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Anglo-Chinese School (Primary)

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2010
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2 (BOOKLET A)
PRIMARY SIX

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FASRA Club

Playground at The Canopy



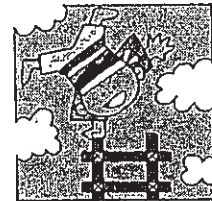
FASRA Club Family Day

Sat & Sun, 25 & 26 Sept 2010 • 10am to 6pm

Now you & your whole family can join FASRA at only \$60* a year!

*Terms and conditions apply.

Free goodie bags for the first 500 FASRA members each day!



FAMILY ADVENTURE WONDERLAND

Come celebrate FASRA Club's 1st Anniversary with your family! Join us and our amazing mascots on fun-filled adventures, held in conjunction with National Family Celebrations 2010!

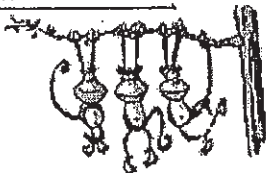
The Enchanted Tree

Interactive Play

Time: 10am – 6pm

Venue: Indoor Playground

Enjoy a 30-minute play and help fend off the villains who have invaded the monkeys' home, which is known as The Enchanted Tree.



Please collect your entry tickets at Kidz Amaze.

FASRA members can collect a maximum of 4 FREE* entry tickets per membership card.

Non FASRA members can purchase tickets at \$1 each.

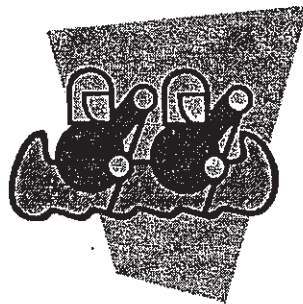
*While stocks last!

River of Adventure

Time: 10.30am – 6pm

Venue: Swimming Pool

Join us for the adventure of a lifetime! Challenge yourself by crossing hurdles and by maintaining your balance on stepping boards. Also, engage in interactive play by plunging into the pool, paddling boats and more!



Spine Walkway

Time: 10.30am – 5pm

Venue: Leisure Wing

See FASRA mascots come to life! Grab the opportunity to take photos with them and receive attractive goodies.

Meet-the-Mascots Sessions

10.30am
11.40am
12.50pm
2.00pm
3.10pm
4.20pm
5.30pm

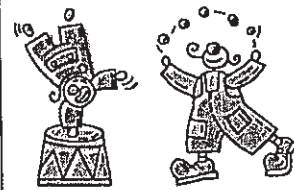


The Magical Circus

Time: 10.30am – 6pm

Venue: Multi-Purpose Outdoor Court

Visit the Magical Circus and win attractive prizes while enjoying yourself at the games stalls! Also, be entertained by a 30-minute circus performance that comprises a magic show, fire jugglers, clowns and more!



Show Times

10.30am	2.30pm
12.30pm	4.30pm

Visit us @ FASRA Club: 321 Sunray Avenue Singapore 123456,
call 66778899, visit www.fasra.com.sg or email fasraclub@fasra.com.sg for more information.

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 purpose of this advertisement is to _____.

- ☒ (1) attract at least 500 people to join FASRA Club
- ☐ (2) allow people to participate in National Family Celebrations 2010
- ☐ (3) get more people to bring their families to FASRA Club on weekends
- ☐ (4) invite FASRA members and non-members to enjoy the programmes at FASRA Club

2 The Enchanted Tree Interactive Play _____.

- ☒ (1) will be held at the Indoor Playground
- ☐ (2) requires entry tickets which are free for all
- ☐ (3) allows you to play with monkeys for half an hour
- ☐ (4) needs you to fend off the invaders of the villains' home

3 In how many way(s) can you find out more about the FASRA event?

- ☒ (1) 1
- ☐ (2) 2
- ☐ (3) 3
- ☐ (4) 4

4 Which of the following statements is true?

- ☒ (1) FASRA Club has celebrated Family Day more than once.
- ☐ (2) You may get wet and win a prize at the River of Adventure. ✓
- ☐ (3) Game stalls are located at the Multi-Purpose Outdoor Court. ✓
- ☐ (4) The FASRA mascots will be placed on display at the Spine Walkway.

5 At the Magical Circus, you can _____.

- ☒ (1) watch clowns perform from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm
- ☐ (2) be entertained by the FASRA mascots
- ☐ (3) win attractive prizes by playing games
- ☐ (4) learn to become a fire juggler

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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 Last week, the children _____ to Universal Studios.

- ☒ (1) go
- ☐ (2) gone
- ☐ (3) went
- ☐ (4) going

7 The weather forecast stated that it _____, for the whole of the following day.

- ☐ (1) rained
- ☐ (2) had rained
- ☒ (3) would be raining
- ☐ (4) had been raining

8 Neither Paul nor his brothers _____ going for Pete's birthday party this evening.

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

9 The football players train very hard before the start of the season, _____?

- ☐ (1) do they
- ☒ (2) don't they
- ☐ (3) would they
- ☐ (4) wouldn't they

10 The conman was sentenced _____ six months in prison for cheating an old woman.

- ☐ (1) in
- ☒ (2) to
- ☐ (3) with
- ☐ (4) against

11 "Everybody _____ of achieving his dreams if he works hard enough for it," said Adam.

- ☒ (1) is capable
- ☐ (2) are capable
- ☐ (3) was capable
- ☐ (4) were capable

12 Our music teacher often says that music _____ the savage beast.

- ☐ (1) soothe
- ☒ (2) soothes
- ☐ (3) soothed
- ☐ (4) soothing

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 couple of dog owners are arguing about whose pet is smarter.

"My dog is so smart," says the first owner (13) that every morning he waits for the newspaper boy to come around (14) He tips the kid and then brings the newspaper to me, along with my morning coffee."

"I know," says the second owner.

"How do you know (15)

"My dog told me."

Adapted from *Reader's Digest*

- 13 ☒ (1) [,] comma
☐ (2) [.] full-stop
☐ (3) [, "] comma and inverted commas
☐ (4) [. "] full stop and inverted commas

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

- 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 16 to 20, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(5 marks)

- 16 A banana tree producing blue fruits is _____ the villagers who cannot understand the reason for the strange phenomenon.

☒ (1) baffling
☐ (2) amusing
☐ (3) delighting
☐ (4) entertaining

- 17 Emil had the _____ task of confessing to the Discipline Master that he had been guilty of releasing the air from his car tyres on April Fool's Day.

☒ (1) daring
☐ (2) dreary
☐ (3) dashing
☐ (4) daunting

- 18 Sam sat at his desk listening to his history teacher with a _____ look in his eyes, wishing he was somewhere else.

☒ (1) dim
☐ (2) bright
☐ (3) glazed
☐ (4) serious

- 19 Mr Snape was not liked by his students as he punished them for the most _____ offences.

☒ (1) trivial
☐ (2) absurd
☐ (3) serious
☐ (4) accidental

- 20 The Jackal is a renowned terrorist who has managed to _____ capture all these years.

☒ (1) resist
☐ (2) evade
☐ (3) refuse
☐ (4) escape

Like most parents, my father has always tried to protect his children. As a doctor who specialises in public health issues, he is especially conscious of the seemingly innocuous situations surrounding us. (21)

Restaurants, Father warned, presented myriad risks, from careless waiters who might drop coffee on your head to employees who did not wash their hands. If we scoffed, he would cite examples from his days as the city's commissioner of health. (22) (23)

The weather was only one of the many natural menaces from which we had to guard ourselves. To this day, when I walk near tree branches, I hear his voice, "Watch your eyes!" (24)

Of course as children, my brothers and sisters and I did not always listen to Father. When we reminisce these days, we recall Father's admonitions and find ourselves uttering similar ones to our own children. (25)

Adapted from *Reader's Digest*

21. ☒ (1) benign
☒ (2) passive
☒ (3) innocent
☒ (4) harmless

22. ☒ (1) many
☒ (2) minute
☒ (3) miniscule
☒ (4) maximum

23. ☒ (1) derided
☒ (2) deferred
☒ (3) objected
☒ (4) protested

24. ☒ (1) ills
☒ (2) dangers
☒ (3) accidents
☒ (4) phenomena

25. ☒ (1) relax
☒ (2) regret
☒ (3) repent
☒ (4) remember

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow it.

One cool April afternoon, Sean Redden, 12, got off the school bus and slowly lugged his book bag to his family's small house in Denton, Texas.

"Hi, Mother," he said, squeezing around the kitchen table to sit at the computer.

Sharon Redden smiled as Sean navigated from one web site to another, the small kitchen echoing with electronic beeps. She and her husband lived on a tight budget but they had 5
scrimped and saved to buy the 'grey monster' because they understood that for Sean, computer skills were as vital as literacy.

"What are you playing?" Sharon asked.

"Oh," Sean shrugged, "I guess I'll go to the Tavern."

Glenshadow's Tavern is a popular role-playing chat room that combines Gothic 10
fantasy and science fiction. Sean logged in with the name of Meegosh. There were no new players in the chat room so he clicked on the icon of a cyber pal and chatted about school.

As he was about to sign off just before 6 p.m., he saw an unfamiliar name, Susan Hicks, blink onto the screen. Her brief message was 'shouted' in bold letters: "Would someone 15
help me!"

"A 'newbie' who doesn't know the rules," Sean muttered. "What's wrong?" he typed.

A moment later she replied, still shouting, "I can't breathe. Help me!" Type continued to appear on his screen. "Help me. I'm having trouble breathing. I can't feel my left side. I can't get 20
out of my chair."

"Oh, man," Sean moaned. Pretending to be paralysed was a crummy joke. This Susan 20
Hicks would not play this game if she had ever seen real kids in wheelchairs.

Scanning the screen, Sean saw other players were ignoring her.
He was about to click onto another icon when he paused. What if she's not fooling? If she's really 25
sick, I've got to help.

"Hey, Mother," he called. "There's a kid in here who's sick or something."

Adapted from *Reader's Digest*



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Paper	Maximum Marks	Marks Obtained
1. Composition	55	
2. Language Use & Comprehension	95	
2.1 OAS (Booklet A)	30	
2.2 Grammar Cloze	10	
2.3 Editing (Spelling & Grammar)	10	
2.4 Comprehension Cloze	15	
2.5 Synthesis & Transformation	10	
2.6 Comprehension	20	
3. Listening Comprehension	20	
4. Oral Communication	30	
Total	200	

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. Sean had difficulty _____.

- ☒ (1) finding cyber pals to talk to
- ☒ (2) logging on to Glenshadow's Tavern
- ☒ (3) carrying his book bag into his house
- ☒ (4) getting his mother's permission to play on the computer

27. The 'grey monster' in line ⁶9 refers to the _____.

- ☒ (1) name of Sean's cyber pal
- ☒ (2) computer in the Reddens' kitchen
- ☒ (3) Gothic characters in Glenshadow's Tavern
- ☒ (4) name Sean used to log into Glenshadow's Tavern

28. Susan Hicks 'shouted' for help by _____.

- ☒ (1) telling everyone she was in pain
- ☒ (2) writing her messages in thick, dark font
- ☒ (3) repeating her message over and over again
- ☒ (4) refusing to sign off from Glenshadow's Tavern

29. Sean decided to help Susan because _____.

- ☒ (1) his mother told him to help her
- ☒ (2) the other players were all ignoring her
- ☒ (3) he sympathised with people on wheelchairs
- ☒ (4) he thought there was a possibility she was really sick

30. A suitable title for this passage would be _____.

- ☒ (1) *Practising Cyber Safety*
- ☒ (2) *How Sean Helped Susan*
- ☒ (3) *A Cry for Help on the Internet*
- ☒ (4) *Role-playing and Chat Rooms*

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 to avoid confusion during marking.

(10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

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(B) any	(E) for	(H) more	(L) so	(P) which
(C) by	(F) in	(J) on	(N) the	(Q) very

Reflexology started thousands of years ago, perhaps as early as 4000 BC. Certainly
 _____ Egyptians used it in 2300 BC.

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In modern times, American doctors in particular, have been ~~interested~~ in reflexology and have used it to treat sports injuries. Dr William Fitzgerald, _____ example, developed

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'zone therapy' in 1917. He divided the body _____ zones of energy and massaged his

(33)

patients' fingers to reduce pain. More recently, other American doctors have found that the feet are
 _____ responsive to pressure than the hands _____ feet have become the most

(34)

(35)

important part of treatment.

Reflexologists believe that there are points (reflexes) _____ the feet and hands

(36)

that connect to each part of the body. _____ massaging these reflexes, the reflexologist

(37)

helps people to feel less tension in their body.

Touch is _____ important in reflexology. The reflexologist uses fingers

(38)

_____ thumbs to work on the reflexes. Touch is the first sense to develop in babies.

(39)

_____ touch someone is to value them. In fact, touch is a language of massage, both

(40)

Eastern and Western.

Adapted from *The Book of Massage, Gaia*

For each word in **bold**, write the correct spelling of the word in the box. For each underlined word, write the correct grammatical form of the word in the box. (10 marks)

Two of the most extraordinary tricksters of all time were Count Victor Lustig and Daniel

(41)

Collins. Together they managed to sell the Eiffel Tower – not once, and twice! First, the count

invited five businessmen to meet him in a Paris hotel. When they arrived, he made

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(43)

them take **vaos** of secrècy. He told them that the Eiffel Tower was in a dangerous **cun'dision**

and would have to be pulled down. He explained that the scrap metal had to be sold without the

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public knew about it. Within the week, the businessmen accepted the deal and the Eiffel Tower

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was **perchaysed**. Within 24 hours, the conmen were out of the country and waited for the

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story to be **parbliched**. However, the police were never informed as the men were too

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ashame to report that they had been cheated. So the two conmen returned for Paris and

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repeated the trick! This time, the scrap merchant did go to the police and the conmen flee.

They were never brought to justice, and they never revealed how much money they had

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apskonded with. Their story would later inspire conmen to 'sell' the Buckingham Palace, the Big

Ben, and Nelson's Column!

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Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Every time a child consumes a soft drink, he is laying the groundwork for a dangerous bone disease: osteoporosis. Fizzy and sugary drinks do not cause osteoporosis, but because they are often a _____ (51) for a glass of milk, children are coming up _____ (52) of the calcium and vitamin D they need to build a strong skeleton. Many of them also _____ (53) a sedentary lifestyle, so they are not getting the bone building _____ (54) of vigorous exercise either. These children are not just in jeopardy for brittle _____ (55) and fractures decades down the road: they could be at _____ (56) of osteoporosis at a younger age than before.

That is a cause for _____ (57). Osteoporosis is actually a childhood disease that manifests itself later in _____ (58). The condition _____ (59) bones to become riddled with holes. That can lead to broken bones, _____ (60) may cause deformity, chronic pain or disability. Osteoporosis can even be _____ (61): 20 per cent of older people who suffer a broken hip die within a year.

Bone loss can _____ (62) as early as age 25, yet many people are not _____ (63) it is an epidemic in the making. Awareness is the best prevention.

There is new understanding of the best ways to protect _____ (64) and our children. Simple lifestyle changes can save your bones and your life, and it is _____ (65) too soon to take action. Osteoporosis is preventable.

Adapted from *Building Better Bones* by Lisa Collier Cool

Synthesis/Transformation

For each of the items 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 given one(s).
(10 marks)

- 66 My sister, who is eighteen, is too young to vote during the National Elections.

My sister, _____ is not

- 67 The soccer team must train hard for the World Cup. They will not qualify for it.

_____ unless

- 68 Uncle Rahim said, "I don't like going to the casino."

Uncle Rahim _____

- 69 My father rarely shows any sadness.

Rarely _____

- 70 I ate too much for supper. I was unable to sleep well.

Having _____

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

(20 marks)

It was not long before I received the unwelcome news that yet another tutor had been found for me. This time, it was a certain individual named Kralevsky, a person descended from an intricate tangle of nationalities but predominantly English. The family informed me that he was a very nice man and one who was, moreover, interested in birds, so we should get on together. I was not, however, the least impressed by this last bit of information. I felt certain that the family had invented this bird-loving tutor simply in an effort to make me feel happier about having to start work once again. I set off for town to my first lesson in the gloomiest possible frame of mind. 5

Kralevsky lived in the top two storeys of a square, mildewed old mansion that stood on the outskirts of town. I climbed the wide staircase and rapped on the knocker that decorated the front door. I waited, glowering to myself and digging the heel of my shoe into the wine-red carpet with considerable violence. Just as I was about to knock again, there came the soft pad of footsteps, and the front door was flung wide to reveal my new tutor. 10

"Gerry Durrell?" he asked, bobbing like a sparrow and flapping his large, bony hands at me. "Come in, my dear boy." He beckoned me with a long forefinger, and I walked past him into the dark hall, the floorboards creaking protestingly under their mangy skin of carpet. "Through here; this is the room we shall work in," fluted Kralevsky, throwing open a door and ushering me into a small, sparsely furnished room. I put my books on the table and sat down in the chair he indicated. He leaned over the table and smiled at me in a vague way. I smiled back, not knowing quite what he expected. "Friends!" he exclaimed. "It is most important that we are friends. I am quite certain we will become friends, aren't you?" 15 20

I nodded seriously, biting the inside of my cheeks to prevent myself from smiling. "Yes, yes, that's it," he said firmly. "I'm sure we shall be friends. Your mother tells me you have a great love of natural history. This, you see, gives us something in common straight away... a bond as it were, eh? I thought perhaps you might care to see my collection. Half an hour or so with the feathered creatures will do us no harm before we start work. Besides, I was a little late this morning and one or two of them need fresh water." 25

He led the way up a creaking staircase to the top of the house and paused in front of a green door. He produced an immense bunch of keys that jangled musically as he searched for the right one. As he opened the heavy door, a dazzle of sunlight poured out of the room, blinding me, and with it came a deafening chorus of bird-song. The walls were linked, from floor to ceiling, with row upon row of big, airy cages containing dozens of fluttering, chirruping birds. The floor of the room was covered with a fine layer of bird seed, so that as you walked, your feet scrunched pleasantly, as though you were on a shingle beach. I edged slowly round the room, pausing to gaze at each cage, while Kralevsky seized a large watering-can from the table and danced nimbly from cage to cage, filling water-pots. 30 35

"I wonder if you care to assist?" he asked, staring at me with vacant eyes. "A task like this is much easier if two pairs of hands work at it, I always think. Now, if you hold the watering-can, I will hold out the pot to be filled. Excellent! We shall accomplish this in no time at all."

Eventually, the watering was done and Kralevsky stood surveying the birds for a moment or so, smiling to himself and wiping his hands carefully on a small towel. We were examining a fat, flushed, bullfinch, when suddenly, a loud, tremulous ringing sound rose above the clamour of bird-song. To my astonishment, the noise seemed to emanate from somewhere inside Kralevsky's stomach. 40

"My goodness!" he exclaimed in horror. He inserted finger and thumb into his waistcoat 45 and drew out his pocket watch. He depressed a tiny lever and the ringing sound ceased. Krlevsky peered eagerly at his watch and then scowled in disgust. "Twelve o'clock already... dear me, and you leave at half past, don't you?"

He slipped his watch back into his pocket and smoothed his bald patch. "Well," he said at last, "we cannot achieve any scholastic advancement in half an hour. Therefore, if it would 50 pass the time pleasantly for you, I suggest we go into the garden below."

Moments later, we heard a car honk like a wounded duck. "Your car, I believe," observed Krlevsky politely. "We may consider the morning not wasted. It was a form of introduction, a measuring up of each other. I hope a chord of friendship has been struck."

When I got home, the family asked me how I liked my new tutor. Without going into 55 details, I said that I found him very nice and that I was sure we should become firm friends. As to what we had studied that morning, I replied, with a certain amount of honesty, that the morning had been devoted to the study of animals. The family seemed satisfied.

Adapted from *My Family and Other Animals* by Gerald Durrell

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71 Which word in the first paragraph has the same meaning as 'mainly'?

72 What two things did the author's family say about the tutor to make him feel happier about having to go for tuition?

73 Why was the author digging the heel of his shoe into the carpet 'with considerable violence' (line 12)?

74 Which of Krlevsky's actions in paragraph 3 were similar to that of a bird?

75 In paragraph 4, why did Gerry bite the ~~the~~ inside of his cheeks to stop himself from smiling?

76 What did Gerry and Kravsky have in common?

77 How did Kravsky and the author divide the ~~the~~ task of filling the water pots?

78 What was the 'loud, tremulous ringing sound' (line 42)?

79 Why did Kravsky consider the morning not wasted?

80 Do you think Gerry will look forward to going for tuition classes? Why?

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 66.My sister, who is eighteen is not old enough to vote during the National Elections.
 67.The soccer team will not qualify for the World Cup unless they train hard for it.
 68.Uncle Rahim said that he did not like going to the casino.
 69.Rarely does my father shows any sadness.
 70.Having eaten too much for supper, I was unable to sleep well.
 71.The world is predominantly

- 72.They said that hw was a very nice man and that he had an interest in birds.
 73.The writers was not happy to go for tuition.
 74.Krlevsky's was bobbing like a sparrow and flopping his large bony hands.
 75.He found krlevsky very funny. 76.They both haved natural history.
 77.Krlevsky held out the pots and the writer would fill them.
 78.It was the sound of Krlevsley's pocket watch ringing.
 79.They used the time to get to know each other.
 80.Krlevsky was a very nice man and they were sure to be firm friends.

