



**NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL  
2014 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**PRIMARY 6**

**PAPER 2: BOOKLET A**

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

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:**

**DO NOT TURN OVER THIS PAGE UNTIL YOU ARE TOLD  
TO DO SO.**

**READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.  
ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS.**

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

**Class: Pr 6 ( )**

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

**Section A: Graphic Stimulus (5x1m = 5m)**

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

**Last 3 days  
to sign up!  
Closing date 5 Nov**

# Inaugural SUNRISE RACE

**Sunday, 29 Nov, 7am – 12 noon**

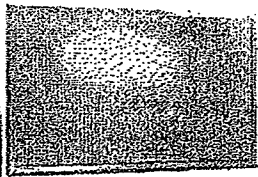
**Details:**

You stand to win prizes worth \$500,000 in this Mass Participation Race of the year.

Prizes include:



A trip to Paris



Electronic Products



3 day / 2 night Cruise

**Sponsors:**

- Lackmen Brothers Pte Ltd
- Stylish Shoes Company
- Life Care Ltd

**Organisers:**

- New Nation
- National Heart Foundation



Route: East Coast Park Gate /Marina Bay Sands / National Stadium

Distance: 8 kilometres

Register in person at any of the following centres:

- **East Coast Sailing Centre**, East Coast Park Road  
Mon-Fri 9am - 5pm, Sat 9am - 1pm
- **National Sports Centre**, Stadium Road  
Mon-Fri 10am - 5.30pm
- **Central Community Centre**, Kallang Road,  
Mon-Sat 11am - 4pm

Registration Fee: Adult \$10, Student \$5

Each participant gets a T-shirt & a sports goodie bag free upon registration.

Registered participants who complete the run are entitled to the **Lucky Draw** with prizes:

Grand Prize: A New Condominium Apartment

Consolation Prizes: Tablets, Health Products, etc.

**Winners of Sunrise Race**

1<sup>st</sup>: A Trip to Paris

2<sup>nd</sup>: Electronic Products worth \$10,000

3<sup>rd</sup>: 3D/2N Cruise to Phuket

For enquiries call 6515-5156

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.

1. The Sunrise Race is organised by \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) Life Care Ltd
- (2) Stylish Shoes Company
- (3) Lackmen Brothers Pte Ltd
- (4) National Heart Foundation

2. This advertisement appeared in the newspapers on \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) 2 November
- (2) 3 November
- (3) 20 November
- (4) 29 November

3. To register for the event at 3pm on a Saturday, one must go to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) Marina Bay Sands
- (2) National Sports Centre
- (3) Central Community Centre
- (4) East Coast Sailing Centre

4. The first to finish the Sunrise Race will win \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) a trip to Paris
- (2) health products
- (3) electronic goods
- (4) a new condominium apartment

5. Which of the following statements is NOT true of the advertisement?

- (1) The Race will end at the National Stadium.
- (2) This is the first time the Race has been organized.
- (3) Each participant will get a chance to win Lucky Draw prizes.
- (4) There are more than two organizations sponsoring the event.

**Section B: Grammar Discrete (7 x1m = 7m)**

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.

6. \_\_\_\_\_ a privilege for the retired teacher to be invited for the occasion as Guest-of-Honour.
- (1) It
  - (2) Its
  - (3) It's
  - (4) It'll
7. My sister and I often quarrel \_\_\_\_\_ our share of the toys in the box.
- (1) for
  - (2) with
  - (3) over
  - (4) between
8. John, together with his sisters, \_\_\_\_\_ the library every weekend.
- (1) visit
  - (2) visits
  - (3) visiting
  - (4) have visited
9. Jason can still recall those days when he and his brothers often \_\_\_\_\_ together in the park near their old house.
- (1) play
  - (2) played
  - (3) are playing
  - (4) were playing
10. The boy \_\_\_\_\_ I knew won the spelling bee competition held at the auditorium.
- (1) whom
  - (2) when
  - (3) which
  - (4) whose

11. If John \_\_\_\_\_ more careful, he would have scored full marks for the test last week.

- (1) is
- (2) has been
- (3) had been
- (4) have been

12. James refused to return my computer game \_\_\_\_\_ I threatened to tell his father.

- (1) until
- (2) even
- (3) unless
- (4) despite

**Section C: Punctuation (3 x 1m = 3m)**

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.

It was almost seven o'clock that Friday night. The group of boys met to discuss the dramatic events that unfolded in school that day (13) They were still in shock after witnessing Alvin hurling abuse at Mrs Wong, the class Social Studies teacher.

"Is everyone here (14) asked Raphael, the class monitor who was the unofficial leader of the group.

"Thomas is running late again but let's begin," remarked Jones (15) the assistant monitor "We don't have much time." With that the boys started to discuss ways to help Alvin manage his anger.

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

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

15. (1) [ . ] full stop  
(2) [ , ] comma  
(3) [ , " ] comma and inverted commas  
(4) [ . " ] full stop and inverted commas

**Section D: Vocabulary (5 x 1m = 5m)**

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.

16. Tim was late again. "That was \_\_\_\_\_," said his mother. "Now you are grounded for the weekend."

- (1) the last straw  
(2) out of the blue  
(3) in the nick of time  
(4) against the clock

17. The students were \_\_\_\_\_ as they rushed to the tuck-shop to eat.

- (1) anorexic  
(2) ravenous  
(3) emaciated  
(4) emancipated

18. The injured hunter managed to \_\_\_\_\_ to the nearest village where he was given medical attention.

- (1) strut  
(2) tiptoe  
(3) waddle  
(4) stagger

19. Michael's \_\_\_\_\_ spirit has guided him through the numerous failed business ventures during the last few decades.

- (1) inflexible
- (2) irreverent
- (3) indomitable
- (4) domineering

20. Theresa was kind to me when I was a guest at her home. In \_\_\_\_\_ for her kindness, I gave a porcelain vase as a gift.

- (1) return
- (2) honour
- (3) exchange
- (4) admiration

### Section E: Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1m = 5m)

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.

Natural disasters are one of the major problems facing humanity. Floods and earthquakes are two (21) **catastrophes** of nature against which man has not been able to guard himself in spite of his rapid (22) **advance** in Science and Technology. Enormous damages are caused by these two tragedies which are unpredictable. Even in (23) **affluent** countries such as the USA and England, scientists and engineers have not been able to prevent the damages.

What causes floods? Heavy rains cause flooding in the drains of our cities and towns. When these drains overflow, the flood water rises on the roads, slowing down the movement of vehicles and causing traffic jams. Cars often get stalled as water enters the working parts of the engine.

In coastal cities, the flooding is further (24) **aggravated** by a high tide coinciding with heavy rains. Many roads become impassable and traffic comes to a complete standstill for hours.

The greatest damage is done when continuous rain fills rivers which then overflow their banks and flood vast areas of land around. Whole towns become (25) **submerged** in water. Thousands of acres of cultivable land get flooded, ruining millions of tons of food.

21. (1) chaos  
(2) dangers  
(3) calamities  
(4) demolitions
22. (1) forward  
(2) progress  
(3) invention  
(4) movement
23. (1) rich  
(2) climatic  
(3) powerful  
(4) established
24. (1) provoked  
(2) enlarged  
(3) intensified  
(4) accumulated
25. (1) stuck  
(2) floating  
(3) moving  
(4) immersed



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**Section F: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1m = 5m)**

Read the passage and answer questions 26 to 30.

It was the third year of the Japanese Occupation in Singapore. Ah Nam's father, lying on his hard wooden bed, said one morning as he woke up, "In China, winter is very cold. Why has Singapore suddenly turned so cold? Is the weather changing? We live in the hot belt."

For the past few days he had not been feeling well. From that moment, the family knew he was gravely ill. They were all desperately worried. How could they find money to see a doctor? This was the terrible question. Ah Nam's mother went round to see all the other Chinese villagers in the neighbourhood. She got to Mrs Wong and Uncle Ho, and asked what they could do for Father. They both told her, "Located next to your house are those nice plants, *teng ti king*. You pull them up, use only the roots and boil them with ginger." Ah Nam's father took the *teng ti king* for two days, and began to feel better. He continued two more days, and recovered. This was how, when there were no medicines, we learned to use common herbs and weeds such as *teng ti king*, which was the Teochew name for the arrowleaf sida. In the village, those who knew how to survive lived.

Ah Nam's father, after recovering from his sickness, still had to continue supporting his family of nine mouths. Because of his days out of work, his burden had become heavier. Also, he had no regular job. By doing odd jobs, a day here, a day there, he could earn just enough money to buy tapioca. During the Japanese Occupation, it was difficult to find a job anywhere. Another problem was that only the father earned money. Of the others in the family, the mother ran the house. The eldest sister, who was 20, was making homespun cloth, but this made no money, because the family always needed new clothes. Ah Nam by this time was five and his elder brother nine. Even if they could work, who in this day and age would employ small boys? Because of all this, every day their father wore a face which expressed his wretchedness. Why had life at this time become so bitter?

Before the Japanese came, Ah Nam's father worked as a contract labourer for a landlord. His job was to look after the landlord's ducks at a salary of eight Straits dollars a month. When the Japanese came, the landlord closed down his business and sold all the ducks. The pigs were taken away for the Japanese. The coconuts remained, of course, but they were the landlord's property. Ah Nam's father had to find another means of livelihood.

(Adapted from *Son of Singapore* by Tan Kok Seng)

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. The family knew that Ah Nam's father was very ill because \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) he was asking to see the doctor
- (2) he was feeling very tired and weak
- (3) he was feeling very cold when the weather was hot
- (4) he was feeling very warm when the weather was cold

27. Ah Nam's father recovered from his illness after \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) eating tapioca
- (2) taking some medication
- (3) consuming a common weed
- (4) consulting Mrs Wong and Uncle Ho

28. The word 'wretchedness' <sup>(line 26)</sup> ~~(line 31)~~ means \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) guilt
- (2) despair
- (3) embarrassment
- (4) disappointment

29. How did Ah Nam's father lose his job as a contract labourer ?

- (1) The landlord had shut down his business.
- (2) Ah Nam's father was falling sick all the time.
- (3) The landlord had lost all his ducks during the war.
- (4) The Japanese had taken away the landlord's business.

30. According to the passage, which one of the following sentences is **true** about life during the Japanese Occupation?

- (1) There were no doctors.
- (2) All who fell sick would die
- (3) Children worked to help support their families.
- (4) There were not many jobs available for people.



**NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL  
FIRST SEMESTRAL EXAMINATION 2014  
PRIMARY 6**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**PAPER 2: BOOKLET B**

TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 h 50 min

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

Pr 6 ( )

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

<b>Booklet A</b>	<b>/30</b>
<b>Booklet B</b>	<b>/65</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>/95</b>

Any query on marks awarded should be raised by 15 May 2014. We seek your understanding in this matter as any delay in the confirmation of marks will lead to delays in the generation of results.

PAPER 1 - Writing	<b>/55</b>
PAPER 2 - Language Use & Comprehension	<b>/95</b>
PAPER 3 - Listening Comprehension	<b>/20</b>
PAPER 4 - Oral Communication	<b>/30</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>/200</b>

**Instructions to pupils:**

- 1. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.**
- 2. Follow all instructions carefully.**
- 3. Answer all questions.**

**Section G: Grammar Cloze (10 X 1m = 10m)**

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40. 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 in order to avoid confusion during marking.

Use each WORD once ONLY

A) a	D) few	G) it	K) some	N) with
B) after	E) for	H) its	L) these	P) where
C) before	F) his	J) or	M) this	Q) which

The night was clear and cold, with a moon which spent most of its time hiding in the clouds and only chose to slip out momentarily. During one of \_\_\_\_\_ brief appearances, Benjamin was able to glimpse the distant lake \_\_\_\_\_ the darkness descended once again. He made his way down the tree, branch from branch until he reached the ground covered \_\_\_\_\_ snow.

Benjamin's snow-shoes swished across the powdery surface as he made his way towards the lake. Once \_\_\_\_\_ twice he stumbled and almost fell. Despite \_\_\_\_\_ fur-lined jacket, cosy earmuffs and thick warm hat, he found the cold unbearable. Every breath produced a misty cloud. Nevertheless, now he knew in \_\_\_\_\_ direction the lake lay and that gave him \_\_\_\_\_ confidence. He continued on his way.

Suddenly, \_\_\_\_\_ chilling sound pierced the still night air and brought fear to his heart. He moved faster, but the snow-shoes were not built \_\_\_\_\_ speed. Again the blood-curdling cry assailed his ears and this time he was certain \_\_\_\_\_ was closer. Another howl confirmed his fears. It was the unmistakable cry of a timber wolf.

Marks

**Section H: Spelling and Grammar (10 x 1m = 10m)**

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

It was almost twenty years ago when Toco stumbled into our lives. I was fifteen years old and had just finished school one day. As I was approaching my house, a kitten no

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(42)

older than a month **skempared** into my path. "It's Milo!" I exclaimed happy. I could hardly believe my eyes. White as snow with a long black tail and two black patches on its

(43)

(44)

forehead, the kitten bear an uncanny resemblance of our family cat that had died just a month earlier. I scooped up the kitten and rushed into my house.

(45)

Toco turned out to be much more than merely a **supstitut** for Milo. Affectionate,

(46)

charm, sensitive and intelligent, he exuded a personality of his own and soon found a

(47)

**purmanant** place in our hearts and in our home. He settled in quickly, lapping up

(48)

the comfort and attention, probably with the knowledge that life with us was a best option

(49)

(50)

than living on the streets. Toco **andeered** himself to everyone in the family include my grandmother, who usually had a tepid attitude towards cats. However, it was my mother that Toco shared a special bond with.

Marks

**Section I: Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1m =15m)**

In the following passage, there are 15 blanks numbered 51 to 65. Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Lizards are four-legged reptiles that live on land. Like all reptiles, they are  
(51) with scaly skin and are cold-blooded. This means they rely on  
(52) from their surroundings to raise their body temperature so that they can  
become more active. The rainforest is an ideal place for cold-blooded animals  
(53) it is warm day and night all year round. Only a few lizards, such as iguanas,  
feed on plants. Most of them are predators. They feed (54) on insects or small  
mammals such as mice. Since there are more insects and other sources of food in the  
rainforest than in any (55) habitat, lizards of all shapes and sizes (56)  
there.

Lizards have good colour vision, and their bright, alert eyes are far enough forward in  
the head to (57) them to judge distance and speed when (58) their  
prey. Chameleons have unique eyes mounted on little turrets. Each eye can move  
independently of the other, so a chameleon can look in two (59) at once. This

\_\_\_\_\_ it spot its prey.

(60)

Most lizards rely on \_\_\_\_\_ to hide from their enemies. They can match the  
(61)

colours and patterns of their background. The chameleon is \_\_\_\_\_ the only lizard  
(62)

that can change colour. Many lizards can turn darker or lighter \_\_\_\_\_ to the time of  
(63)

day or colour of the background. Lizards like geckos have a surprise for their attackers –

they can shed the end of their tail simply by contracting certain muscles. The shed tail

twitches and wriggles, \_\_\_\_\_ the predator from the fleeing lizard. The lizards can  
(64)

grow a new but weaker tail. This is a small \_\_\_\_\_ to pay for their escape. Other  
(65)

lizards simply pretend to be dead. Monitor lizards may puff themselves up to look even

fiercer than they already do to startle and frighten their attackers.

Marks



**Section J: Synthesis/Transformation (5 x 2m = 10m)**

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).

66. The Discipline Master concluded the talk. He said that he hoped all pupils would play a part to keep the school clean.

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67. "Have you seen my book?" Mary asked her classmates.

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

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68. Sushila was the champion of the National Spelling Competition. She was surprised.

Much to \_\_\_\_\_

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69. The pupils studied for their final examination. They studied diligently.

It was with \_\_\_\_\_

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70. Mr Pillay is a generous man. Thus he is given the Good Citizen Award.

\_\_\_\_\_ because  
of his \_\_\_\_\_

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### Section K: Comprehension Open-ended (10 x 2m = 20m)

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

Mighty K2 in Pakistan, the second highest mountain in the world, had over the years cost many climbers their lives. In 1986 alone, 13 climbers had met their tragic end on the slopes of K2. The unusual name of the mountain was coined by the British as it was the second mountain surveyed among the many in the Karakoram Range.

American Scott Fischer had yet to conquer the **treacherous** mountain although he had successfully climbed the big mountains of Asia and Alaska. In May 1991, Fischer met Ed Viesturs who had then just returned from a successful climb of Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world. The two men were soon engaged in a long conversation about their exploits. Fischer had almost reached the peak of Everest thrice, but had to turn back due to bad weather or the need to rescue other climbers. The **bitterness** of those defeats fuelled his desire to climb K2.

Arriving in Pakistan on 8<sup>th</sup> June 1992, Fischer and Viesturs began their expedition with other climbers from different parts of the world. To support each other, Fischer and Viesturs were linked by a rope attached to each of their harness. While climbing, they noticed huge glacier ice blocks looming in dangerous positions. Their routes had to be changed accordingly because of **them**. As Fischer was preparing to make a long, awkward step, an ice block shifted under his foot. It threw him off-balance and he fell into a crevasse.

"Falling!" he screamed. Viesturs immediately secured his footing and buried his ice axe into the side of the mountain. Viesturs heaved a sigh of relief. Fischer was wedged between the walls of the crack. He felt a stab of excruciating pain in his right shoulders. His arm had been dislocated.

"Scott! Scott! Are you alright?" Viesturs called out.

"I can't move. I'm injured! I need help!" Fischer replied.

Sliding to the edge of the crevasse, Viesturs grabbed Fischer's jacket and harness, and pulled him to safety. By then, Fischer's shoulder was horribly swollen. The two of them tried to return to base camp. However, the pain became unbearable for Fischer. Thus Viesturs went by himself to get help from other climbers. Among the six climbers, who appeared after two hours, was a doctor. Fischer smiled weakly as Viesturs helped him sit up. After injecting Fischer with a painkiller, the doctor grabbed his right wrist and pulled. With a loud crack, the arm popped back into its socket. Fischer was then advised not to continue with the climb as it would be hazardous to his health.

For a month, Fischer stayed patiently in the camp at the foot of K2 to rest.

"Whatever it takes, **I've to make it!**" Fischer told Viesturs as they resumed their ascent. During the journey, they were almost hit by an avalanche and met with a fierce storm on the mountain. Fighting against all odds, they reached the summit. By then, another climber had caught up with them. The remarkable beauty of the landscape viewed from the summit of K2 stunned the trio. They raised their ice tools in triumph and hugged one another. The half an hour which they spent on top of K2 would be a time the three would never forget.

Getting over their elation, they got ready to make their descent. "Hurry! We've to return to the camp before dark," urged Viesturs. Fischer nodded and said, "If there's shelter here, I won't mind spending the night here." They all laughed as they set off. When they arrived at the camp, Fischer grabbed Viesturs's hand in a warm handshake and said, "Ed, I would not have made it without you. You are the best partner any mountaineer could wish for." Viesturs patted Fischer's right shoulder gently and smiled broadly.

**ANSWER IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.**

71. How do you know that Scott Fischer was an experienced mountaineer?

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72. Why is the word 'treacherous' used to describe the second highest mountain in the world?

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73. Why was Fischer unable to reach the peak of Mount Everest thrice?

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74. "The bitterness of those defeats fuelled his desire to climb K2." (line 10, 11)  
What does the underlined word tell you how he felt about the defeats?

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75. What does "them" in line 16 refer to?

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76. Explain clearly why Viesturs secured his footing and buried his ice axe into the side of the mountain (line 18, 19).

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77. Which sentence tells you that Fischer had fallen into a narrow crevasse?

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78. "... I've to make it!" (line 33) What did Fischer mean when he said that?

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79. Which phrase shows that Fischer and Viesturs overcame great difficulties when they climbed the mountain a second time?

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80. Explain clearly why the three men stayed for only half an hour at the summit of K2.

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## **EXAM PAPER 2014**

**SCHOOL : NANYANG**

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**SUBJECT : ENGLISH**

**TERM : SA1**

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Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
F	Q	K	A	E	G

- 41)Scampered      42)happily      43)bore      44)to      45)substitute  
46)charming      47)permanent      48)better      49)endeared      50)including  
51)covered      52)heat      53)as      54)mostly      55)other  
56)live      57)help      58)chasing      59)directions      60)helps  
61)camouflage      62)not      63)according      64)distracting      65)price  
66)The Discipline Master concluded the talk by saying that he hoped all pupils would play a part to keep the school clean.  
67)Mary asked her classmates if they had seen her book.

**68) Much to her surprise, Sushila was the champion of the National Spelling Competition.**

**69) It was with diligence that the pupils studied for their final examination.**

**70) Mr Pillay is given the Good Citizen Award because of his generosity.**

**71) He had successfully climbed the big mountains as Asia and Alaska.**

**72) Many climbers had died climbing the mountain.**

**73) He was unable to reach the peak of Mount Everest because of bad weather and need to rescue other climbers.**

**74) He felt angry about the defeats.**

**75) It refers to the huge glacier ice blocks looming in dangerous positions.**

**76) Viesturs did that to avoid being pulled down by Fischer.**

**77) The sentence is "Fischer was wedged between the walls of the crack".**

**78) Fischer meant that he had to reach the summit.**

**79) The phrase is "Fighting against all odds".**

**80) They had to return to the camp before dark and there was no shelter on the summit.**