

CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL
PRIMARY 4 ENGLISH LANGUAGE
2007 SEMESTRAL EXAMINATION 1
PAPER 1

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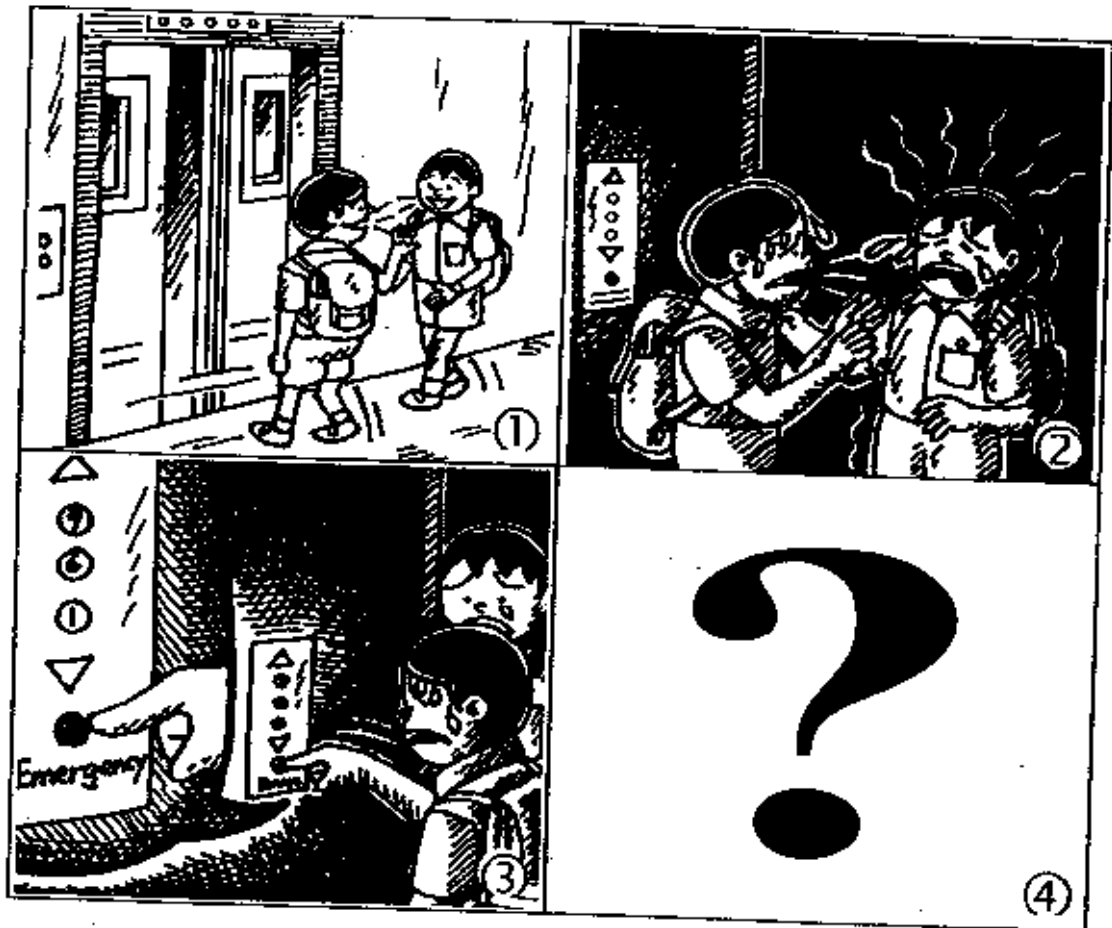
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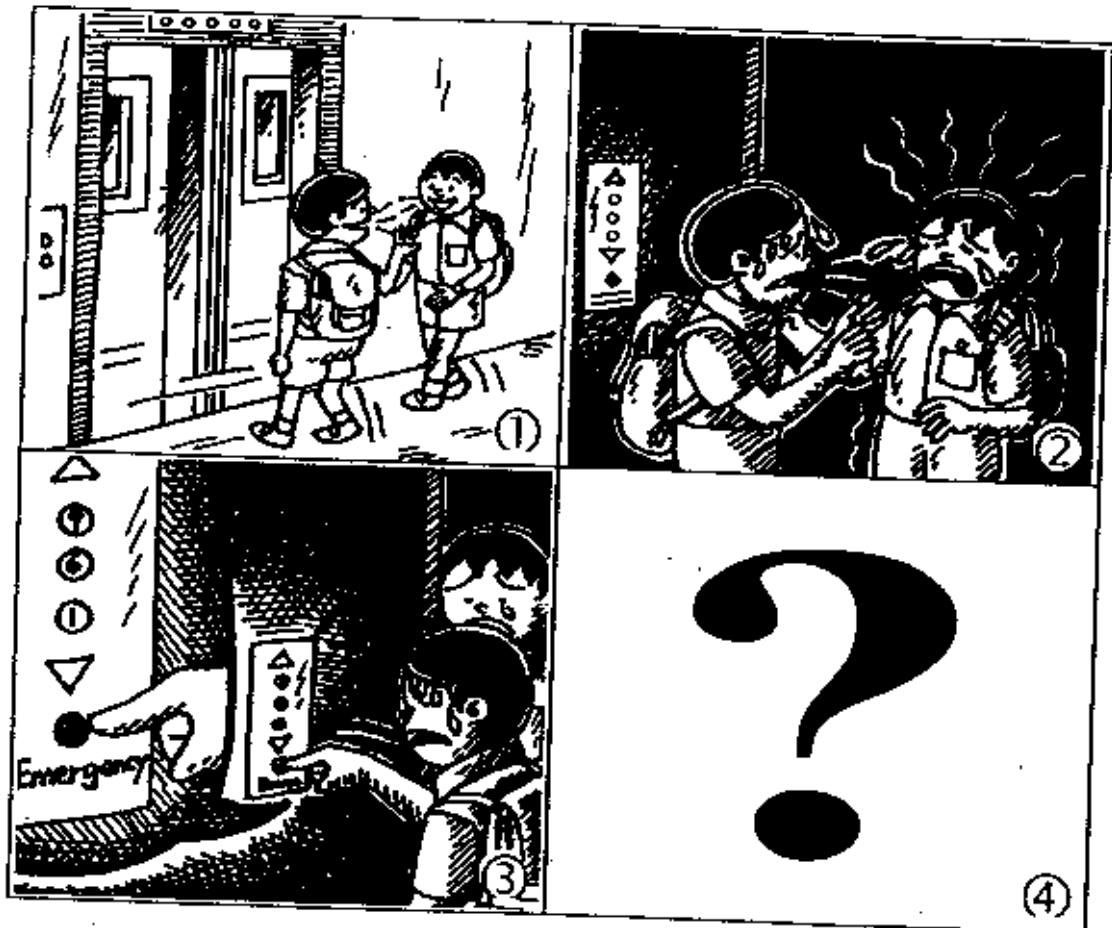
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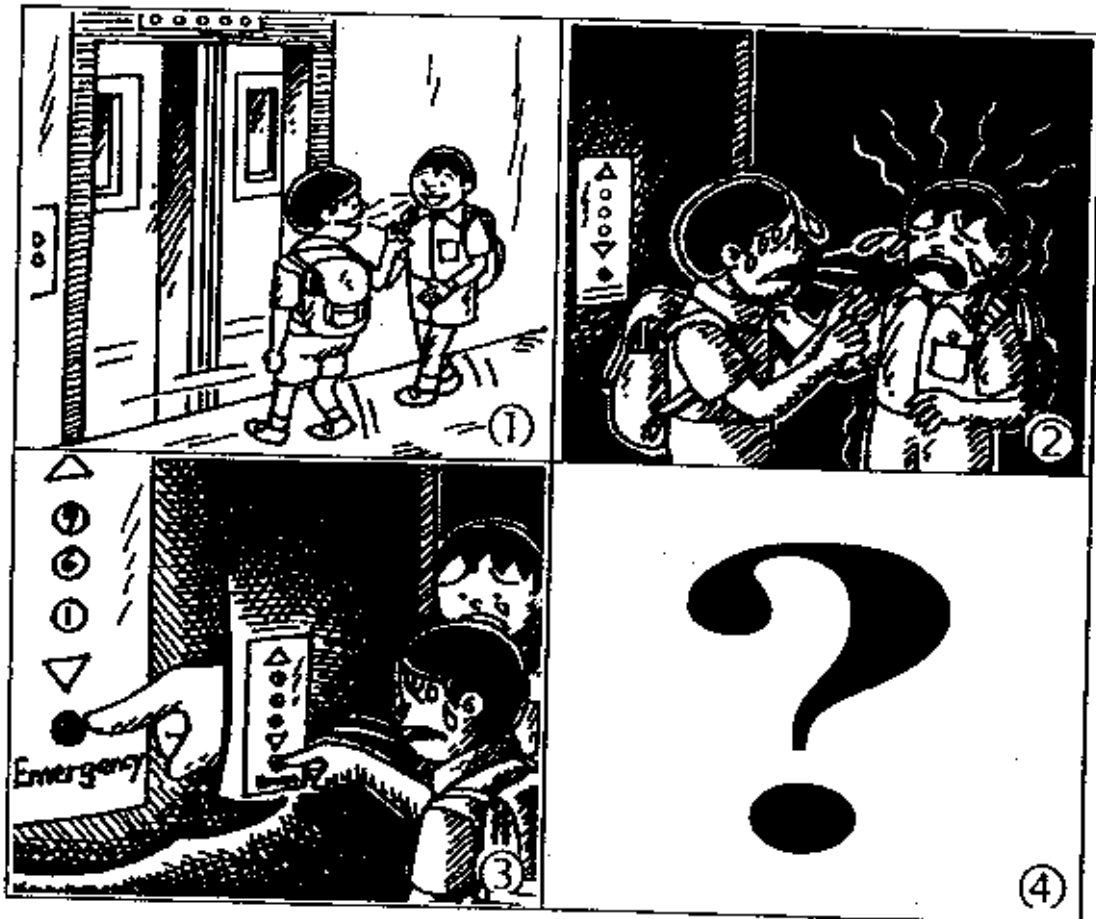
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Semestral Assessment 1 – 2007

English Language

PAPER 2

4th May 2007

Parent's Signature: _____

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Duration of Paper: 1 h 30 min

Do not open the booklet until you are told to do so.
Follow all instructions carefully.

Section A – Picture Matching (4 x 1 mark)

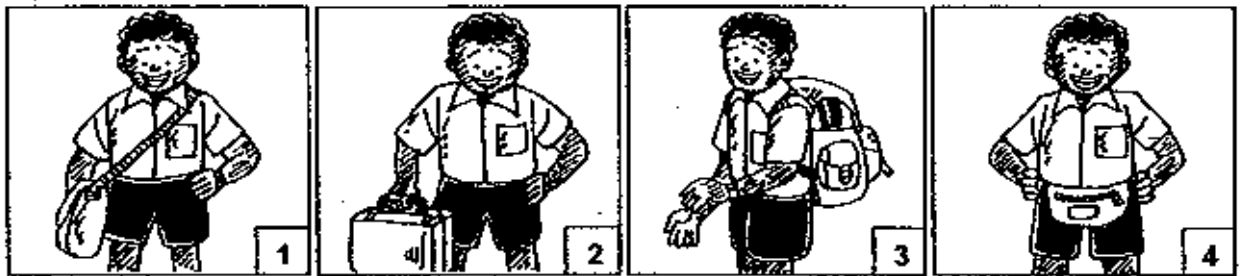
Look at the set of pictures. Listen carefully to your teacher and choose the picture that describes what has been read. Then choose the correct answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet provided.

(1)



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(2)



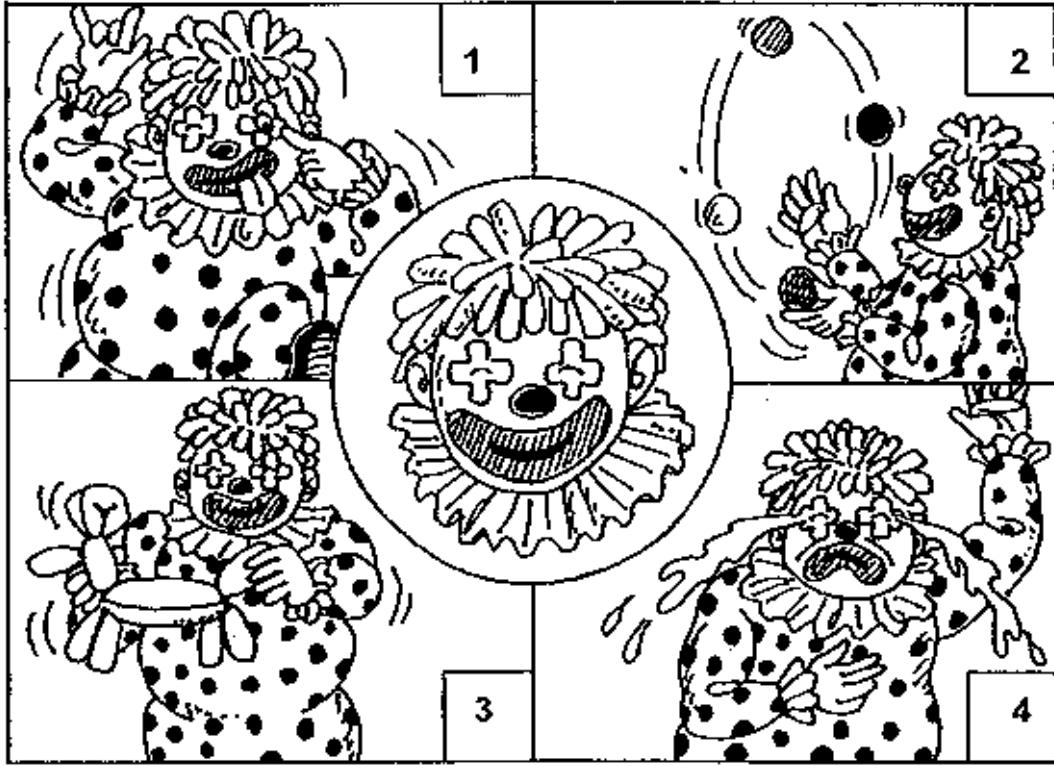
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Section B – Vocabulary Multiple Choice Questions (7 x 1 mark)

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

5. The police are appealing to all _____ to come forward to assist them in the investigation of the bank robbery that happened two weeks ago.
- (1) onlookers (2) passers-by
(3) spectators (4) witnessess ()
6. Nina was angry with the man who had stepped on her shoe. She _____ at him.
- (1) glared (2) glanced
(3) sneered (4) sniggered ()
7. Many houses in Thailand were _____ in the heavy floods during the recent monsoon.
- (1) demolished (2) displaced
(3) drenched (4) drowned ()
8. The waiter _____ that he had taken the watch from the customer's handbag.
- (1) denied (2) ignored
(3) pleaded (4) refused ()
9. It was such a _____ to hear that your elderly uncle did not suffer major injuries from the fall.
- (1) pain (2) relief
(3) regret (4) pleasure ()
10. Jane's mother waited _____ for her to come home as it was getting late. She appeared worried.
- (1) happily (2) excitedly
(3) anxiously (4) impatiently ()
11. After the battle, the _____ were buried and the injured were taken to the hospital.
- (1) deceased (2) disadvantaged
(3) wronged (4) wounded ()

Section C – Grammar Multiple Choice Questions (8 x 1 mark)

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

12. When I saw the school bag in the canteen, I knew _____ it was.
(1) who (2) when
(3) which (4) whose ()
13. The book _____ I read last week is very interesting. Would you like to read it?
(1) who (2) whom
(3) which (4) whose ()
14. The motorcycle sped _____ my uncle's shop before screeching to a halt.
(1) pass (2) passed
(3) past (4) passing ()
15. Katie asked me to help _____ to the food on the table.
(1) herself (2) himself
(3) itself (4) myself ()
16. Either Lina or I _____ to be blamed for the damage of the piano.
(1) is (2) am
(3) are (4) were ()
17. I told the waitress to add _____ sugar in my coffee.
(1) any (2) many
(3) a few (4) a little ()
18. To the surprise of _____, Mr Thomas suddenly began to sing.
(1) anybody (2) everybody
(3) nobody (4) somebody ()
19. The children insisted on going to Pulau Ubin _____ it was raining cats and dogs.
(1) although (2) because
(3) if (4) even ()

Section D – Graphic Stimulus (5 x 1 mark)

Study the advertisement carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Millenium Community Club

Activities

LEARNING TO BOWL

Great News For Retirees Who Want to Learn How To Bowl

For Whom : Millenium Community Club Members

When : Course starting in early July 2007

Where : Super Bowl

Fee : Free

GET CREATIVE WITH PLANTS

Are you planning to re-design your garden or balcony and need some fresh ideas? This course covers overall design, choice of plants, garden materials & advice for supervising contract work.

Date/Time: Session A - Saturday 21/7/07 2 pm to 5 pm

Session B - Sunday 29/7/07 10 am to 1 pm

Venue : Botanical Gardens

Fee : \$24 (member)

\$30 (non-member)

PAINTING CLASS

Open to children between 5 - 8 years old

Make your very own bookmarks out from paper castings that you will paint. You will be given two button pictures to paint which can be made into pins and magnets. You'll also be given a box of activity paints upon registration!

Date : 14/7/07

Time : 2.30 pm to 4 pm

Venue: Art & Craft Room (Level 2)

Fee : \$6 (member)

\$10 (non-member)

BASIC CANOEING

Certificate Course

Participants will be trained (Theory and Practical) based on a syllabus and you may then register for the test upon completion of the three sessions.

Date : 28/7/07, 4/8/07, 11/8/07

Time : 8.30 am to 11.30 am

Venue : East Coast Park

Fee : \$65 (member)

\$85 (non-member)

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

20. The bowling course is most likely to take place on _____.
- (1) 7 July 2007
 - (2) 14 July 2007
 - (3) 21 July 2007
 - (4) 28 July 2007 ()
21. You need to attend _____ sessions in order to be eligible to take a test on canoeing.
- (1) 1
 - (2) 2
 - (3) 3
 - (4) 4 ()
22. Those with green fingers will be interested to sign up for the _____ course.
- (1) Painting
 - (2) Basic Canoeing
 - (3) Learning to Bowl
 - (4) Get Creative with Plants ()
23. In the Painting Class, each participant is given _____.
- (1) a bookmark
 - (2) paper castings
 - (3) pins and magnets
 - (4) a box of activity paints ()
24. Certificates will be given to participants of the _____ course.
- (1) Painting
 - (2) Basic Canoeing
 - (3) Learning to Bowl
 - (4) Get Creative with Plants ()

Section E – Comprehension Multiple Choice Questions (5 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Leeches are worm-like creatures which live in damp, dark places. These creatures attach themselves to any passing human or animal and begin to suck blood from them. Usually the person has no idea that he has a leech on him until some time later when he or his friends notice a patch of blood on his clothing.

Several decades ago, Dr Roy Sawyer, an American researcher recognised the potential benefits of "leech therapy" and started one of the world's first leech farms. In Dr Sawyer's farm, leeches are fed on a steady diet of blood from the local abattoirs. These leeches are often sold to scientists who want them for research. Some, however, are bought by doctors for use in surgery because leeches have been used successfully in operations where patients had to have their fingers stitched back on. Today, the company provides tens of thousands of leeches every year to hospitals in dozens of countries.

Leeches release certain chemicals into their victim's bloodstream as they suck blood from them. Doctors have found that some of these chemicals seem to help restore damaged cells in the body. Others encourage the blood to flow more freely. It is these chemicals that doctors find useful in surgery.

Not long ago, Dr Sawyer's leeches came to the rescue of a five-year-old boy in the United States. The boy's ear had been ripped off by a dog. Surgeons stitched on the boy's ear but there was still a problem – the blood would not flow from his body to his stitched-on ear. A batch of leeches was flown from Wales to America. Two were attached to the boy's ear. To the doctors' delight, the leeches immediately began to swell up with blood. This showed that they were causing the blood to flow back to the boy's ear.

Dr Sawyer feels that there is a bright future for leeches as life-savers, and he thinks that they will offer hope to people who suffer from heart attacks.

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

25. Leeches look like _____.
- (1) worms
 - (2) animals
 - (3) creatures ()
 - (4) human-beings
26. Leeches are often sold to _____ and scientists.
- (1) doctors
 - (2) farmers
 - (3) abattoirs
 - (4) companies ()
27. Leeches help heal wounds of victims by _____.
- (1) damaging cells in the body
 - (2) feeding on a steady diet of food.
 - (3) restoring damaged cells in the body.
 - (4) releasing chemicals into the bloodstream ()
28. What was the problem faced by the five-year-old boy after the surgery?
- (1) There was no blood flow to his ear.
 - (2) His ear had been ripped off by a dog.
 - (3) Two leeches were attached to his ear.
 - (4) The leeches swelled up with blood from him. ()
29. The surgeon was _____ when he saw blood swelling in the leeches.
- (1) surprised
 - (2) frustrated
 - (3) overjoyed
 - (4) disappointed ()

Section F – Vocabulary Cloze (6 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the most suitable word in the box and write its letter (A to K) in the blank. The letter 'I' has been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking.

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY

(A) blast	(C) blaze	(E) charred	(G) control	(J) decomposed
(B) engaged	(D) engulfed	(F) flee	(H) investigations	(K) swept

A fire occurred in Queenstown yesterday evening. The (30) _____ broke out in a two-storey textile factory in Queenstown Drive. It is believed that the fire had started from the kitchen on the ground floor and had spread to the upper floor. The deadly fire (31) _____ through the entire ground floor. Many of the workers were caught unprepared and were unable to (32) _____ as the only exit of the factory was being blocked by the fire.

Firefighters fought hard to bring the flames under (33) _____. They described the fire as "racing" as it (34) _____ the area within minutes. According to them, the victims ran to the rear end of the building but were unable to escape because the wall was too high. They found the (35) _____ bodies of two people there. At least twenty-five people were killed in this accident. All were taken to the Singapore General Hospital.



Section G – Comprehension Cloze (8 x 1 mark)

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

Lawrence Sudirman is a veterinarian who came from Indonesia. He became a veterinarian (36) _____ of his love for animals. He is concerned for the well-being (37) _____ animals. He also feels that he has to (38) _____ them of their diseases and ease their suffering.

Lawrence lived with his family in Sumatra when he was young. They lived in a big house just outside a village. According to him, two animals helped to shape his ambition to become a veterinarian. The first animal was a kitten he (39) _____ from a drain. Lawrence took it home and asked his mother whether he could keep it. At first, she refused (40) _____ the kitten mewed so pitifully that she agreed. He named his kitten "Drinn" because he had found it in a drain. Drinn became Lawrence's best companion and it had never once left his side (41) _____ when he went to school. Lawrence was terribly sad when Drinn was (42) _____ over by a car.

The other animal that was special to him was Browne, a cow that lived in a farm behind his house. She was white with two big brown (43) _____ on the right side of her body. Whenever she saw Lawrence, she would go to him with a loud 'moo' and lick him just like a dog would!



Section H – Comprehension (5 x 2 mark)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Write your answers in complete sentences.

On 26 March 1991, Singapore Airlines Flight SQ117 was hijacked at 10.15 pm. The Airbus, carrying more than one hundred passengers and crew members, was flying from Kuala Lumpur to Singapore. Shortly after its departure from Kuala Lumpur, four men, who were passengers on the flight, took control of the plane. They were armed with explosives and knives. It was the first time **this** had happened to Singapore Airlines.

The plane touched down at Changi International Airport and was immediately surrounded by police officers. The four hijackers, who claimed to be members of the Pakistan People's Party, issued a list of demands. These included the release of certain prisoners in Pakistan and for the aircraft to be refuelled and flown to Australia.

The area in the vicinity of the plane was cordoned off and darkened as lights around the airport police station were turned off. Journalists and photographers were told to leave. Two crew members were thrown out of the plane, sustaining bruises and minor injuries. The hijackers gave a five-minute deadline, beyond which they threatened to kill one passenger every ten minutes if their demands were not met.

Racing against time, with only three minutes to the deadline, the Singapore government sent an order to storm the plane. Armed with weapons, a team of Singapore Armed Forces Commandos stormed the plane and mounted a swift rescue operation; they opened the doors of the aircraft from the exterior and entered it swiftly. Then, shouting at the passengers and crew to lower their heads, the commandos opened fire and all the four hijackers were shot dead!

All the other passengers and crew escaped unhurt. They slid down the emergency evacuation chutes near the wings of the aircraft which were lowered. They were later driven to the Airport Terminal in three buses. While all these were taking place, there was the usual early morning calm at the airport. In fact, many of the passengers checking in for their flights were unaware of the drama.

Later in that day, the Minister of Home Affairs held a press conference to announce the success of the rescue operation.

(Adapted from <http://www.infopedia.nl.sg>).

Answer the following questions. Write your answers in complete sentences.

44. Where did the hijackers board the Singapore Airlines aircraft?

45. What does the word "this" in the first paragraph refer to?

46. Why did the hijackers hold the passengers and crew as hostages?

47. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as "speedily"?

48. How did the passengers and crew evacuate from the hijacked aeroplane?



Section I – Note-Taking and Dictation (12 marks)

Q49 – Q54 is a note-taking test (6 x 1 mark)

Q55 is a dictation test.

Peter was not at home when his friend, Adam called. Peter's sister, Mary, took down the message to inform Peter of what Adam wanted.

Each blank from Q49 to Q54 should be filled with **ONE** word.

As you listen, fill in the blanks with the information given.

Telephone Message

49. Message is taken for _____

50. Name of caller: _____

51. Football match: Brazil's opponent: _____

52. Meeting place: _____ Coffee Shop.

53. Time to meet: _____ p.m.

54. Reminder: Wear _____ T-shirt to support your favourite team.





ANSWER SHEET

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SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (1)

1. 2 30) C
2. 3 31) K
3. 4 32) F
4. 1 33) G
5. 4 34) D
6. 1 35) B
7. 4 36) because
8. 1 37) of
9. 2 38) cure
10. 3 39) saved
11. 3 40) but
12. 4 41) even
13. 3 42) run
14. 3 43) ...
15. 4 44) They boarded the plane at Kuala Lumpur.
16. 4 45) It refers to the plane being hijacked.
18. 0 46) They want the Singapore government to meet their demands.
19. 1
20. 1
21. 3 47) It is "swiftly."
22. 4 48) They evacuated by sliding down the emergency evacuation chutes near the wings of the aircraft.
23. 4
24. 2
25. 1 49) peter
26. 1 50) Adam
27. 3 51) Italy
28. 1 52) Yummy
29. 3 53) 9:30
- 54) blue

55) It was really exciting to watch the match with so many other soccer fans like me. I shouted for joy when my favourite team, Italy, scored the winning goal before the final whistle. I would definitely watch other matches at the café in future.