

# METHODIST GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)

Founded in 1887



## END-OF-YEAR EXAMINATION 2013 PRIMARY 5 ENGLISH

### PAPER 2 (BOOKLET A)

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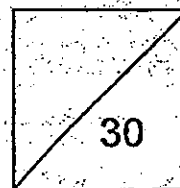
Answer all questions.

Shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

Class: Primary 5. \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 7 October 2013



This booklet consists of 10 printed pages including this page.

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

(5 marks)

# KIDS DASH

In conjunction with National Health Month

**LITTLE FEET**

**BIG STRIDES**

Sign up your little ones for the Kids Dash race – an experience they will never forget. With fun-filled activities at the Kids Zone after they cross the finish line, this promises to be an exciting race.



**Kids Dash (750m) offers aspiring runners the chance to experience the dash of their lifetime. It is a non-competitive event which aims to encourage a love for running among kids.**

**Date and Time :**  
10 November 2012 (Saturday), 8am

**Venue:**  
Marina Barrage, 8 Marina Gardens Drive, Singapore 018951

**Register at one of the following:**

- Passion Running Club: 5 Green Drive, Singapore 786398
- Healthy Lifestyle Branch: 8 Kampong Drive, Singapore 376487

**All participants must:**

- be between 7 and 12 years old
- have parents' or guardians' consent
- be medically fit
- observe traffic rules at all times
- wear proper running shoes
- wear the Kids Dash 2012 T-shirt\*

\*Collect the Kids Dash 2012 T-shirts before 10 November 2012 at Royal Sports, 5 Tras Street, Singapore 057364.

No exchange of T-shirt is allowed.

Kids Dash will be cancelled in the event that it rains.

**Organisers:**

**ABC BANK**

**RUN FOR A REASON**

[marathonsingapore.com](http://marathonsingapore.com)

**Sponsors:**

Royal Sports



**Healthy  
Lifestyle  
Branch**

**PASSION RUNNING CLUB**



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

(5 marks)

1 One of the organisers of *Kids Dash 2012* is \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) Royal Sports
- (2) Run For A Reason
- (3) Passion Running Club
- (4) Healthy Lifestyle Branch

2 According to the poster, participants \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) must be at least 7 years old
- (2) must be at least 12 years old
- (3) can collect the *Kids Dash 2012* T-shirts from any of the organisers
- (4) must have taken part in competitive races before they can register for the race

3 Caleb is 12 years old. To take part in *Kids Dash 2012*, he needs to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) register at Marina Barrage
- (2) be able to run more than 750m
- (3) get approval from his parents or guardians
- (4) collect the *Kids Dash 2012* T-shirt on 10 November 2012

4 For *Kids Dash 2012*, all participants have to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) be in good health
- (2) obey traffic rules if possible
- (3) run on another day if it rains
- (4) wear shoes from Passion Running Club

5 According to the poster which one of the following is true?

- (1) The best way for kids to keep healthy is to run.
- (2) The appropriate age to start running competitively is 7 years old.
- (3) The event is meant for athletes who want to challenge one another.
- (4) The purpose of the event is to encourage a love for running among kids.

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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 The principal made the boy \_\_\_\_\_ his mistake before calling his parents in.

- (1) admit
- (2) admits
- (3) admitted
- (4) admitting

7 "Behave \_\_\_\_\_ when you are at Grandma's place," Mother reminded the boys.'

- (1) yourself
- (2) ourselves
- (3) yourselves
- (4) themselves

8 One of the most important things in life \_\_\_\_\_ to be content with what we have.

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

9 Jane hardly ever wears dresses \_\_\_\_\_?

- (1) Is it
- (2) Isn't it
- (3) does she
- (4) doesn't she

10 "Has Susan ever \_\_\_\_\_ to a school concert before. Mr Lim asked David.

- (1) go
- (2) goes
- (3) gone
- (4) went

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11 No one here should feel that he is superior \_\_\_\_\_ any other person in the group.

- (1) by
- (2) to
- (3) over
- (4) than

12 \_\_\_\_\_ you heard the gossip from a reliable source, I do not think it is the whole truth.

- (1) Since
- (2) Despite
- (3) Although
- (4) However

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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)

"Oh!" The congregation gasped as the bride appeared at the entrance of the church. Framed by an arched doorway, she was a picture of loveliness.

The organist began to play Here Comes The Bride (13) as Clare together with her father, glided slowly towards the altar and her husband-to-be. She paused briefly to squeeze the hand of her favourite aunt and whispered, "Thank you so much for coming." Her aunt smiled.

"I now pronounce you man and wife (14) the minister announced excitedly. The church erupted into happy cheers. Then (15) as they left the building, flower petals were strewn and everyone was happy for the couple.

- 13 (1) [ , ] comma  
(2) [ " ] inverted commas  
(3) [ ! ] exclamation mark  
(4) [ , " ] comma and inverted commas

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

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

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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 Tom was troubled by his conscience for a week and decided that he would \_\_\_\_\_ his mother.

- (1) confide in
- (2) conform to
- (3) concede to
- (4) conspire with

17 The prisoners attempted a daring \_\_\_\_\_ a week ago but they were unsuccessful.

- (1) break in
- (2) break off
- (3) break out
- (4) break away

18 Everyone took a quick \_\_\_\_\_ at the strange-looking man standing at the street corner.

- (1) glint
- (2) gaze
- (3) glare
- (4) glance

19 Visibility on the road was \_\_\_\_\_ to zero by the haze.

- (1) reduced
- (2) depleted
- (3) subsided
- (4) decreased

20 Only fifty cases of the dengue fever have been reported so far. However, doctors fear this may only be \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) breaking the ice
- (2) walking on thin ice
- (3) the tip of the iceberg
- (4) the icing on the cake

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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)

An environmental magazine recently published that high levels of dissolved pesticides have made rainwater in Europe not suitable for drinking. Chemists in Switzerland have found that rain samples taken during the first minutes of a storm frequently contain higher levels of pesticides than those deemed acceptable by either the European Union or Switzerland.

(22)

Crop sprays are to blame, and the highest concentration of such toxic chemicals shows up in the first downpour after a long dry spell. Meanwhile, Swedish researchers have linked the rapidly spiralling incidence of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, a form of cancer, to the widespread use of several crop sprays. Chemicals that inhibit the growth of vegetation on building materials likewise pollute the rainwater that runs off them.

(23)

(24)

(25)

- 21 (1) potable  
(2) polluted  
(3) portable  
(4) palatable

- 22 (1) made  
(2) assumed  
(3) presumed  
(4) considered

- 23 (1) fatal  
(2) corruptive  
(3) poisonous  
(4) contagious

- 24 (1) stable  
(2) falling  
(3) occurring  
(4) increasing

- 25 (1) delay  
(2) forbid  
(3) hasten  
(4) destroy

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Read the passage below and answer Questions 26 to 30.

Junquan was just three years old when he lost both his arms in a freak electrical accident. However, his determination to overcome his disability and become a world-class swimming champion made this Chinese athlete an inspirational sports icon for many people around the world.

Junquan regularly defeated many top-ranking swimmers, including able-bodied ones, but the problem was that the only way he could mark his finish and stop the chronometer on the pool wall was by hitting it with his head at the end of the race - something that often left him with neck injuries or severe headaches. 5

At the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games, Junquan, then 30, was surging ahead of his competitors and it appeared as though he was about to win the gold medal. However 10  
In the last few seconds as he approached the end, he slowed down intentionally to reduce the impact of his head crash on the chronometer. In those few split seconds, Brazilian Daniel Dias, who was trailing him, hit the chronometer first with his outstretched hand, and claimed the gold medal. Junquan was forced to remain content with silver at the final of the men's 200m individual medley. 15

Although Junquan was defeated at the post, he took great pleasure in the cut and thrust of top level competition. Despite coming in second, his huge smile at the end of the race and the cheerful manner in which he congratulated Daniel made Junquan the star of the day. The spectators knew that he would have taken the gold medal if only he had an arm. When Junquan was presented with a bouquet and his silver medal, he held 20  
the flowers between his jaw and his shoulder, then grinning, he bowed to the crowd who gave him a thunderous applause.

"No one is perfect. Neither are able-bodied people," said Junquan. "I have no regret in my life. The most important thing is how you look at yourself. If you are confident and strong-minded, you will be the strong man in your life." 25

(adapted from an article by Paul Smith)

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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 How does Junquan inspire people around the world?

- (1) He has a cheerful disposition.
- (2) He lost both arms when he was three years old.
- (3) He wins many medals in swimming competitions.
- (4) He is a swimming champion despite being handicapped.

27 Junquan often suffers neck injuries and headaches due to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) the vigorous training in the swimming pool
- (2) the determination he has in overcoming his disability
- (3) the impact of stopping the chronometer with his head in swimming races
- (4) the electrical accident that happened to him when he was three years old

28 The phrase 'took great pleasure in the cut and thrust' (lines 16-17) tells us that Junquan \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) enjoyed swimming
- (2) enjoyed being the star of the day
- (3) enjoyed the competitive nature of the sport
- (4) enjoyed the thunderous applause he received at the end of competition

29 Junquan was regarded as the star of the day because \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) he was popular
- (2) he took his defeat graciously
- (3) he was able to hold the bouquet of flowers between his jaw and his shoulder
- (4) he slowed down intentionally near the end which allowed Daniel Dias to overtake him.

30 Which one of the following statements about Junquan is true?

- (1) He was not ashamed of his disability.
- (2) He was unable to defeat any able-bodied swimmers.
- (3) He took part in the swimming competition to impress the spectators.
- (4) He had to use his body to stop the chronometer timing since he did not have any arms.

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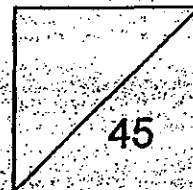
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There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write the letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)  
**EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.**

- |              |        |           |          |             |
|--------------|--------|-----------|----------|-------------|
| (A) although | (D) by | (G) over  | (K) to   | (N) where   |
| (B) as       | (E) in | (H) up    | (L) was  | (P) with    |
| (C) before   | (F) of | (J) since | (M) were | (Q) without |

The Vikings were a group of people whose sailors explored the North Atlantic Ocean from the years 700 to 1100 A.D. They lived in countries known today as Denmark, Norway and Sweden. As they lived so close to the sea, they used water as their primary means, \_\_\_\_\_ travel. (31)

\_\_\_\_\_ the years, the Vikings became expert shipbuilders. They even (32) developed a new way to build ships that allowed them to travel farther \_\_\_\_\_ sea than (33) any ship had gone before. Their ships were the first to have a keel – a long, narrow piece of wood attached beneath the ship that helped to steer the ship. Even better, it kept the ship from rolling with each wave, allowing it to move faster. \_\_\_\_\_ the ship could go to places more rapidly, it could go much further \_\_\_\_\_ stopping for new supplies of (35) food and water.

The ships let the Vikings establish trade routes \_\_\_\_\_ Europe. The Vikings (36) actually discovered North America about 500 years \_\_\_\_\_ Columbus did. They (37) even set \_\_\_\_\_ a small settlement in what is now known as Canada, but it lasted only (38) a few years. All Vikings were proud of their ships. In fact, when they died, many rich Viking men and women were buried in ships. Included in each ship \_\_\_\_\_ the dead persons (39) belongings such \_\_\_\_\_ jewellery and weapons. The Vikings believed that the ships (40) would endow these people in a safe journey to the land of the dead.

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

*Sleep plays a vital role in good health and general well-being throughout your life.*

*Sleep also helps your brain work properly. Therefore, getting a good night's sleep before an*

*important examination might be better than spending the whole night waking, trying to cram as*

*much information as we can into our minds. Besides recharging the body fiscaly, a study also*

*found that sleep aperently restores memories that disappeared during a hactik. day. You are*

*able to recall certain things better after a night's sleep.*

*One researcher says that a person ricives so many memories each day that some*

*details are lose in the jumble. However, the brain sorts and organised the memories during*

*sleep. Many people have the experienced of going to bed with a question and waking up the*

*next day with the solve.*

*These findings may influiance how students learn, and someday could be used to treat*

*mental illnesses involving memories. Thus when it comes to learning and memory, getting*

*sufficient sleep is actually one of the most important things you can do.*

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Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

The men in the boat were bundled up in thick clothes. It was early in the morning and the water was relatively calm. The \_\_\_\_\_ (51) was equipped with a strong fishing net and a canvas sling to lower or hoist dolphins.

\_\_\_\_\_ (52) half a day's wait, the men were rewarded. They spotted a dolphin from a \_\_\_\_\_ (53). It came to the surface of the water to \_\_\_\_\_ (54)

through its blowhole on top of its head. It drew in fresh air and dipped under the waves again.

The owner of the boat steered it closer and they started tossing the live fish they had brought along overboard in order to \_\_\_\_\_ (55) the dolphins nearer to the boat. The fishes

that were meant as \_\_\_\_\_ (56) was kept in a barrel full of water to keep them alive.

Soon the surrounding water was \_\_\_\_\_ (57) with playful bottle-nose dolphins

enjoying a \_\_\_\_\_ (58)

One of the men went into the water and used the fishing net to \_\_\_\_\_ (59) off a circular area about the size of five football fields. The other in the wet suit checked every area of the net to \_\_\_\_\_ (60) that no dolphins were trapped underneath the surface.

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otherwise they would drown if they could not get to the surface and take \_\_\_\_\_  
(61)

air. When he saw a dolphin that looked suitable to be \_\_\_\_\_ he spent some  
(62)

time talking and playing with it. Then he put one arm under the dolphin and the other arm over  
its body and grabbed a pectoral fin in each hand. He guided the immobile dolphin to the boat

and \_\_\_\_\_ it into the boat with a sling.  
(63)

Once on \_\_\_\_\_ the boat, the dolphin was covered with a damp  
(64)

blanket to protect its delicate skin. From time to time, \_\_\_\_\_ would be  
(65)

splashed onto the blanket. The men captured three dolphins that day. They were taken to a  
special school that taught dolphins to perform tricks for entertainment.

For each of the items from 66 to 70, combine the sentences to make one sentence using the word(s) given. The meaning of the sentence must be the same as the sentences given.

(5 marks)

- 66 He is anxious. This causes him to lose sleep.

His \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- 67 The pupils are organising a charity drive to raise funds for Rainbow Home.

A charity drive \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- 68 Preetha likes collecting stickers. She likes collecting stamps more.

Preetha prefers \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- 69 Su Lin will go to the party only if her mother consents.

\_\_\_\_\_ without \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- 70 Tom asked Mary, "Did you ask someone to help you water the plants yesterday?"

Tom asked Mary \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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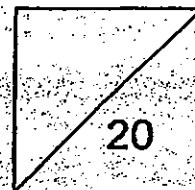
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Class: Primary 5. \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 7 October 2013



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Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

It was cold in the night. Dan felt a sudden jolt as the stretcher was clumsily lowered to the ground. He heard one of the guards saying to the other, "Hurry up and tie the knot and then we can get back to our quarters and share a bottle of wine." Dan could not understand the reference to tying a knot. Why should they have to tie a knot before they could go off duty? He did not have to wait long for the answer. The guard who had spoken 5  
breathed heavily as he dropped something near the bottom of the sack. What the object was, Dan could only guess although it sounded like a heavy stone. He felt a rope being tied around his ankles. Before he realised what was happening, he was lifted off the stretcher by the two guards. He felt himself being swung to and fro. The last words he ever heard were the accompaniment to this swinging, "One, two, three! Heave!" 10

As the last word rang out in the cold night air, Dan felt himself being flung into space. He was falling, falling, falling through the dark, his speed increasing with every second. He felt a tug at his feet and knew that the heavy weight was tied to the end of the rope. There was a sudden jerk as he crashed into icy cold water. The waves closed over him as he was still dragged downwards. He had been flung into the sea with a 16-kg cannon-ball tied to 15  
his feet.

Dan held his breath. He must get free quickly or die. He slit open the sack and struggled to free his legs from the heavy iron ball. His lungs seemed to be bursting. Gathering all his strength, he bent double and slashed through the rope. . . around his ankles. It dragged him down towards the sea-bed. Along with it, the sack which he thought 20  
would nearly become his shroud\*. Dan shot upwards. As soon as he surfaced, he gulped life-saving draughts of air into his lungs. He was worried. He quickly gazed upwards at the towering cliff from which he had made such a terrifying descent. He dived below the surface and swam away from the cliff while holding his breath for as long as he could before resurfacing for a gasp for air. Several times he repeated this manoeuvre until he felt 25  
certain that he was not being watched.

\*a cloth used for wrapping a dead body

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He swam on and on. The hope of freedom, stronger with every passing minute, spurred him on to greater efforts. Hour after hour, he put greater distance between himself and the island-prison. At long last, he reached the shelter of a small rocky island. Despite his fatigue, he swam around it to make sure it was uninhabited. He dragged himself out of the water, found himself shelter from the wind between two tall rocks and immediately fell asleep.

*Adapted from The Count of Monte Cristo by Alexandre Dumas*

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

**71** Why was Dan unable to see what was happening around him?

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**72** Explain clearly what the purpose of the 16-kg canon ball was.

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**73** In line 18 what did the writer mean by "His lungs seemed to be bursting"?

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74 How did Danfree himself?

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75 What does "It" in line 20 refer to ?

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76 Which four-word phrase from lines 19-22 tells us that Dan thought he would not survive the ordeal he was in ?

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77 In line 22, Dan was "worried". Why was he worried?

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78 Which two-word phrase from lines 23-26 clearly describes that Dan had been thrown from a great height?

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79 How did Dan ensure that he would not get caught after escaping from the sack?

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80 Why did Dan have to drag himself out of the water?

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# Answer Key

**EXAM PAPER 2013**

**SCHOOL : MGS**

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**TERM : SA2**

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2	1	3	1	4	1	3	1	3	3	2	3	2	4	1	1	3

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
4	1	3	1	4	3	4	1	4	3	3	2	1	F	G	D	J

Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
Q	E	C	H	M	B

41)awake      42)physically      43)apparently      44)hectic      45)receives

46)lost      47)organises      48)experience      49)solution      50)influence

51)boat      52)After      53)distance      54)breathe      55)attract

56)bait      57)filled      58)meal      59)cordon      60)ensure

61)in      62)captured      63)hoisted      64)board      65)water

66)His anxiety causes him to lose sleep.

67)A charity drive is being organised by the pupils to raise funds for Rainbow Home.

68)Preetha prefers collecting stamps to collecting stickers.

**69)Su Lin will not go to the party without her mother's consent.**

**70)Tom asked Mary if she had asked someone to help her water the plants the previous day.**

**71)He was trapped in a sack which prevented him from seeing what was happening.**

**72)It was very heavy. Hence, when it was tied Dan's ankle, it weight would drag Dan downwards from the cliff to the sea while also making it difficult for Dan to escape.**

**73)He had been holding his breath for a long time and desperately needed to breathe. Due to the lack of oxygen, he felt very uncomfortable as it was painful, thus his lungs seemed to be bursting.**

**74)He gathered all his strength and split open the sack, bent double and slashed through the rope around his ankles which the 16-kg cannon ball was tied to, to free himself.**

**75)It refers to the 16-kg cannon ball.**

**76)The phrase is "nearly become his shroud".**

**77)He was worried that the guards might have heard or seen him escape as they would definitely capture him again if they knew that he was still alive.**

**78)The phrase is "terrifying descent".**

**79)He dived below the surface an swam away from the cliff for as long as he could before resurfacing quickly for a gasp of air to make sure that he could not be easily seen by the guards or he might get caught.**

**80)He as very exhausted.**