



**ROSYTH SCHOOL  
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1, 2014  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2  
PRIMARY 5**

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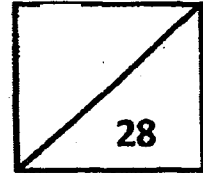
Class: Pr 5-\_\_\_\_\_

Register No. \_\_\_\_\_

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Marks:



**TOTAL DURATION FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 h 50 min**

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## **BOOKLET A**

**Instructions to Pupils:**

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Read the questions and follow all the instructions carefully.
3. This booklet consists of 28 questions (Questions 1 to 28).
4. Answer **ALL** the questions and shade them in the correct ovals on the OAS provided.

\* This paper consists of 11 pages altogether (including the cover page)

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For each question, from 1 to 10, shade your answer (1,2,3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (10 marks)

1. Mr Lim \_\_\_\_\_ how to drive. He has driving lessons every Friday and Saturday.  
  
(1) learns  
(2) will learn  
(3) has learnt  
(4) is learning
  
2. If Sally \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the musical, she has to seek her parents' permission.  
  
(1) wish  
(2) wishes  
(3) will wish  
(4) is wishing
  
3. Everyone, except the class monitors, \_\_\_\_\_ the teacher's instructions. We are supposed to meet her outside the staffroom and not in the hall.  
  
(1) misunderstand  
(2) misunderstands  
(3) has misunderstood  
(4) have misunderstood
  
4. Having worked so hard on the project for weeks, you and I should give \_\_\_\_\_ a treat now that the project is completed.  
  
(1) yourself  
(2) ourselves  
(3) yourselves  
(4) themselves

5. The children saw the female polar bear \_\_\_\_\_ gave birth to her first cub in Singapore.

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

6. "Don't waste your time talking to him. Anything you tell him always \_\_\_\_\_ on deaf ears," said Mrs. Wong to her husband.

- (1) fell
- (2) fall
- (3) falls
- (4) will fall

7. The driver swerved his car to avoid the cyclist but ended up crashing \_\_\_\_\_ a stationary vehicle.

- (1) at
- (2) into
- (3) with
- (4) towards

8. The ball I threw across the room flew out through an open window, \_\_\_\_\_?

- (1) did I
- (2) did it
- (3) didn't I
- (4) didn't it

9. \_\_\_\_\_ we heed the advice 'Prevention is better than cure', fatal accidents at home are likely to occur.

- (1) Since
- (2) Unless
- (3) Though
- (4) Because

10. The policemen ordered the kidnapper to release the hostages \_\_\_\_\_ they would shoot to kill.

- (1) so
- (2) or
- (3) as
- (4) and

For each question from 11 to 15, shade your answer (1,2,3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

11. The man who grabbed a lady's handbag at the train station has \_\_\_\_\_ from the policemen.

- (1) retired
- (2) exported
- (3) absconded
- (4) approached

12. My neighbour is a photographic \_\_\_\_\_. He enjoys taking photographs of his travel and participating in international photography competitions.

- (1) crusader
- (2) supporter
- (3) champion
- (4) enthusiast

13. The children had \_\_\_\_\_ at the Children's Day concert yesterday. Now they are looking forward to next year's event.
- (1) to call it a day
  - (2) no time to lose
  - (3) a whale of a time
  - (4) the ball in their court
14. Many of our domestic helpers are \_\_\_\_\_ who are here to work so that they can send money back to their families.
- (1) refugees
  - (2) strangers
  - (3) outsiders
  - (4) foreigners
15. During her class presentation, Suzy made a promise when she ended it with, "When I grow up, I \_\_\_\_\_ to make the world a better place by helping the poor."
- (1) claim
  - (2) resolve
  - (3) demand
  - (4) propose

For each question from 16 to 20, 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 early morning winter storm had dumped a lot of snow here in the mountains of my home. Schools were closed, roads were dangerous, and all I wanted to do was stay in bed. Still, I knew I had to get the day started. I dressed warmly before I stepped out of the house. The snow was over my shoes. The cold draft was chapping my lips. My fifty-year-old back ached in anticipation of the shoveling I would have to do if the snow did not stop soon.

Yet, when I looked out on the crystal blanket that covered the ground, I could not help but smile a bit. It was so beautiful. It softened the naked trees and hid the dead grass. In the distance I could hear the sound of the snow plow on the road, the barking of a happy dog, and the laughter of children playing outside, enjoying their day off from school.

16. (1) ditched  
(2) disposed  
(3) discarded  
(4) deposited
17. (1) tidied up  
(2) packed up  
(3) boarded up  
(4) wrapped up

18. (1) pending  
(2) longing  
(3) awaiting  
(4) expecting

19. (1) bare  
(2) empty  
(3) exposed  
(4) unprotected

20. (1) leave  
(2) break  
(3) holiday  
(4) interval

## Visual Text Comprehension

Study this brochure carefully and then answer questions 21 to 28. ( 8 marks )

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**MATHS MASTERY**

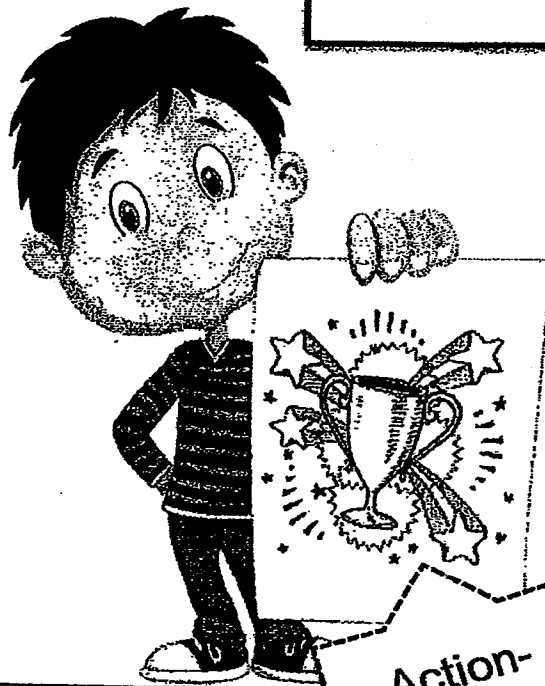
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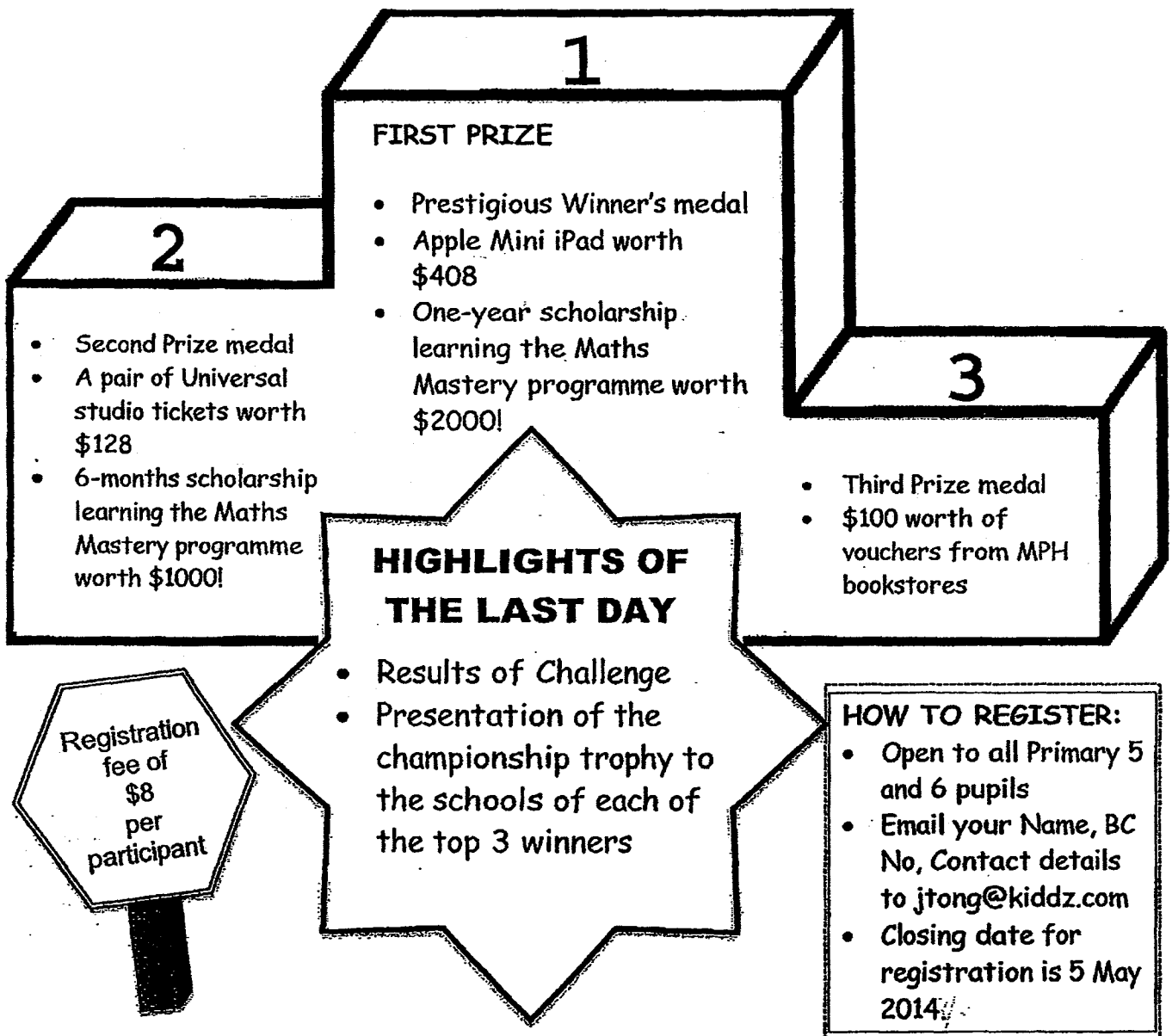
In the preliminary rounds, participants are required to solve 25 Math questions in 30 minutes.

The top 10 finalists with the most number of accurate answers within the shortest possible time will move on to pit their skills in an interactive action-packed finale at the Final Round on stage at The KIDDZ Academy 2014.



# MATHS MASTERY

## INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE



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21. What is the biggest challenge in this Math competition?
- (1) To compete with international students
  - (2) To answer as many questions as possible
  - (3) To complete 30 Math questions within 25 minutes
  - (4) To solve 25 Math questions without using a calculator
22. The preliminary rounds will be held at \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) the Singapore Expo
  - (2) the KIDDZ Academy
  - (3) the Universal Studios
  - (4) Singapore Press Holdings
23. How many countries are participating in the Maths Mastery International Challenge?
1. 5
  2. 6
  3. 3
  4. 4
24. MPH Bookstores, APPLE and Universal Studios are supporting the event by \_\_\_\_\_.
1. paying for all the prizes
  2. sponsoring some of the prizes
  3. lending their names to the challenge
  4. offering their services during the challenge

25. Which one of these statements is true?
- (1) Only the champion is offered a scholarship.
  - (2) All finalists will receive championship medals.
  - (3) Each of the top 3 schools will receive a trophy.
  - (4) Cash prizes are awarded to the top three finalists.
26. The word 'action-packed' in 'Action-Packed Finale' tells us that the finale will be \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) exciting
  - (2) dramatic
  - (3) impressive
  - (4) breathtaking
27. To qualify for the Maths Mastery International Challenge, participants must \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) be present at the finals
  - (2) register by 12 June 2014
  - (3) be an upper primary pupil
  - (4) email their personal particulars
28. The top 10 finalists are those who \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) complete the challenge in the shortest time
  - (2) answer all questions correctly within half an hour
  - (3) solve the most number of questions within half an hour
  - (4) gave the most number of correct responses in the shortest time

**End of Booklet A**



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## **BOOKLET B**

Instructions to Pupils:

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
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3. This booklet consists of 52 questions (Questions 29 to 80).
4. Answer **ALL** the questions and write all the answers in this booklet.

	Maximum	Marks Obtained
<b>Booklet A</b>	28	
<b>Booklet B</b>	67	
<b>Total</b>	95	

Component	Question Numbers	Marks Obtained
<b>Comprehension Cloze</b>	51 – 65	
<b>Comprehension Open-ended</b>	71 – 80	

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There are 10 blanks, numbered 29 to 38, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.  
(10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) is	(D) the	(G) to	(K) on	(N) are
(B) an	(E) by	(H) its	(L) for	(P) our
(C) because	(F) and	(J) their	(M) however	(Q) although

"Singapore's Mass Rapid Transit (SMRT) system is more reliable nowadays. There are fewer delays (29)\_\_\_\_\_ huge sums are being spent to maintain and improve the network," said Transport Minister Lui Tuck Yew. (30)\_\_\_\_\_ he acknowledged that SMRT could have done "much better" in handling the three breakdowns last month, especially in providing timely information on the situation to commuters.

Mr Lui said the SMRT and Land Transport Authority (LTA) are spending about S\$500 million to overhaul older trains (31)\_\_\_\_\_ the North-South and East-West lines by 2016. This will include upgrading the signalling system by 2018.

SBS Transit, (32)\_\_\_\_\_ other rail operator, is also improving its network. It is replacing problematic parts of the North-East Line overhead power system, and doing (33)\_\_\_\_\_ upgrade of major systems of its 10-year-old trains. The improvements made (34)\_\_\_\_\_ both operators have led to fewer delays that exceed five minutes. The number of delays fell from 396 in 2012 (35)\_\_\_\_\_ 309 last year.

"Fewer trains (36)\_\_\_\_\_ also being withdrawn from service on all lines," Mr Lui added. "We have made some strides in the right direction, but there is certainly room (37)\_\_\_\_\_ improvement." He also said SMRT is changing (38)\_\_\_\_\_ approach in dealing with breakdowns. Instead of having a generic plan for stretches of rail, it will have a station-by-station contingency plan.

*Adapted from an article from [www.asiaone.com](http://www.asiaone.com) dated 23 Feb 2014*

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes. (12 marks)

(39)

Mr Andy Lim loves animals. The 35-year-old is a award-winning photographer.

(40)

Recently, he has been helping some abendened pets to look for homes. He takes

(41)

photographs of the animals and posts it on his website. He believes that

(42)

(43)

an appeal photograph can be amazing. It can make all the different in finding an owner  
Ad;

(44)

for the pet. A kapteevating photograph showing the personality of an animal

(45)

(46)

can attract potenshial adopters to take a keen interest in the animal. In the other hand,

(47)

a blurry, depressing photo of a frytened animal may lower its chance for adoption.



(48)

Mr Lim also hold workshops to teach volunteers. They learn to take pictures



(49)

(50)

with the right lighting and equipment. He has come up with simple photo techniques that he says anyone can learn.

"If there is a dog which looks sad, take it on a short run before the photo shoot so that it will pant and that will make it look like a smile," he added.

*Adapted from an article from <http://www.dogchannel.com/dog-rescue/lifesaving-dog-photography.aspx>*

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

A school runner competing in the Annual Inter-Primary School 400-metre race is receiving national attention. This is in recognition of her (51)\_\_\_\_\_ after she helped a struggling competitor to finish the race.

Mindy Tan, (52)\_\_\_\_\_ 12-year-old student from Glasgow School, is in the limelight for her sportsmanship. Mindy, (53)\_\_\_\_\_ body was tired, was in last place in the race. Soon, she caught up with Kovan School's Sarah Mohan who was injured (54)\_\_\_\_\_ of running past Sarah to avoid the last-place finish, Mindy stopped to (55)\_\_\_\_\_ Sarah. Mindy draped the runner's arm (56)\_\_\_\_\_ her shoulders, half-dragging (57)\_\_\_\_\_ half-carrying her for about 30 metres to the finish line. The spectators cheered. The (58)\_\_\_\_\_ grew louder as the girls moved closer to the finish line.

"It's an honour and very humbling," Mindy said. "I felt (59)\_\_\_\_\_ was doing the right thing, and I think others would have (60)\_\_\_\_\_ the same. Technically, we should have been (61)\_\_\_\_\_ but the official decided not to make that call," she said.

Mindy has been getting Facebook messages from friends and strangers, saying she is an (62)\_\_\_\_\_ to them. Mindy's mother said, "I am very proud of (63)\_\_\_\_\_ daughter, and the response has (64)\_\_\_\_\_ amazing," the mother told the Straits Times. In fact, the response to her simple gesture has taken Mindy by (65)\_\_\_\_\_

"It's been crazy," she said. "I don't consider myself a hero. I just did what I knew was right and what I was supposed to do."

*Adapted from an article from [www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2155133](http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2155133)*



For each of the questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentences, 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. Jane likes orange juice. Sam likes it too.

Both \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

67. John kept his promise. He took good care of his cousin's hamster.

\_\_\_\_\_ to  
\_\_\_\_\_

68. Unless you drink enough water, you will be dehydrated.

If \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

69. Darren stole a bicycle last night.

A \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

70. Alice asked her father, "Are you taking me to Spain?"

Alice asked her father \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

In 1934, when I was about four years old and living in Kenya, my parents returned from a business trip to Nairobi with two small lion cubs. The pair, a male named Sultan and a female named Sanya, had been neglected by their sick mother in the capital city's zoo. They arrived at my home, a small farm, hissing and spitting. Then they tottered round my garden on their short legs.

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It did not take long before they had both settled in as our dog, Bonzo, got along well with them. However, at feeding time, Bonzo had to be shut away to stop him from stealing their food. The cubs would spend the night in the bathroom. The next morning, when the cook came to bring us our breakfast, they would push their way into our bedrooms. I would feed the cubs with my leftovers and then they would lie on our chairs. The cubs were friendly towards my family as well as our friends.

10

However, my mother's friend, Aunt Sophia, from South Africa, had a different experience when she came to visit us one day. After numerous cups of tea, she had to answer the call of nature. When she entered the toilet, a cub's head appeared at one end of the bath and another appeared at the opposite end. The poor woman screamed, opened the door immediately and fled. To her horror, the fascinated lions followed her. She became so hysterical that she took the earliest train home.

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The cubs scared some of my neighbours too. When the cubs grew much bigger, they had to be locked away at night in a cage. This pleased some of the neighbouring farmers, who had complained about the possible danger of our "wild lions" to their lives and their animals.

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To me, the cubs were never a danger to them or my family. In fact, I often played games with Sultan and Sanya. I loved being dragged round the garden on the end of their tails. On one occasion, when I was five years old, my mother was playing a game of 'Peekaboo' with me on the couch. She hid her head in a cushion and then popped up to say "Boo!". Sultan decided to join in and at one point when my mother lifted her head, I had disappeared. Mother looked over just in time to see my feet at the door – my head in Sultan's mouth. Mum dashed over and stopped him. He let me go and licked me. However, he got a spanking from Mum for his trouble. This must have made Sultan very upset as he was locked up for a week after that incident.

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Finally, the fateful day came when my family had to return to England. My father learnt that a zoo in South Africa was willing to take them so he made arrangements to send them there. A look of worry creased my forehead. Would they adapt well in the new home? As I bade my farewell to the cubs, I promised to visit them in the future.

35

*Adapted from Little Lion Man, Michael Clark, Reader's Digest Magazine, July 2013*

71. Which word in the first paragraph means 'not receiving enough care'? (1m)

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72. Write 1, 2, 3 and 4 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the story. (2m)

- \_\_\_\_\_ The cook entered the bedroom.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The cubs climbed onto the chairs
- \_\_\_\_\_ The cubs slept in the bathroom.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The author fed the cubs.

73. Why did Aunt Sophia become hysterical? (2m)


74. What did the author's family do that made their neighbours happy? (2m)


75. Find words from paragraphs 3 and 4 which have similar meanings to the words below. (3m)

Words to replace	Answer
• escaped by running away	
• extremely interested	
• uncontrolled	

76. Sultan loved to play games with the author. Give **two** instances from the passage to show that? (2m)

(i) \_\_\_\_\_

(ii) \_\_\_\_\_

77. What does the word '**them**' in line 24 refer to? (2m)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

78. What did the author's mother do to punish Sultan for his acts in **paragraph 5**? (2m)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

79. Why were the lion cubs sent to South Africa in the end? (2m)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

80. How did the author feel when he had to leave the cubs? **Support your answer with information from the passage** (2m)

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# Answer Ke

## **EXAM PAPER 2014**

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3	1	2	4	1	2	2	3	1	3	4	F	M	K	D	B	E

Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
G	N	L	H

**39)an      40)abandoned      41)them      42)appealing      43)differences**

**44)captivating      45)potential      46)on      47)frightened**

**48)holds      49)equipment      50)techniques      51)sportsmanship**

**52)a      53)whose      54)Instead      55)assist      56)onto/across**

**57)and      58)cheering      59)I      60)done      61)penalized/penalized**

**62)idol/inspiration      63)my      64)been      65)surprise**

**66)Both Jane and Sam like orange juice.**

- 67) John kept his promise to take good care of his cousin's hamster.
- 68) If you not drink enough water, you will be dehydrated.
- 69) A bicycle was stolen last night by Darren.
- 70) Alice asked her father if he was taking her to Spain.
- 71) neglected
- 72) 2, 4, 1, 3
- 73) Aunt Sophia saw two cubs in the bathroom and they followed her.
- 74) The family locked the cubs away at night in a cage.
- 75) fled  
fascinated  
wild/hysterical
- 76) i) Sultan loved to drag the author around the garden on the end of his tail.  
ii) Sultan decided to join the author and his mother when they were playing "Peekaboo".
- 77) The word 'them' refers to the livestock and the author's neighboring farmers.
- 78) The author's mother gave Sultan a spanking and locked him up for a week.
- 79) The author's family was moving back to England and could not take cubs with them. The author's father learnt that a zoo in South Africa was willing to take them, so he made arrangements to send them there.
- 80) The author felt worried for the cubs as a look of worry creased the author's forehead and wondered if they would adapt well in their new home.