

**ST. HILDA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
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ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
PRIMARY 6
BOOKLET A**

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BOOKLET A	
COMPONENT	TOTAL MARKS
Graphic Stimulus	5
Grammar	7
Punctuation	3
Vocabulary	5
Vocabulary Cloze	5
Comprehension (MCQ)	5
TOTAL MARKS	30

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

Come to Funtosa Sea World

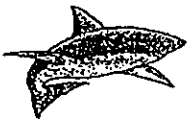


Welcome to Funtosa Sea World – The number 1 attraction in Singapore & Asia's largest oceanarium.

Be thrilled till no end by unique encounters with marine animals. Step onto the moving walkway and be transported into a fantastic world under the sea. The walkway leads into a tunnel where over 3000 species of fishes and other creatures are on display. You will find yourself amongst rare and exotic marine life.

MARINE LIFE GALLERY

See the man-eating piranha with its jaws of razor-sharp teeth. When a school of piranha is in a feeding frenzy the water appears to boil and churn red with blood. They attack with such ferocity that they strip an animal of its flesh within minutes.



See the endangered dugong grazing on the sea-grass. The dugong has been hunted for thousands of years for its meat and oil. The dugong's current distribution has been reduced.



Catch a glimpse of the ferocious moray eel poking its head from a rock crevasse. Despite their snake-like appearance, moray eels are actually fish.

Try and spot the well-camouflaged lionfish which make corals their habitat. Its fan-shaped fins have spines that can inject a deadly poison.

FEEDING FUN

Join our experienced divers to feed the gentle white-tipped shark and ride on the back on the giant stingray.

TOUCH POOL

Reach out and touch a giant starfish or a sea cucumber. Feed our friendly stingrays and turtles. All these exciting activities can be done at the hands-on Touch Pool. The sheer varieties, colours and shapes waiting for you at the touch pool are mind-boggling.



How to get there:

Funtosa Sea World is situated on the Sentosa island, which is off the southern coast of Singapore. The island is easily accessible by cable-car, ferry or bus from the World Trade Centre. If you drive, get to the island through the causeway.

Upon arrival on the island, either take the island bus or the monorail direct to Funtosa Sea World from the Visitor's Centre at the main ferry terminal.

Admission Fee:-

Adult : \$55.00

Children (under 12) : \$35.00

Family Package (2 adults & 2 children) : \$150.00 (only available on-line)

Tickets can be purchase at the ticket counter. On-line booking is also available.

Log in to: www.funtosaseaworld.com.sg



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For each question from 1 to 5, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

1. The purpose of the brochure is to _____.

- (1) educate the public about the marine life in Singapore
- (2) promote the attractions Funtosa Sea World has to offer
- (3) create an awareness of the conservation efforts of marine life
- (4) celebrate Funtosa Sea World as the number one attraction in Asia

2. Which of the sea creature is facing extinction?

It is the _____.

- (1) lionfish
- (2) piranha
- (3) dugong
- (4) moray eel

3. One of the main modes of transportation around the island is by _____.

- (1) car
- (2) ferry
- (3) cable car
- (4) monorail

4. Why are lionfish not easy to spot?

- (1) They look like their surroundings.
- (2) They usually hide among the corals.
- (3) Their spines can inject deadly poison.
- (4) The oceanarium where they swim is dark.

5. Aunt Jess wants to take Derek, her fifteen-year old nephew, and her nine-year old twins to Funtosa Sea World. She should buy the tickets for the _____

- (1) family package through the website
- (2) family package at the ticket counter
- (3) individual tickets at the ticket counter
- (4) individual tickets through the website

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. Do you think two thousand dollars _____ a huge sum of money to spend on a new laptop?

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

7. The class was amazed that Vincent was able to complete the race _____ such a short period of time.

- (1) at
- (2) by
- (3) within
- (4) through

8. Rachel is ~~looking forward to~~ _____ in the National Day Parade 2012. It is a rare opportunity to be able to do so.

- (1) participates
- (2) participating
- (3) has participated
- (4) have participated

9. You have all learnt how to bandage a broken arm. _____, I will demonstrate it as part of the refresher course.

- (1) Although
- (2) As a result
- (3) Eventually
- (4) Nevertheless

10. Deborah has decided to accompany my brother and _____ to the Science exhibition on Friday.

- (1) I
- (2) us
- (3) me
- (4) myself

11. After Benedict _____ his medicine, he went to bed instead of doing his homework yesterday.

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

12: The doctor calls _____ his patients every morning without fail.

- 1) on
- 2) up
- 3) in
- 4) at

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)

Except for the glass still being intact in the windows, the house looked abandoned. Where is everybody (13) thought Johnson. In response to his question, an old woman dressed in a black skirt and a woollen sweater stepped out the side door. She was gnarled. Johnson guessed she must have been at least 70 (14) maybe 80 years old.

"What do you want?" she spat.

Turning off the CD player and rolling down the car window, he replied (15) Is this the zoo?"

"That's what the sign says, isn't it?" she said in frustration.

Adapted from The Petting Zoo by Peter de Niverville

13. (1) [,] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [?] question mark
(4) [!] exclamation mark
14. (1) [?] question mark
(2) [,] comma
(3) [.] full stop
(4) [-] hyphen
15. (1) [, "] comma and inverted commas
(2) [. "] full stop and inverted commas
(3) [? "] question mark 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. Our school celebrated her 78th _____ this year with a concert at the Majestic Theatre.

- (1) year
- (2) history
- (3) anniversary
- (4) commemoration

17. Mrs Washington tried to _____ some humour into the Time Management Workshop when she noticed the participants fidgeting and looking bored.

- (1) input
- (2) insert
- (3) inject
- (4) induce

18. The serial robber in Tampines has been arrested by the police and is now awaiting _____.

- (1) detention
- (2) execution
- (3) persecution
- (4) prosecution

19. The military band gave such an _____ performance that the captivated audience gave them a standing ovation.

- (1) enriching
- (2) appealing
- (3) endearing
- (4) enthralling

20. Many Americans watched the live broadcast of the space shuttle being _____ into outer space with the help of its booster rockets.

- (1) hurled
- (2) hoisted
- (3) propelled
- (4) catapulted

For each question from 21 to 25, four options are given. 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)

While this seems like an easy job, it's anything but it. After half an hour of trying to stick rice seedlings into the paddy, I have nothing but respect for farmers cultivating rice. Trying valiantly not to step on a seedling, I wobble instead and fall flat on five of them. Drenched in the mud, I can feel the morning sun baking the patches of dirt firmly into my skin with vicious force. This is definitely not my calling.

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While taking a break, I feel a nap by the tree is imperative to my survival but I am too hungry to sleep. My prayers are answered when a passing vendor rides by the field and after buying a packet of rice, I gobble down my lunch before getting back to work.

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Despite the back-breaking work and poor pay, the people working in these fields are the happiest I have ever known. I smile as I see my fellow farmers slapping each other's back, exchanging high-fives at the end of the day. They persevere and toil in the fields with the hope of sharing their special skills with the next generation.

(25)

Adapted from The Art of Rice by Robert Fry

21. (1) rearing
(2) growing
(3) harvesting
(4) manufacturing

22. (1) boldly
(2) earnestly
(3) precociously
(4) intimidatingly

23. (1) pursuit
(2) vocation
(3) objective
(4) aspiration

24. (1) useful
(2) essential
(3) beneficial
(4) advantageous

25. (1) talents
(2) expertise
(3) knowledge
(4) intelligence

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

Thunder rumbling in the distance at the break of dawn awoke Ronald on April 27. He checked the weather forecast on his mobile phone. A cluster of storms was coming but it sounded like his small town would not be hit too hard. However, Ronald, a seasoned firefighter knew better than to underestimate the power of these huge electrical storms.

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"Know where the torches are?" he asked his wife, Danielle. By the time he located them, the thunder was booming all around them. The instant he switched on the torch, the house lights went off. A second later, the kitchen windows blew out. They ran to protect their boys who were still sleeping in their bedroom.

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"Get up, get up, boys!" Ronald shouted, waving his torch. Jack roused himself and teetered on the edge of the upper bunk of his bed. Ronald held out his arms and called his son to jump. He was too late. The roof tore away and the walls of the bedroom dissolved around them. Jack was sucked up into the roaring swirl of debris.

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I've lost him, Ronald thought. He broke down in tears. In desperation, he threw himself over Peter, who was lying on the lower bunk, to shield him from glass, wood and plaster which hit them like shrapnel. Meanwhile, Ronald heard his wife praying unceasingly as she held on to Shawn, the newborn of the family.

After an agonizingly long period, the wind began to die down. Ronald found himself standing in the ruins of his home. Darkness lay all about him. Then he

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thought he saw a shape moving over the rubble straight to him, limping. It was Jack, guided home by the beam of his father's torch. Jack had been snatched up into the funnel of a fierce tornado that had just as capriciously set him gently back to ground. "This is unbelievable!" exclaimed Ronald as he hugged Jack tightly. 25

At the hospital later, Jack described what had happened to him. "I floated out when the wall started moving. I think I was above the trees. I was scared. I felt pain when pieces of glass cut my leg."

Ronald and his family were the only ones who survived the tragedy in their small town. Throughout the country, the disaster killed more than 265 people and 30 injured more than 1000. "I really believe," Ronald says, "that God was watching over us."

Adapted from a short story by Andrea Cooper, Readers' Digest March 2012 issue.

For each question, 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. This disaster happened in the _____.

- (1) night
- (2) evening
- (3) morning
- (4) afternoon

27. Ronald lived with his wife and _____ child / children.

(1) one

(2) two

(3) three

(4) four

28. "He was too late." (line 13) refers to Ronald _____ before the tornado hit their house.

(1) not being able to escape

(2) failing to reach his sons' room

(3) failing to get Jack to jump into his arms

(4) thinking that he could not reach Peter in time

29. After being carried away by the strong wind, Jack _____.

(1) was rescued by a fire-fighter

(2) landed safely after the tornado had subsided

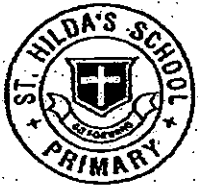
(3) managed to escape from the house by himself

(4) suffered leg injuries when he fell from the tree

30. The title that best summarises the main idea of the passage is

- _____
- (1) The Miracle
 - (2) The Heroic Fireman
 - (3) The Invincible Storm
 - (4) The Adventure of Ronald and His Family

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
PRIMARY 6
BOOKLET B**

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TOTAL NO. OF PAGES
(EXCLUDING COVER PAGE) : 9

NAME : _____ ()

CLASS: P6 / _____

BOOKLET B	
COMPONENT	MARKS OBTAINED
Grammar Cloze	/10
Editing For SPG	/10
Comprehension Cloze	/15
Synthesis/Transformation	/10
Comprehension (OE)	/20
TOTAL MARKS	/65

BOOKLET A	BOOKLET B	TOTAL MARKS OBTAINED
/30	/65	/95

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MARKER'S SIGNATURE : _____

PARENT'S SIGNATURE : _____

DATE : _____

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 blanks. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted.

(10 marks)

Each word is to be used only once.

(A) in	(D) with	(G) as	(K) up	(N) yet
(B) has	(E) under	(H) his	(L) have	(P) out
(C) their	(F) before	(J) besides	(M) where	(Q) towards

After the morning hustle and bustle, the atmosphere at Tai-tung county's Central Market quiets down _____ every stall shuts for the day and owners return to the comfort of _____ homes. A lone lamp shines on a vegetable stall. With her head bowed, Chen Shu-chen silently sorts _____ the vegetable leaves as she waits for the few customers in the afternoon.

Decades of hard work _____ caused the fingers on the right hand to curl and joints to swell. She leads her life with a daily routine -- waking up at three in the morning, she makes her way to the vegetable wholesaler before setting _____ her stall which she tends till seven or eight in the evening. The stall is her all. _____ her vegetables selling at about \$1.30 a bundle, she only earns marginal profits. _____, her frugality has allowed her to donate about \$380 000 _____ various charitable causes, including helping schools, orphanages and poor children. The selfless generosity of a woman with such a humble income has placed her _____ the international spotlight. In March, *Forbes* magazine named her one of 48 outstanding philanthropists _____ the Asia-Pacific region.

(Adapted from Reader's Digest, December 2010)

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

A durian tree at Block 69, Moulmein Road has proven to be a thorn in

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relations among the residents who fight over who has the right to enjoy their fruit.

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(43)

Residents say that on occasionally when they have tried to reetreev durians from

the tree, they were stopped by a neighbour, Mr Lim, who claimed that the tree

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was his as it was planted with his father 20 years ago.

The durian dispute started three years ago when a resident said he was

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mierlly looking at the tree one day when he was shouted at by Mr Lim who

warned him to stay away from "his tree". Just last week, another resident, Mdm

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Wee, said that Mr Lim snatched a fall durian from another resident. Mr Lim could

not be reached despite several attempts to contact him over last week.

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Some residents, erpearentli fed up with the unhappiness caused by Mr

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Lim and the tree, have asked the Moulmein-Kallang Town Kownsel to chop it

down. However, it has decided otherwise. It will put up two notices, one at the

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block and another at the rubbish shoot near the tree, stating that the trees in the

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estate belonging to the Housing Board.

(Adapted from *The Straits Times*, 13 June 2012)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Young Singaporeans are getting interested in dialects as they seek to foster closer relationships with their grandparents and other elderly folks.

Kenneth Leong, 18, (51) _____ the dialect "bug" three years ago when he and nine schoolmates (52) _____ some elderly people in their one-room flats as part of a Community Involvement Programme. They had (53) _____ communicating with them because they could not speak any dialects.

He then (54) _____ brushing up on his Hokkien and Teochew, learning new phrases from his parents and friends. These days, the elderly are "caught by (55) _____ when we speak to them in dialect," said the student from Hwa Chong Institution.

To date, his team of volunteers has (56) _____ more than 10 workshops, at which they teach some dialects and (57) _____ their volunteering experiences with primary and secondary school students. During these workshops, simple phrases in Hokkien are (58) _____ in English. These phrases have also been (59) _____ into a 59-page book and more than 50 copies have been given out free to students who (60) _____ the workshops. Kenneth said that more of such books would be printed if they had the funds.

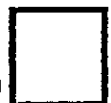
Last year, he and his team also mentored four schoolmates who helped out at a senior activity centre over a (61) _____ of six months. They interacted with the elderly there and showed them how to make and sell handicrafts.



Meanwhile, at the National University of Singapore's Community Service Club, some students have been (62) _____ up dialects as well. So far, 30 students have each had three lessons in Hokkien and one in Cantonese. The lessons (63) _____ for three hours each and are taught by other students who are more adept in the dialect.

Chinese cultural organisations, like the Teochew Poit Ip clan association, say that since 2003, young Singaporeans have (64) _____ up about a third of those taking their Teochew classes. The youngsters mainly want to be able to (65) _____ comfortably with their grandparents, said the association. However, their enthusiasm can also ensure the continuity of these dialects.

(Adapted from The Straits Times, 4 June 2012)



For each of the items below, 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 given sentence(s). (10 marks)

66. Mrs Goh likes to cook. She likes to bake too

_____ as well as _____

67. All the children who attend the party will receive a colourful balloon.

Each of the _____

68. "How many sweets do you think there are in the bottle, Henry?" asked Nick.

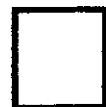
Nick asked _____

69. I agreed to go for the camp, not knowing that it would be so tiring.

Had I _____

70. My sister was reluctant to give away her pet dog.

It was _____



Read the following passage carefully and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

Most small children, like myself at seven, are not heroes. A few, like my big brother, Charlie, at eight, are. This is a story dedicated to big brothers.

In 1935, Charlie was enrolled in Primary Two and I in Primary One in Saint Joseph's Institution. "Watch out for your brother and don't let other children bully him!" Father wagged a firm finger at Charlie, who was street-wise and tough. I felt safe. I knew I was in good hands as my big brother never disobeyed Father. Father had hired a rickshaw-puller to take us to school. Ah Seng was fun. He would gallop fast or do an unexpected leap to give us a bonus thrill. 5

In a boys' school in those days, sooner or later, a boy gets challenged to a fight. It happened to me one day. A well-built boy, totally unknown to me, took a dislike to me. During recess, he deliberately bumped into me and accused me of bumping into him. When I only reacted with a "sorry", he shoved me. I did not reciprocate that gesture. I simply looked at him. "You dare to stare at me? So, you want a fight?" he asked menacingly. I shook my head vigorously because I honestly did not want to fight. Disappointed with my reply, he called me a coward and pushed me onto the floor. 10 15

To my relief, I heard a familiar voice yelling out behind me, "Hey, your Charlie had come to my rescue! He challenged the boy to pick someone his size. After the customary ritual of name-calling, a fight was arranged at the field opposite the school after dismissal. This was the normal practice as the boys knew that a fight in school would be quickly interrupted and they would soon find themselves in the principal's office for a few strokes of his cane. 20

I asked Charlie if he was really going to fight him. "Of course," he replied. In his code, there was no sneaking away. After school, it was Ah Seng who went to support Charlie. I hesitated and decided to wait at the rickshaw instead. They soon returned together, Charlie, bruised but smiling and Ah 25

Seng proclaiming jubilantly, "He won't disturb you again!"

"You got into a fight?" Mother screamed at Charlie and caned him when we got home. Charlie said something in his own defence but Mother was in no mood to listen. I should have said something but I was too scared to. 30

That night, Charlie pulled his thin blanket over his body and face. He shifted about uncomfortably. It must hurt – those bruises and swellings both from the fight and the cane. The more I thought about him, the prouder I was of him. I could not fall asleep. I wished I could talk to him. He groaned and turned over. That was my chance. 35

"I'm sorry..." I started to say. He cut me off sharply, "Just go to sleep!" He turned his body away from me once more. I felt miserable. After a while, I heard my brother's voice again. He repeated his words, "Go to sleep!" This time, however, it was in his normal gentle voice. 40

I did not go to sleep at once but I was not miserable anymore. I thought of all the bruises and swellings my brother bore on my behalf. It gave me a great sense of pride. That night, my big brother looked like an archangel to me, somehow bigger than ever before.

(Adapted from One Singapore 3 by Goh Sin Tub)

71. Who was Ah Seng?

72. Why do you think the writer's father instructed Charlie to look after the writer even though he was only one year older?



73. According to the writer, why were the rides to school fun?

74. Which sentence in the passage tells us that the boy who wanted to pick a fight was bigger than the writer?

75. In your own words, explain clearly why the boys did not fight in school.

76. From lines 11 to 30, what is the difference between the characters of the two brothers? Why do you say so?

77. What does "it" in line 11 refer to?

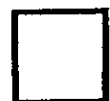


78. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as "repay"?

79. Explain clearly why Charlie cut the writer off sharply and then repeat the same words in a gentle tone (lines 37 to 40)?

80. Explain fully in your own words what the writer meant by "That night, my brother looked ^{use an over-adj!} to me somehow bigger than ever before."

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Answer Key for P6 English Language

1)	2	6)	1	11)	4	16)	3	21)	2	26)	3
2)	3	7)	3	12)	2	17)	3	22)	1	27)	3
3)	4	8)	2	13)	3	18)	4	23)	2	28)	3
4)	1	9)	4	14)	2	19)	4	24)	2	29)	2
5)	1	10)	3	15)	1	20)	3	25)	2	30)	1

31)	G	33)	P	35)	K	37)	N	39)	E
32)	C	34)	L	36)	D	38)	Q	40)	A

41)	its	46)	fallen
42)	occasions	47)	apparently
43)	retrieve	48)	Council.
44)	by	49)	chute
45)	merely	50)	belong

51)	caught
52)	visited
53)	trouble
54)	began
55)	surprise
56)	conducted
57)	share
58)	explained
59)	compiled
60)	attended
61)	period
62)	taking
63)	last
64)	made
65)	communicate

66. Mrs Goh likes cooking as well as baking
67. Each of the children who attends the party will receive a colorful balloon.
68. Nick asked Henry how many sweets he thought there were.
69. Had I known that the camp would be so tiring, I would not have agreed to go for it.
70. It was with reluctance that my sister gave away her pet dog.
71. Ah Seng was a rickshaw-puller.
72. Charlie was street-wise and tough and the writer's father did not want the writer to be bullied.
73. The rickshaw-puller would gallop fast or do an unexpected leap to give the writer a bonus thrill.
74. It is "He challenged the boy to pick someone his size".
75. A fight in school would be quickly stopped and the boys would be caned by the principal.

76. Charlie was braver than the writer. Charlie dared to fight the boy while the writer did not.

77. It refers to being challenged to a fight.

78. It is "reciprocate".

79. He was initially angry with the writer for not explaining to his mother at fight but later forgave him.

80. He had believed that his brother was dependable but the sacrifice made by his mother in this incident was more than he had ever experienced.