



**CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**  
**PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION ONE (2014)**  
**PRIMARY SIX**  
**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**PAPER 1 (WRITING)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (      )

Class: Primary Six \_\_\_\_\_

9 May 2014

55 Marks

1 hour 10 minutes

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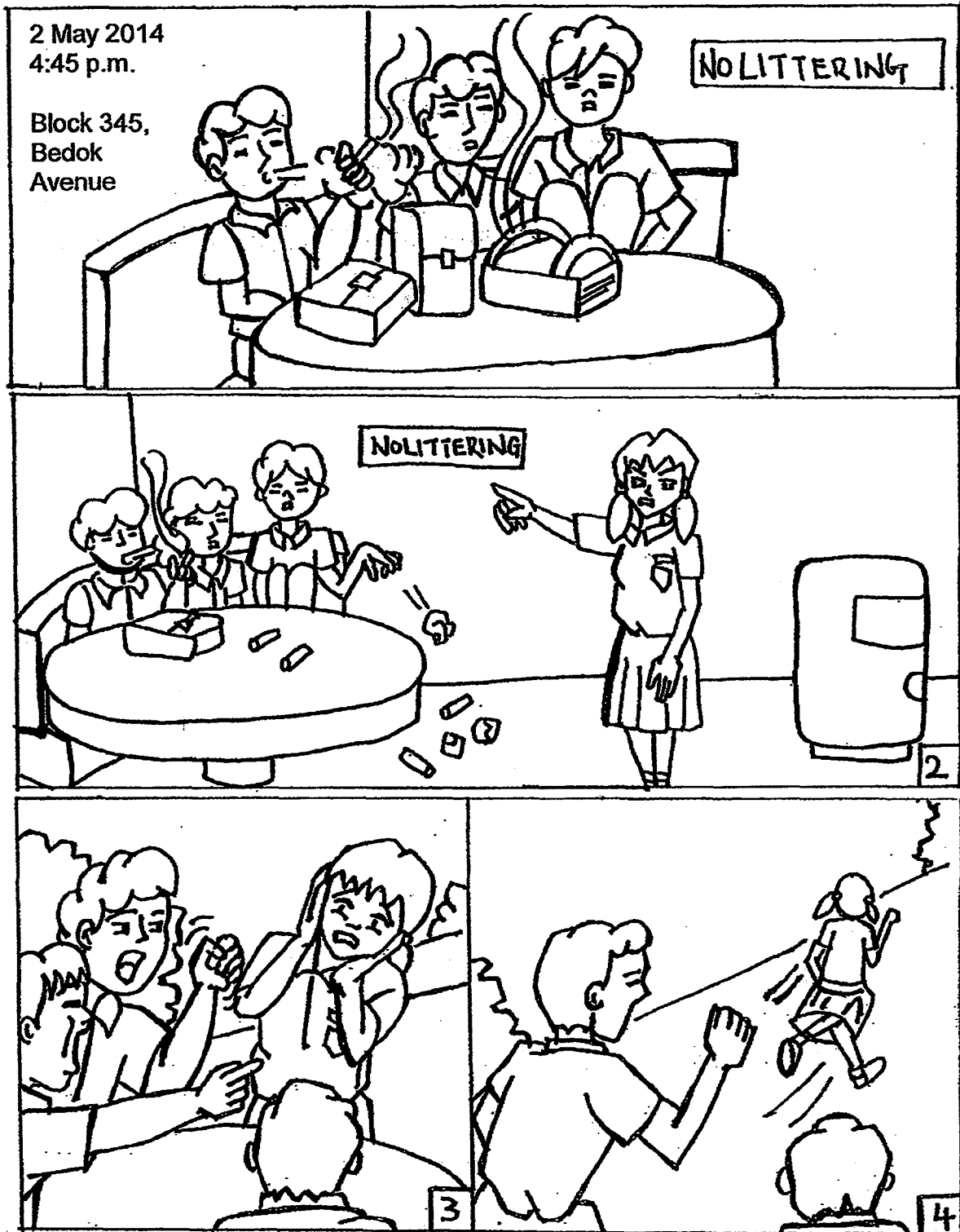
There are two parts to this paper - Part 1 and Part 2.

Answer the question in Part 1 and one question from Part 2.

This booklet consists of 4 printed pages excluding the cover page.

**Part 1: Situational Writing (15 marks)**

(1) Study the pictures below carefully.



### **Your Task**

Imagine you are Mary Tan.

You witnessed some boys from your school misbehaving at the void deck on the previous page. Being a prefect, you warned them to be more considerate but they did not heed your advice.

**Write a letter to your principal, Mr Lee, informing him about the incident.**

You are to refer to the pictures and details on page 1 for your letter.

In your letter, include the following information:

- the date, time and venue of the incident
- what the boys were doing
- what you did
- how the boys responded to you
- what you would like your principal to do

You may re-order the points. Remember to write in complete sentences.

**Part 2: Continuous Writing (40 marks)**

There are two questions in Part 2.

Answer only one of them.

(2) Write a story based on the picture below. Your story should be at least 150 words long.



You must make use of the points below in your story:

- what the man with the moustache holding the knife did
- what happened next
- what happened in the end

You may reorder the points. You may also include other relevant points.

**(3) You were reading in the school library when you heard someone crying.**

**Based on the above situation, write a story of at least 150 words.**

**You must make use of the points below in your story:**

- who was crying and why
- what happened next
- what happened in the end

**You may reorder the points. You may also include other relevant points.**

**END OF PAPER**



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**LISTENING COMPREHENSION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (     )

Class: Primary Six \_\_\_\_\_

19 May 2014

20 Marks

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Answer all questions.

For each question, choose the correct answer (1, 2 or 3).

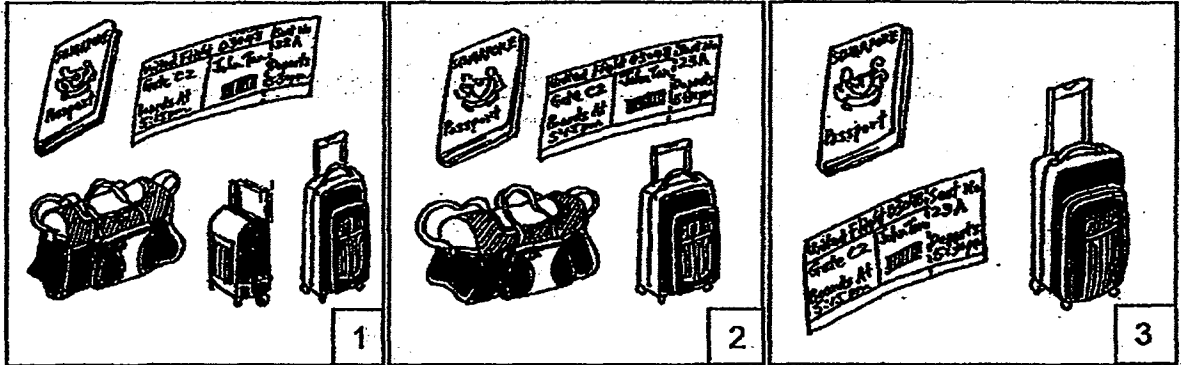
Then shade the correct oval (1, 2 or 3) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

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SHADE THE CORRECT OVAL (1, 2 OR 3) ON THE OPTICAL ANSWER SHEET.

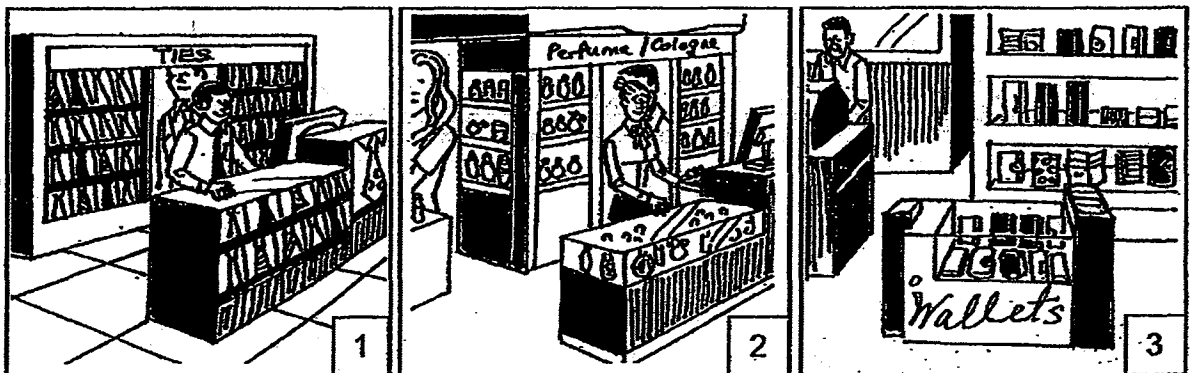
Text 1

Q1. Which picture shows what the passenger will be boarding the plane with?



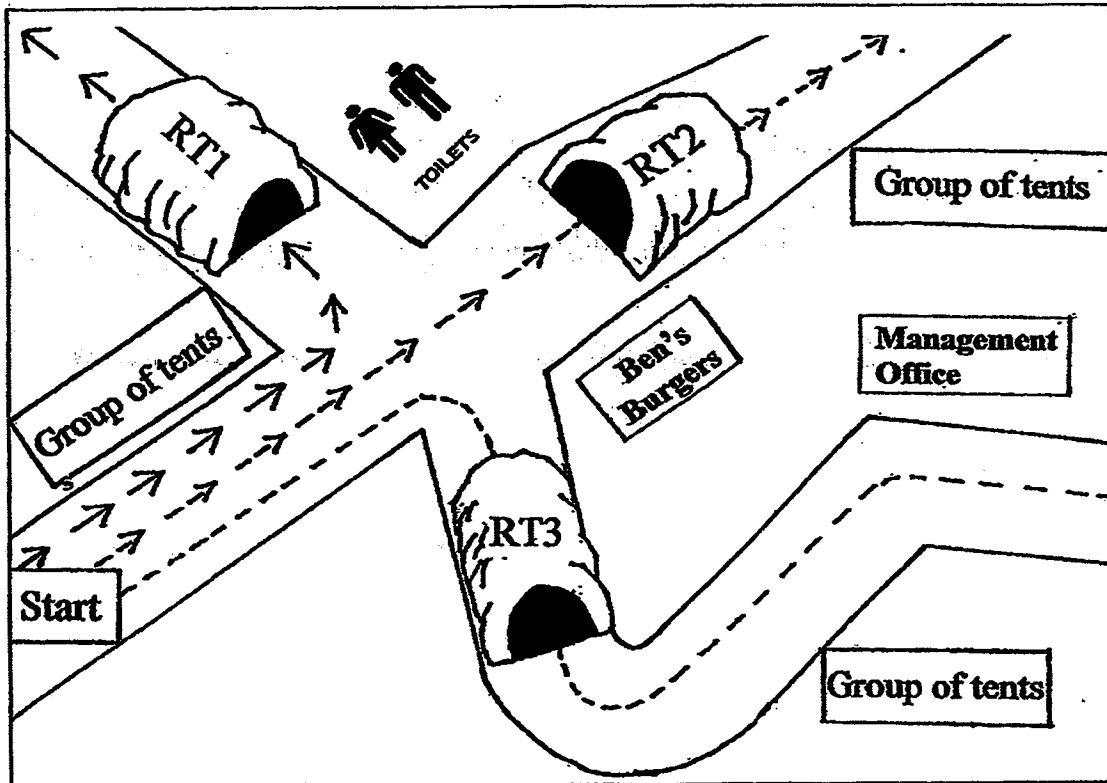
Text 2

Q2. Which picture shows where John is?



**Text 3**

**Q3.** Which of the following shows the route taken by Brian and his father?



- (1) → → → → →
- (2) ---> ---> --->
- (3) --- --- --- ---

**Q4.** Which of the following shows the correct order of stops made by Brian and his father?

- (1) Tents → Management Office → Ben's Burgers
- (2) Management Office → Ben's Burgers → Tents
- (3) Ben's Burgers → Management Office → Tents



#### **Text 4**

**Q5. Where did the fire start?**

- (1) A flat along Adam Road.**
- (2) A shophouse along Adam Road.-**
- (3) Four shophouses along Adam Road.**

**Q6. Who were the survivor(s)?**

- (1) The widowed son.**
- (2) The elderly couple.**
- (3) The elderly couple and their widowed son.**

**Q7. What was the probable cause of the fire?**

- (1) Someone had started the fire.**
- (2) Burning incense in the shop started the fire.**
- (3) Things stored along the corridor had caught fire.**

## **Text 5**

**Q8. How long will "The Jungle Story" run for?**

- (1) One day.
- (2) Two weeks.
- (3) One month.

**Q9. How often is this event organised?**

- (1) Once a fortnight.
- (2) Once a month.
- (3) Once a year.

**Q10. Which word best describes the performance by the ventriloquist?**

- (1) Funny
- (2) Sad
- (3) Scary

**Q11. How can tickets be purchased?**

- (1) At any library branch only.
- (2) Only online booking is available.
- (3) At any library branch or via the Internet.

## **Text 6**

**Q12. Why did Mark's mother go to Tim's house?**

- (1) She wanted to get Joan's telephone number from Tim.
- (2) She wanted to see if Mark was there.
- (3) She wanted to check on Mark.

**Q13. Why was Mark's mother worried?**

- (1) Mark had left his mobile phone at home.
- (2) Mark was late in getting home.
- (3) Mark was short of money.

**Q14. How did Mark get home?**

- (1) He took the next bus home.
- (2) He took a taxi home.
- (3) He walked home.

**Q15. What injuries did the bus driver sustain?**

- (1) An arm injury.
- (2) A head injury.
- (3) A head and probably an arm injury.

**Q16. What was Mark's reaction right after the accident?**

- (1) He was in tears.
- (2) He was in shock.
- (3) He was in a state of panic.

**Text 7**

**Q17. Whose house were the girls going home from?**

- (1) Kim's house.
- (2) Stacy's house.
- (3) Tricia's house.

**Q18. Why was Jenny glad that she was walking home with her friends?**

- (1) She felt safer with company.
- (2) Someone had been following her.
- (3) She was scared after attending the Halloween Party.

**Q19. Which best describes Jenny, Stacy and Kim?**

- (1) They were classmates.
- (2) They were neighbours.
- (3) They were new friends.

**Q20. Why was Tricia's brother running after the three girls?**

- (1) He wanted to return something to Kim.
- (2) He wanted to scare them as it was Halloween.
- (3) He wanted to join the girls on their walk home.

**End of Paper**



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**PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)**  
**BOOKLET A**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (     )

Class: Primary Six \_\_\_\_\_

19 May 2014

30 Questions  
(30 Marks).

Total Time for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

**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 9 printed pages excluding the cover page.

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



Date: Mon, 16 June 2014  
Venue: Singapore Zoo  
Time: 9 a.m.

*Put on your running shoes & Come join us for a good cause!*

All proceeds from the event will go towards the care of endangered animals at the Night Zafari and Singapore Zoo. Hurry! Do your part to help these animals!

Zafari Zoo Run was conceptualised to commemorate the death anniversary of, Ah Meng The Orang Utan, one of Singapore's most adored animal personalities.

Registration Fee			
Category	Age Limit	Early Bird Discount (Register by 30 April 2014)	Normal Price (1 to 31 May 2014)
6-km Zafari Zoo Fun Run	Adults (13 years & above)	\$15	\$20
	Children (3-12 years old)	\$5	\$8
	Family package (2 adults & 2 children) *	\$35	\$45
	* Additional child	\$2	\$5

**Registration Details:**

- Register at [www.zafarizoorun.com.sg](http://www.zafarizoorun.com.sg)
- An e-mail confirmation slip will be sent upon successful registration.

**Runners' Entitlement**

- Original Brooks T-shirt worth \$39.90 for adults and specially designed T-shirts worth \$21.90 for children
- Plush toy for child participants
- Free entry to Singapore Zoo on event day

Exclusive for Zafari Zoo  
Run participants!  
500 limited edition  
EZ-link cards up for  
grabs!  
Place your order when  
you register for the run.

**Jointly organised by : Wild Wild Singapore & Purple Pear Ltd**  
**Sponsors: Wild Run Ltd & Good Life Ltd**

For enquiries, visit [www.zafarizoorun.com.sg](http://www.zafarizoorun.com.sg)

1. The main aim of the Zafari Zoo Run is to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) remember the passing of Ah Meng
- (2) promote the importance of exercise
- (3) allow parents to bond with their children
- (4) raise funds for animals facing extinction at the zoo

2. Mrs. Ravi wants to register for herself, her husband, her two daughters aged 12 and her son aged 6 on 30 April 2014. She will have to pay for \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) a family package at \$35, plus another \$2
- (2) a family package at \$35, plus another \$5
- (3) a family package at \$45, plus another \$2
- (4) a family package at \$45, plus another \$5

3. To find out more about the run, one can \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) visit the Singapore Zoo
- (2) contact Purple Pear Ltd
- (3) email Wild Wild Singapore
- (4) log on to [www.zafarizoorun.com.sg](http://www.zafarizoorun.com.sg)

4. All participants will receive a complimentary \_\_\_\_\_ on 16 June 2014.

- (1) soft toy
- (2) zoo entry pass
- (3) specially designed T-shirt
- (4) original Brooks T-shirt each

5. Which of the following statements is **not true** about the Zafari Zoo Run?

- (1) Wild Run Ltd is a benefactor of the Zafari Zoo Run.
- (2) The Zafari Zoo Run is organised in memory of Ah Meng.
- (3) An online confirmation will be sent to successful registrants.
- (4) Only 500 visitors can purchase the limited edition EZ link cards.

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 enraged taxi driver who was yelling at the car-park attendant seemed oblivious \_\_\_\_\_ the attention he was drawing to himself.
- (1) to
  - (2) at
  - (3) by
  - (4) with
7. Anastasia, together with her sisters, \_\_\_\_\_ tennis for two hours every Sunday.
- (1) play
  - (2) plays
  - (3) has played
  - (4) have played
8. Despite having been \_\_\_\_\_ by the discipline master, Ian still refuses to cut his hair.
- (1) warn
  - (2) warns
  - (3) warned
  - (4) warning
9. "Jonathan said that he would accompany me to the library, \_\_\_\_\_ he?" asked Ren Cher in disappointment.
- (1) did
  - (2) didn't
  - (3) would
  - (4) wouldn't
10. Donovan invited Alan and \_\_\_\_\_ over to his house for a birthday party.
- (1) I
  - (2) me
  - (3) mine
  - (4) myself



11. The man, \_\_\_\_\_ dog was not on a leash, was given a stern warning by the park manager.

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

12. I was eating in the cafeteria when I saw the toddler \_\_\_\_\_ the drink.

- (1) spill
- (2) spilt
- (3) spills
- (4) had spilt

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)

A young man approached the renowned composer, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, and asked, "Herr Mozart, I have the ambition to write symphonies and perhaps you can advise me on how to get started."

Mozart replied (13) My advice is that you wait until you are older and more experienced, and start with less ambitious works."

The young man looked astonished and said, "But (14) Herr Mozart, you started writing symphonies when you were considerably much younger than I."

"Ah (15) Mozart arrogantly retorted, "but I did so without asking for advice."

*Adapted from: Laughing Stork – Pages of Knowledge*

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

14. (1) [ : ] colon  
(2) [ , ] comma  
(3) [ . ] full stop  
(4) [ ; ] semi colon

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

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. Jason is not well-liked by his peers as he enjoys belittling them in a \_\_\_\_\_ manner.

- (1) conniving
- (2) contesting
- (3) condemning
- (4) condescending

17. The lorry \_\_\_\_\_ a large amount of exhaust fumes, much to the disgust of the pedestrians on the road.

- (1) ejected
- (2) emitted
- (3) exhaled
- (4) evacuated

18. Do not play soccer if you have an injured ankle. You will \_\_\_\_\_ the injury.

- (1) elevate
- (2) alleviate
- (3) aggravate
- (4) exaggerate

19. I \_\_\_\_\_ my aunt when I went to the bookshop.

- (1) ran ~~to~~ through
- (2) ran by
- (3) ran into
- (4) ran with

20. When James kicked an opponent in the shin, the latter \_\_\_\_\_ by throwing James a punch in the face.

- (1) retorted
- (2) rebuked
- (3) rebooted
- (4) retaliated

For each question from 21 to 25, choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

The truck overloaded with goods and passengers could overturn at any time. (21) Braving the horrid rain that beat down on them with a vengeance, the passengers gasped at the thought of the (22) imminent danger that could befall them. The driver tried to (23) steer the unstable vehicle as skilfully as he could down the windy narrow road. Everyone wanted the (24) arduous journey which had caused so much anxiety to end. This precarious situation could put the driver's job in (25) potential danger. Knowing that lives were at stake, the driver persevered with caution.

21. (1) Defying  
(2) Tackling  
(3) Enduring  
(4) Confronting

22. (1) eminent  
(2) impending  
(3) hazardous  
(4) unforeseen

23. (1) mangle  
(2) manage  
(3) manipulate  
(4) manoeuvre

24. (1) difficult  
(2) innocuous  
(3) foreboding  
(4) unrelenting

25. (1) liability  
(2) distress  
(3) disaster  
(4) jeopardy

**Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.**

Growing up in a neighbourhood made up of various races, one of our wildest games was to seek out the owner of a pushcart or a store, usually an immigrant, and annoy him with a chorus of insults and jeers. To prove our loyalty to the gang, it was necessary to use the fiercest and most malicious insults on a storekeeper or peddler belonging to our own race.

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For that reason, I led a raid on a small, shabby grocery store of old Barba Nikos, a short muscular Greek who walked with a slight limp. We stood outside his store and dared him to come out, calling him all kinds of names. When he appeared at the door, we picked a few plums and peaches from his baskets on the sidewalk and sprinted across the street to eat them while he watched. He waved a fist and hurled curses at us.

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Aware that my bravery was being tested, I raised an arm and threw my half-eaten plum at the old man. My aim was accurate and the plum struck him on the cheek. He shuddered and put his hand to the stain. He stared at me across the street and though I could not see his eyes, I felt them sear my flesh. He turned and walked silently back into the store. The boys slapped my shoulders in admiration, but it was a hollow victory that rested like a stone in my stomach.

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One evening, after I had parted ways with my gang, I passed the grocery store on my way home. There was a small light burning in the store and the shadow of the old man's body was outlined against the glass. Driven by remorse, I walked to the door and entered.

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The old man stared at me and I wanted very much to turn and flee. As he motioned for me to come closer, I braced myself for a curse or a blow. I stared flabbergasted as his questioning eyes flared in recognition.

"You were the one," he said finally, in a harsh tone. I nodded wordlessly.

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"Why did you come back?" I stood there unable to answer.

"What's your name, boy?"

"Haralambos," I said, speaking to him in Greek.

He looked at me in shock. "You are Greek!" he cried. "A Greek boy attacking a Greek grocer!"

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**He stood horrified at the immensity of my crime.**

*Adapted from Stelmark: A Family Recollection by Harry Mark Petrakis*

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 writer attacked Barba Nikos as he wanted to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) play a wild game
- (2) show loyalty to his peers
- (3) insult someone of his own race
- (4) mock people who walked with a limp

27. The word 'them' in line 15 refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) Barba Nikos' eyes
- (2) chorus of insults and jeers
- (3) Barba Nikos' dagger stares
- (4) the plums and peaches in the basket

28. The writer felt he had achieved a 'hollow victory' in line 17 as he \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) had a stone in his stomach
- (2) was proud of his achievement
- (3) did not take delight in his victory
- (4) had not aimed as well as he had wanted to

29. The writer returned to the grocery in the evening. This shows that the writer was \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) kind
- (2) selfless
- (3) repentant
- (4) embarrassed

30. 'He stood horrified at the immensity of my crime.' (line 31).  
His crime was considered immense because he had attacked \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) a Greek grocer
- (2) an elderly person
- (3) someone of his own race
- (4) an old man who was helpless



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**BOOKLET B**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (      )

Class: Primary Six \_\_\_\_\_

19 May 2014

50 Questions  
(65 Marks)

Total Time for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

Components	Marks
Booklet A	30
Booklet B	65
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>95</b>

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

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Write your answers in this booklet.

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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 its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

**EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.**

- |             |            |          |          |          |
|-------------|------------|----------|----------|----------|
| (A) about   | (D) along  | (G) but  | (K) over | (N) then |
| (B) after   | (E) and    | (H) had  | (L) than | (P) up   |
| (C) against | (F) before | (J) have | (M) that | (Q) why  |

Realising that our family cat, Misty, had disappeared was a sad experience for me. We (31) \_\_\_\_\_ recently moved into a home in a new neighbourhood and on a far busier road. I had kept Misty locked (32) \_\_\_\_\_ in the house for the recommended two weeks but with my two kids and their friends constantly coming (33) \_\_\_\_\_ going, she disappeared not long (34) \_\_\_\_\_. We searched for her high and low. We tried our neighbours, checked the railway track running (35) \_\_\_\_\_ the back of our property and returned to our old house. We constantly looked for her, hoping (36) \_\_\_\_\_ all odds to find a scared little feline hiding behind a tree or pole.

It was several weeks later (37) \_\_\_\_\_ Misty turned up. She must have tried to find her way back to our former home after all and (38) \_\_\_\_\_ when she did not find us, decided to return. Starving and bedraggled, she let us make a big fuss (39) \_\_\_\_\_ her. Recovery was slow (40) \_\_\_\_\_ eventually she looked plump and healthy once more. Yet Misty still was not contented. A nervous cat by nature, she was as unsettled as she had been before she left on her trek. However, with so many other problems pressing on my shoulders at the time, I was not sure what to do about it.

*Adapted from Reader's Digest April 2009, The last of Nine Lives*



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

The families of Tom and Ravi are finally breathing easy again. They waited

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with bated breaths as the announcing that the boys had been found was made,

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much to their relieved. The two boys were thought to have **vaenized** from the face

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of the earth after **ambaaking** on a sailing expedition. The mounting **enkuish** of the

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families as they waited for the news for their lost loved ones had been painful to

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watch, as was the **flaundering** of the coast guard authorities on the face of the

searing questions that had inevitably come. When had the boys been allowed to

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cross the safety **baunderies**? Why had they not been found? Luckily, a commercial

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vessel had spotted the two boys held on to their wrecked boat for dear life. It was

later found that a huge wave had dashed the boat against some rocks.

Adapted from: <http://www.straitstimes.com/breaking-news/se-asia/story/mh370-mystery-some-revelations-20140323>

**Fill in the blanks with the most suitable answer. (15 marks)**

Sharks are one of the most feared creatures of the sea. They are often (51) \_\_\_\_\_ as aggressive predators in movies and stories. (52) \_\_\_\_\_ the fact is you are more likely to get killed by stinging bees, raging cows and falling coconuts than by a shark.

There are over 350 (53) \_\_\_\_\_ of sharks, each with different habitats, lifestyles and body forms. The one depicted in the movie 'Jaws' is the Great White. The Megamouth shark has thick, rubbery lips and its head is almost as long as the body. Whale sharks are the (54) \_\_\_\_\_ sharks in the world – each is as big as a bus and weighs more than two elephants. The head of a baby Hammerhead shark can (55) \_\_\_\_\_ up to three feet long across as it ages!

Sharks are important (56) \_\_\_\_\_ in the marine ecosystem. They eat marine animals such as whales, seals, sea otters and dead animals that they find floating on the surface. Some sharks are filter feeders – they swim with their (57) \_\_\_\_\_ open, drawing in water and straining (58) \_\_\_\_\_ plankton and shrimp. Others swim closer to the ocean floor, capturing crabs and other shell fish. Sometimes, sharks may attack people, such as divers in black wetsuits, (59) \_\_\_\_\_ them for food. They do not attack them intentionally.

Before they eat something, many sharks will give it a "test bite" first to see if the meal is tasty. Sharks will often spit out (60) \_\_\_\_\_ that is outside their usual diet, such as humans, after this (61) \_\_\_\_\_ bite.

Sharks (62) \_\_\_\_\_ triangularly-shaped razor sharp teeth with serrated edges. They may have over 3000 teeth at one time, arranged in five (63) \_\_\_\_\_. The front row of teeth is used to cut and attack a prey while the back rows are on (64) \_\_\_\_\_ in case the front teeth fall off.

As sharks do not have bones in their skeleton but only cartilage, (65) \_\_\_\_\_ can easily turn around in a small space. Cartilage is a tough fibrous substance which is lighter than bone. It is also more flexible than bone.

*Source: Snacks by The Art Project*



For each of the questions from 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. Mr Tan told, "Pupils, you must wear your ties for the photo-taking session today."

Mr Tan told his \_\_\_\_\_

67. It is unusual for my brother to read books for leisure.

My brother seldom \_\_\_\_\_

68. Tom had injured his knee during practice. He still won the badminton match.

Despite \_\_\_\_\_

69. If it does not rain, Mother will dry the clothes outside.

Unless \_\_\_\_\_

70. Tanny loves fried rice. She does not really like noodles.

\_\_\_\_\_ preference



Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80. (20 marks)

A sharp icy wind slashed at the towering mass of the Matterhorn mountain, which soared high above the Swiss village of Zermatt. The sceptical villagers stood staring at the brooding peak that dominated their lives. All eyes were glued to a tiny yellow speck clinging like a fly to the sheer white wall of the northern face. A solitary man was inching his way up the perpendicular wall in a daring attempt to achieve the impossible.

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The Matterhorn had been climbed hundreds of times since it was first conquered by Edward Whymper in 1865. He, and the many that followed him over the years, had scaled the mountain's relatively easy southern approach. The vertical northern face presented a much more formidable challenge. Although some climbers had scaled the north wall, their ascents were made in summer. Experts had predicted that it was impossible to make the climb in winter.

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Walter Bonatti announced to the mountaineering world that he was going to attempt a winter climb of the near-vertical, ice-covered northern face in February 1965. What was shocking was that he wanted to use the more direct route from base to summit without any of the detours and passes made by his predecessors. It seemed like a suicidal bid.

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Clad in a yellow wind-breaker, hiking boots and woollen hat, Bonatti pitted his skills, nerves, strength and stamina against the intimidating northern face. Slowly, carefully, his strong but cold-numbed fingers searched for hand-holds. One false move and he would plunge straight down like a stone, thousands of feet to his death. The higher he went, the more the wind increased its savagery, lashing him with icy talons, threatening to pluck him from his perch and dash him onto the rocks below. After two arduous days, he reached 12,800 feet. At night, he rested and dozed in a hammock slung between two steel spikes hammered into the rock face.

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At first light, he slogged on ever upward, without a thought of turning back. The sub-zero temperature was cruel. It cracked his goggles and he struggled half-blinded. Often his fingers which were swollen, ripped and bleeding, failed to find an opening or projection and he had to hack out a grip with his axe. His weary body was in agony but still he climbed up towards the summit.

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At dawn on the fourth day, he had just over 1000 feet to climb. He was on the verge of complete exhaustion, but with victory in sight, he prepared himself for the final assault. Just after three in the afternoon, excited spectators in helicopters over the summit saw Bonatti suddenly appear from under an overhang, crawl over the gleaming pinnacle and stumble towards the iron cross which marked the crest of the mountain. He

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had achieved the impossible. Bonatti's incredible feat brought world acclaim. He had proven that man's courage, skill and determination can overcome anything.

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

**71. Which word in paragraph 1 tells you that the man's progress was slow?**

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**72. What does the 'tiny yellow speck' in line 3 refer to?**

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**73. Who was the first person to reach the peak of the Matterhorn mountain?**

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**74. Explain how Bonatti's attempt was different from what others had achieved so far.**

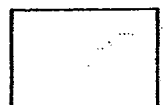
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**75. What danger did the wind pose to Bonatti?**

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76. What does 'without a thought of turning back' in line 25 tell you about Bonatti's character?

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77. What does the word 'It' in line 26 refer to?

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78. State two physical difficulties that Bonatti faced in paragraph 5.

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79. What does the 'final assault' in line 32 refer to?

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80. Explain fully why the spectators were excited in line 32.

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**TERM : PRELIM 1**

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Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
3	3	4	3	2	4	1	4	1	3	3	3	3	J	P	E	B

Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
D	C	M	N	K	G

- 41)announcement      42)relief      43)vanished      44)embarking  
45)anguish      46)of      47)floundering      48)in      49)boundaries  
50)holding      51)portrayed      52)However      53)species/types  
54)biggest      55)grow      56)species      57)mouth      58)out  
59)mistaking      60)food      61)one      62)have      63)rows  
64)standby      65)they

66)Mr Tan told his pupils that they had to wear their ties for me photo-taking session that day.

67)My brother seldom reads books for leisure.

**68)Despite the fact that Tom had injured his knee during practice, he still won the badminton match.**

**69)Unless it rains, Mother will dry the clothes outside.**

**70)Tanny has a preference for fried rice over noodles.**

**71)The word is "inching".**

**72)It refers to the man, climbing the mountain/perpendicular wall.**

**73)He was Edward Whymper.**

**74)Others had climbed the northern wall.**

**75)The wind was so strong that it could have knocked him off.**

**76)He was determined.**

**77)It refers to the sub-zero temperature.**

**78)He had to face the extreme cold temperature, his goggles cracked and so he was half-blinded.**

**79)It refers to the last feet that he had to climb.**

**80)No one had thought Bonatti would be able to accomplish the climb.**