



PRIMARY 6 MID-YEAR EXAMINATION 2012

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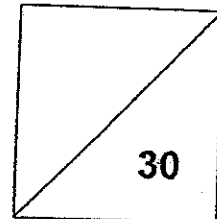
Class : Primary 6 ()

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Duration: 1 hour 50 minutes

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2 (BOOKLET A)



INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Write your name, class and register number.
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4. Answer all questions.
5. Shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

Section A: Graphic Stimulus

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

River Revels

...at the Singapore River!



Come this August, we will celebrate Singapore's birthday like never before! Here are some picks for the participants:



Green Fun Run!

Register now at \$10

This 1 Aug, 8a.m., enjoy a 3.4km fun run along the river with your family. The registration fee will go into our Environmental fund.



15 Aug, 7a.m. - 7p.m.

To impress your family and friends...

weave grasshoppers from coconut leaves, make recycled paper and learn other environmental-friendly crafts at the Green Bazaar, on 9 Aug, 9a.m. - 12p.m. at the Riverwalk.



Brought to you by:



Skateline



Services

Be one of the first to LIVE TO SKATE on the newly opened Singapore River Promenade. Only \$10 per person! Head over to Esplanade park on the same day where Skateline will hold a free clinic on safe skating. You can collect a skating map and explore the river on wheels. Get an eco-friendly bag upon registration!

If you are interested in celebrating our country's birthday with us, please obtain a registration form from the organisers directly or from their websites : www.skateline.org.sg or www.FDS.sg by 25 July 2012.

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 free clinic by **LIVE TO SKATE** aims to _____
 - (1) provide a skating map
 - (2) treat participants' injuries
 - (3) prevent accidents while skating
 - (4) supply free skates for the activity

2. Jim hopes to do a good deed by taking part in one of the activities. He should _____
 - (1) take part in the Fun Run
 - (2) sign up for Live To Skate
 - (3) bring his family and friends along
 - (4) celebrate Singapore's birthday at the river

3. One of the organisers of River Revels is _____
 - (1) Live to Skate
 - (2) Green Bazaar
 - (3) Green Fun Run
 - (4) Family Day Services

4. Besides celebrating Singapore's birthday, the organisers hope to _____
 - (1) promote health through sports
 - (2) raise the awareness of going green
 - (3) impress participants' families and friends
 - (4) provide free registration for all their activities

5. Which of the following statements is false?
 - (1) There are only three activities organised for this event.
 - (2) This event is different from those previously organised.
 - (3) One can take part in all the activities listed in the advertisement.
 - (4) Weaving grasshoppers is one of the crafts at the Green Bazaar.

Section B: Grammar

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. Bala seldom forgets to complete his homework, _____ he?
- (1) has
 - (2) does
 - (3) hasn't
 - (4) doesn't
7. If Albert had invited you to the party, _____ you _____?
- (1) will...go
 - (2) would...go
 - (3) will...have gone
 - (4) would...have gone
8. You have already spent some time learning these words. _____ you will have to revise again to ensure a perfect score for the Spelling Test tomorrow.
- (1) Eventually
 - (2) As a result
 - (3) Furthermore
 - (4) Nevertheless
9. Last Saturday at the park, the Lim family _____ having an enjoyable time playing 'Fetch' with their beloved pet dog.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
10. He has neither warmed up nor _____ his rounds as instructed by his coach.
- (1) run
 - (2) ran
 - (3) runs
 - (4) running

11. Living in a multi-cultural country, people ought to learn to be more tolerant _____ the habits and practices of the different ethnic groups.

- (1) to
- (2) of
- (3) with
- (4) over

12. Devi, the girl _____ you were looking for, is over there talking with her teacher.

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

Section C: Punctuation

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)

Human activities are causing many species to vanish from the earth.

From time to time, humans wondered if there will be a sixth extinction

(13) Well, yes and it's probably happening now," says Dr Leakey (14) one of the world's most famous scientists. This time, the human race would be the likely cause. What can we do to save ourselves (15) 'Let's give it a thought,' urged Dr Leakey.

Adapted from: Talking Science

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

Section D: Vocabulary

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. During the examination, Weilong had enough time to _____ his mistakes before he submitted his paper to the invigilator.
- (1) verify
 - (2) clarify
 - (3) rectify
 - (4) modify
17. Upon seeing his teacher dropping the box of test tubes, Klaus _____ rushed forward to catch it.
- (1) efficiently
 - (2) instinctively
 - (3) momentarily
 - (4) simultaneously
18. This is such a delicate operation. It can only be carried out by a _____ surgeon.
- (1) consistent
 - (2) competent
 - (3) competitive
 - (4) condescending
19. My little brother _____ in pain when he woke up with a severe toothache.
- (1) cowered
 - (2) grimaced
 - (3) throbbed
 - (4) palpitated
20. The architects need to have the _____ measurements of the building so that they can start work as soon as possible.
- (1) perfect
 - (2) precise
 - (3) concise
 - (4) concrete

Section E: Vocabulary Cloze

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

The pilot crawled in through a large window. He strapped himself into a chair reclined so far back that Bell had to turn her knees into the aisle. As he (21) taxied for a takeoff, Bell buried her head in her hands. Her children wiggled (22) excitedly in their seats, never anticipating that trouble was coming their way. (23)

The plane soared up over the ocean and climbed to a cruising altitude of 3500 feet. The passengers settled in as the plane droned on through a (24) tranquil sky. Then, Bell noticed smoke snaking out of the right engine. Oil began flowing incessantly into the wing. Seconds later, there was a blast. (25)

Parts dangled from wires and debris fell into the sea.

Adapted from: Reader's Digest

21. (1) tilted
(2) slanted
(3) pushed
(4) swiveled.

22. (1) shook
(2) swayed
(3) wriggled
(4) quivered

23. (1) thinking
(2) realising
(3) expecting
(4) considering

24. (1) vibrated
(2) rumbled
(3) soldiered
(4) continued

25. (1) perpetually
(2) persistently
(3) unceasingly
(4) intermittently

Section F: Comprehension

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

(5 marks)

A hunter arrived carrying a small basket in which nestled a fat and beautiful Gaboon Viper. Having paid for it, I carried it in for George to admire. The reptile had recently shed its skin, so the colours glowed with life. George admired it but implored me to keep it safely locked up.

"It's deadly, isn't it?" he asked, keeping his eyes on the viper.

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"Yes, very deadly," I replied.

"Well, for goodness sake, keep it in its cage. Remember the water snakes? We don't want a repetition of that," warned George.

"Don't worry, I'll take care of it," I assured him.

A special cage was built and the sluggish and deadly viper placed reverently inside. All would have been well if it had not been for the thunderstorm which broke with unusual force just as I was having my bath. Upon remembering that the reptile cages had been left out in the open, I yelled to the staff to bring them in. If the cages became damp, the wood would warp. A snake can squeeze through if it wanted to. Thus, the cages were brought inside hastily and piled up near the caged monkeys. This proved to be my undoing.

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At the table, George was busy cutting up some old fruit tins to make into water pots for the birds when I saw something move in the shadows beneath his chair. I went closer to see what it was. There on the floor about 30 metres away from George's inadequately slippered feet, lay the Gaboon Viper. I knew that at such a moment like this, one should speak quietly to the victim, thus avoiding panic and sudden movement. I spoke calmly and gently, "Keep still, old boy, the Gaboon Viper is under your chair."

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On looking back, I feel that I should have left out any reference to the snake in my request. My remark had an arresting effect on George. He left the chair with a speed and suddenness that was startling. The tin can, hammer and tin cutters went flying and the table was all but overturned. The Gaboon Viper, startled by the din, shot out from under the chair and slithered determinedly towards the back of the monkey cages. I eventually got it entangled in the folds of a butterfly net. Then I dumped it into its cage and saw the reason for its escape. A female monkey had amused herself by putting her paws through the bars and unlatched all the cages she could reach within her grasp. George said little but it was terse and to the point. Should the snake have bitten him, he would not have survived.

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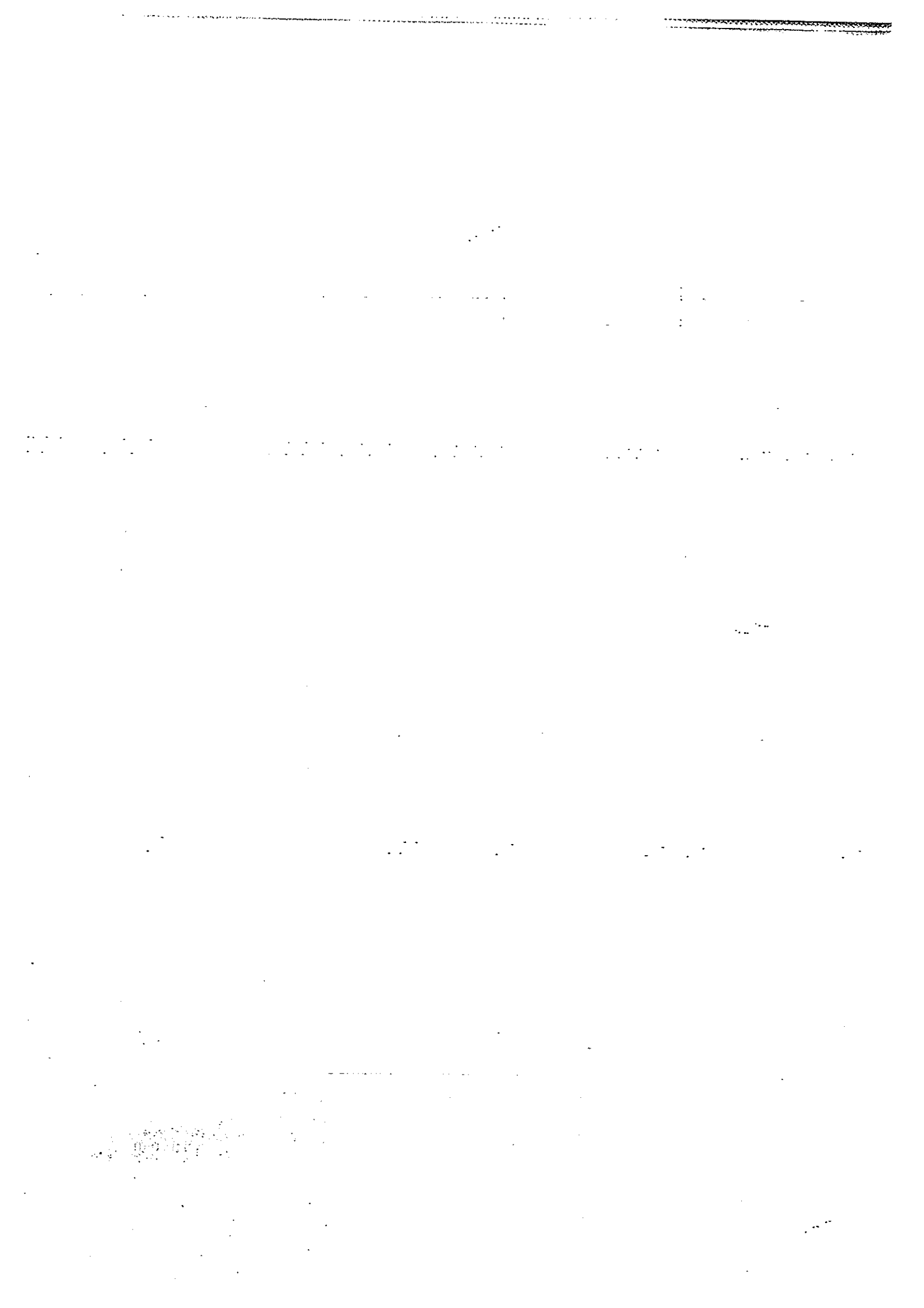
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Adapted from : The Overloaded Ark

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. The Gaboon Viper was _____
- (1) found in a nest
 - (2) given to him by a hunter
 - (3) purchased by the author
 - (4) caught during the author's hunting trip
27. The author built a special cage for the Gaboon Viper because _____
- (1) it had just shed its skin
 - (2) he foresaw a thunderstorm
 - (3) he respected the Gaboon Viper
 - (4) some water snakes had escaped from the cages before
28. From Line 10 to Line 17, _____ had caused the author's failure to keep the Gaboon Viper out of harm's way.
- (1) a small crack in the wooden cage
 - (2) the damp cage that became warped
 - (3) stacking the cage up near the monkeys
 - (4) rushing the cage inside the house during the thunderstorm
29. In Line 34, "terse" suggests that George _____
- (1) lectured the author at length
 - (2) kept a straight face at the author
 - (3) was angry and brief in his remarks
 - (4) did not hesitate to voice his displeasure rudely
30. Which of the following statements is true?
- (1) The Gaboon Viper wanted to attack the monkeys.
 - (2) The table at which George was working on toppled.
 - (3) The author regretted mentioning the viper when he warned George.
 - (4) The author warned George excitedly as he did not want to alarm him.





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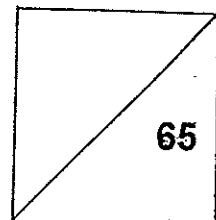
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ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2

(BOOKLET B)



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Section G: Grammar Cloze

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) among	(D) by	(G) had	(K) can	(N) upon
(B) around	(E) did	(H) in	(L) were	(P) about
(C) to	(F) from	(J) would	(M) until	(Q) with

It was the 25th anniversary of the first ascent of Mount Everest. This great peak, (31) _____ the Himalayan Mountains of northern India, is the highest mountain in the world. It had always looked down mockingly on mere man, seeming (32) _____ say "I challenge you to climb me, poor weak mortal!" and try they (33) _____ but failed to reach the top. There (34) _____ avalanches, blizzards, extreme cold and hunger to contend (35) _____. The mountain reigned supreme; that is, (36) _____ June 1953.

Then it happened! The news (37) _____ Edmund Hillary and Norgay Tenzing climbing Mount Everest flashed (38) _____ the world. Celebrating victory, Hillary and Tenzing looked down (39) _____ a height of 8,848 metres. Never had they nor the world expected that they (40) _____ overcome the obstacles and become the first to reach the summit of Mount Everest. For Edmund Hillary, it was a dream come true.

Adapted from: The Reader's Digest

Section H: Editing for Spelling and Grammar

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

Classmates swarmed around seven-year-old Yan's desk. They slapped

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his head and darted out from his reach. "Cripple, cripple," they **reedecued**

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Yan. Yan shifted in his chair, scan the class for help. Another searing smack

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was delivered to the back of his head. Suddenly, Yan **lerched** forward at his

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tormentor, catching his arm and bite it. The bully's screams rang through the

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hallways. Yan was **expe**l from school without a doubt. Angry yet disabled,

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Yan was a concern for his parents who **docted** on him since he was born.

However, months before he turned three, he became feverish and sluggish.

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By evening, the boy **must** no longer stand.

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"He won't walk again," the **feezision** told Yan's parents. At the

hospital, tests confirmed that Yan had polio.

Adapted from: Reader's Digest

Section I: Comprehension Cloze

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Marno joined the zoo at the age of twenty-one. He has not looked back (51) _____. He has also taken care of horses, polar bears and rhinoceros (52) _____ from the cats like the cheetahs and lions. With his imposing frame and stern (53) _____ expression, Marno initially looks intimidating. (54) _____ when he starts on the topic of his animal charges, his face immediately (55) _____ into animated smiles. Marno knows his charges (56) _____ their names and characters. He has had seventeen years of (57) _____ under his belt.

"When handling the cats, always be prepared for the (58) _____. You'll never know what is going to happen (59) _____. Marno said. He recounted an unforgettable (60) _____ when he was restraining a lion cub for vaccination. As soon as the sharp needle was pierced right (61) _____ its flesh, the cub yelped and firmly planted its claws into Marno's forearm, (62) _____ in long bloodied scratches that needed multiple stitches.

"The pain was really sharp and searing at that moment but I don't (63) _____ the cub," Marno remarked with a forgiving grin. "It was part and (64) _____ of a job as a keeper." This comment (65) _____ up Marno. He is a man full of love and empathy for all animals.

Section J: Synthesis / Transformation

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. Ali tried to calm his sister down. She wailed louder and louder.

_____ the louder she

67. The pitiful beggar needs some food badly.

What _____

68. The teacher reminded the pupils not to forget to hand in their projects that week.

_____," the teacher told the pupils.

69. Lisa was not considerate. She did not offer her help to the needy.

It was _____

70. The fight was caused by a misunderstanding between a hawker and a customer.

The cause _____

Section K: Comprehension Open-ended

Read the passage below carefully and answer questions 71 to 80. (20 marks)

It was the end of a long hot day. We took our children to the beach for a quick swim. Even as we arrived, the wind began to shift, making the water choppy. A veil of cloud drifted across the sky, dimming the blue to grey. Our children had wanted to try out their new surfboard. For the first time ever, we let them swim just beyond the flags. We told them it was the "last swim" and then it was home for dinner. Within minutes, they had drifted towards the south end of the beach but still in the shallows. Neither of us was a proficient swimmer so we were always vigilant. Soon they were a fair way from the flags and all of a sudden, they seemed out of their depth. 5

"I'll call them in," I said, getting up and wandering down the water edge. 10

By the time I had reached the shallows, they were even further out. My voice was lost over the crash of the surf. My son came in on his belly on the next wave but my daughter did not appear to be coming in. In fact, she was not coming in at all. On the contrary, she was moving away at a frightening speed. Suddenly, I read her expression – she was caught in a rip tide. Panic rising, I plunged into the water, battling against each wave that kept forcing me against the rocks at the end of the beach. I could not bear to take my eyes off her. Each time a wave broke, she was further out. Realisation struck. I was powerless to help her. I screamed at my husband, my cries obliterated by the crash of the surf. His face reflected all of my emotions: horror, disbelief, terror, trepidation... 15 20

My husband and I waved frantically towards the surf patrol, screaming our voices hoarse, "Please help us! Help!"

When I turned back towards the sea, my daughter was gone. I was paralysed by fear and indecision. Waiting for help only made my head spin. Just as I was about to attempt to go in again, I caught a flash of red and gold to my right. A man was running along the rocks with a flotation belt. He dived into the sea and disappeared behind the breakers. Finally, like an angel sent from heaven, I caught a glimpse of my daughter's pink rash vest in the distance. 25 30

Still not sure how this story would end, I stood helplessly in the surf, crushed by the dreadful realisation that we might lose our beautiful children. The sea was so swift and silent; one minute a sparkling blue playground, the next a grey predator determined to drag its prey beyond reach. A child meant no more to the sea than a shell it licked from the beach. 35

I did not know how long we waited, perhaps ten minutes, ten aching long minutes before a lifesaver appeared with our daughter safely on his board and delivered her to the beach. Overwhelmed, I threw my arms around

this stranger who had restored our child to us, sobbing my thanks, grateful beyond words.

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Less than an hour after we had arrived, we left the beach, still intact as a family but silent and shocked by the possibility that it could have been otherwise. For days, the harrowing incident left me crying in private for **what might have happened.**

Adapted from: A Scare In The Surf

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. Why did the writer and her husband take their children to the beach?

72. From **paragraph 1**, give two reasons why the writer and her husband had to be alert.

73. Why did the writer's daughter not come back to the shore with her brother?

74. In **paragraph 3**, which word shows that the writer's desperate cries were not audible to her husband?

75. Explain clearly what the writer realised when "**Each time a wave broke**" (Line 18).

76. What was the "**indecision**" (line 25) that the writer was referring to? Explain in your own words.

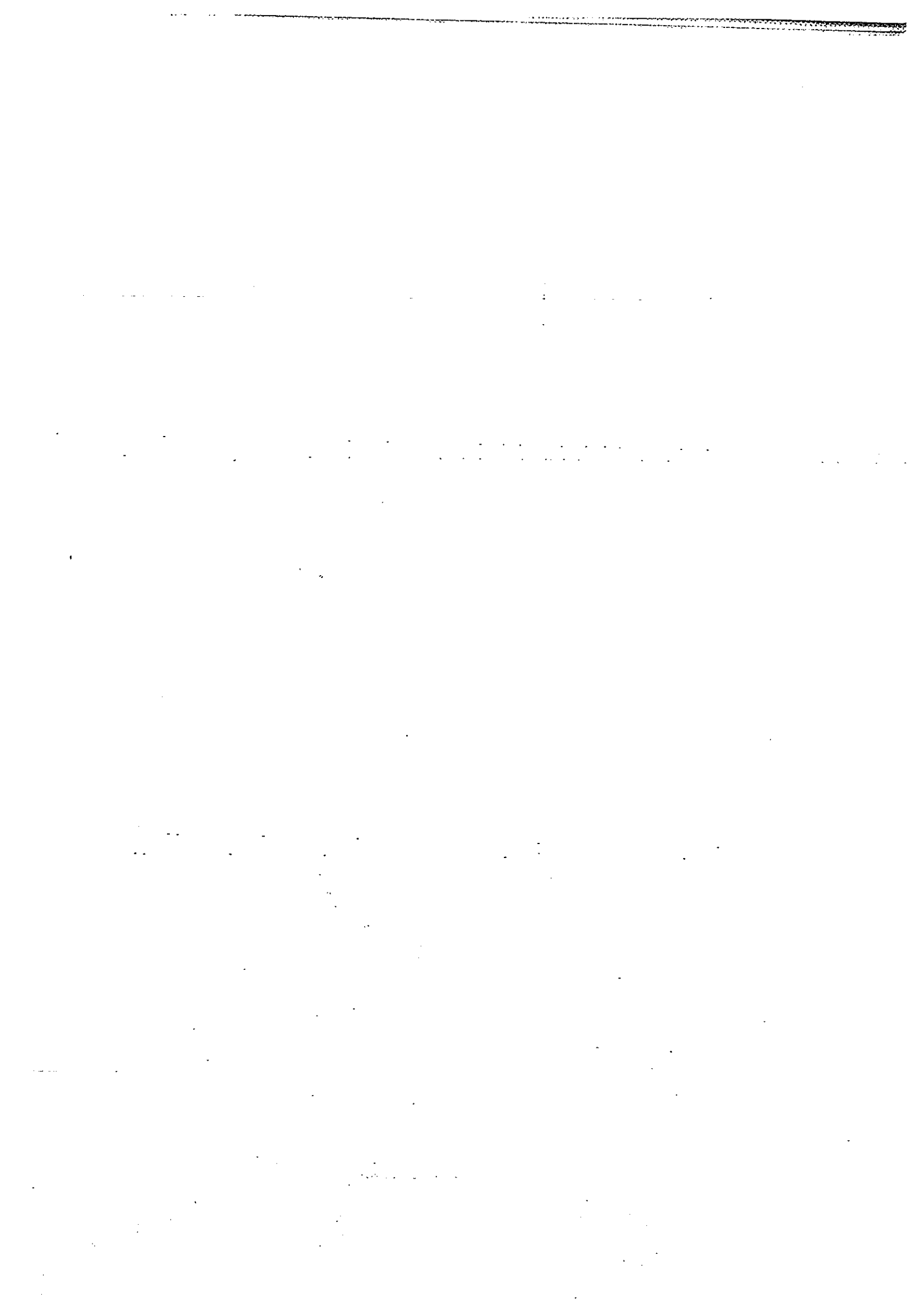
77. In **paragraph 6**, what was the sea likened to?

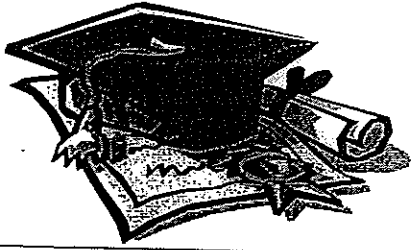
78. Which four-word phrase in **paragraph 7** shows the agonising moments the writer was experiencing?

79. What does "it" in line 42 refer to?

80. According to the writer in line 43 and 44, what "might have happened"?

End of paper





ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2012

**SCHOOL : TAO NAN
SUBJECT : PRIMARY 6 ENGLISH**

TERM : SA1

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
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Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
M	P	P	B	F	J

- 41)of 42)ridiculed 43)scanning 44)lurched 45)biting
- 46)expelled 47)and 48)doted 49)could 50)physician
- 51)since 52)apart 53)facial 54)However 55)breaks
- 56)by 57)experience 58)worst 59)next 60)incident
- 61)into 62)resulting 63)blame 64)parcel 65)sums

6)The more Ali tried to calm his sister down, the louder she wailed.

7)What the pitiful beggar needs badly is some food.

8)"Do not forget to hand in your projects this week,"the teacher told the pupils.

9)It was inconsiderate of Lisa not to offer her help to the needy.

10)The cause of the fights was a misunderstanding between a hawker and a customer.

- 71)The writer's children wanted to try out their new surfboard.
- 72)The writer and her husband were not proficient swimmers and they let their children swim beyond the flags for the first time.
- 73)She was caught in a rip tide and was moving away from the shoreline.
- 74)The word is "obliterated".
- 75)Each time a wave broke her daughter was further out the shore and she realised she was powerless to help her daughter.
- 76)She was referring to weather to wait for help to go into the sea to rescue her daughter.
- 77)It was likened to being a sparkling blue playground and a predator determined to drag its prey beyond reach.
- 8)It is 'ten achingly long minutes'.
- 9)It refers to the outcome of the accident.
- 0)The writer's daughter might be dragged into the sea.