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Class : Primary 6 _____

CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)



Primary 6
Preliminary Examination
19 August 2013

English Language
Paper 2 Booklet A

Duration of Paper (Booklets A & B): 1 h 50 min

30 questions
30 marks

Instructions to Candidates:

Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
Follow all instructions carefully.
Answer all questions.

This booklet consists of 10 printed pages and 1 blank page.

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

BUDDING ARTISTS CREATIVE CAMP



A 3-day art camp for children aged 10 to 12

*If you love everything about art
and want to explore a variety of materials and skills,
this is the camp for you.*

*Budding Artists Creative Camp** allows you to pick up drawing, painting and printing, as well as sculpture and craft techniques. You will learn to sketch, draw and paint with tools like pencils, pens, markers, charcoal, oil pastels, water-colours and acrylic paint, and develop your knowledge of two-dimensional artwork. You will also have opportunities to learn more about three-dimensional artwork design through hands-on activities. Experience the joy of watching your creations come together beautifully under the skilful and patient guidance of our wonderful instructors.

Date : 28 to 30 November 2013
or
1 to 3 December 2013
Time : 9am to 5pm daily
Venue : Art Fanatics Studios (Picasso Room)
2 Esquire Place, Singapore 009900

Camp Fee: \$150 per participant
(inclusive of all art materials,
camp T-shirt, lunch and tea)

Early-bird Special: 20% discount on
camp fee for registrations before
1 November 2013

First 50 registrations: Free Art Fanatics
Limited Edition art bag and
\$5 The Craft Shop voucher

To register :

Pick up a registration form from Art Fanatics Studios and submit the completed form with cash or cheque payment for camp fees by 14 November 2013.

Alternatively, register online at www.artfan.com/creativecamp/register using credit card payment for camp fees by 12 November 2013.

** Highly recommended by Parents' Circle Magazine*

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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 Children who participate in the art camp will _____.

- (1) create their own artwork
- (2) choose one technique they want to pick up
- (3) read about three-dimensional artwork design
- (4) observe how the instructors create beautiful artwork

2 Those who want to take part in the art camp _____.

- (1) must buy a camp T-shirt
- (2) will receive an art bag and a voucher
- (3) can register online and pay the camp fees in cash
- (4) pay a lower camp fee if they register by 31 October 2013

3 Which one of the following statements is **not** true?

- (1) It is not suitable for pre-school children
- (2) Participants do not stay in for the day camp.
- (3) Participants will have to pack their own food for meals.
- (4) Two similar art camps will be conducted on different dates

4 Mrs Lim feels confident that her daughter, Joy, will benefit from the art camp probably because _____.

- (1) Joy will get to keep the art pieces
- (2) all the art materials will be provided
- (3) it is highly recommended and has won awards
- (4) she will be able to register Joy before the deadline

5 The **main** aim of the *Budding Artists Creative Camp* is to _____.

- (1) create three-dimensional artwork
- (2) win awards for Art Fanatics Studios
- (3) advertise in Parents' Circle Magazine
- (4) give children opportunities to learn about art

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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 Rita wrote two stories and _____ was shortlisted for the top prize.
- (1) all
 - (2) both
 - (3) each
 - (4) some
- 7 Jacob did not study and resorted _____ cheating during the test.
- (1) in
 - (2) to
 - (3) by
 - (4) on
- 8 The police _____ in the bank. The officers have been speaking to eyewitnesses for over an hour.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
- 9 The teacher, together with her students , _____ the animal shelter once a semester.
- (1) visit
 - (2) visits
 - (3) are visiting
 - (4) have visited
- 10 Mr Li asked the coach, "Has James _____ round the track in the shortest possible time?"
- (1) run
 - (2) ran
 - (3) runs
 - (4) running

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11 _____ volunteering to coach the children in Mathematics in the evenings
Mr Raman also delivers food to the orphanage every morning.

- (1) Since
- (2) Despite
- (3) Beyond
- (4) Besides

12 No sooner had Jenny walked through the gate _____ her dog came to greet her.

- (1) so
- (2) than
- (3) after
- (4) when

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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)

Goma and his brother, Chetu, sneaked into the reserve at sunrise. It was tranquil then and they looked forward to seeing a plethora of animals at the lake. A sudden movement caught their attention and they crouched behind some bushes, their hearts beating wildly in their chests.

"What if he has a clear shot (13)" Chetu whispered as he looked at the lone calf. Though the safety of the animal was uppermost in their minds, they realised they were in danger as well.

Knowing the herd would never be far from their young (14) Goma had an idea. He acted fast. "When I signal," he hissed (15)"scream with all your might. Now!"

Just as the poacher took aim, the herd of elephants appeared and charged. The calf was safe, at least for that day. Goma and Chetu knew they had been fortunate as well, once again.

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

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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 Teenagers in the neighbourhood enjoy hosting Halloween parties in the _____ house to scare their friends.

- (1) grand
- (2) quaint
- (3) grotesque
- (4) refurbished

17 The toddler has _____ curiosity about the insects in his garden.

- (1) a persistent
- (2) an authentic
- (3) an insatiable
- (4) a compulsive

18 David refused to _____ to his friend's persuasion to shoplift.

- (1) oblige
- (2) accede
- (3) venture
- (4) succumb

19 Mr Peter Han was found innocent and was _____ to his previous position of vice-chairman of the company.

- (1) recast
- (2) reinstated
- (3) reassigned
- (4) relinquished

20 As the elderly are extra _____ to accidents at home, more measures must be taken to ensure their safety.

- (1) creditable
- (2) vulnerable
- (3) predictable
- (4) sustainable

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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)

Any creative person – whether inventor, painter, author or other – is a dreamer

basically, says physicist Willard Boyle. Your dreams must be grounded in reality but you need an equal dose of faith that society will eventually react favourably to you, whether that means buying your painting, reading your book or manufacturing your product. "You always have to stay hopeful and positive," says Boyle.

Inventing can be a lonely path, one that demands intellectual self-confidence, and rejection is common. However, this can work out to be a motivator. James Dyson decided to make the vacuum cleaner that now bears his name only after being turned down by the big vacuum manufacturers. It took him five years and 5127 prototypes. "You need the ability to persevere," he says. Now numerous households round the world use his invention. Perhaps you have one in your home as well.

Adapted from The Mind of the Inventor by Stuart Foxman

- 21 (1) obviously
(2) absolutely
(3) essentially
(4) prominently
- 22 (1) feasible
(2) accessible
(3) memorable
(4) dependable
- 23 (1) transfer
(2) conform
(3) respond
(4) gravitate
- 24 (1) solitary
(2) tranquil
(3) confined
(4) restricted
- 25 (1) inspire
(2) endure
(3) transform
(4) contemplate

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Read the passage and answer questions 26 to 30.

The Geylang Serai market opened earlier this month – on the very same site as the old one. The event brought back many memories for me for I lived in Geylang Serai from the age of eight to twenty-one. I had seen it grow from a *kampong* into a conglomeration of ultra-modern buildings. But it is the area's *kampong* days I cherish most for they are associated with the days of my childhood.

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My mother rented a room in a row of *attap* houses for \$14 a month. My house had no tap, so I had to collect fresh water from the government standpipe a little distance away. I usually did this at night, carrying two pails. It took a few trips to the standpipe to fill the water-drum in our tiny kitchen area. On my last trip, I would bathe at the standpipe, enjoying the cold water, before returning.

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There was an entertainment centre in the area called the Eastern World Amusement Park. It had rides, games galleries and snack stalls. Beside the park was the Taj cinema, where Tamil, Hindi and Malay movies were screened to packed houses during weekends. We boys found it more fun to watch cowboy and Tarzan films at the open-air cinema located at Jalan Alsagoff. It cost only 10 cents to watch movies there. Once, as we watched a travelling wagon being set on fire in a cowboy movie, we suddenly realised that the screen was really burning – perhaps because vandals had set it on fire. The show was abandoned, much to our dismay.

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Nearby the Taj, in an open field, we would play with tops and marbles. In the kite season during windy April, we would watch young men fly kites and engage in 'kite battles'. Boys carrying salvaging poles would run after 'losing' kites, often stepping on food spread out to dry on the ground or on roaming chicks. With the curses of residents ringing in their ears, the boys would run away.

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Beside the amusement park was a bus terminal fronting Changi Road. The terminal was littered with leaves from the many Madras thorn trees in the area – and also with used bus tickets. I would go round with a friend to collect clean used tickets and arrange them according to value, the lowest being 5 cents. We used the tickets to play number guessing games. One day as we were collecting these tickets, my friend found a 10-cent coin. We rushed off to buy a packet of nasi lemak – coconut-flavoured rice with sambal, a piece of cucumber, a tamban fish and a bit of fried egg, all wrapped up in banana leaf, which in turn was wrapped in old newspaper. Between the two of us, the food was gone in no time.

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Finding the 10-cent coin was a piece of good luck. But there was another time when I was even luckier. At the edge of the present Malay Village, there used to be four rows of shops. One afternoon, I went to a bookshop there to look at some Malay books. As I was leaving, an elderly man in the shop tapped my shoulder and gave me an old English book. That book – Grimm's Fairy Tales – stirred my interest in reading, and I went on to read most of the books in the library cabinet in my classroom. I was then a Primary 6 pupil at Telok Kurau Primary School.

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Some time in the middle of that year, my principal, Mr Ratnam Sabapathy, a strict man who walked around with a cane in his hand, made an announcement during morning assembly. "Singapore now has a Prime Minister," he said. "He is Mr Lee Kuan Yew – and he was a student at this school." The year was 1959. It was when Singapore became a self-governing state.

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Adapted from The Kampong Memories that Last a Lifetime by Shaik Kadir

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26 What was the likely reason for the writer to have his bath at the standpipe?

- (1) He was too tired to carry more water for his bath.
- (2) He did not want to waste the water he had collected.
- (3) The water-drum was not big enough for him to bathe in.
- (4) The water he had collected was only to be used by his mother.

27 What was the boys' concern when the screen caught fire?

- (1) The vandals might attack them.
- (2) They could not continue watching the movie.
- (3) They would be evacuated from the cinema hall.
- (4) They would not be able to watch a cowboy movie again.

28 In paragraph 4, why did the boys carry 'salvaging poles'?

- (1) The boys used the poles to engage in kite battles.
- (2) The boys used the poles to leap over roaming chicks in their way.
- (3) The poles were used to defend themselves against angry residents.
- (4) The poles helped them retrieve kites that had flown off during kite battles.

29 \$14 for rent, \$0.10 to watch a movie and \$0.10 to buy a packet of *nasi lemak* show that _____.

- (1) times were hard
- (2) people were frugal
- (3) the cost of living was low
- (4) children had little pocket money

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

- (1) 'Geylang Serai – As I knew it'
- (2) 'Geylang Serai – Then and Now'
- (3) 'Geylang Serai in Early Singapore'
- (4) 'Geylang Serai and my teenage years'

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Preliminary Examination

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English Language

Paper 2 Booklet B

Duration of Paper (Booklets A & B) : 1 h 50 min

50 questions
65 marks

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Parent's Signature: _____

Booklet A	30
Booklet B	65
Total	95

This booklet consists of 9 printed pages and 1 blank page.

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

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| (A) a | (D) every | (G) on | (K) these | (N) will |
| (B) both | (E) have | (H) should | (L) to | (P) with |
| (C) even | (F) it | (J) the | (M) under | (Q) within |

Along Tyersall Avenue, just off Holland Road, stands a set of spiked, forbidding-looking gates. Inside, the paved path is buried _____ moss. It is just visible beneath
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a thick carpet of fallen leaves and fruit. The area is overgrown _____ trees such as
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tembusu, banana and albizia.

However, in a few years' time, visitors _____ the Singapore Botanic Gardens
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will get to wander through this forest and a new marshland on an elevated walkway. They may be able to do so, perhaps _____ at night, when the area comes alive with the
(34)
sounds of the wild.

This 9.8 hectare patch _____ be the latest extension to the Botanic Gardens.
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Tyersall Avenue will also be realigned to skirt the edge of the extension, and elevated walkways will serve to protect _____ visitors and biodiversity.
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_____ century-old regenerated forest of the Tyersall extension will provide a
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rare chance to study forest regrowth. _____ the forest are towering trees planted
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along the entry path to the then Sultan's residence here which burned down in 1905. It is likely that _____ along with other plants and fungi, enabled the forest to regenerate.
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"Man has so altered the environment that if you want a natural or semi-natural environment to prosper, you _____ to manage it," said Dr Nigel Taylor, Director of
(40)
the Singapore Botanic Gardens.

Work will begin on the project later this year.

Adapted from 'Work to Start on Extension to Botanic Gardens' by Grace Chua

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

Joanne Rowling was born in July 1965 at Yate General Hospital in England. In

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university, she earns a French and Classics degree. As a postgraduate, she moved to

London and worked as a researcher at Amnesty International, among other jobs. She

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started writing the Harry Potter series during a ~~deelaide~~ Manchester to London King's

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Cross train journey. During the next five years, she outlined the plots from each book and

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began writing her first **knoval**.

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Rowling then moved to northern Portugal, where she taught English as a **fouren**

language. Her first book, Harry Potter & the Philosopher's Stone, was first published under

the name J.K. Rowling. The 'K', for Kathleen, was her paternal grandmother's name. It

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was added in her manager's request as he thought that a woman's name would not **apeel**

to the target audience of young boys.

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J.K. Rowling is the **reeceepiant** of numerous awards and honours. She supports a

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wide number of charity causes and is the founder of Lumos, an organisation working to

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transform the lives of disadvantageous children.

Rowling currently lives in Edinburgh with her husband and three children.

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

It is found that children using electronic gadgets like smartphones at a younger age are increasingly exposed to certain social and health risks that come with it. Parents, however, do not fully understand the negative effects of using such _____ (51)

Many also do not teach their children how to _____ them wisely. (52)

These preliminary findings are part of a new _____ led by Dr Nirmala Karupiah from the National Institute of Education's (NIE) early childhood and special education academic group. Unprecedented, the study is said to be the _____ (53) (54) that looks at how pre-schoolers in Singapore use gadgets such as computers, tablets and smartphones.

The study found that three-quarters of the children _____ playing with electronic devices even _____ they turned three - undeniably younger than school-going age. Most of the children played video and simulation games on the devices. Half of them said they used the gadgets to play educational games such as spelling quizzes. Other uses _____ surfing the Internet and social networking. (55) (56) (57)

Few parents, however, _____ their children in how they used these devices. They simply did not have time to guide them, let _____ keep track of what they were doing. Only 30 per cent of the parents interviewed had rules on how much 'computer time' their children were allowed. The rest of the parents _____ (58) (59) (60) their children free rein to use devices of any kind.

Some of the parents felt their childrer _____ from using the gadgets,
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as they saw them becoming more IT-savvy. Many, however, were not aware of the risks

_____ in the misuse and excessive use of these devices.
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Dr Karuppiah pointed out health risks such as poor sitting postures and children
_____ their eyes by staring at electronic screens for extended periods of time.
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He also highlighted social and emotional risks like gaming _____ and cyber-
(64)
bullying, which could lead to serious consequences. In addition, children could pick up
negative _____ like being violent, or have problems in socialising with their
(65)
peers.

The final findings of the study will be made known this year.

Adapted from 'Kids Using Gadgets at Earlier Age Being Exposed to Risks' by Amelia Teng

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 Jacob loves kittens less than puppies.

_____ prefers _____

67 Miss Lim's laptop is not working. Miss Lim is terribly upset.

_____ whose _____

68 My father parked illegally along the road. Consequently, he was fined.

As a result of _____

69 "Where is the broom I left by the sink?" Robert asked Sheila.

Robert asked Sheila _____

70 You need to be patient and determined when teaching a hyperactive child.

_____ are needed.

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Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

Not even a flooded river could stand between Mary Breckinridge and the hospital her patients needed.

Christmas at the mountain clinic would have to wait. A fierce rain had swollen the middle fork of the Kentucky River, and the brown water overflowed its muddy banks beside Mary Breckinridge's Wendover, Kentucky, clinic. The trails were washed out and she had to find a way to get her five patients to the hospital. There was only one thing to do. Since **overland** travel was impossible, she would turn the flood to her advantage and go out by boat. But first she had to build one! Time was precious, and she knew she had to work fast. 5

A neighbour gave her some wooden planks, and he helped Mary and the nurses build a sturdy boat. They named it Ambulance, and on the morning of December 30, 1926, Mary, another nurse, and the patients set off down the river. The churning, muddy water rushed and swirled around them. After sixteen wild miles on the treacherous river, they left the boat and got into a mule cart. At eight o'clock that evening, they arrived at the train station in Krypton. As she watched the train pull away with her patients safely on board, Mary smiled and waved, knowing that they now had a chance to live a healthy life. 10 15

Mary had not planned to be a nurse. She was the daughter of a wealthy Kentucky politician and grew up with money, governesses and trips to Europe. But the family had always been concerned about the poorer people of the state, and as a child, Mary was influenced by an aunt who spent most of her fortune paying for the education of poor Kentucky children. As an adult, Mary was inspired to become a nurse after she had watched helplessly as a child died of typhoid fever. A few years after she graduated from nursing school, her own two small children died. In her grief, she and her husband divorced, and she decided to devote her life to helping rural Kentucky children. 20 25

Mary picked the most out-of-the-way place in the Kentucky Mountains – Leslie County – to start a health clinic and prove that dedicated people could bring medical care to even most isolated areas. So in 1925, Mary hired a few British-trained nurse-midwives and, with some money from her family, started the Frontier Nursing Service in Wendover, Kentucky. 30

Before Mary and her nurses came, the mountain folk had no trained medical caregivers. The men worked in the coal mines or for the lumber companies, and the women grew vegetable gardens. Families made so little money they could not afford doctors or medicine – even if they could get them. Many children had diseases such as tuberculosis and pneumonia, and nearly every person was malnourished. 35

Mary and the nurse-midwives built clinics and a small hospital deep in the forests of Leslie County, spacing them throughout the rocky hills so that no one would be far from care. There were no paved roads, electricity, or telephones. On horseback each day, the nurses went to isolated farms, often in bad weather, to answer calls for help. They worked hard to keep an eye on their patients. To the grateful mountain people, Mary and the nurses seemed to be everywhere. They treated everything from cut fingers to pneumonia, gave shots, and delivered babies. Their patients joked that they finally knew where babies came from – the nurses brought them in their saddlebags! The proud country folk liked the nurses because they treated everyone with respect. 40

The Frontier Nursing Service grew, and today, the work of the Nursing Service now reaches far beyond the Kentucky mountains. 45

Adapted from Nurses in the Wilderness by Ruth L. Ewers

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71 What was Mary Breckinridge's profession?

72 How did the flood make 'overland travel' (line 7) impossible?

73 What was the first step Mary took to get her patients to the hospital?

74 Which word in paragraph three has the same meaning as 'dangerous'?

75 What was the cause of Mary's 'grief' (line 24)?

76 What prompted Mary to start the Frontier Nursing Service in Wendover, Kentucky?

77 Quote the sentence which reflects the poor state of health of the mountain folk.

78 From the second last paragraph, how would you describe Mary's attitude towards her profession?

79 How did the nurses gain access to the remote areas in spite of the difficult terrain?

80 Explain fully how the Frontier Nursing Service had changed over time.

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46)at/on/upon 47)appeal 48)recipient 49)charitable
50)disadvantaged 51)gadgets 52)use 53)project 54)first
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60)allowed 61)benefited 62)present 63)damaging
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77)Many children had diseases such as tuberculosis and pneumonia, and nearly every person was malnourished.

78)She was committed and passionate.

79)The built clinics and a small hospital deep in the forests of Leslie County, spacing them through out the rocky hills and they rode horses.

80)At first, the Frontier Nursing Service only existed in the Kentucky mountains. Later, it grew to exit beyond the Kentucky Mountains.