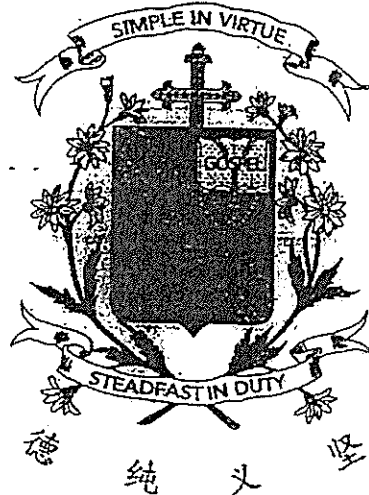


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## CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)



Primary 4

Semestral Assessment 2

26 October 2015

### English Language Listening Comprehension

Duration of Paper: 25 minutes

12 questions  
14 marks

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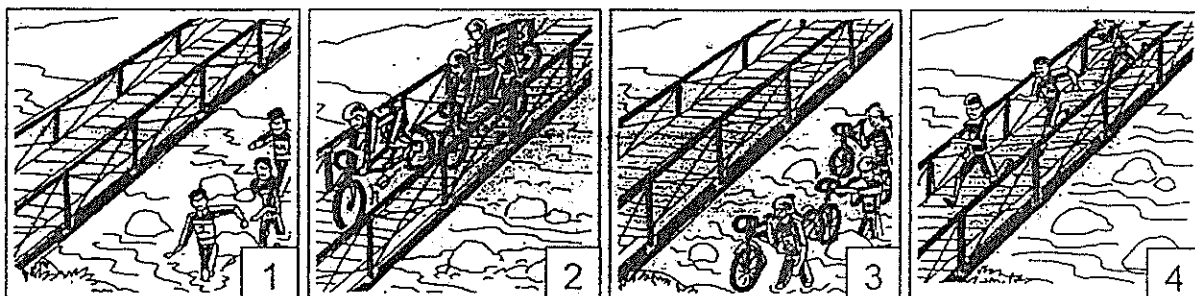
Section A	6
Section B	5
Section C	3
Total	14

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**Section A: Picture Matching (6 marks)**

For Question 1 and Question 2, look at the set of pictures. I am going to read to you a sentence or a paragraph. Listen carefully. Then choose the picture that describes what I have read. Write the number 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the brackets provided.

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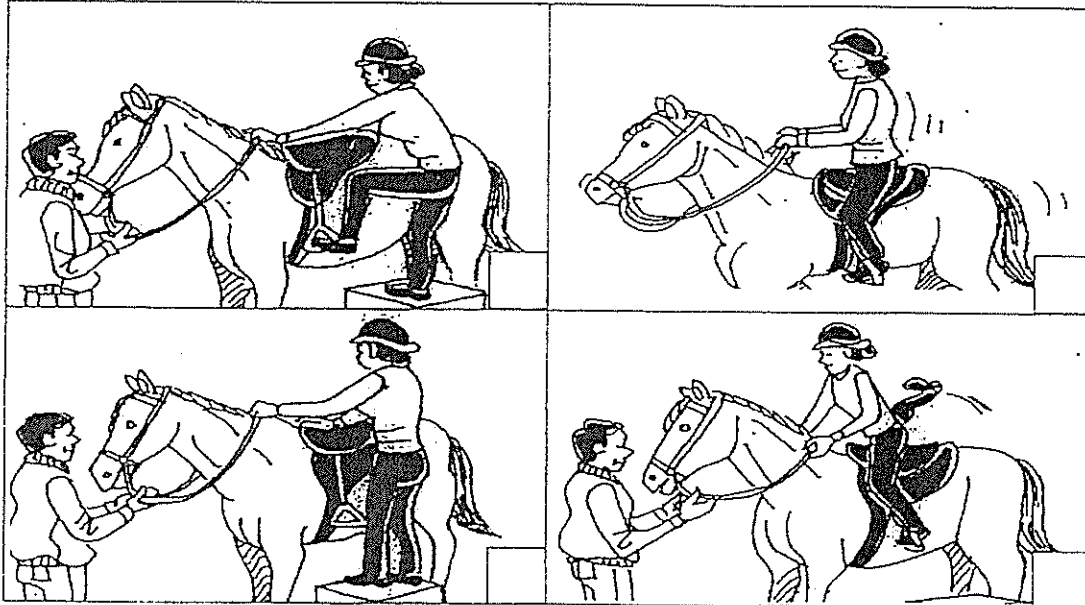
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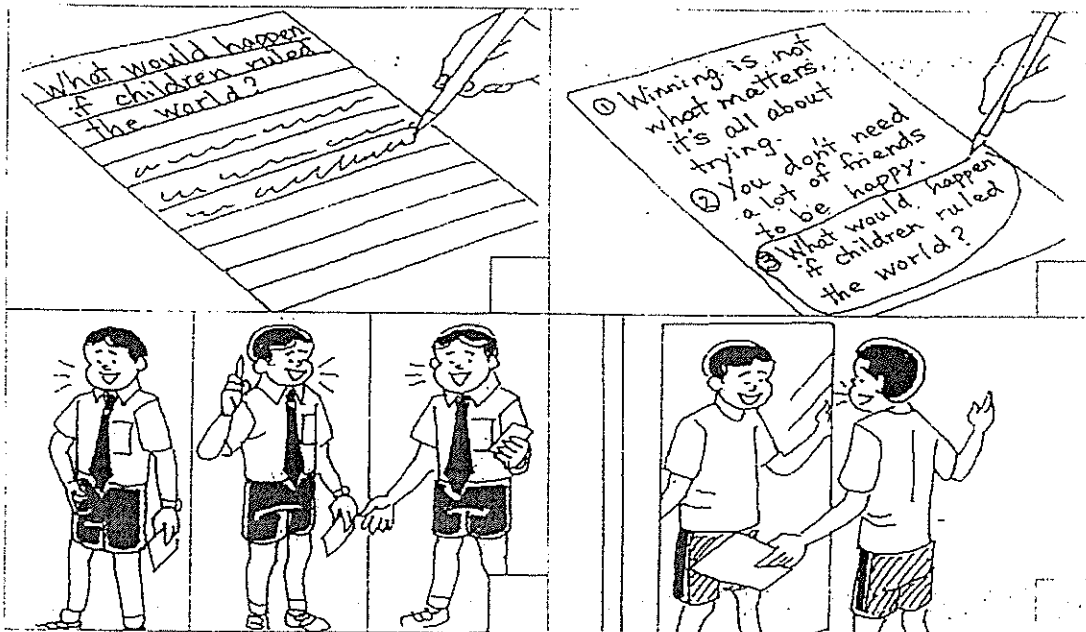
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For Question 3 and Question 4, look at the set of pictures. I am going to read to you a set of instructions. Then choose the pictures that show the correct sequence of what I have read. Write the number 1, 2, 3 and 4 in the box provided.

3.



4.



**Section B – Note-taking (5 marks)**

Q5 to Q9 is a note-taking test.

For a class project, one group researched on some of the endangered animals in Singapore. Take down notes from their presentation for your class notice board.

**Listen to the following carefully.**

As you listen, take down the missing information by filling in each blank numbered Q5 to Q9 with **one word or a short phrase**.

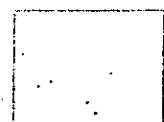
5. The direction in which the Chinese Egret flies from: \_\_\_\_\_

6. The species of Monkey that is endangered: Banded \_\_\_\_\_ Monkey

7. The habitat of the endangered mammals: \_\_\_\_\_ Catchment Area

8. The only country where Freshwater Crab can be found: \_\_\_\_\_

9. Poachers will be fined or \_\_\_\_\_



**Section C – Comprehension (3 marks)**

Q10 to Q12 is a comprehension test.

Listen carefully to the passage and answer the following questions. For each question, choose the correct answer and write the correct number in the brackets provided.

Q10. If parents want to take their children abroad during the school holidays for more than a month, when is the best time to go? (                      )

- (1) beginning of the year
- (2) middle of the year
- (3) end of the year

Q11. Which programme will a child pay the **cheapest** fee for? (                      )

- (1) 'Dragonflies and Damselflies'
- (2) 'Nature through the Lens'
- (3) 'Robotics: Play and Learn'

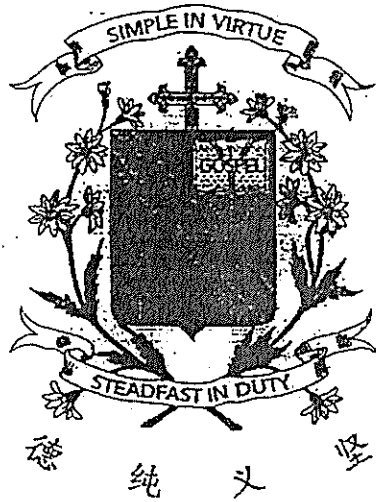
Q12. At the end of the workshop at Thomson Community Club, each child goes home with a \_\_\_\_\_. (                      )

- (1) magnifying glass
- (2) camera
- (3) robot

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## CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)



Primary 4

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13 October 2015

English Language

Paper 1

Duration of Paper: 50 min

1 question

20 marks

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Write a story of at least 120 words about a trip to an island.

The pictures, not arranged in sequence, are provided to help you think about this topic. Your composition should be based on one, two or all of these pictures.

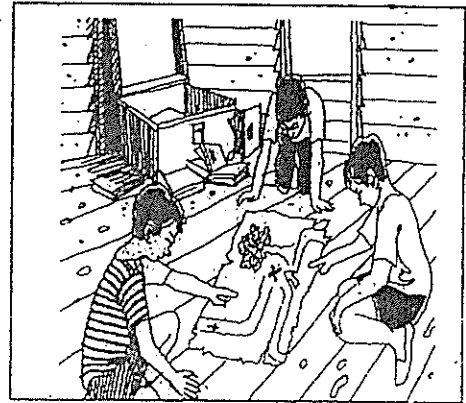
Consider the following points when you plan your composition:

- Where did you go?
- What did you and your friends decide to do?
- What happened during the trip?
- How did you and your friends feel?
- What happened in the end?

You may use the points in any order and include other relevant points as well.

Helping Words:

- a treasure map
- a deserted house
- explore
- spade
- compass
- adventure
- bursting with anticipation
- tropical forest

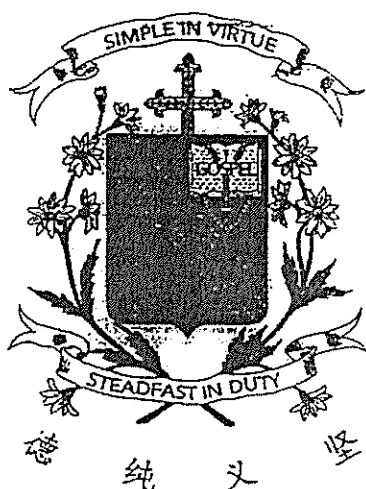


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## CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)



Primary 4

Semestral Assessment 2

26 October 2015

English Language

Paper 2 Booklet A

Duration of Paper (Booklets A & B): 1 h 30 min

16 questions

16 marks

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**Section A: Grammar MCQ (8 x 1 mark)**

Read the questions carefully. Choose the most suitable answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. Mr Lim told his pupils to distribute the chocolates among \_\_\_\_\_.  
  - (1) himself
  - (2) ourselves
  - (3) yourselves
  - (4) themselves
  
2. Last Sunday, I \_\_\_\_\_ happy to meet my favourite celebrity, a popular local actress, at the shopping mall.  
  - (1) is
  - (2) are
  - (3) was
  - (4) were
  
3. Benny and his sister \_\_\_\_\_ very happy when they passed their examinations with flying colours.  
  - (1) is
  - (2) are
  - (3) was
  - (4) were

4. "Pay attention. The group leaders \_\_\_\_\_ how to conduct the experiment now," whispered Jill to her friend.

- (1) explain
- (2) explained
- (3) are explaining
- (4) have explained

5. One week ago, we \_\_\_\_\_ the museum before it closed for renovation.

- (1) visit
- (2) visited
- (3) have visited
- (4) were visiting

6. While everyone \_\_\_\_\_ out to play, Mary stayed in the classroom to rest

- (1) rushes
- (2) has rushed
- (3) was rushing
- (4) has been rushing

7. \_\_\_\_\_ books stacked up in that corner are old and dusty.

- (1) This
- (2) That
- (3) These
- (4) Those

8. "Aunt Mary is my neighbour who lives only \_\_\_\_\_ units away from me," said Jack.

- (1) little
- (2) a few
- (3) many
- (4) a lot of

**Section B: Vocabulary MCQ (6 x 1 mark)**

Read the questions carefully. Choose the most suitable answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.

9. The \_\_\_\_\_ took out their mobile phones to take pictures when the fight broke out in the supermarket.

- (1) audience
- (2) onlookers
- (3) spectators
- (4) competitors

10. At the end of the day, the pupils \_\_\_\_\_ their books into their bags before leaving the classroom.

- (1) strived
- (2) sieved
- (3) shoved
- (4) swerved

11. The \_\_\_\_\_ child refused to heed his teacher's advice and got himself into trouble again.

- (1) wilful
- (2) ignorant
- (3) ferocious
- (4) ungrateful

12. The houses in the city were destroyed by the \_\_\_\_\_ earthquake, which wrecked havoc in the area.
- (1) fiery
  - (2) bizarre
  - (3) chaotic
  - (4) devastating
13. Her carelessness caused her unfortunate \_\_\_\_\_ of having to move around in crutches.
- (1) resentment
  - (2) predicament
  - (3) embarrassment
  - (4) accomplishment
14. The little boy was \_\_\_\_\_ by the big and burly bullies.
- (1) cowed
  - (2) loathed
  - (3) numbed
  - (4) discouraged

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Section C: Visual Text Comprehension MCQ (2 x 1 mark)

Study the advertisement carefully and answer questions 15 and 16.

# What's your story?

**A story-writing competition**

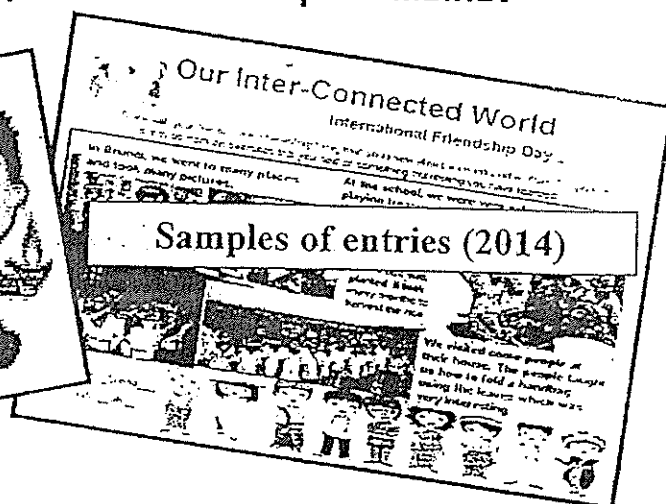
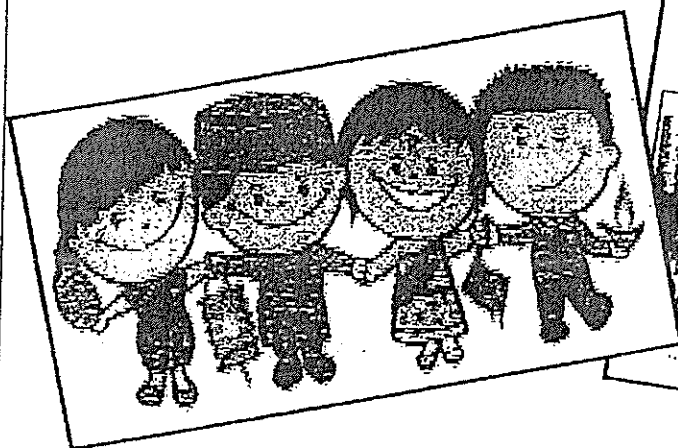
In conjunction with International Friendship Day 2015, Puffin Library is calling all young writers to share your story with us!

**Theme: My Special Friend**

Contest regulations:

- ❖ Your entry should showcase friendships between people of different nationalities.
- ❖ It should be an original entry of not more than 400 words.
- ❖ Your story should be based on real-life experiences.
- ❖ Each person can only submit 1 entry.

**Submit your entry online at: [www.puffinlib.net](http://www.puffinlib.net)**



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Choose the correct answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

15. What is the theme of the story for International Friendship Day 2015?

- (1) We Are One
- (2) What's your story?
- (3) My Special Friend
- (4) Our Inter-Connected World

16. Which one of the following statements is false?

- (1) Entries should not be more than 400 words.
- (2) Participants may submit more than one entry for the contest.
- (3) Only youths from 13 to 20 years old can take part in this story-writing competition.
- (4) Entries should be about real-life experiences of befriending someone of a different nationality.

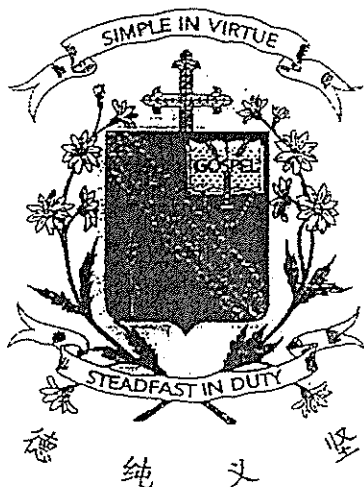
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## CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)



Primary 4

Semestral Assessment 2

26 October 2015

English Language

Paper 2 Booklet B

Duration of Paper (Booklets A & B): 1 h 30 min

30 questions

34 marks

**Instructions to Candidates:**

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Answer all questions.

Booklet A	16
Booklet B	34
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**Section D: Grammar Cloze [1] (4 x 1 mark)**

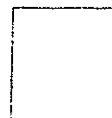
Read the following passage carefully. Choose the most suitable answer from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank. **USE EACH ANSWER ONLY ONCE.**

(A) he	(C) I	(E) them
(B) him	(D) it	(F) they

In the 1790s, a French explorer, Georges Curvier, carefully studied elephant fossils found in France. (17) \_\_\_\_\_ noted that their bones were very different from the bones of living elephants in Asia. (18) \_\_\_\_\_ were also different from the bones of elephant fossils found in Siberia.

Curvier declared that the bones came from another elephant species that had gone extinct. At that time, (19) \_\_\_\_\_ was still generally believed that no animals had ever gone extinct. The fossil evidence led (20) \_\_\_\_\_ to propose that the Earth went through sudden changes. These changes could have wiped out a number of animal species from our planet.

Adapted from 'Let's Make Some Gold' by Christine Zuchora-Walske



**Section E: Grammar Cloze [2] (4 x 1 mark)**

Read the following passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the brackets and circle it.

Dr Solomon Cheng is an expert in treating hearing problems.

He (21) [ has / have ] invented a machine that helps people who are hearing-impaired hear sounds more clearly. He gets his inspiration from his parents who (22) [ is / are ] deaf. Often, he has to work long hours in his laboratory, but he (23) [ do / does ] not mind as he feels that his work is meaningful.

All his patients think highly of Dr Cheng and (24) [ regard / regards ] him as the most caring doctor in the hospital. Despite that, Dr Cheng remains a humble man.



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**Section F: Synthesis and Transformation (2 X 1 mark)**

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).

25. Karthi cannot sew a doll unless she has a sewing kit.

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

26. Mary goes swimming every Friday. Peter goes swimming every Friday.

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



**Section G: Comprehension Cloze (4 x 1 mark)**

Read the following passage carefully. Fill in each blank with the most suitable word.

Glass painting is a great hobby. It is simple and fun if you know these useful tips.

First, you need to collect some empty glass containers. Next, you need to prepare some paints that work well on glass surfaces. Glass paints come in a (27) \_\_\_\_\_ of colours. They are easily available in hobby shops that sell art supplies.

Before you (28) \_\_\_\_\_ painting, it is important that you protect your work surface with newspapers. Wash and dry the glass containers with a clean cloth before you begin to paint them.

You can draw and paint any picture that you like. When applying the paint, remember to wash the brush well between colours. After the paint has dried, use a black marker to (29) \_\_\_\_\_ the picture that you have just coloured. Outlining your picture will make it more attractive.

Beautifully decorated glass containers can make perfect presents or keepsakes. What are you waiting (30) \_\_\_\_\_? Grab an empty bottle from the kitchen and let your creativity flow!



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**Section H: Comprehension [1] (10 marks)**

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 31 to 39.

Lottie burst through the heavy oak doors and into the dark corridor. She looked around for a suitable place to hide.

Along one side of the corridor were glass cabinets filled with antiques and faded photographs. The other side of the same corridor were display cases filled with rusty trophies.

"Lottie, I'm coming for you."

She heard him behind her. She could hear each pounding step he took. Her heart raced.

"Got to be quick!" she muttered and scrambled behind a nearby curtain.

"I know you're in here," sang the man. He was closer than she had realised. She peeked out ever so slightly from behind the red velvet curtain. There he was, standing in the light from one of the rooms. His towering body cast a vast shadow. He stepped forward, closer and closer to her hiding place. The silence was broken by a voice. 10

"Mr West?" called Johnson Green, the housekeeper, as he flicked the switches. "Dinner's ready!"

Suddenly, the entire corridor was flooded with light.

"Ooh goody-goody!" said the figure next to Lottie. "Lottie, you can come out now." 15

Lottie sighed with disappointment. She had been enjoying playing hide-and-seek. She stepped out from her hiding place. Mr West, a rotund gentleman with white hair, smiled at her.

*Adapted from 'A Lottie Lipton Adventure' by Dan Metcalf*

For Q31 – Q32, match the location of the objects Lottie spotted along the dark corridor.  
Tick (✓) your chosen answer. The first example has been done for you. [2m]

	Objects	glass cabinets	display cases
Example	antiques	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q31	rusty trophies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q32	faded photographs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q33. Which word has the same meaning as 'items valued for their age and quality'? Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

Along one side of the corridor were glass cabinets filled with antiques and faded photographs.  
(A) (B)

For Q34 – 35, tick (✓) whether the actions were taken by Lottie or Mr West. The first example has been done for you. [2m]

	Actions	Lottie	Mr West
Example	burst through the heavy oak door	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q34	looked for a place to hide	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q35	took a pounding step	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q36. What is the 'hiding place' in line 11?  
[ Write your answer using a complete sentence / complete sentences. ] [1m]

\_\_\_\_\_

Q37. Tick (✓) your chosen answer.

\_\_\_\_\_ turned on the lights in the entire corridor. [1m]

<input type="checkbox"/>	Lottie
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mr West
<input type="checkbox"/>	Johnson Green

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Q38. Which word has the same meaning as 'tall'? Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

His towering body casting a vast shadow.

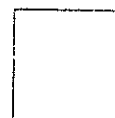
(A)

(B)

Q39. Refer to lines 14 – 17. State two physical features of Mr West.  
[ Write your answers using complete sentences. ] [2m]

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

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



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**Section I: Comprehension [2] (10 marks)**

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 40 to 46.

Once upon a time, there lived a poor woodman in a great forest. Every day of his life, he would go out to **fell timber**. After cutting down the trees, he would transport the cut wood to the village to sell.

One day, he marked out a huge old oak which he could chop into many good planks. He then took his axe and swung it round his head to fell the tree with one stroke. Suddenly, there stood before him a fairy who beseeched him to spare the tree. 5

"Please do not chop the old oak tree down," cried the fairy earnestly. The woodman was dazed with wonderment and could not open his mouth to utter a word.

When he found his tongue at last, he said, "I'll do as you ask."

"Thank you," answered the fairy. "And to show I'm grateful, I'll grant you three wishes." 10 With that, the fairy vanished into thin air.

The woodman slung his axe over his shoulder before he made his way home. When he reached home, he was upset to learn from his wife that she had not prepared his dinner.

"Ah!" groaned the starving woodman to his wife, sitting by the fireplace at home. "I wish I'd a spread of meat pies here before me." No sooner had he said it than a pot of piping hot 15 pies came down the chimney.

Then, the woodman remembered the fairy and explained what had happened to his wife.

"Oh, you are a fool!" she burst out. "I wish the pies were on your nose." Quick as lightning, the woodman's nose was laden with layers of meat pies. No matter how hard he 20 pulled, the pies remained stuck to it.

It did not take the woodman long to make his final wish! It was then he realized that he had wasted his good fortune.

*Adapted from '50 Magical Stories' by Vic Parker*

For Q40, write 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the brackets.

40. In line 2, 'to fell timber' means to \_\_\_\_\_. [1m]

- (1) mark the trees
- (2) cut down trees
- (3) transport cut wood
- (4) chop wood into planks

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41. State whether each sentence below is True or False. Give a reason for your answer. [2m]  
[ Write your reasons using complete sentences. ]

Sentence	True / False	Reason
(a) The woodman gave in to the fairy's request.		<hr/> <hr/>
(b) The fairy was grateful to the woodman.		<hr/> <hr/>

42. Which four word phrase has the same meaning as 'disappeared'? Refer to lines 7 – 13. [1m]  
[ Write only the phrase required in the box. ]

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43. These are some statements describing the woodman's day. Put them in the right sequence, according to the flow in the story. Write 1, 2 and 3 on the lines. [1m]

\_\_\_\_\_ He made his first wish.

\_\_\_\_\_ He encountered a fairy.

\_\_\_\_\_ He shared his strange encounter with his wife.

44. Why did the woodman wish for a spread of meat pies? (lines 14-15) [2m]  
[ Write your answer using a complete sentence / complete sentences. ]

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45. What does the word 'it' in line 21 refer to? [1m]  
[ Write your answer using a complete sentence / complete sentences. ]

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46. What was the woodman's third wish? [2m]  
[ Write your answer using a complete sentence / complete sentences. ]

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4	3	4	3	2	3	4	2	2	3
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16				
1	4	2	1	3	3				

17) A      18)F      19)D      20)B

21)has      22)are      23)does      24)regard

25) If Karthi does not have a sewing kit, she cannot sew a doll.

26) Both Mary and Peter go swimming every Friday.

27)variety      28)begin      29)outline      30)for

31) display cases      32)glass cabinets      33)B

34)Lottie      35)Mr West      36) It refers to the curtain.

37)Johnson Green      38)towering

39)i) Mr West was a rotund gentleman.

ii)He also had white hair.

40) 2

41)a) True. He agreed to do what the fairy had said.

b) True. The fairy was grateful to him and granted him three wishes in return.

42) Vanish into thin air.                      43) 2 , 1 , 3

44) He wished for a spread of meat pies as his wife had not prepared his dinner and he was starving.

45)'It' refers to the woodman's nose.

46) The woodman's third wish to remove the layers of meat pies stuck to his nose.