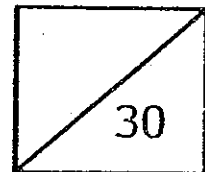




Rosyth School  
Semestral Assessment 1, 2008  
Primary 6 EM1/2  
English Language  
Paper 2

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## Booklet A

### Instructions to Pupils:

- 1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
- 2. Read the questions and follow all the instructions carefully.
- 3. This booklet consists of 30 questions (Questions 1 to 30).
- 4. **Answer ALL the questions and shade them in the correct ovals on the OAS provided**

\* This booklet consists of 9 pages altogether.

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Study the advertisement and answer Questions 1 to 5. (5 marks)

## Write and Win 2008 Be a McDonald's™ Champion

*For the first time, the McDonald's Champion Kids programme will send children from all over the world to the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games. It is about giving children once in a lifetime experience to share in the excitement and spirit of the Olympic Games.*

Take part in this monthly writing competition.  
Win prizes not only for yourself, but also for your school!

Category	Age	Minimum Length of Essays (words)
A	7-9 years	50
B ✓	10-12 years	100
C	13-15 years	150
D	16-18 years	500

1<sup>st</sup> Prize  
\$200  
School will receive \$500

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize  
\$100  
School will receive \$300

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize  
\$50  
School will receive \$200

Free for the first 20 participants  
Specially designed bookmarks by Budding Manga Club

### Consolation prizes:

5 attractive handphone pouches with "McDonald's" burger keychains.

- You can only send in one entry. Multiple entries will be disqualified.
- Submit your entries through your school.
- Each entries must be accompanied by an entry form found on the back cover of Youth Generation magazine. Write your particulars on the entry form.
- All entries must reach Young Generation Club before 20<sup>th</sup> April 2008. Late entries will not be accepted.

Organised by McDonald's Champion Kids Programme  
Locked Bag 026, Macpherson Road Post Office, Singapore 913486  
Cash prizes donated by OCBC Bank  
Handphones pouches contributed by Motorola

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. (5 marks)

1. The organiser of this writing competition is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) Motorola
  - (2) McDonald
  - (3) OCBC Bank
  - (4) ~~Young~~ Generation Club  
Youth
  
2. The main aim of the 'Write and Win 2008' competition is to encourage young people to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) write well
  - (2) love Singapore
  - (3) collect money for the schools
  - (4) share in the excitement of the Olympic Games
  
3. Rachel, who is eleven years old, wants to take part in the competition. Her composition must be at least \_\_\_\_\_ long.
  - (1) 50 words
  - (2) 100 words
  - (3) 150 words
  - (4) 500 words
  
4. According to the advertisement, which of the following statements is **not** true?
  - (1) Only original entry forms are accepted.
  - (2) Only one entry per participants is allowed.
  - (3) Consolation prizes include the bookmarks by the Budding Manga Club.
  - (4) Grand prize winners will also travel to Beijing to watch the 2008 Olympic Games.
  
5. For your essay to be accepted, it must be sent in \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) through any school
  - (2) through the Manga Club
  - (3) as many times as possible
  - (4) with the completed entry form

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. The person \_\_\_\_\_ I met at the party, turned out to be my brother's classmate.
- (1) who
  - (2) what
  - (3) whom
  - (4) whose
7. Grandfather gave my sister and \_\_\_\_\_ a big "angpow" on our birthdays.
- (1) I
  - (2) me
  - (3) mine
  - (4) myself
8. If my dog had not barked, I \_\_\_\_\_ that the postman was at the door.
- (1) would not know
  - (2) would have known
  - (3) may not have known
  - (4) would not have known
9. Neither the captain nor the players \_\_\_\_\_ happy with the referee's decision to send their better player off last night.
- (1) is
  - (2) are
  - (3) was
  - (4) were
10. It was raining heavily, so the pedestrians \_\_\_\_\_ shelter in the MRT station.
- (1) seek
  - (2) sought
  - (3) was seeking
  - (4) were seeking

11. He was completely taken \_\_\_\_\_ by her tale of hardship and offered to help her.

- (1) at
- (2) in
- (3) back
- (4) down

12. Jillian is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the twins but she is not as hardworking as her brother.

- (1) clever
- (2) cleverer
- (3) cleverest
- (4) more clever

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)

Returning to my parent's home, I talked the job over with them and my two brothers, Scott and Eric who were visiting.

"Duffy! This is a chance of a lifetime (13) Scott said using my childhood nickname. Always a daredevil, Scott now ran a high-risk construction company, taking on projects that others would shy away from. Without thinking (14) he said, "I would do anything to go to the South Pole."

"I wonder if they need engineers (15) I wish I could go too," said Eric half-seriously. He commented that he too would go if he did not have a family.

13. (1) [ : " ] colon and inverted commas  
(2) [ , " ] commas and inverted commas  
(3) [ . " ] full stop and inverted commas  
(4) [ ! " ] exclamation mark and inverted commas
14. (1) [ : ] colon  
(2) [ - ] hyphen  
(3) [ , ] comma  
(4) [ . ] full stop
15. (1) [ , ] commas  
(2) [ . ] full stop  
(3) [ ! ] exclamation mark  
(4) [ ? ] question mark

For each question from 16 to 20, 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)

16. Sherman has been selected to represent Singapore in the Youth Olympics in 2010 because he is \_\_\_\_\_ in wushu.
- (1) adept
  - (2) fluent
  - (3) proficient
  - (4) accomplished
17. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Michael Jordon, a famous basketball player, was published recently by David Foster, the author.
- (1) synopsis
  - (2) anecdote
  - (3) biography
  - (4) autobiography
18. He had a sudden \_\_\_\_\_ that he would be killed in the forthcoming war and often had recurring nightmares of his tragic end.
- (1) feeling
  - (2) outlook
  - (3) forecast
  - (4) premonition
19. My mother \_\_\_\_\_ back home with her bags of groceries after a relatively long walk to the supermarket.
- (1) paced
  - (2) strolled
  - (3) lurched
  - (4) trudged
20. \_\_\_\_\_ ill patients are often admitted into a hospice so that they can be given long term care.
- (1) Seriously
  - (2) Severely
  - (3) Chronically
  - (4) Dangerously

For each question from 21 to 25, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

Peter was approaching a crucial period in his life. He was turning twenty-one.

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For most young men, what probably come to mind are graduation, employment

and the privileges of adulthood. However, it was different for Peter. Peter was

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born with Down syndrome. For him, turning twenty-one meant that he could no

longer attend school. Though Peter would never accumulate more than a sight

vocabulary, he was able to take care of his own bodily needs and he

communicated effectively. Peter was very young and a large part of his

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dignity was tied to the success he had experienced in school. His parents

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feared that his academic and social skills would deteriorate without the structure

(25)

of a full day's activities.

21. (1) tragic  
(2) critical  
(3) decisive  
(4) pressing
22. (1) claims  
(2) advantages  
(3) entitlements  
(4) concessions
23. (1) usefully  
(2) smoothly  
(3) precisely  
(4) competently
24. (1) status  
(2) presence  
(3) self-respect  
(4) reputation
25. (1) sink  
(2) worsen  
(3) crumble  
(4) languish

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

There was a time when Dr William Tan could walk and even run. He was told by his parents that he used to chase his two elder sisters around when he was a toddler. Then, just one month before he turned three, he came down with polio, an infectious disease which attacked the motor nerves of its victims. There was already a vaccine against the disease but immunisation was not compulsory then. If only he had two drops—just two tiny drops—of the vaccine. As a result of that, he became paralysed.

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It was traumatic for Dr William's Tan parents, when the doctors told them that he could never walk again. He was paralysed from the waist down. His Dad worked as a clerk in Johore. Because of his frequent absenteeism to visit his son in the hospital, he was sacked by his employer. He became unemployed for months. His dad later became a hawker selling "goreng pisang" or fried banana fritters on a push-cart along the streets.

When Dr William Tan was seven, his parents sent him to kindergarten. The doctors had suggested sending him to the Red Cross Home, but his parents were determined that he should grow up to be an independent individual. His parents believed that he should go to a mainstream school, to be among able-bodied children. It would be good for character building. In his first month in the kindergarten, the other kids teased him. They pulled his ears, pinched him and then ran away, knowing that he could not chase after them. When he finally had enough of the bullying, he decided to catch hold of the children's hands the next time they came near him and bite them. For the first time, he bit them really hard. They ran crying to their parents, who complained to the kindergarten principal who took action against Dr William Tan. His short stint at the kindergarten ended.

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Despite all the odds that were stacked against Dr William Tan, he managed to complete his pre-university education and went to Oxford to study medicine. Eventually he fulfilled his dream and became a medical doctor.

Dr Tan has progressed to many more innovative and daunting activities. He is also a motivational speaker, inspiring individuals such as students and business leaders. When interviewed, Dr Tan added that, "Winning medals, trophies or prize money should not be an end to itself. It should be a means to further goodness and to help people." Dr William Tan's tremendous determination and fighting spirit in making virtue out of his adversity, serves as a constant source of inspiration not only to the disabled but also to the community at large. Over the last 18 years, he has helped raised more than S\$14 million for various charitable organisations, locally and internationally.

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*Adapted from  
Dr William Tan,  
"No Journey Too Tough".*



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 word "that" in line 7 refers to the \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) immunisation
  - (2) infectious disease
  - (3) not having the two drops of vaccine
  - (4) virus attacking the motor nerves of victims
27. Why did Dr William Tan's father lose his job as a clerk?
- (1) He was dismissed from his job.
  - (2) He often did not report for work.
  - (3) He went in and out to visit his son.
  - (4) He was selling "goring pisang" along the street.
28. Dr William Tan's parents want him to go to a mainstream school because they wanted him to \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) be able-bodied
  - (2) have a complete education
  - (3) interact with normal students
  - (4) fulfill his dream to be independent
29. Dr Tan's stint at the kindergarten ended abruptly because \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) he bullied others
  - (2) he was expelled for his misdemeanor
  - (3) other parents complained about his behaviour
  - (4) his misdemeanor stopped the other students from coming to school
30. The phrase "*making virtue out of his adversity*" in line 33 refers to Dr William Tan's \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) inspirations for the disabled
  - (2) dedication in creating awareness of his disability
  - (3) continuous generosity to help in spite of his disability
  - (4) his help in raising more than \$14 million for charitable organisations.



ROSYTH SCHOOL  
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PAPER 2

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**BOOKLET B**

Instructions to Pupils:

1. DO NOT open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Follow all instructions carefully.
3. This booklet consists of 50 questions. (Questions 31 to 80)

	Maximum	Marks Obtained
Booklet A	30	
Booklet B	65	
<b>Total</b>	<b>95</b>	

Component	Qn Numbers	Marks Obtained
Comprehension Cloze	51 - 65	
Comprehension Open-ended	71 - 80	

\* This booklet consists of 7 pages altogether.

**Grammar Cloze**

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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|--------------|-----------|------------|------------|----------|
| (A) in       | (B) over  | (G) rarely | (K) should | (N) of   |
| (B) moreover | (E) how   | (H) would  | (L) where  | (P) both |
| (C) however  | (F) never | (J) for    | (M) a      | (Q) the  |

In his youth, Paul Tan decided early that he should keep fish as pets. He was \_\_\_\_\_ allowed to  
(31)

keep animals, like dogs. His mother always complained that dogs \_\_\_\_\_ make too much noise, eat  
(32)

too much, needed to go for medical checks and other grooming needs. " \_\_\_\_\_," she added, "they  
(33)

leave a lot of hair all \_\_\_\_\_ the place!" Feeling disappointed, Paul thought long and hard before he  
(34)

started to read up all he could about fish. Surely, he reasoned to himself, his mother would not object to his

keeping of this tiny living organism swimming around in \_\_\_\_\_ glass tank. Taking pity on his little  
(35)

nephew, Paul's uncle thought that that would be a great opportunity to teach Paul a sense \_\_\_\_\_  
(36)

responsibility.

\_\_\_\_\_ Paul and his uncle were excited when their tiny new fish tank with four lovely guppies  
(37)

in it arrived. True to his word, Paul's uncle taught young Paul \_\_\_\_\_ to feed the fish and keep the  
(38)

tank clean. Paul's love \_\_\_\_\_ his fishes grew stronger with each passing day.  
(39)

Today, Paul Tan is a well-known fish breeder \_\_\_\_\_ Singapore and exports his goldfish all over the  
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world. He is earning a living doing what he loves and has his uncle to thank for.

**Editing**

Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box. ( 10 marks )

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Joan of Arc was a sweet, gentle maiden. She was also **cuoragfous** when the situation called for

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it. One day, while out played in the fields, she heard the voice of God telling her to lead the French

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army against the English invaders who had attacked France. A **little hessitent** at first, she still

*little*

bravely made her way to the court of the French King and demanded to see him

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Decided to test this maiden who had the boldness to come before him, the King hid between

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his many nobles and told one of themselves to act on his behalf. Puzzled that the King had delayed

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coming out to see her, Joan slowly scrutinized everybody in the room and finally manages to pick

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him out from those who had gathered there. They had come to see the **massengger** of God as she

had called herself.

The King finally granted Joan's request to be given a small army and she set off to drive the

English out from France. Joan's bravery in battle became known throughout the land and today she

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is **wurshiped** as one of the country's heroes. Joan lived an **extraodinary** life. This simple peasant

girl had blossomed into a fierce, unyielding woman warrior.

**Comprehension Cloze**

Fill in each blank with a suitable word. (15 marks)

Ballet is an interesting art form. \_\_\_\_\_ the dancers move in unison from one side of the stage to the other was wonderful and totally captivating. Little movements executed \_\_\_\_\_ the dancers in the dimmed theatre were magical in the kaleidoscope of coloured lights. The dreamy music seemed to transport the audience to a magical place so \_\_\_\_\_ away and removed from the real world. It was also a world where a painfully shy girl, like Jill, could \_\_\_\_\_ refuge in.

Jill remembers that, as a child, her parents worked in the diamond factory \_\_\_\_\_ the road from where they lived near the National Theatre in the city. They were skilled craftsmen, cutting and polishing diamonds to perfection. They were not rich but \_\_\_\_\_ did they have to worry about the next meal like most of \_\_\_\_\_ neighbours at that time. Home was a two-storey shophouse, outfitted with all the comforts of a modern home. It had a small, internal, cement courtyard \_\_\_\_\_ Jill frequently played. Jill would imagine herself to be the star ballerina onstage,

\_\_\_\_\_ for the President and receiving thunderous applause after her brilliant performance. An only child, Jill was often \_\_\_\_\_. She had few friends. She often found \_\_\_\_\_ being teased by the boys who roamed the streets. Easily frightened, Jill would escape to the theatre and buy a \_\_\_\_\_ for the afternoon performance. There, she daydreamt as the dancers flitted across the stage like \_\_\_\_\_.

Jill's parents are busy at work most of the time. They have tried to make up for their \_\_\_\_\_ in her life by spending the weekends together watching ballet performances. Jill is happiest when she gets to go to the National Theatre \_\_\_\_\_ her parents. She hopes that one day she would be one of the performers onstage.

**Synthesis and Transformation**

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 "Have you seen Tom today?" the teacher asked the children.

The teacher asked \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

67 Cristiano Ronaldo is a famous soccer player. David Beckham is also a famous soccer player.

Both: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

68 Mr. Lee does not like waiting for latecomers. His wife does not like waiting for latecomers either.

Neither \_\_\_\_\_ nor \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

69 He dragged the heavy bag of rubbish out to the dumpster himself. Peter refused to accept my help.

Refusing \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

70 He likes to swim in the early morning. It is his favourite leisure activity.

\_\_\_\_\_ is his favourite leisure activity.

**Comprehension Open- Ended ( 20 marks )**

Read the passage below and answer questions . 71 to 80

Suzanne Valadon was the child of a single mother, Madeline, an illiterate peasant who had never learned to read or write. Her mother worked as a washerwoman, earning barely enough to put food on the table for both of them. They could hardly make ends meet. There were weeks when business was so bad that the duo had to beg for stale leftovers from neighbouring restaurants just to stop their gnawing hunger pangs. Whenever orders for washing did come in, Suzanne's mother would be too exhausted by the end of the working day to offer any company to her young daughter. Therefore, little Suzanne was often left to her own devices. Suzanne grew up feeling terribly alone, sometimes even wondering if her mother really cared for her at all.

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Suzanne had no playground but the streets. While playing there, she saw street vendors, usually stout women with hands covered in rough skin, selling fruits and vegetables. They created such an impression on her that she would sometimes scratch pictures of them on the pavement with a piece of charcoal given to her by the sympathetic coal man. There, on her knees, Suzanne dreamt of becoming an artist one day.

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However, Suzanne had to put her dreams on hold. There were other pressing needs like eking out a meager living to meet life's basic necessities. Thus, Suzanne worked firstly as a dressmaker's assistant who took the orders of rich society ladies when they came to have their ball gowns made and waited on tables as well. She even trained as an acrobat and was graceful and strong. An unfortunate accident caused her to break her leg and she was hospitalised. It also put a stop to that short-lived career. Nevertheless, she continued to draw even when she was in hospital. Her canvas then was the plaster cast encasing her leg.

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One day in 1880, Suzanne delivered a load of washing to an artist's home. The man, a Monsieur Chavannes, noticed the graceful manner in which she moved and he asked her to become his model. Once established as a model, she continued to draw. She sold her sketchings for a small sum of money in order to supplement her income. Her subjects were always the poor working people of her childhood.

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Then, Lady Luck dealt her a fair hand because her drawings were spotted accidentally by the Paris-renowned artist, Lautrec. He liked what he saw and decided to find out more about the artist. He then met up with Suzanne and introduced her to a fellow artist friend, Degas, who then trained her in the Impressionist style of painting. Both Lautrec and Degas encouraged her and Suzanne worked very hard. Degas was so impressed with Suzanne's tenacity and brilliant

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artwork that he organized a one-woman exhibition show for her. The rest, they say, is history.

Today, Suzanne's paintings and drawings can be found in art museums all over the world. She had held onto her dream and overcame the odds to become one of the few successful women painters

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71 Which word in paragraph 1 describes someone who is unable to read or write ?

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72 Explain clearly in your words the idiom "make ends meet" ( line 3 ) as used in the passage.

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73 What did young Suzanne and her mother resort to if they ran out of money ?

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74 Explain why Suzanne felt neglected by her mother.

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75 Which incident in Suzanne's life showed that she had an unquenchable passion for drawing?

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76 Which phrase tells you that Suzanne never had a chance to become a well-known acrobat?

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77 How did Suzanne become a model for artists ?

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78 Why was Degas important in Suzanne Valadon's career ?

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79 What do you think the sentence, " The rest, they say, is history " refers to ?

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80 How did Suzanne Valadon overcome the "odds" in her life to realise her dream ?

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End of Paper

# Rosyth Primary School

## Primary 6 English SA1 Exam (2008)

### *Answer Keys*

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
2	4	2	3	4	3	2	4	4	2
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
2	2	2	3	2	1	3	4	4	3
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
2	3	4	3	2	3	2	3	2	3
Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
F	H	B	D	M	N	P	E	J	A

41. courageous    42. playing    43. hesitant    44. Deciding    45. amongst  
 46. them    47. managed    48. messenger    49. worshipped    50. extraordinary  
 51. watching    52. by    53. far    54. seek    55. across  
 56. seldom    57. their    58. where    59. dancing    60. alone  
 61. herself    62. ticket    63. butterflies    64. absence    65. with

66. The teacher asked the children if they have seen Tom that day.  
 67. Both Cristiano Ronaldo and David Beckham are famous soccer players.  
 68. Neither Mr Lee nor his wife likes to wait for latecomers.  
 69. Refusing to accept my help, Peter dragged the heavy bag of rubbish but to the dumpster himself.  
 70. Swimming in the early morning is his favorite leisure activity.  
 71. The word is "illiterate".  
 72. Suzanne's mother, who worked as a washerwoman barely earned enough to put food on the table for both of them, leaving them still hungry after their meals.  
 73. They would beg for stale leftovers from neighboring restaurants to satisfy their hunger.  
 74. Frequently when orders for washing did come in, her mother would start working and at the end of the day, Suzanne's mother would too worn out to keep her company.  
 75. When Suzanne was hospitalized for her broken leg, she continued to draw even on her plaster cast encasing her leg.  
 76. The phrase is "short-lived career".  
 77. Once, when she delivered a load of washing to asked artist's home, the artist saw how graceful her steps were and so he asked her to be his model.

78. He trained her in the Impressionist style of painting and was so impressed with her tenancy and brilliant artwork that he organized a one-woman exhibition show for her.
79. It refers to the fact that she becomes one of the few famous woman artists.
80. She worked very hard in her early years, taking on multi jobs and later through determination become a famous painter.