



Anglo-Chinese School (Primary)

MID-YEAR EXAMINATION 2008

P4 ENGLISH LANGUAGE - LISTENING COMPREHENSION

Name: _____ () Class: Primary 4 _____

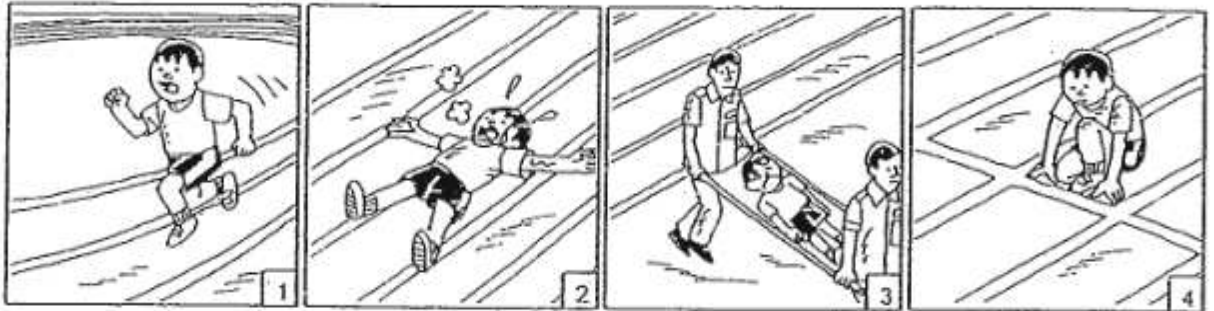
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Part 1: Picture Matching (4 marks)

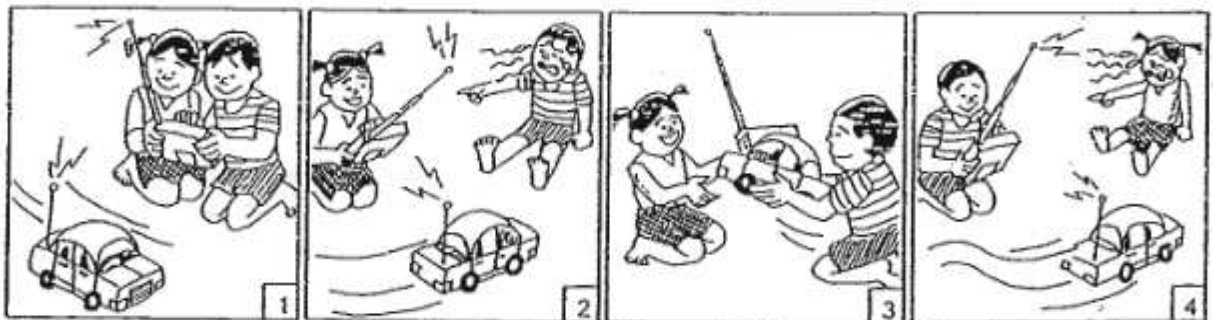
Look at the set of pictures. I am going to read to you some statements. Then choose the picture that shows what I have read. Write the number 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the brackets provided.



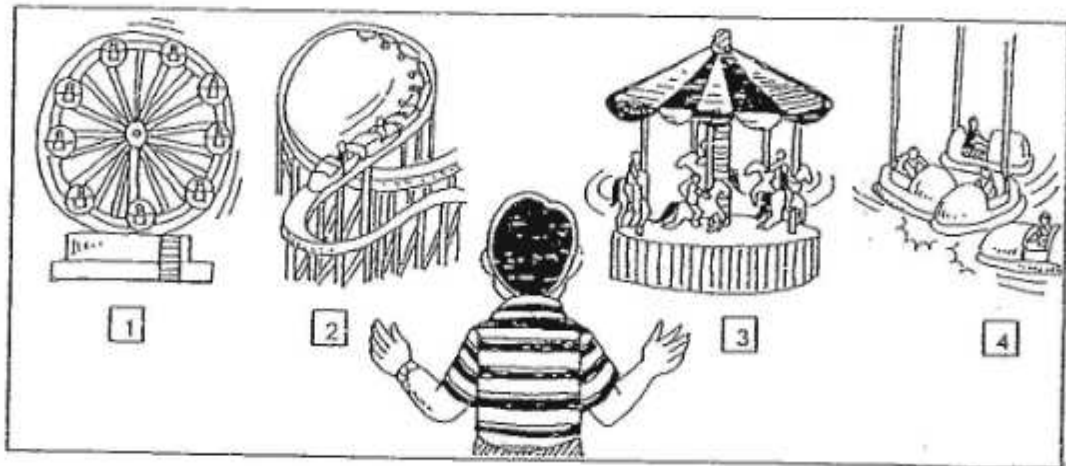
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Q3.....()



Q4..... ()

Part 2 – Note-taking & Dictation (6 marks)

Q5 to Q 10 is a note-taking test.

Q11 is a dictation test.

Your class will be doing project work. Your teacher tells the class what they are expected to do for this project.

-As you listen, take down the missing information by filling in each blank numbered Q5 to Q10 with one word.

Integrated Project Work

Q5. Topic : _____ Disasters.

Q6. Number of members per group : _____

Q7. Duration of the project : _____ months.

Q8. Date of commencement : _____

Q9. End product : _____ presentation and a write up.

Q10. Sources of information : _____ and books.



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P4 ENGLISH LANGUAGE - PAPER 2 (BOOKLET A)

Name: _____ () Class: Primary 4 _____

Date: 5 May 2008

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Section A: Graphic Stimulus (5 x 1 mark each = 5 marks)

Study the advertisement below and then answer the questions that follow it.

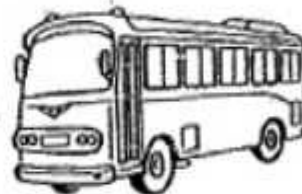
THE JOGGERS' CLUB Presents RUN WITH SPIRIT



HALF MARATHON 2008

Age Group: No age limit
Date : 16 December 2008
Time : 5.45 a.m.
Venue : Pierce Reservoir

Bus leaving Carnation Country Club at 5.00 a.m.



Registration

Date: 2 & 3 December 2008
Time: 9.00 - 11.30am
Venue: Carnation Country Club



- Transport provided
- Souvenirs for all participants
- Early birds will receive free T-shirts
- Get a chance to participate in Lucky Draw when you register early and win cash prizes!



Sponsored by: SPEED PTE LTD

Official Drink:
101 Plus



Co-sponsor:
Adimas



For each question from 1 to 5, four options are given. Choose the correct answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(5 marks)

1. The organiser of this event is _____.
 - (1) 101 Plus
 - (2) Speed Pte Ltd
 - (3) The Joggers' Club
 - (4) Carnation Country Club

2. Registration for the event will commence at _____.
 - (1) 5.00 a.m.
 - (2) 5.45 a.m.
 - (3) 9.00 a.m.
 - (4) 11.30 a.m.

3. The marathon will be held at _____.
 - (1) Speed Pte Ltd
 - (2) Pierce Reservoir
 - (3) The Joggers' Club
 - (4) Carnation Country Club

4. Those who register early will _____.
 - (1) receive cash prizes
 - (2) each receive a souvenir
 - (3) be able to take part in the Lucky Draw
 - (4) be able to take home free T-shirts and souvenirs

5. Which of the following statements is not true?
 - (1) Registration is open for two days.
 - (2) The event is for participants of all ages.
 - (3) Adimas is the main sponsor for the event.
 - (4) The organisers will provide buses for participants.

Section B: Grammar (10 x 1 mark each = 10 marks)

For each question from 6 to 15, 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. (10 marks)

6. During each Chinese New Year, many visitors _____ along the Istana grounds to meet the President.
- (1) strolls
 - (2) strolled
 - (3) will stroll
 - (4) are strolling
7. We will be having a concert _____ the end of November.
- (1) in
 - (2) at
 - (3) on
 - (4) during
8. Johnston, as well as his brother Livingston, _____ in the school rugby team.
- (1) is
 - (2) be
 - (3) am
 - (4) are
9. Many popular stories _____ into scripts for movies over the years.
- (1) was turned
 - (2) is being turned
 - (3) has been turned
 - (4) have been turned
10. This is the father of the little girl _____ you had found wandering about in the shopping centre.
- (1) who
 - (2) which
 - (3) whom
 - (4) whose

11. Stella writes well, _____ she?
- (1) don't
 - (2) hasn't
 - (3) doesn't
 - (4) haven't
12. "We must take responsibility for _____ own actions," advised the teacher.
- (1) his
 - (2) her
 - (3) our
 - (4) your
13. All the boys have tried very hard, but not even _____ of them won a prize.
- (1) all
 - (2) few
 - (3) one
 - (4) none
14. No one _____ Benjamin as he is very naughty.
- (1) like
 - (2) likes
 - (3) liked
 - (4) is liking
15. I disagree _____ you when you say that it was Aaron who had started the fight.
- (1) by
 - (2) with
 - (3) over
 - (4) along

Section C: Vocabulary (10 × 1 mark each = 10 marks)

For each question from 16 to 25, 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. (10 marks)

16. Unlike one who is _____, a proud person is unpopular.
- (1) rowdy
 - (2) humble
 - (3) respectful
 - (4) adventurous
17. The flight from Australia will arrive at ten o'clock while the one to London will _____ at eleven o'clock.
- (1) depart
 - (2) diminish
 - (3) disperse
 - (4) disappear
18. The lion fought _____ with the leopard which intruded its den and killed it.
- (1) irritably
 - (2) playfully
 - (3) diligently
 - (4) ferociously
19. After one hour of _____ searching for our missing pet, we were really upset and sought help from the police.
- (1) frantic
 - (2) faithful
 - (3) fidgety
 - (4) forceful
20. The spectators at the soccer match cheered till their voices were _____.
- (1) crude
 - (2) coarse
 - (3) hoarse
 - (4) emotional

21. On seeing the hunters, the racoons _____ deeper into the forest.
- (1) strode
 - (2) skidded
 - (3) scurried
 - (4) slithered
22. All the runners, except Zachary, were exhausted and lacked the _____ to continue with the marathon.
- (1) speed
 - (2) stamina
 - (3) patience
 - (4) potential
23. Doctors have not _____ a cure for cancer despite carrying out extensive research to date.
- (1) solved
 - (2) invented
 - (3) prescribed
 - (4) discovered
24. The plants grew well as the weather conditions were _____.
- (1) credible
 - (2) possible
 - (3) favourable
 - (4) reasonable
25. Mrs Gan is very _____. You don't have to be afraid of meeting her.
- (1) aloof
 - (2) amiable
 - (3) arrogant
 - (4) aggressive

Section D: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1 mark each = 5 marks)

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

It was like any other Saturday morning. The sun shone brightly and the sky was as clear as crystal. John and David were busy packing their bags as they had planned to trek up the hill that was behind their house. Their hope was to develop more stamina for their upcoming marathon.

Soon they set off eagerly. The trek took them about one hour before they arrived at the top. The boys stood silently in awe as they take in the picturesque view of the town below and their surroundings.

Having exerted themselves, the boys were extremely hot and sweaty, so they decided to take a dip in the stream nearby. The water felt really refreshing. The boys swam and chased each other happily. They had such a good time that they did not notice the sky darkening and the water getting chilly.

It was the silence that finally got the boys' attention. They looked up at the threatening sky and quickly got out of the water as the first few drops of rain began to fall.

"We have to find shelter before the rain gets heavier!" shouted David.

Fortunately, there was a little wooden hut on the hill. They barely reached the hut before the rain began pouring heavily. The wind grew stronger by the minute and a few trees were uprooted. Minutes later, even part of the hut's roof was blown away. The rain began to stream into the hut as John and David clung on to each other fearfully.

Suddenly a bolt of lightning struck a tree which was located a few metres away from the hut. The tree trunk split into two and was immediately engulfed in flames. Luckily, the heavy rain doused the flames quickly. The storm continued for almost an hour. By this time the two boys were completely drenched. They sat at the corner of the hut, shivering in the cold.

After a long time, the door of the hut flung open and someone appeared at the doorway. As soon as he saw the boys, he ran towards them and hugged them tightly. The boys began to sob uncontrollably, but their father consoled them.

"You are both safe now. I no longer need to worry," he said gently.

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 boys trekked up the hill because they wanted to _____.
- (1) swim in the stream
 - (2) check their own fitness
 - (3) strengthen themselves for a race
 - (4) catch the scenic view of the town
27. When the _____, the boys realised that they needed to seek shelter.
- (1) sky darkened
 - (2) water got colder
 - (3) rain started falling
 - (4) surroundings became quiet
28. The boys reached the hut _____ the heavy downpour started.
- (1) just before
 - (2) way before
 - (3) quite soon after
 - (4) much later after
29. The boys' father followed the boys up the hill as he wanted to _____.
- (1) walk in the rain
 - (2) join them on the trek
 - (3) check on their safety
 - (4) develop his own stamina
30. Which one of the following statements is true?
- (1) The boys were extremely uncomfortable.
 - (2) The boys were reluctant to train for the marathon.
 - (3) The bolt of lightning split the tree into many pieces.
 - (4) The storm was not able to extinguish any possible fire.



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P4 ENGLISH LANGUAGE - PAPER 2 (BOOKLET B)

Name: _____ () Class: Primary 4 _____

Date: 5 May 2008

Duration of paper: 1 h 15 min

Paper	Maximum Marks	Marks Obtained
1. Composition	30	
2. Language Use & Comprehension	85	
2.1 OAS (Booklet A)	30	
2.2 Grammar Cloze	8	
2.3 Vocabulary Cloze	8	
2.4 Editing (SPG)	9	
2.5 Synthesis Transformation	6	
2.5 Comprehension Cloze	10	
2.6 Comprehension	14	
3. Listening Comprehension	15	
4. Oral Communication	20	
Total	150	

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Section E: Grammar Cloze (8 x 1 mark each = 8 marks)

There are 8 blanks, numbered 31 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 M) in the blank. The letter (I) has been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

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| (A) a | (D) in | (G) to | (K) where |
| (B) about | (E) of | (H) that | (L) your |
| (C) an | (F) on | (J) what | (M) your |
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Totto-chan remembered what happened in class that morning. The homeroom teacher had been telling them all _____ human beings who had
(31)
tails millions of years ago. The adults would have probably called the teacher's speech an introduction to the theory _____ evolution. It appealed
(32)
_____ the children greatly. When the teacher told them _____
(33) (34)
everybody had the evidence of a tail, each child started wondering _____
(35)
his tail was, and soon the classroom was in _____ uproar. Finally, the
(36)
teacher said, "Maybe, somebody here still has a tail! What about _____
(37)
Takahashi?"

Takahashi quickly stood up, shaking his head, and said
_____ complete innocence, "I haven't got one!" The entire class roared
(38)
with laughter.

Adapted from 'Totto-chan, The Little Girl at the Window' by Tetsuko Kuroyanagi
(Translated by Dorothy Britton)



Section F: Vocabulary Cloze (8 x 1 mark each = 8 marks)

There are 8 blanks, numbered 39 to 46, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to M) in the blank. The letter (I) has been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

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- (A) avoiding (D) comfortable (G) popular (K) tend
(B) bicycles (E) hazardous (H) protecting (L) usually
(C) challenging (F) helmets (J) safety (M) vehicle
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Cycling is a means of transport as well as a form of recreation. Cycling involves riding unicycles, _____, tricycles and other similar human-powered vehicles.
(39)

In many countries, the most commonly used _____ for road transport is a utility bicycle. These utility bicycles have frames with so-called relaxed

geometry, _____ the rider from shocks from the road. Some _____

types of bicycles in the western world include mountain bikes and road bicycles. The road bicycles _____ to be lighter than mountain bikes.
(41) (42) (43)

We can make cycling a more _____ experience when we wear the right attire. For _____ reasons, cyclists should put on bicycle _____

to ensure that they are well-protected. With these measures in place, cycling can be an enjoyable activity.
(44) (45) (46)

Adapted from the website - <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/cycling>



Section G: Editing (9 x 1 mark each = 9 marks)

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. A wrong or missing punctuation is denoted by a circle. Put the correct punctuation mark or word (in terms of usage, spelling and form) in each of the boxes.

Ah Meng was a great-looking Singapore "girl" who rubbed shoulders with royalty, movie stars and statesmen.

People paid to sip tea with her and countless others liked nothing better

(47)

(48)

than to be photoeграфed next to her. Hence when Ah Meng the orang utan,

(49)

aged 48, died yesterday, it marked the end of an era at the Singapore Zoo.

~ Saddened by the news, former zoo chief Bernard Harrison

(50)

(51)

remembered, She had the character to be a mega-star, the pesonality to

(52)

pull that off and become a lagend." Ah Meng was a household name

(53)

(54)

and remain the zoo's star attraction, even as age slowed her down In

(55)

human terms, she was nearly 95, and is beleaved to have died of old age.

Adapted from 'Goodbye, Ah Meng' in The Straits Times (9 Feb 2008)



Section H: Synthesis and Transformation (3 x 2 mark each = 6 marks)

For each of the questions 56 to 58, 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 sentence(s).

56. Michael has never been to Australia. His brother has also not been there.

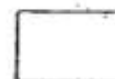
Neither _____

57. Logan was a good swimmer. However, he was swept out to sea by the strong current.

Although _____

58. Denver likes cooking. He does not like washing the dishes.

_____ prefers _____



Section I: Comprehension Cloze (10 x 1 mark each = 10 marks)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Diana Beetsma, 17, yesterday made education history by having the best O-level scores achieved by a Normal stream student since the stream was introduced in 1980. The Swiss Cottage Secondary student chalked up seven distinctions – six A1s and an A2. The A2 grade was for Mathematics, (59) _____ subject she had failed consistently. Now, it is the grade she is most (60) _____ about.

"I worked the hardest for Math, giving it a lot of my attention; even at the (61) _____ of other subjects."

Acing the subject became even more challenging for her when she fell (62) _____ on the day of the paper. However, she wanted to carry on (63) _____ her condition.

"I had already worked so hard. Furthermore, my sister and my teachers have gone the (64) _____ mile to help me learn. I just had to do it for them."

She credited her Mathematics (65) _____, Madam Ong Lay Kwan, for being instrumental in helping her to do well by (66) _____ her confidence in the subject despite her earlier failing grades.

"She told me that I had to (67) _____ in myself and think of myself as capable. She would always tell me that being mentally prepared is (68) _____ the battle won. There was no doubt in her mind that I would do well as long as I tried hard. That gave me a lot of confidence," she said gratefully.

Adapted from 'Normal stream girl sets record with 7 O-level distinctions' in *The Straits Times* (25 Jan 2008)



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Section J: Comprehension (7 x 2 marks each = 14 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 69 to 75.

Annemarie was startled from her half sleep by the sudden sweep of headlights, through the sheer curtains and across the room, as a car pulled up outside. The car door slammed. Everyone in the living room tensed, but no one spoke. There was pounding on the door, followed by the frighteningly familiar staccato of boots on the kitchen floor. 5

The male voice from the kitchen was loud. "We have observed," he said, "that an unusual number of people have gathered at this house tonight. What is the explanation?"

"There has been a death," Mama's voice replied calmly. "It is always our custom to gather and pay our respects when a family member dies. I am sure you are familiar with our customs." 10

The officer emerged from the kitchen with others behind him. As always, their boots gleamed. Their guns. Their helmets. All of them gleamed in the candlelight.

Annemarie watched as the man's eyes move around the room. He looked for a long time at the casket. Then he shifted his gaze. When his eyes reached the little girl, she looked back at him steadily. 15

"Who died?" he asked harshly.

No one answered. They watched Annemarie and she realised that the officer was directing the question at her. Now she knew for certain what Uncle Henrik had meant when he spoke with her in the barn. She swallowed. "My Great-aunt Birte," she lied, in a firm voice. 20

The officer moved forward suddenly to the casket. He placed one gloved hand on the lid and turned his gaze towards Mama. "I do know your customs. I know it is the custom to pay one's respects by looking at your loved ones in the face. It seems odd to me that you have closed this coffin up so tightly." 25

Mama spoke quickly, "You're right. Even though Aunt Birte died of typhus and chances are the germs would still be there, we should see her face to say goodbye. We should open the casket as you have suggested."

With a swift motion, the Nazi officer slapped Mama across her face. She staggered backward and a white mark on her cheek darkened. 30

Adapted from *Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry



ANSWERS THESE QUESTIONS IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

69. Which part of the house was Annemarie in when the officers arrived at her home?

70. Explain clearly why the officers showed up at Annemarie's home?

71. From lines 1 - 11, quote the sentence which tells us that the officers had different beliefs from Annemarie's family.

72. Explain clearly why the officer looked 'around the room' (line 14) and 'looked for a long time at the casket' (lines 14 - 15).

73. Give two reasons to explain why the officer directed the question (line 17) at Annemarie?



74. From lines 14 – 21, state one characteristic which we can observe about Annemarie and give a reason to support your answer.

75. What was Mama trying to do when she gave the reason for Aunt Birte's death?

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ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2008

SCHOOL : ACS PRIMARY SCHOOL
SUBJECT : PRIMARY 4 ENGLISH

TERM : SA 1

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
3	3	2	3	3	3	2	1	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	1

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

Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40	Q41	Q42	Q43	Q44	Q45	Q46
K	C	E	D	B	M	H	G	K	D	J	F

47)photographed 48), 49)yesterday 50)“

51)personality 52)legend 53)remained 54).

55)believed

56)Neither Michael nor his brother has been to Australia.

57)Although Logan was a good swimmer, he was swept out to sea by the strong current.

58)Denver prefers cooking to washing the dishes.

59)the 60)happy 61)expense 62)ill

63)despite 64)extra 65)teacher 66)boosting

67)believe 68)half

69) Annemarie was in the living room.

70) The officers wanted to find out why there were so many people in her house.

71) The sentence is "I am sure you are family with our customs."

72) The officer was trying to see if anyone was behaving suspiciously and if there was anything add about the casket.

73) Since Annemarie was a young child, the officer assumed that she would probably not dare to lie.

74) She is quick thinking though she did know what was happening, she lied to save the situational.

75) Mama was trying to prevent the casket from being opened.

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