



**RED SWASTIKA SCHOOL**  
**2012 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION**  
**ENGLISH LANGUAGE – PAPER 2**  
**LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION**  
**PRIMARY 6**

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Class : Primary 6 / \_\_\_\_\_

Date : 23 August 2012

**BOOKLET A**

30 Questions

30 Marks


Duration of Paper: 1 h 50 min

Note:

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Read carefully the instructions given at the beginning of each part of the booklet.
3. Do not waste time. If a question is difficult for you, go on to the next one.
4. Check your answers thoroughly and make sure you attempt every question.
5. In this booklet, you should have the following:
  - a. Page 1 to Page 10 (including 1 blank page)
  - b. Questions 1 to 30

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


**CATS CLASSIFIED PETS CORNER EVENT 2012**




# Olympics by the Beach

Free admission


Join us for a sporty time by the beach, with fun and games for you and your pets! You can also pick up cool freebies and shop at more than 20 booths offering attractive pet products and services for you and your animal friends.




**Date:** Sunday, 9 September 2012  
**Time:** 10am to 5pm  
**Venue:** East Coast Park E2  
(next to East Coast Lagoon Hawker Centre)



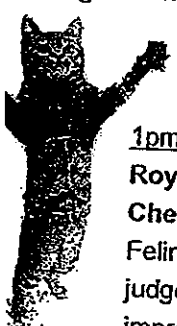
11am  
**Royal Canin's Canine High Jump**  
Watch maxi and mini sized dogs as they compete in this challenge where the dog with the highest jump wins!




12noon  
**Champion Catcher!**  
Come and see which pooch has the best chemistry with its owner by achieving the most no-fail catches from start to finish.



1pm  
**Royal Canin's Most Impressive Feline Chest**  
Felines will show off their chests to the judges. The cat with the most impressive chest dimensions wins!



2pm  
**The Sporty Look**  
Catch owners and pets parading on stage dressed in their most sporty outfit.





3pm  
**100cm Sprint**  
Witness little furry fellows making mad dashes across a 1-metre mini track in the shortest time.

Is for your pets from  
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tisement in CATS  
fied in The Sunday  
on 9 September 2012,  
ir free goodie bag and  
nd sample.

**Doggie Express  
Grooming Studio**  
Pamper your dog with an  
express basic grooming  
session by School of Pet  
Grooming (booths numbers  
12 and 13) for just \$10.

**Gift with purchase**  
Spend \$10 in a single  
receipt at the event and get  
an exclusive CATS foldable  
water bottle worth \$6!

Organised by  
  
Sponsored by  


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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 whole event is organised by \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) Pets Corner
- (2) Royal Canin
- (3) CATs Classified
- (4) East Coast Park Management Office

2 Which programme allows one to witness the bond that exists between owner and his/her pet?

- (1) 100cm Sprint
- (2) The Sporty Look
- (3) Champion Catcher
- (4) Royal Canin's Canine High Jump

3 Which of the following is true of the events and programmes held?

- (1) Any pet can take part in the 100cm Sprint event.
- (2) The event will take place on a weekday at East Coast Park.
- (3) All the goodies presented are meant for the pets and not their owners.
- (4) The dogs will be able to impress the judges with how high a hurdle they can clear.

4 Which of the following is not free of charge?

- (1) the exclusive CATS foldable water bottle
- (2) admission to the Pets Corner: Olympics by the Beach
- (3) the basic grooming session at School of Pet Grooming
- (4) taking part in the different events available for the pets

5 What is the main aim of the advertisement? It is to \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) arouse people's interest in pets
- (2) promote pet products and services
- (3) introduce the Olympics for pets to all pet owners and their pets
- (4) create an opportunity for pet owners and pets to spend time together

Each question from 6 to 12, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(7 marks)

If you had a chance, what \_\_\_\_\_ you change about your life?

- (1) would
- (2) ought
- (3) could
- (4) must

The low prices for the Xbox 360 games were not \_\_\_\_\_ by anyone. Everyone is rushing to the store to get them.

- 1) foresee
- 2) foresaw
- 3) foreseen
- 4) foreseeing

James hardly ever talks to his classmates. \_\_\_\_\_?

- 1) is it
- 2) isn't it
- 3) does he
- 4) doesn't he

There \_\_\_\_\_ to be some people in the room for I can still hear conversations going on.

- 1) has
- 2) have
- 3) had
- 4) having

10 Steven plays badminton well, \_\_\_\_\_ his favourite sport is basketball.

- (1) so
- (2) yet
- (3) for
- (4) since

11 My younger sister writes \_\_\_\_\_ than my younger brother.

- (1) neater
- (2) neatest
- (3) as neatly
- (4) more neatly

12 The children look glum because they have quite a few projects to complete \_\_\_\_\_ the school holidays.

- (1) during
- (2) across
- (3) for
- (4) at

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

My son, Tim, and I often go on trips together and every time, something interesting happens. While on a trip to Bako National Park (13) in Sarawak – several years ago, I decided that we would spend the night sleeping in the back of our van, instead of an all(14)inclusive resort.

In the middle of the night, Tim awoke scratching one of many mosquito bites and whispered, "Daddy, why did God put mosquitoes on Earth?"

I did not have an answer and so I countered with a question, "Why do you think he did, Tim?" He did not respond and quickly fell asleep.

The next morning as we headed home, Tim suddenly exclaimed, "Daddy, do you know why God put mosquitoes on Earth?"

I looked over and chuckled, "I suppose you have found the answer (15)" Looking at his proud face, I could not wait for his reply.

"God does not want them in heaven, that's why!" Tim announced proudly.

*Adapted from 'Mosquitoes' by Guy Lustig*

- (1) [ - ] dash
- (2) [ : ] colon
- (3) [ , ] comma
- (4) [ ; ] semi-colon

- (1) [ , ] comma
- (2) [ - ] hyphen
- (3) [ ' ] apostrophe
- (4) [ ... ] ellipsis points

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

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 I received a storybook as a birthday present and on the front page was an \_\_\_\_\_ which read: Happy Birthday, Jane.

- (1) inscription
- (2) annotation
- (3) illustration
- (4) exemplification

17 At the First Aid course, we learnt that placing a pack of ice on a swelling will help \_\_\_\_\_ the pain.

- (1) deviate
- (2) elevate
- (3) insulate
- (4) alleviate

18 During any debate competition, the lack of logic \_\_\_\_\_ any argument.

- (1) improves
- (2) invalidates
- (3) supports
- (4) strengthens

19 The TV station just \_\_\_\_\_ to report the news of the sudden death of the president.

- (1) broke in
- (2) broke up
- (3) broke out
- (4) broke down

20 Having \_\_\_\_\_ is the only approach to take towards a loved one who is taking drugs.

- (1) tough love
- (2) puppy love
- (3) brotherly love
- (4) cupboard love

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)

Katy Noble is everything a nurse should be. For her, her job is more of a vocation, which she gives her heart and soul to. Some would call her a true angel. Throughout 2011, the young Ayr woman has been dedicating her life to caring for and helping others.

The 23-year-old is currently aiming to raise cash aplenty to fund a special project that aims to promote good health programmes, create awareness and provide education about ways to prevent the spread of diseases. Many people tend to be panic-stricken when faced with diseases that they know nothing of. She is hoping that the programme will help appease them. Right now, Katy needs to continue with the planning of the programme and the raising funds. Hopefully, there will be more angels out there willing to lend a helping hand.

*Adapted from Ayrshire Post, 28 January 2011*

- (1) trade
- (2) career
- (3) calling
- (4) pastime

- (1) appropriating
- (2) surrendering
- (3) sacrificing
- (4) pledging

- (1) insight
- (2) foresight
- (3) recognition
- (4) apprehension

- (1) horrified
- (2) incensed
- (3) perplexed
- (4) tempestuous

- (1) stick to
- (2) stick up
- (3) stick out
- (4) stick around



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Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

When I was in junior high school, what my friends thought of me was really important to me. During those years, I grew much taller than most of my peers. Though I was tall and big for any child of my age, I was very sensitive. Being so tall made me feel uncomfortable. In order to keep the focus off me and my unusual height, I went along with the crowd who would play practical jokes on other children at school. Being one of the class clowns gave me a way to make sure that the jokes were directed at others and not at me. 5

I would pull all kinds of pranks that were hurtful, sometimes even harmful, to others. Once before art lesson, my friends and I placed super glue on the seat of one of our classmates. The poor guy ripped his shorts as he stood up to answer a question. I let out the hardest laugh ever. Not only was he terribly embarrassed, he also had to go to the school nurses' office. I thought that it was funny but it ended up that no one else thought so – least of all my father. 10

My parents did not always think that my behaviour was funny. They reminded me about the Golden Rule: Treat others as I would like to be treated. Many times, I was disciplined for the hurtful way I was treating others. What I was doing was hurting other classmates and in turn hurting my reputation as someone to be looked up to. My friends were looking up to me because I was tall, but what did they see? 15

My parents wanted me to be a leader who was a good example to others – to be a decent human being. They taught me to set my own goals and to do the best at everything that I set out to do. During the lectures that I got from my father, he told me over and over again to be the leader that I was meant to be – to be a big man in words and actions, as well as in my body. I had to question myself whether or not it was important to be the kind of leader and person my father believed I was inside. I knew in my heart that he was right. Thus I tried my best to follow my father's advice. 20 25

Once I focussed on being the best that I could be, I realised that I became a leader in my very own way. Because of my height, I joined the basketball team and became a leader in the game. I took my responsibility to set a good example very seriously. I sometimes have to stop and think before I act, and I make mistakes occasionally. As they say: to err is human, to forgive divine. With such a steadfast mindset, I continue to look for opportunities where I can make a difference and to be a good example because of my father's advice. I now pass it on to you: Be a leader, Shaq, not a follower. Since people already have to look up to you, give them a good reason to do so. 30

Adapted from 'Shaquille O'Neal'

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 When the writer played practical jokes on the children at school, his main intention was to \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) be the class clown
- (2) divert attention from him
- (3) create a good impression of himself
- (4) make himself feel comfortable about his unusual height

27 What does 'it' in line 12 refer to?

- (1) causing the classmate's shorts to tear
- (2) laughing at an embarrassed classmate
- (3) putting super glue on the classmate's seat
- (4) playing pranks that were hurtful and harmful

28 Based on the passage, which of the following statements about the writer is true?

- (1) He was proud of his height as a young boy.
- (2) He played pranks on others so that they would look up to him
- (3) He learnt to be a good leader by following his father's example.
- (4) He made fun of his classmates to prevent others from picking on him.

29 Why did the writer do his best to follow his father's advice?

- (1) He wanted to make his parents proud.
- (2) He was hoping for his father's lectures to stop
- (3) He realised that it was important to be a kind leader.
- (4) He decided to be a good example for others to follow.

30 Which one of the following is the most suitable title for this story?

- (1) 'Respecting others
- (2) 'Setting a good example'
- (3) 'A good reason to look up'
- (4) 'Playing pranks is mean and hurtful'





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**BOOKLET B**

50 Questions  
65 Marks

In this booklet, you should have the following:

- a. Page 11 to Page 18
- b. Questions 31 to 80

BOOKLET	OBTAINED	POSSIBLE
BOOKLET A		30
BOOKLET B		65
TOTAL		95

Parent's Signature : \_\_\_\_\_

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)

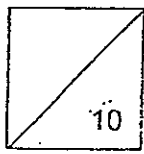
**CH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE**

a	(D) being	(G) its	(K) the	(N) which
almost	(E) into	(H) most	(L) their	(P) will
are	(F) is	(J) over	(M) throughout	(Q) would

Monitor lizards are intelligent and like to keep an eye on people. They can be found in (31) the tropical regions of Africa and Asia. Many students in Singapore would have observed them in Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve. These carnivorous lizards will eat (32) anything live birds and mammals as well as eggs, carrion and rubbish from city dumps. However because of this, their mouths (33) with dangerous bacteria. If they bite you, you will get a nasty infection.

Monitor lizards get (34) name from the way they stand on their hind legs and 'monitor' their surroundings. If they see something unusual, they (35) to investigate. This is a behavioural adaptation (36) curious animals. They also possess several sensory adaptations that benefit the hunting of live prey.

Because keeping monitors (37) so tough, abandoned pet monitor lizards are often released (38) tropical parts of North and South America. They survive and are upsetting local ecosystems. Others (39) do not have the skills will eventually die (40) slow death.



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

In early November, many polar bears gather near Churchill, Canada, the

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self-proclaimed polar bear **kehpitel** of the world. There, they hungrily wait at the

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sea to freeze so that they can **trak** onto the ice to hunt seals. The bears will simply

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lie down and curl up on the ice, blend with the environment.

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Polar bears are usually **soliteree** by nature but at this special time one would

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be able to see **interecksions** between several of these individuals. These young

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adults can be caught play fighting – an exercise that can quicker develop into

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naked **agreshen**. If times are particularly hard, large males had even been

(50)

known to kill and eat smaller bears. It is during these time that everyone fights for

its own survival.

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

I am courageous. The reason? I have had \_\_\_\_\_ inspiring teachers. I will  
(51)  
you about \_\_\_\_\_ of them.

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Many years ago, when I worked \_\_\_\_\_ a volunteer at Stanford Hospital, I  
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to know a little girl named Liza \_\_\_\_\_ was suffering from a rare  
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\_\_\_\_\_ serious disease. Her only chance of recovery appeared to be a blood  
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transfusion from her five-year-old brother, who \_\_\_\_\_ miraculously survived the  
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the disease and had developed the antibodies \_\_\_\_\_ to combat the illness. The  
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doctor explained the situation to her little brother and \_\_\_\_\_ the boy if he  
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\_\_\_\_\_ be willing to give his blood to his sister. I saw him hesitate for  
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\_\_\_\_\_ a moment before taking a deep breath and saying, "Yes, I will do it if it will  
(60)  
save Liza."

As the transfusion progressed, the little boy lay in a bed next to his sister and smiled as he  
the colour return to her cheeks. Then his face grew pale and his smile \_\_\_\_\_  
(61)

looked up at the doctor and asked with a trembling voice, "Will I start to die right away? Or will I  
time to see her wake up?" I could not hold \_\_\_\_\_ my tears.

(62)

Being young, the boy had misunderstood the doctor. He thought that he was  
\_\_\_\_\_ to have to give his sister all his blood and he \_\_\_\_\_ so  
(63) (64)

sadly. That day, I learnt about courage and as I said, I \_\_\_\_\_ had inspiring  
(65)  
teachers.

Adapted from 'On Courage' by Dan Millman



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 It is not possible to play netball because of the heavy rain.

The heavy rain \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7 Jane is the tallest pupil in the class.

There is no other \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3 Mrs Lee tidied the room and then she washed the clothes.

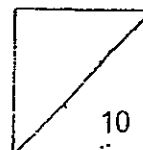
Mrs Lee washed \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The pupils were honest and alert. The visitors were in awe.

The pupils' \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

We would love to go for a swim now but it is going to rain soon.

Much as \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

The twenty-six-year-old mother stared down at her son who was dying of terminal leukaemia. Although her heart was filled with anguish, she also had a strong feeling of determination. Like any parent, she wanted her son to grow up and fulfil all his dreams. Now, that was no longer possible. The leukaemia would see to that. However, she still wanted her son's dreams to come true.

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She took her son's hand and asked, "Bopsy, did you ever think about what you wanted to be when you grow up? Did you ever dream and wish about what you could do with your life?"

"Mother, I always wanted to be a fireman when I grow up but I know now it's not a dream – a good dream," Bopsy whispered as he closed his eyes, a forlorn look on his face.

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Later that day, his mother went to the local fire department in Phoenix, Arizona, where she met Fireman Bob who had a heart as big as Phoenix. She explained her six-year-old son's final wish and asked if it might be possible to give him a ride around the estate on a fire engine. Fireman Bob said, "Look, we can do better than that. If you will have your son ready at seven o'clock Wednesday morning, we will make him an honorary fireman for the whole day. He can come down to the fire station, eat with us, go out on all the fire calls – the whole nine yards! And, if you will give us his sizes, we will get a real fireman uniform made for him, with a real hat – not a toy one – with the emblem of the Phoenix Fire Department on it, a new slicker like we wear and rubber boots. It will be unbidden."

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Three days later, Fireman Bob picked up an astounded Bopsy, dressed him in a fire uniform and escorted him from the hospital bed to the waiting hook and ladder truck. Bopsy got to sit up on the back of the truck and help steer it back to the fire station. There were three fire calls in Phoenix that day and Bopsy got to go out on all the calls. He rode in the different fire engines, the paramedics' van and even the chief's car. As he was being interviewed by reporters and he was asked how his son was, he came to realise what was actually happening. It was as if he was in heaven.

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Having his dream come true, with all the love and attention that was lavished on him, Bopsy was so deeply touched that he lived three months longer than any doctor thought possible. However one night, his vital signs dropped dramatically and the head nurse, who believed that no one should die alone, called his family members to the hospital. Then she remembered the important day Bopsy spent as a fireman, so she called the fire chief and asked if it was possible to send a fireman in uniform to the hospital to be with Bopsy as he made his transition.

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The chief replied, "We can do better than that. We will be there in five minutes. Will you please do me a favour? When you hear the sirens blasting and see the lights flashing, will you announce over the PA system that there is not a fire? It is just the fire department coming to see one of its finest members one more time. Could you also open the window to his room? Thanks." 40

About five minutes later, a hook and ladder truck arrived at the hospital, extended its ladder into Bopsy's third floor open window and fourteen firemen and two firewomen climbed up the ladder into Bopsy's room. With his mother's permission, they hugged him and told him how much they loved him. With his dying breath, Bopsy looked up at the fire chief and asked, "Chief, am I really a fireman now?" 45

"Bopsy, you are," the chief affirmed. With those words, Bopsy, feeling a sense of satisfaction, smiled and closed his eyes for the last time.

*Adapted from 'Bopsy' by Jack Canfield and Mark V. Hansen*

**ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.**

71 What does the word 'that' in line 4 refer to?

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72 What was the mother's intention in asking Bopsy what he wanted to be when he grew up?

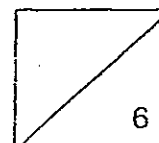
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73 Explain why Fireman Bob had a heart as big as Phoenix' (line 13).

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74 Which word from paragraph four shows that Bopsy was given the privilege of being part of the Phoenix Fire Department?

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75 Name two different activities Bopsy did when he was a fireman for day ?

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50 When he was being interviewed, what was the realisation that Bopsy had?

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Bopsy lived three months longer than expected as he was deeply touched. Explain fully how this was so.

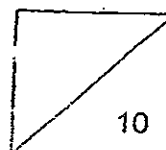
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Quote the five-word phrase in paragraph six which suggests that Bopsy's condition took a turn for the worse.

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- 79 Why did the chief ask the head nurse to announce over the PA system that there was not a fire?

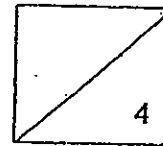
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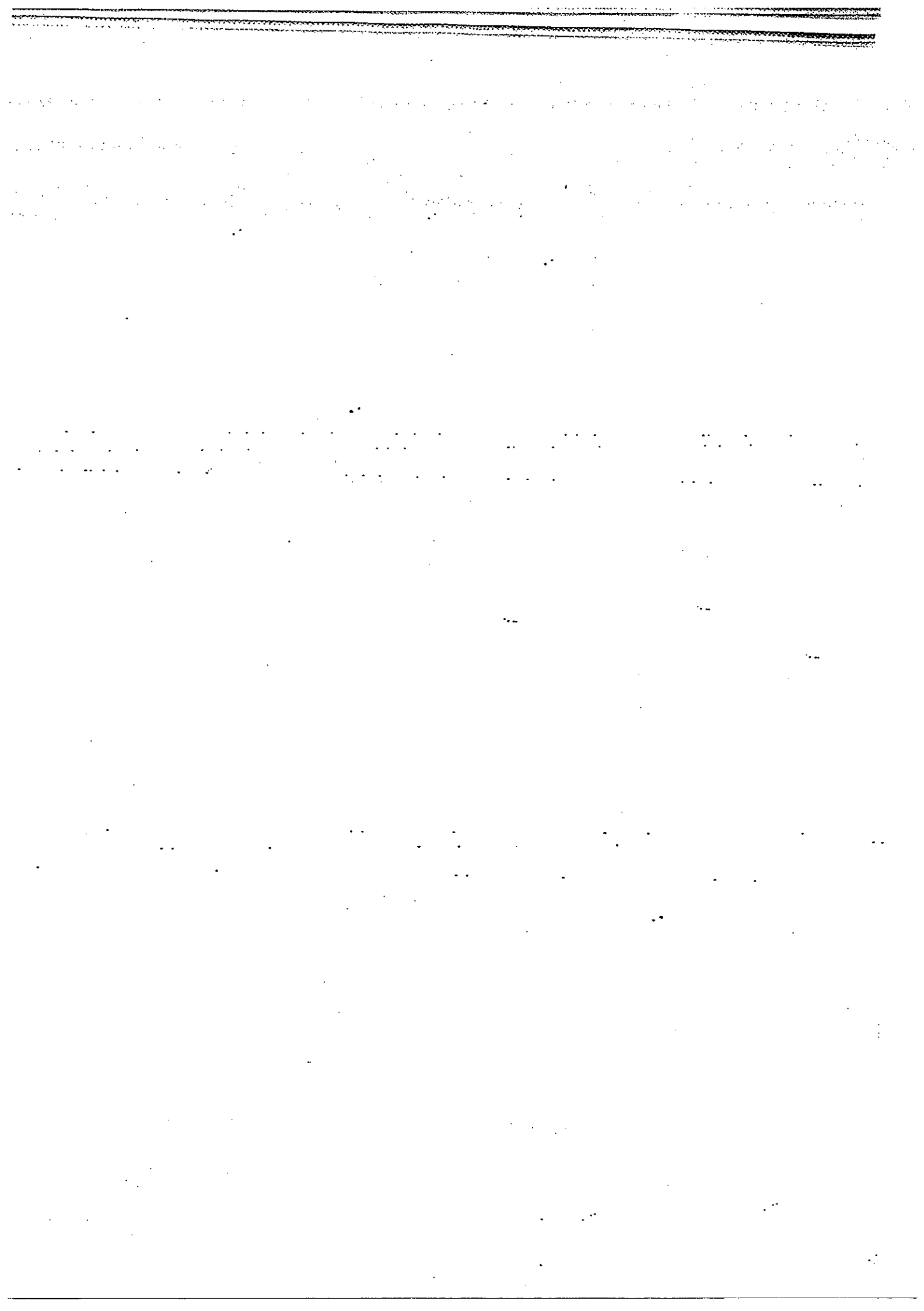
- 80 The experience Bopsy had as a fireman changed his response to his situation. Explain fully the different in his response before and after the experience

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**TERM : SA2**

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	D	F	E	N	A

1)capital                      42)for                      43)trek                      44)blending                      45)solitary

16)interactions                      47)quickly                      48)aggression                      49)have                      50)times

11)many                      52)one                      53)as                      54)who                      55)and

16)had                      57)needed                      58)asked                      59)would                      60)only/merely

1)disappeared                      62)back                      63)going                      64)did                      65)have

6)The heavy rain has made/makes it impossible to play netball.

7)There is no other pupils taller than Jane in the class.

8)Mrs Lee washed the clothes after tidying the room.

9)The pupils' honesty and alertness awed the visitors.

0)Much as we would love to go for a swim now it going to rain soon.

- 71) It refers to Bopsy being able to grow up and fulfil all his dream.
- 72) She wanted to help him fulfil his dream.
- 73) He offered to do more than what the mother had requested.
- 74) The word is "honorary".
- 75) Bopsy helped steer the fire truck back to the fire station and went out on all three fire calls and rode in the different fire engines, the paramedics, van and the fire chief's car.
- 76) Bopsy realised that his dream of being a fireman had come true.
- 77) Bopsy was able to fulfill his dream with the love and attention that was wished on him.
- 8) The phrase is "his vital signs dropped dramatically".
- 9) He wanted to prevent an outbreak of chaos.
- 10) Before the experience, Bopsy said that his dream of being a fireman was just a good dream and thought that it would not come true but after the experience, Bopsy knew that he was a real fireman and knew that his dream had come true felt a sense of satisfaction.