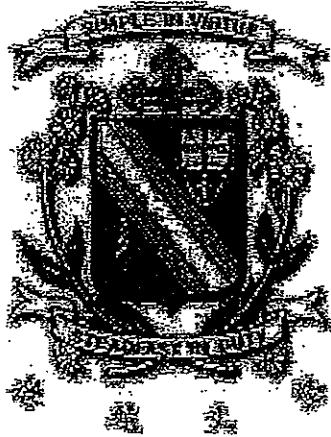


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Paper 1

Duration of Paper: 50 min

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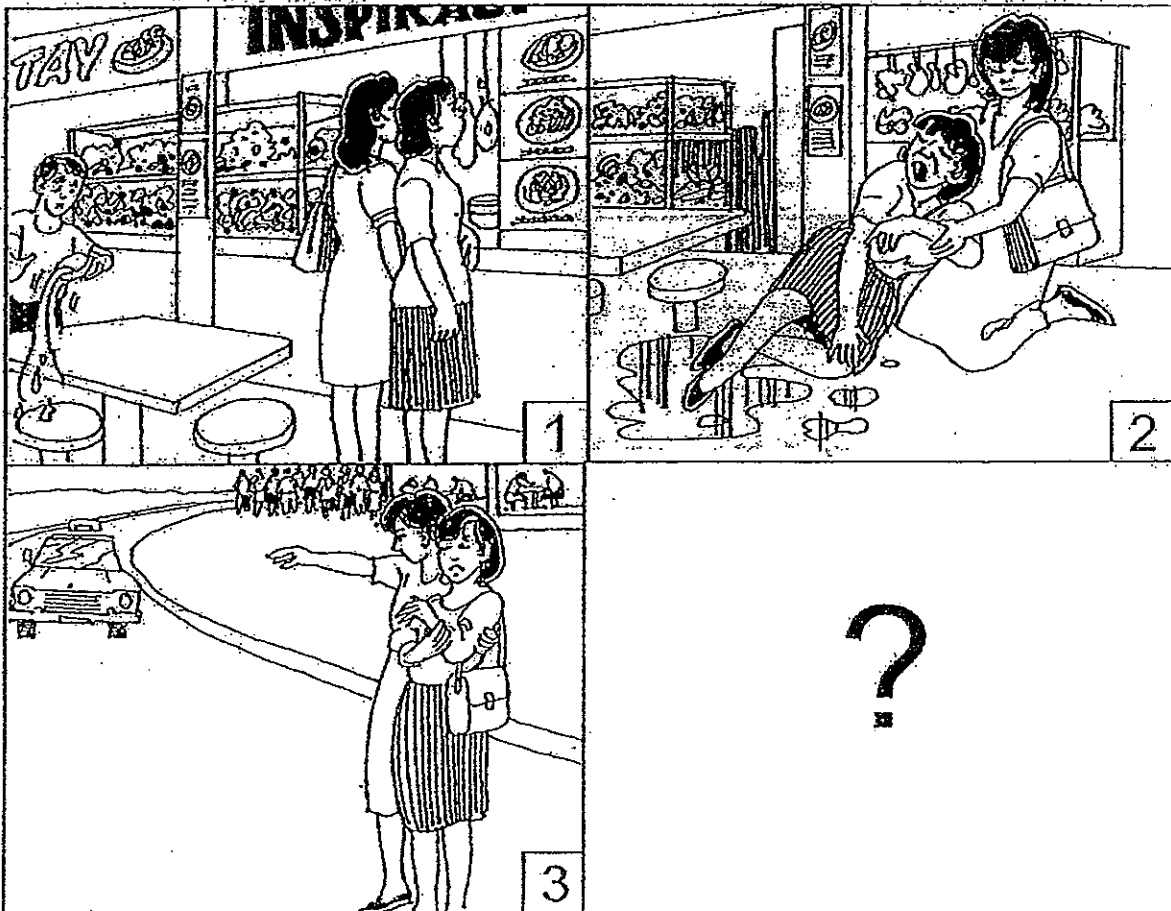
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This paper consists of 2 printed pages.

Look carefully at the pictures below. Write a story of at least 120 words based on the pictures. You may use the words in the box to help you.



Helping Words:

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| hawker centre | spilt soup | medical attention | taken aback | yelped in pain |
| careless | slippery | fractured her arm | assisted | hailed a taxi |

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Paper 2 Booklet A

Duration of Paper (Booklets A & B): 1 hour 30 minutes

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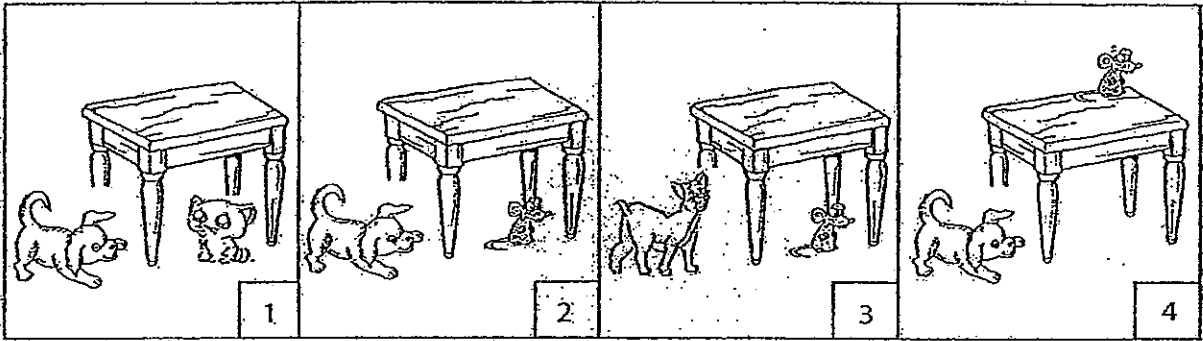
Answer all questions on the Optical Answer Sheet.

This booklet consists of 13 printed pages.

Section A: Picture Matching (5 x 1 mark)

Look at the set of pictures. Listen carefully to your teacher. Choose the picture that best describes the statement read and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

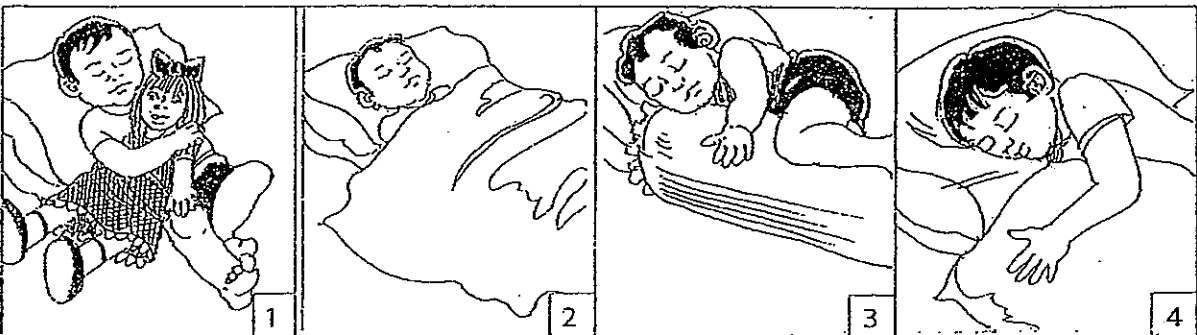
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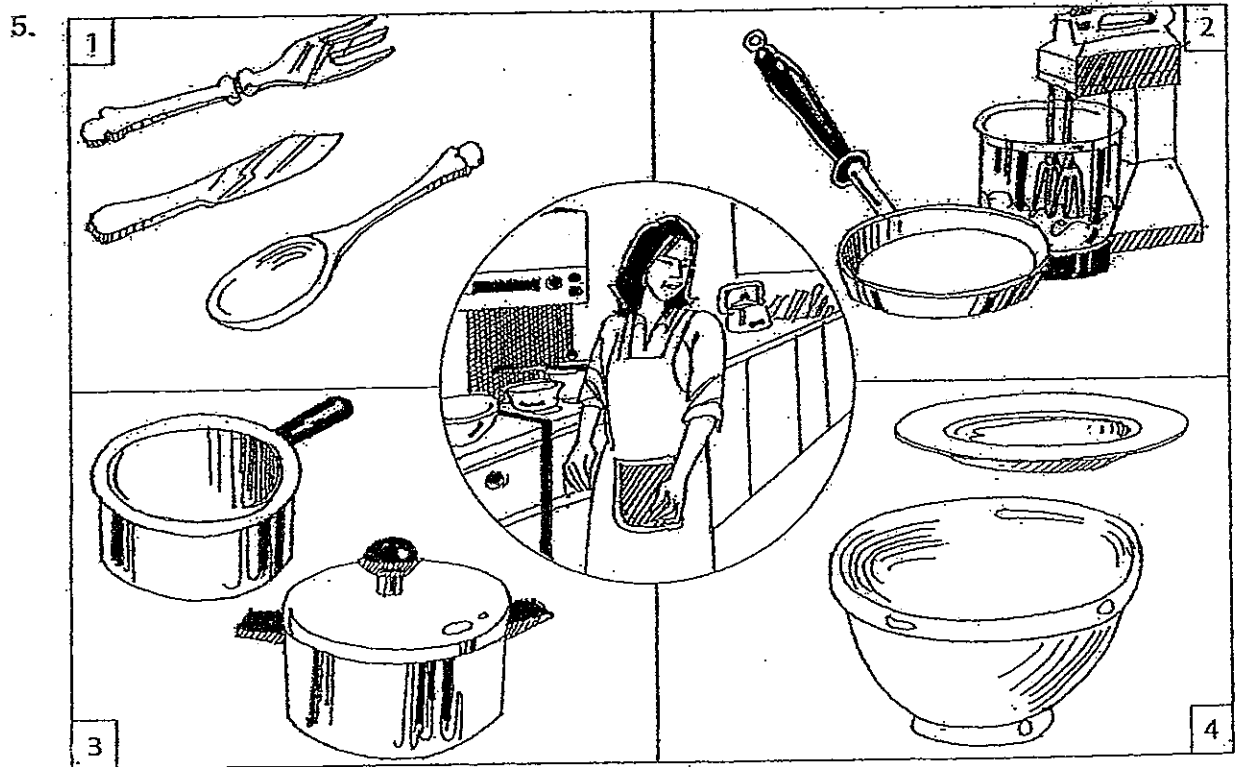


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Section B: Vocabulary Multiple-Choice Questions (10 x 1 mark)

Read the questions carefully. Choose the most suitable answer and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

6. I enjoy reading all the books written by my favourite _____, Ron Pen.
- (1) author
 - (2) printer
 - (3) illustrator
 - (4) publisher
7. _____ of ants is crawling all over the lollipop on the floor.
- (1) A flock
 - (2) A band
 - (3) An army
 - (4) A swarm
8. Lisa adores her pet dog. We have seen her _____ it lovingly many times.
- (1) pat
 - (2) pull
 - (3) prod
 - (4) poke
9. Mary's birthday invitations were beautifully _____.
- (1) wrapped
 - (2) designed
 - (3) furnished
 - (4) renovated

10. The old man refused to admit his mistake because he was as _____ as a mule.
- (1) grumpy
 - (2) forgetful
 - (3) stubborn
 - (4) dishonest
11. Mother is more _____ than Father. Whenever we make a mistake, Mother forgives us readily.
- (1) lenient
 - (2) hesitant
 - (3) fearsome
 - (4) approachable
12. The sailing competition could not start as the sea was _____ the whole morning.
- (1) calm
 - (2) rocky
 - (3) bumpy
 - (4) choppy
13. The speeding car _____ on the wet ground and crashed into the lamp post.
- (1) slipped
 - (2) skidded
 - (3) scratched
 - (4) screeched

14. A boastful person, Robert likes to _____ that he owns a luxurious mansion and several expensive sports cars.

- (1) brag
- (2) report
- (3) inform
- (4) announce

15. It is dangerous to be _____ drugs.

- (1) addicted to
- (2) attracted to
- (3) engrossed in
- (4) obsessed with

Section C: Grammar Multiple-Choice Questions (10 x 1 mark)

Read the questions carefully. Choose the most suitable answer and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

16. The mother held her baby _____ her arms and rocked him to sleep.

- (1) on
- (2) at
- (3) in
- (4) up

17. _____ books over at that table belong to Mrs Yee.

- (1) This
- (2) That
- (3) These
- (4) Those

18. My sisters and I _____ to school every morning.

- (1) walk
- (2) walks
- (3) was walking
- (4) have walked

19. _____ you leave home now, you will be late for school.

- (1) After
- (2) When
- (3) Since
- (4) Unless

20. "Have you ever _____ in a river?" Mrs Lim asked the class.

- (1) swim
- (2) swam
- (3) swum
- (4) swims

21. _____ of the stalls does your mother prefer to buy lunch from?

- (1) Who
- (2) What
- (3) Which
- (4) Where

22. Mr Tan told his son, "You _____ finish your homework before you are allowed to play computer games."

- (1) must
- (2) could
- (3) would
- (4) should

23. The guest-of-honour _____ soon. Please get ready.

- (1) arrives
- (2) arrived
- (3) is arriving
- (4) was arriving

24. "I did not do this painting. It was _____ who did it," said Matthew, pointing to Mary.

- (1) he
- (2) her
- (3) him
- (4) she

25. Last night, a fire _____ at the shopping centre in my neighbourhood.

- (1) broke off
- (2) broke out
- (3) broke into
- (4) broke over

Section D: Graphic Stimulus (5 x 1 mark)

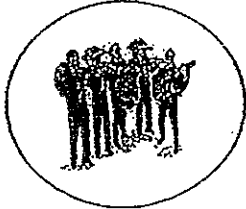
Study the advertisement carefully and answer questions 26 to 30.

8th STARLIGHT CHARITY CONCERT


**The BIGGEST Charity
Concert of the year is
back and it's BETTER
than ever!**

| | |
|----------|---|
| Date: | 15 December 2012 |
| Time: | 7.30 p.m. |
| Venue: | Singapore Indoor Stadium |
| Tickets: | \$128, \$168, \$208, \$256 <small>(sold at all GEA ticketing stations)</small> |


-Featuring brilliant performances by celebrities from Asia and the United States.



The Amerikan Wonder Boys
-Hear the melodious
voices of the Wonder Boys




Nya Joker
-Have a good time laughing
at Japanese humour



The Great Illusionist
-Be dazzled by the magic tricks of
Salma, a famous magician from India

★ **Catch special appearances by Starlight Charity Ambassadors Tony Lau and Andy Leung from Hong Kong! Come early and pose for shots with them.**

**** Special matinee performance for grandparents****
(at 2.30 pm on 15 December 2012)
A grandparent-and-grandchild pair needs only to pay \$128 for both tickets
Proof of identity must be presented at the point of ticket purchase.



**All proceeds will go to the affiliates of Starlight Charity
Visit www.starlightcharity.org for more details.**

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

26. The Starlight Charity Concert has been organised for _____ years.

- (1) six
- (2) two
- (3) four
- (4) eight

27. If Lily and her grandmother want to go to the matinee performance, how much would they have to pay altogether?

- (1) \$128
- (2) \$168
- (3) \$208
- (4) \$256

28. Who can you have your photograph taken with at this event?

- (1) Nya Joker
- (2) The Great Illusionist
- (3) The American Wonder Boys
- (4) Starlight Charity Ambassadors

29. What will happen to the funds raised?

- (1) They will be given to the performers.
- (2) They will be given to Tony Lau and Andy Leung.
- (3) They will be kept by Starlight Charity for future use.
- (4) They will be given to the affiliates of Starlight Charity.

30. Which one of the following is not from Asia?

- (1) Nya Joker
- (2) The Great Illusionist
- (3) Tony Lau and Andy Leung
- (4) The American Wonder Boys

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

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 31 to 35.

Helen Keller was born in Alabama, America on 27 June 1880. Her father was a newspaper editor and her mother was a homemaker.

When Helen was two, she had a high fever. After some time, the terrible illness passed, but so did Helen's sight and hearing. Trapped in a world of silence and darkness, Helen sometimes acted like a crazy animal. Unable to see and hear, she would hit or kick anyone within her reach to vent her frustrations. She could cry and scream, but not talk as she had never learnt to or heard anyone speak before. 5

However, Helen still had the use of her other senses like smell and touch. She could feel people's lips move and feel the vibrations in their throats when they spoke. She recognized people by running her fingers over their faces. She made up her own sign language, like pretending to put on imaginary glasses and to tie her hair when referring to her father and mother respectively. 10

Soon afterwards, her father got her a teacher, Annie Sullivan. Annie was an industrious teacher. She put in a lot of effort to teach Helen. It was Annie's patience and hardwork that made Helen learn to read and speak. Annie made Helen rise to greater heights in life and to be admired by many. 15

Adapted from 'Lifetimes, Helen Keller' by Richard Tames

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

31. Helen became _____ after she recovered from her fever.

- (1) deaf
- (2) crazy
- (3) blind and deaf
- (4) blind and crazy

32. Helen used her sense of _____ to recognize people.

- (1) sight
- (2) smell
- (3) touch
- (4) hearing

33. Before Helen learnt how to speak, she tried to communicate with others by _____.

- (1) feeling people's faces
- (2) creating her own sign language
- (3) feeling people's lip and throat movements
- (4) kicking and screaming at people around her

34. The word 'industrious' in line 15 means _____.

- (1) strict
- (2) caring
- (3) patient
- (4) diligent

35. Which one of following statements is true?

- (1) Helen's illness took away all her senses.
- (2) Helen got violent when she was frustrated.
- (3) Helen could not speak as she did not want to.
- (4) Helen could read when she wore her imaginary glasses.

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Primary 3

Semestral Assessment 2

19 October 2012

English Language

Paper 2 Booklet B

Duration of Paper (Booklets A & B): 1 hour 30 minutes

Instructions to Candidates:

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Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

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| Booklet A | 35 |
| Booklet B | 30 |
| Total | 65 |

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This booklet consists of 7 printed pages.

Section F: Note-taking (5 x 1 mark)

Listen carefully to your teacher. Each blank from Q36 to Q40 should be filled with one word or short phrase. As you listen, fill in the blanks with the information given.

Let's Recycle

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| Q36. Organiser of the competition: | _____ |
| Q37. Date of competition: | _____ |
| Q38. The teacher in-charge of the club: | _____ |
| Q39. All entries will be displayed in the: | _____ |
| Q40. Pupils can enter the competition with: | _____ |



Section G: Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

Read the following passage carefully. Choose the correct answer from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to H) in each blank. Use each word only once.

| | | | |
|-----------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| (A) banks | (C) floods | (E) fishermen | (G) located |
| (B) dirty | (D) fertile | (F) hunters | (H) placed |

The Nile is the longest river in the world. It is (41) _____ in Egypt. For the ancient Egyptians, it was a source of drinking water. Egyptian (42) _____ caught many kinds of fish in the Nile. Hunters hunted wild birds along its shore.

The Nile's greatest gift to its people is not fish, birds or drinking water, but mud! The land along the (43) _____ of the Nile is different from most of the land in Egypt, which is not good for farming.

Every July, the Nile (44) _____ its banks and the floodwater dumps a layer of black mud along each side of the river. The black mud is very (45) _____ Farmers who use the mud for farming always get a full harvest. That means that there is always enough food for everyone. In a way, the Nile is like a guardian to the Egyptians, taking care of all their needs.

Adapted from 'Mummies and Pyramids' by Will Osborne and Mary Pope Osborne



Section H: Grammar Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

Read the following passage carefully. Choose the correct answer from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to H) in each blank.

Use each word only once.

| | | | |
|---------|----------|----------|--------|
| (A) are | (C) also | (E) for | (G) on |
| (B) at | (D) can | (F) from | (H) to |

Mole Crickets are creepy crawlies that spend most of their time underground, digging maze-like tunnels. These creatures (46) _____ grow up to a size of three to four centimetres long. They are known for their shovel-like front legs, which are especially adapted (47) _____ digging burrows. Besides burrowing, mole crickets are also able to fly and swim.

They are, however, very annoying garden pests as they feed on the roots of garden vegetables and plants. In addition, mole crickets feed on earthworms and other insects that (48) _____ found underground.

Male mole crickets usually make sounds (49) _____ dusk or during the night to attract females. Mole crickets are relatively common and can be found (50) _____ every continent except the Antarctica. However, their numbers are declining owing to habitat destruction.

Adapted from 'The Hemispheres, Where Earth Matters', Vol.12



Section I: Comprehension Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

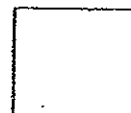
Read the following passage carefully. Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Lonny stepped off the path and climbed over the rocks to the beach. It was very early in the morning, (51) _____ seven o'clock but the sky was already bright.

He put down the big basket he had brought along to contain the (52) _____ he was going to pick. He shaded his eyes with his hand and looked along the clean white sand of the beach towards the sea. Someone was already on the beach and Lonny knew who it was. It was Gordon, his arch enemy. He was (53) _____ at the beach picking seashells. Lonny guessed that, like him, Gordon was looking for a rare pink conch shell.

He saw Gordon at the far end of the beach. Gordon had (54) _____ down to pick up something. Lonny's stomach clenched with anxiety, "What if he had found the pink shell?" But Gordon's disappointed face told him (55) _____. Lonny heaved a sigh of relief, picked up his basket and continued his search. He was more determined than ever to find the pink shell now.

Adapted from 'A Gift For Lonny' by Eve Bunting



Section J: Comprehension Open-ended Questions (5 x 2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 56 to 60.

The cold lands of the Arctic at the North Pole form one of the last wildernesses on Earth. There are still huge areas undisturbed by man over there. At first sight, the Arctic looks like a cold desert. For the most part of the year, snow and ice cover the treeless landscape.

However, many plants and animals have managed to survive and even flourish. The plants, insects, birds and animals of the Arctic have all developed ways of adapting to the harsh environment.

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There are no tall Arctic plants as the growing season is too short for them to grow much, and there is too little water. They grow close to the ground for protection against the icy winds and to suck up every drop of moisture in summer.

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Arctic foxes have the ability to change their fur according to the seasons. In summer, their fur is brown while in winter, it becomes white. This enables Arctic foxes to blend into their surrounding throughout the year. It is not easy to spot a white Arctic fox against the blanket of snow.

The Arctic has still retained its natural charm and remains beautiful as it is yet to be touched by man.

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Adapted from 'Arctic Lands' by Jill Hughes

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

56. Where is the Arctic located?

57. Why is the Arctic compared to a desert?

58. Which word in the paragraph 2 means 'to grow well'?

59. What does the word 'They' in line 9 refer to?

60. How does its white fur help the Arctic fox to survive during winter?

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ANSWER SHEET

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Semestral Assessment (2) 2012
Primary 3 – English

| Section A: Picture Matching | | | | |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 1. (3) | 2. (2) | 3. (3) | 4. (2) | 5. (1) |

| Section B: Vocabulary MCQ | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|---------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 6. (1) | 7. (3) | 8. (1) | 9. (2) | 10. (3) | 11. (1) | 12. (4) | 13. (2) |
| 14. (1) | 15. (1) | | | | | | |

| Section C: Grammar MCQ | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 16. (3) | 17. (4) | 18. (1) | 19. (4) | 20. (3) | 21. (3) | 22. (1) | 23. (3) |
| 24. (4) | 25. (2) | | | | | | |

| Section D: Graphic Stimulus | | | | |
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| 26. (4) | 27. (1) | 28. (4) | 29. (4) | 30. (4) |

| Section E: Comprehension MCQ | | | | |
|------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 31. (3) | 32. (3) | 33. (2) | 34. (4) | 35. (2) |

| Section F: Note-taking | | | |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|
| 36. art club | 37. September | 38. Miss Lee | 39. canteen |
| 40. parents | | | |

| Section G: Vocabulary Cloze | | | | |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 41. G | 42. E | 43. A | 44. C | 45. D |

| Section H: Grammar Cloze | | | | |
|--------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 46. D | 47. E | 48. A | 49. B | 50. G |

| Section I: Comprehension Cloze | | | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| 51. at | 52. seashell | 53. also | 54. bent | 55. otherwise |

| Section J: Comprehension Open-ended | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 56 | Q: Where is the Arctic located? |

| | |
|----|--|
| | A: It is located at the North Pole. |
| 57 | Q: Why is the Arctic compared to a desert? |
| | A: It is treeless like a desert. |
| 58 | Q: Which word in the paragraph 2 means 'to grow well'? |
| | A: The word is 'flourish'. |
| 59 | Q: What does the word 'They' in line 9 refer to? |
| | A: It refers to the Arctic plants. |
| 60 | Q: How does its white fur help the Arctic fox to survive during winter'? |
| | A: It helps the Arctic fox hide from its prey in the snow. |