change in career.
- (2) He developed an interest in shiny jewels.
- (3) He felt he had done enough hunting after 16 years.
- (4) He was remorseful for having killed a beautiful tiger.

30. Based on the passage, which of the following statements about Byrne is not true?

- (1) He was well-known in Nepal.
- (2) He killed the wild boar with an axe.
- (3) He always knew he had a soft spot for animals.
- (4) He had been hunting professionally for 16 years.





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Name: _____ () Class: Primary 6 ____

Date: 3 May 2012

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. This question paper consists of 7 printed pages. (excluding the cover page)
2. Do not turn this page until you are told to do so.
3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Answer all questions.

1. Composition	55	
2. Language Use & Comprehension	95	
2.1 CAS (Booklet A)	30	
2.2 Cloze	10	
2.3 Listening (Spelling & Grammar)	10	
2.4 Comprehension Cloze	15	
2.5 Synthesis & Transformation	10	
2.6 Comprehension	20	
3. Listening Comprehension	20	
4. Oral Communication	30	
Total	200	

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) by	(G) in	(K) of	(N) up
(B) and	(E) during	(H) it	(L) some	(P) while
(C) but	(F) few	(J) its	(M) the	(Q) who

In ancient Greek myth, the beautiful Queen Helen was kidnapped from the Greek city of Sparta. She was held _____ the distant city of Troy. The Greeks vowed to

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recapture her _____ surround Troy. For ten years, they fought the Trojans

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_____ failed to capture the city. Finally, in desperation, the Greeks made

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_____ final attempt to get into the city.

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They built a large wooden horse, hollow inside and big enough to hide _____

(35)

soldiers. They pulled the wooden horse _____ to the gates of Troy and then made

(36)

an elaborate show of sailing away. _____ led the Trojans to believe that they had

(37)

given up the fight.

The Trojans opened _____ city gates and pulled the horse inside. Overnight,

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_____ the Trojans were sleeping, the concealed Greek soldiers crawled out of

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the belly of the wooden horse and opened the gates _____ Troy. Greek soldiers

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who had been hiding outside the city walls flooded into Troy.

Adapted from *Mastering English Language* by Rachel Swetnam

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

(41)

Buying a gift for a friend is not as easy a task as everyone seemed to think. First of all,

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we have to consider the sum we can afford to pay. Then there is the question on how

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close our friend is to us. We may quarrel on some okayshens but the fact remains that our

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friendship is a personal one. We also have to take into consideration whether our friend is a

male or a female. Lastly, there is the matter of taste to consider. Our friend's taste may not

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be that of our.

Sometimes to make things easier, red packets are given as they symbolise good

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fortune to the superstitious Chinese. A gift vaucha is often used as the giver does not

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have to choose a gift. I am sure you have, in the past, given gifts to friends before and took

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much time and trouble to choose the gifts wisely. If you are thinking of buying one now, why

will you choose?

Adapted from Manhattan Revision Papers by Michelle Chua

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

During World War Two, intelligence agencies had to be on alert at all times for letters and telephone messages that may have included concealed messages. There is evidence of one secret agent who disguised her message (51) _____ knitting instructions! Another spy, who was watching U.S. Navy activity, cabled his number disguised as (52) _____ order for cigars from a tobacco retailer. He was successful with his concealment (53) _____ a savvy U.S. agent realised that he was ordering an extraordinary number of cigars. When agents confronted him, he quickly (54) _____ his treachery.

Many secret agents went to great (55) _____ to hide their messages. One spy, who smoked a pipe, developed a pipe that had a secret chamber hidden under the bowl (56) _____ he put his tobacco. He would hide his message in the secret chamber. (57) _____, this hiding chamber had its own secret. With a twist of the pipe stem, the inner chamber opened enough for the burning tobacco to ignite the secret (58) _____. With a few puffs, the evidence of his secret message went up (59) _____ smoke!

One of the (60) _____ ingenious concealments of the war was uncovered in a sweater. A hand-knit sweater was (61) _____ by a German spy in England to a prisoner in Germany. Alerted about the sweater, British agents immediately confiscated it and (62) _____ suspicious of the knots that covered the sweater. They unravelled the sweater and saw that the knots appeared (63) _____ various intervals along the yarn. They suspected that the knots in the yarn (64) _____ for letters of the alphabet. Using one knot as a (65) starting (65) _____, they held the yarn against a letter printed on the wall. They watched in disbelief as the knots unravelled the letters they represented of a secret message revealing operations of the Royal Navy.

Adapted from *Top Secret: A Handbook of Codes, Ciphers and Secret Writing* by Paul Janeczko

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 Haley likes to buy cosmetics. She likes natural ingredients.

_____ made from

67 He disappeared suddenly. It baffled everyone who knew him.

His _____

68 Bob was not at home when the accident happened. Neither were his parents.

_____ as well as

69 There is a great difference between the twins' English marks.

The twins' _____

70 "Mr Raju would like to announce his resignation tomorrow," his secretary declared.

Mr Raju's secretary declared _____

For a moment Jeff lay confused. He could not figure out what had awakened him. He coughed. He coughed again. There was a tight suffocating feeling in his chest. As he pulled himself groggily from the last remnants of sleep, he became aware of an acrid, burning smell and a shrill, piercing noise. His eyes were watering, the insides of his nostrils stinging. Then, suddenly, he was wide awake. His room was full of smoke! The noise he was hearing was the smoke alarm. The house was on fire!

He leapt from the bed but collapsed onto the floor, choking. He lay there, trying to catch his breath. "Stay low." The words from their school fire drill came back to him. "The smoke is least dense near the floor. Crawl. Don't panic."

He panicked. His room was on the second floor and there was no safe way out the window. The door was his only hope. He made more of a scrabbling dash for the door than a crawl. Cautiously, he stood up and turned the knob.

Fresh smoke billowed in, but he could not see any flames. Beside him, the door of his parents' room stood open. They would usually leave their light on whenever they were not home. Through the eddying smoke Jeff could make out the glimmer of their bedside light. That meant they were not home yet. The stairs were just beyond. He made for them, crouching low.

At the landing, he stumbled and half fell onto the top step. Suddenly, the smoke was much worse. He could not even see the floor. He turned to go back to his room. The window might be the best way out after all but the smoke was a solid wall in front of him now, black and oily. He slid down the stairs, clutching the banister. The front door was right at the bottom.

He reached the last step and ran for the door. He could not see his babysitter, Tim, anywhere. Jeff unlocked the door and yanked it open. The fresh, sweet smell of the spring night air rushed in. He breathed in a great gulp of it and staggered out through the doorway. Then he remembered his dog, Yank. The thought hit him like a baseball bat connecting right into his stomach. Yank slept in the kitchen. Jeff could not leave him!

Jeff had to save Yank. He turned and headed for the kitchen. The door was shut. Frantically, he pulled it open. A wall of flames shot out and engulfed him. He put up his hands defensively. Pain, searing and unbelievable, ripped at his palms and tore at his face. He gasped and inhaled a river of agony into his chest. He fell to his knees and tried to scream, but he could not. Then there was nothing but roaring

blackness.

35

He sat bolt upright, staring around him. It was cool; everything was quiet. He brought his hands to his face. They felt smooth, dry. No pain. Then he heard his parents' voice greeting Tim. Yank barked a welcome.

Adapted from *Timespiral* by Karleen Bradford

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71 Why did Jeff cough repeatedly in paragraph one?

72 When did Jeff realise that his house was on fire?

73 Which ^{three} ~~four~~ word phrase in paragraph ^{two} ~~two~~ _{three} tells us that Jeff ^{tried to get} ~~got~~ out of his room quickly?

74 Explain clearly if "the words from their school fire drill" (line 9) had helped him escape from his room.

75 What does "that" in line 17 refer to?

76 Why did Jeff head for the front door instead of the window?

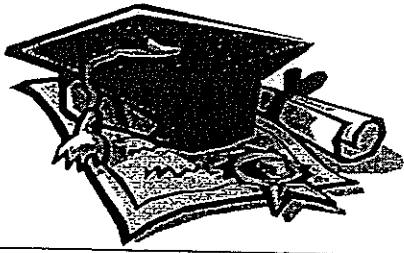
77 Give two points to show that Jeff was probably alone at home.

78 "The thought hit him like a baseball bat connecting right into his stomach."
(lines 28-29) What was 'the thought' that hit Jeff?

79 Did Jeff manage to rescue his dog? How do you know?

80 What does the last paragraph tell us about Jeff's whole ordeal?

END OF PAPER



ANSWER SHEET

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- 41)seems 42)afford 43)of 44)occasions 45)personal
46)ours 47)superstitious 48)voucher 49)taken 50)what
51)using 52)an 53)until 54)admitted 55)extent
56)where 57)Moreover 58)message 59)in 60)most
61)sent 62)were 63)within 64)stood 65)point
66)Haley likes to buy cosmetics made from natural ingredients.
67)His sudden disappearance baffled everyone who knew him.
68)Bob as well as his parents was not at home when the accident happened.
69)The twins English marks show a great difference.

70) Mr Raju's secretary declared that Mr Raju's would like to announce resignation the following day.

71) Jeff coughed repeatedly because he had difficult breathing as his room was full of smoke.

72) Jeff realised that his house was on fire when he saw that his room was full of smoke and heard the smoke alarm.

73) The three word phrase is "a scrabbling dash".

74) No, they had not helped him. Instead of crawling, he made more of a scrabbling dash for the door and he panicked.

75) It refers to Jeff's parents leaving their bedside light on whenever they were not home.

76) The solid wall of black and only smoke prevented him from heading for the window and it was easier for him to slide down the stairs to reach the front door at the bottom.

77) His parents' bedside light was on which meant they were not home yet and he could not see his baby sister Tim anywhere.

78) The thought was that he had remembered his dog, Yank, which was sleeping in the kitchen.

79) Jeff did not rescue his dog as he fainted.

80) It tells us that he was very lucky to be alive despite undergoing such a dangerous ordeal.