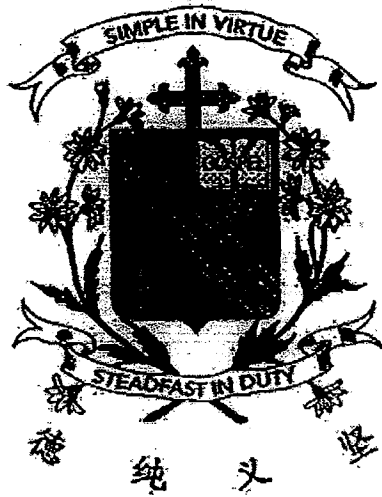


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## CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)



**Primary 6**

**Semestral Assessment 1**

**11 May 2015**

**English Language**

**Paper 2 Booklet A**

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

**28 questions**

**28 marks**

**Instructions to Candidates:**

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**Follow all instructions carefully.**

**Answer all questions.**

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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 The new theatre was made entirely \_\_\_\_\_ wood.

- (1) in
- (2) of
- (3) with
- (4) from

2 Each of the participants \_\_\_\_\_ given a certificate at the ceremony yesterday.

- (1) is
- (2) are
- (3) was
- (4) were

3 Aidan went to the new art gallery and enjoyed learning to \_\_\_\_\_ modern art.

- (1) appreciate
- (2) appreciates
- (3) appreciated
- (4) appreciating

4 We \_\_\_\_\_ go now if we do not want to miss the last train to Changi.

- (1) may
- (2) must
- (3) could
- (4) might

5 The wealthy man felt sorry for the beggar \_\_\_\_\_ he had never been hungry.

- (1) if
- (2) since
- (3) unless
- (4) although

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6 Neither my sister nor I \_\_\_\_\_ going out for dinner this evening.

- (1) is
- (2) am
- (3) are
- (4) were

7 The teacher told her pupils that if she had time, she \_\_\_\_\_ the class to The National Museum.

- (1) took
- (2) takes
- (3) has taken
- (4) would take

8 The students should be able to do the fundraising activities by themselves, \_\_\_\_\_?

- (1) can't they
- (2) don't they
- (3) couldn't they
- (4) shouldn't they

9 Hannah, Nicole and I enjoyed putting up all the decorations for the festival by \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) myself
- (2) herself
- (3) ourselves
- (4) themselves

10 At the end of next month, Henry \_\_\_\_\_ a humanitarian aid worker for ten years.

- (1) will be
- (2) has been
- (3) had been
- (4) will have been

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

- 11 The tourist \_\_\_\_\_ serious injuries when he fell off his bicycle on the mountain trail.
- (1) gained
  - (2) retained
  - (3) obtained
  - (4) sustained
- 12 The novel \_\_\_\_\_ 'The Little Prince' was authored by Antoine de Saint Exupery.
- (1) named
  - (2) entitled
  - (3) labelled
  - (4) subtitled
- 13 The grieving family was \_\_\_\_\_ by the flood of condolences it received from the public.
- (1) overfilled
  - (2) overawed
  - (3) overpowered
  - (4) overwhelmed
- 14 We \_\_\_\_\_ our candles when the lights came back on after power was restored.
- (1) blew up
  - (2) blew off
  - (3) blew out
  - (4) blew away
- 15 The hospice won the award for excellent service because its staff often \_\_\_\_\_ to fulfil their patients' wishes.
- (1) bent over backwards
  - (2) burnt the midnight oil
  - (3) left no stone unturned
  - (4) looked on the bright side

For each question from 16 to 20, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word(s).  
Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(5 marks)

At that moment, the crowd felt the earth shake beneath their feet. The walls of the amphitheatre trembled and, in the distance, they heard the crash of falling roofs. An instant later, the mountain-cloud seemed to roll towards them, dark and rapid, like a torrent. At the same time, it cast a shower of ashes mixed with fragments of burning stone far and wide.

Pandemonium erupted as the people ran this way and that. Safety for themselves was now their sole thought. Trampling recklessly over those who had fallen down, the crowd spilled into the streets. Some, expecting a second earthquake, hastened to their homes to load themselves with their valuables which they hoped to escape with while there was still time. Others, dreading the showers of ashes which now fell fast over the streets, rushed under the roofs of the nearest houses or temples seeking shelter of any kind from the terrors of the open air.

*Adapted from 'The Last days of Pompeii' by Lord Lytton*

- 16 (1) fast  
(2) hasty  
(3) timely  
(4) prompt

- 17 (1) pieces  
(2) particles  
(3) distributions  
(4) combinations

- 18 (1) war  
(2) riots  
(3) noise  
(4) chaos

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- 19 (1) daringly  
(2) foolishly  
(3) carelessly  
(4) deliberately

- 20 (1) feeling  
(2) wishing  
(3) anticipating  
(4) contemplating

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Study this poster carefully and then answer questions 21 to 28.

Another community initiative by LoveSG Volunteers



To many of us, birthdays are about parties, gifts and cakes. For children from less fortunate homes, however, birthdays may not even be celebrated. The Birthday Gift donation drive aims to bring cheer into the hearts of some of these children. Let us give generously and hold a joyous mass birthday celebration for them! Every donation counts!

- Monetary donations can be made online at [www.birthdaygift.com](http://www.birthdaygift.com)
- Second-hand items in good condition can be sent to the LoveSG Head Office located at 11 Range Road, Singapore 002001
- For more information, please visit our website at [www.lovesg.com](http://www.lovesg.com)
- If you have any queries, please email [queries@lovesg.com](mailto:queries@lovesg.com)



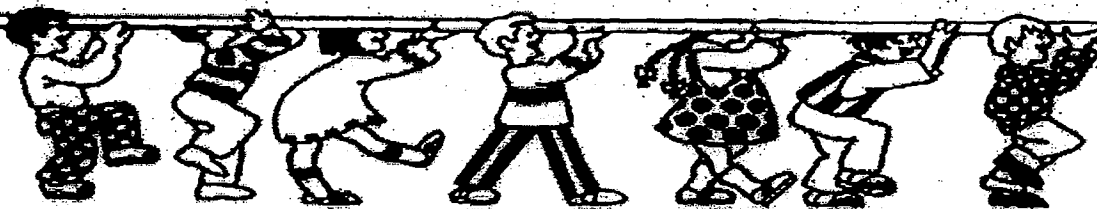
*Join us for Birthday Gift's mass birthday celebration!*

**Date: 20 May 2015**

**Time: 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.**

**Venue: Sze Lim Park**

*Email Nick at [nick.lim@lovesg.com](mailto:nick.lim@lovesg.com) to sign up as a volunteer!*



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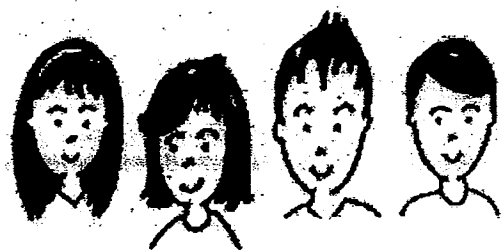
*Ten-year-old Debbie Yong is the Birthday Gift donation drive's youngest volunteer and one of the most supportive. She shares her experience in the hope that more people will be drawn to this meaningful cause.*

Last year, my parents heard about the Birthday Gift donation drive from some friends and, as a family, we donated some money and second-hand items. To be honest, I was not too pleased about giving away some of my books and toys. I did not understand why I had to do it. Being an only child, I was not used to sharing but, reluctantly, I did as I was told.

My parents and I also attended Birthday Gift's mass birthday celebration, volunteering to distribute the gift bags. The moment our booth opened, some children ran towards us. Their clothes were grubby and their shoes looked worn, but they had big smiles on their faces and thanked us when we gave them their gift bags. Without a moment's delay, they settled themselves in front of our booth and took out the items in their gift bags. Immediately, we heard squeals of delight! Something tugged at my heartstrings when I saw how much joy those second-hand items, which children like me thought little of, had brought them.

The children's parents then came over to thank us, tears glistening in their eyes. One of them said that she had never seen her children so happy and excited. At a loss for words, my parents and I could only nod in silence. We had given so little, yet it meant so much to them.

This year, we have made our donations and encouraged our friends and family to do the same! We will also be volunteers at the mass birthday celebration. Join us and make a difference to these children's lives



For each of the questions from 21 to 28, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make a choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (8 marks)

- 21 Based on the poster, which of the following is true of the donation drive?
- (1) Debbie Yong and her parents are the organisers.
  - (2) Cash donations can be made at the LoveSG Head Office.
  - (3) Donors have to ensure that they do not send in damaged items.
  - (4) It focuses on all children whose birthdays have not been celebrated.
- 22 If you would like to take part in the mass birthday celebration, you should \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) sign up as a volunteer
  - (2) make a cash donation
  - (3) prepare a gift bag for the children
  - (4) invite the children to your birthday party
- 23 According to Debbie Yong's write-up, she did not want to donate her possessions at first because she \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) did not have siblings
  - (2) could not decide which ones to donate
  - (3) could not understand the reason for donating
  - (4) did not know the children whom she was giving them to
- 24 We know that the adults from the less fortunate homes were appreciative of what their children had received because they \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) were at a loss for words
  - (2) felt sorry for their children
  - (3) thanked Debbie Yong and her parents
  - (4) wanted to present Debbie Yong with a gift
- 25 The words "the same" in the last paragraph of Debbie Yong's write-up refer to \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) making donations to the donation drive
  - (2) volunteering to help out at the mass birthday celebration
  - (3) interacting with the children from the less fortunate homes
  - (4) encouraging friends and family to contribute to the donation drive

26 Debbie Yong's write-up was included in the poster to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) inspire others to become a volunteer like her
- (2) show appreciation for her involvement as a volunteer
- (3) convey the message that children can do voluntary work as well
- (4) give a detailed description of the previous year's mass birthday celebration

27 Why are exclamation marks used throughout the poster?

- (1) to show admiration for all the volunteers
- (2) to highlight the importance of becoming a volunteer
- (3) to excite readers to participate in the community initiative
- (4) to convince readers that people of all ages can do voluntary work

28 What is the main purpose of the poster?

- (1) to share Debbie Yong's experience as a volunteer
- (2) to provide details about how to sign up as a volunteer
- (3) to appeal for donations and recruit volunteers for a community initiative
- (4) to educate parents about what they should do for their children's birthdays

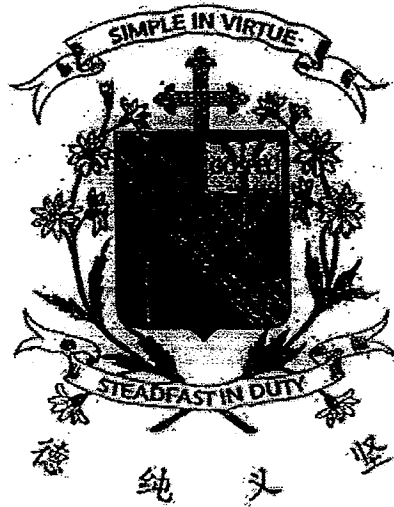
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## CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)



Primary 6  
Semestral Assessment 1  
11 May 2015

English Language  
Paper 2 Booklet B

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

52 questions  
67 marks

**Instructions to Candidates:**

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Follow all instructions carefully.  
Answer all questions.

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

Booklet A	28
Booklet B	67
Total	95

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

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) about	(D) any	(G) can	(K) his	(N) their
(B) above	(E) away	(H) did	(L) in	(P) this
(C) across	(F) below	(J) from	(M) the	(Q) very

This was their first attempt at climbing the mountain without any mountaineering equipment except for some ropes and household tools. Cindy told Jake that they needed something to anchor themselves to the cliff. It had to be something they could pass the rope through so that it could hold both \_\_\_\_\_ weight. If the climber on top fell, the person \_\_\_\_\_ would pull the rope so as to break the fall. But the thought of the anchor coming out made Cindy feel \_\_\_\_\_ nervous.

(31)

"Do you have a screwdriver?" Cindy asked.

She took the screwdriver \_\_\_\_\_ Jake and stabbed it twice at the surface right in front of her. Jake took out one of Dad's hammers and then reached out to the cliff. He used the hammer's claw to scrape \_\_\_\_\_ some of the snow that had gathered on the surface.

(32)

(33)

Spotting a crack \_\_\_\_\_ a quarter of an inch wide, Jake pushed the tip of the screwdriver into the crack as far as it would go. Then using the hammer, he knocked the screwdriver \_\_\_\_\_ until only the plastic handle could be seen. Cindy could not hold back \_\_\_\_\_ longer. She reached out, grabbed \_\_\_\_\_ handle and pulled it as hard as possible. It \_\_\_\_\_ not even budge.

(34)

(35)

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(37)

(38)

"It worked!" she exclaimed. "Now, how many screwdrivers do you have in your bag?"

*Adapted from 'Climb or Die' by Edward Myers*



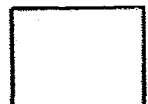
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Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes.

(12 marks)

Indonesia's Komodo National Park is not your typical tourist destination. The park is  
(39)  (40)   
situeited on a remote island and is not easily accessible. It is also scorching hot and barren as the  
(41)   
bone. In this anvaironment, you can find hundreds of camivorous lizards that can outrun humans  
(42)   
and tackle a water buffalo. They are not valnarabel to any predators as they are at the top of the  
(43)   
food chain. The park is also home to a coastal village of fishermen who have manage to live with  
(44)   
the dragons which dominate the island. It is clearly not the safe place to live. In the evenings,  
(45)   
when the dragons are most active, people rarely leave his homes. As a rule, red clothing is  
(46)   
avoided, since it can be mistake for blood and attract attention. Every time the lizards come poking  
(47)   
around, the villagers respond by thratening them with sticks. If one does not have a stick, it is best  
(48)  (49)   
to project oneself as big as possible by shout and flailing one's arms. At agreeseef posture, in most  
(50)   
cases, will cause the dragons to back off. The rangers are akastomed to them and they give the  
lizards free space to roam. It is weird but the villagers love their dragons because they bring  
hundreds of tourists to the island.

Adapted from 'Komodo Dragon' by Tim Kabut



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Have you ever wondered what is it like to unknowingly eat exotic meat? Megan was eating a bowl of spaghetti bolognese when she \_\_\_\_\_ the news that some meat products, (51)

like burgers, sausages and even her spaghetti bolognese may contain horse meat!

"I was really put \_\_\_\_\_," she later told the media. Megan lives in Texas, where (52)

the horse-meat scandal has been a hot \_\_\_\_\_ of discussion for over a month. In (53)

January, authorities first \_\_\_\_\_ horse meat in frozen beef burgers during routine (54)

inspection. By that time, the burger company had already sold these burgers to supermarkets

\_\_\_\_\_ over the country. This caused further testing to be carried \_\_\_\_\_ (55) (56)

on other beef products made by other food companies as well.

Later, it soon became clear that supermarkets had been \_\_\_\_\_ horse meat to (57)

customers in some of their readymade meals! The people were really upset \_\_\_\_\_ (58)

they felt that they have been fooled by food companies. Those who had eaten the tainted burgers

said that they could not tell the \_\_\_\_\_ because they tasted the same as a normal beef (59)

burger. Some who have tried horse meat on its own said that it does not taste bad. Some

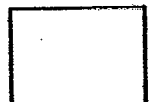


communities in other parts of the world \_\_\_\_\_ horse meat as a delicacy and they  
(60)  
regard horse meat as any other meat.

"Customers trust the supermarkets to give them what they have paid \_\_\_\_\_,"  
(61)  
said Megan. To get horse meat disguised as beef was a breach of that trust. Many now feel that  
they can no longer depend on labels to truthfully describe what is \_\_\_\_\_ their food  
(62)  
packets.

After the news broke out, supermarkets were quick to \_\_\_\_\_ suspected meat  
(63)  
products from the shelves. The food companies also promised to increase testing as well as  
enforce stricter \_\_\_\_\_ in the manufacture of their food products. "We will do whatever  
(64)  
it takes to restore public \_\_\_\_\_ in the food they buy and eat," said a representative  
(65)  
from a food company. Even then, people are still very wary about eating readymade meat  
products.

*Adapted from 'Britons tricked into eating horse meat' by Shameen Idiculla*



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For each of the questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

(10 marks)

66 John should have run in the race. Alice should have run in the race too.

Either \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

67 Mary can watch the movie when she has finished her chores.

As long as \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

68 I will be absent if I am sick.

\_\_\_\_\_ unless

\_\_\_\_\_

69 "Where's my favourite hat?" Grandma asked me.

Grandma asked me \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

70 The marathon runner was exhausted. He fainted at the finishing line.

\_\_\_\_\_ due to

\_\_\_\_\_



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For the first ten years of my life in Hong Kong, my elder sister and I had to share a room while my two brothers had their own rooms. My elder sister and I knew in our hearts that we were both viewed with contempt by the rest of the family. We were both girls and everyone considered me to be a source of bad luck because my mother had died giving birth to me.

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My elder sister was like a mother to me. She paid the greatest attention to everything about me. Most of all, she cared about my education and checked my homework every evening. Whenever I got a good report card, she would lock it in her drawer and wear the key around her neck, as if my grades were precious jewels which were impossible to replace. She also encouraged me to read and soon I developed a passion for writing. I used to scribble kung fu stories in a special notebook and would bring them to school. It thrilled me to show my stories to my classmates and watch them giggle.

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When I was thirteen years old, my father told me that I was to leave school at seventeen and get a job because he no longer wished to pay for my education. I protested but it was no use. Desperate to go to university, I begged my grandfather, Ye Ye, to negotiate on my behalf. On one of my rare visits home from boarding school, the whole family had got together for dinner. After dinner, Ye Ye cornered my father and they had a private conversation. Afterwards, Ye Ye related that my father had been unsympathetic. My father had said that a daughter should never be too well-educated because it would spoil any slim chance of getting married. According to him, no sane man would ever want a bride with a university degree.

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I was terrified, remembering how my elder sister never finished secondary school and was forced into an arranged marriage at the age of seventeen. Fate intervened in the nick of time in the shape of a writing competition I had entered some months previously. Unknown to me, my name was in the newspapers for having won first prize. This convinced my father to send me to England for higher education.

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Several years later, in England, while waiting for medical school to start, I applied for a vacation job as a clerk in a small firm. Over the phone, the manager gave me directions to his firm and asked if I was ready to start work that day. As soon as he saw my Chinese face, however, his attitude changed. Avoiding my eyes, he told me that the position had been filled. The manager was a nice man because I could hear the embarrassment in his voice as he repeated the lie. He probably knew that I would be a good worker and he was reluctant to let me go. His rejection did not devastate me because I knew that I would be able to find similar work elsewhere.

30

Throughout my studies in England, I knew in my heart that if I remained there, I would not be given the same opportunities as my English classmates. After graduating from medical school, I went back to Hong Kong. To my shock and dismay, my colleagues resented me because I was a graduate of an English rather than a Hong Kong medical school and I spoke with a strange accent like a foreigner. No matter how hard I tried to please them, I remained an outsider.

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*Adapted from 'A Thousand Pieces of Gold' by Adeline Yen Mah*

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

- 71 Which three-word phrase in paragraph 1 tells you that the family did not like the writer and the sister? [1m]

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- 72 In paragraph 2, how did the elder sister make sure that the writer's good report cards were kept safe? [1m]

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- 73 Choose words from paragraphs 3 to 4 which have similar meanings to the words below. [3m]

anxious	
mentally sound	
frightened	

- 74 Why did the writer's father agree to send her to England? [2m]

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- 75 What was the 'lie' the writer was referring to in line 32? [2m]

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- 76 Write 1, 2, 3 and 4 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the story. [1m]

- \_\_\_\_\_ The manager and the writer were talking over the phone.  
\_\_\_\_\_ The writer's sister got married.  
\_\_\_\_\_ The writer was not happy at her workplace.  
\_\_\_\_\_ The writer travelled to England to start her university education.

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- 77 Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table below is 'True' or 'False' then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

	True/False	Reason
The writer was very angry with the manager.		
When the writer was told she was not an officer.		
Although the manager was eager to hire the writer.		

- 78 Explain clearly why the writer's colleagues in Hong Kong treated her differently. [2m]

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- 79 The table below shows the causes and results of events in the passage. Fill in the blanks using information from the passage. [3m]

Cause	Result
	The writer was informed in the interview.
	The writer was asked to write a letter of application.
The manager was pleased again to hire the writer.	

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80 Although the writer suffered discrimination in her life, there were moments when she was happy. **Support your answer with two such moments from the passage.** [2m]

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

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

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Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
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39)situated      40)a      41)environment      42)vulnerable

43)managed      44)safest      45)their      46)mistaken

47)threatening      48)shouting      49)aggressive      50)accustomed

51)heard      52)off      53)topic      54)discovered/found/spotted

55)all      56)out      57)selling      58)as      59)difference

60)eat/serve/ consume/take/enjoy      61)for      62)in

63)remove      64)rules      65)trust

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70)The marathon runner fainted at the finishing line due to the fact that he was exhausted.

71)viewed with contempt

72)The elder sister would lock the writer's good report cards in her drawer and wear the key around her neck.

73)Desperate

sane

terrified

74)The writer's father agreed to sent the writer to England as the writer's name was in the newspapers for having won first prize in a writing competition, and wanted her to have higher education.

75)The writer was referring to the manager telling the writer that the position she had applied for , a clerk, had been filled when it actually had not.

76)3 , 1 , 4 , 2

77)True / The writer's mother had died giving birth to the writer.

False / The writer wrote kung fu stories that made her friends giggle.

True / The manager wanted the writer to start work on the day the writer applied for the job.

**78)The writer was a graduate of an English instead of a Hong Kong medical school where all her colleagues graduated. They felt that she spoke with a strange accent like a foreigner and so they treated her differently-like an outsider.**

**79)Cause :**

**The writer had won first prize in a writing competition she had entered.**

**The writer was desperate to go to university and finish her studies but her father did not want to pay for her education.**

**Result :**

**The manager lied that the writer's position had been filled.**

**80)i)The writer was happy when she saw her classmates giggling as they read her stories.**

**ii)The writer was happy when her father sent her to England for higher education.**

