



**NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**2013 CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT 1**  
**PRIMARY 6**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (    )

Class: Pr. 6 \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 26 February 2013

Booklet A	/ 30
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Total Time for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

1. Do not turn over the page until you are told to do so.
2. Follow all instructions carefully.
3. Answer all questions.
4. Shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

**Section A – Graphic-Stimulus Comprehension (5 x 1 mark)**  
 Study the advertisement carefully and answer questions 1 to 5.

**NAC-EXXONMOBIL**  
 concert in the Park



**SUNDAY**

27th Jan 2013

4.00PM - 6.30PM

Singapore Botanic Gardens  
 Shaw Foundation Symphony Stage

Come with your mats &  
 picnic baskets and join us  
 for a fun-filled afternoon  
 with the entire family!

Performances by



Don Richmond

Tang Cuarter



Singapore Broadway  
 Harmonica Ensemble

Juz B

Hosted by:



Danny Yeo

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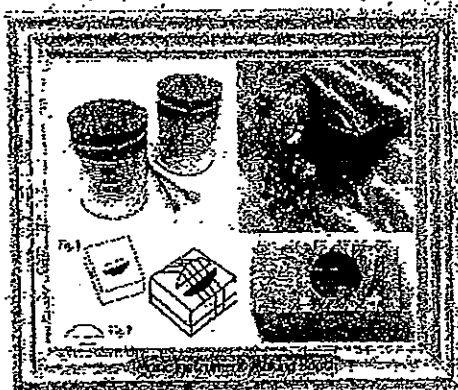
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**Secondary Activity**



Recycled Rhythms is a collaboration of music lovers and recycling enthusiasts, putting together everyday household / disposable / recyclable items to make melodies and beats that are fun to watch and even more fun hands-on! Making tissue box guitars, pet bottle shakers, ice cream stick harmonicas and rain-sticks from cups are just a few of the popular and easy-to-do items.

For each question, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice and shade the corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

1. Which of the following is not a performer in the concert?
  - (1) Juz B
  - (2) Danny Yeo
  - (3) T'ang Quartet
  - (4) Don Richmond
  
2. The main purpose of the concert is to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) organise a picnic for the public
  - (2) encourage people to appreciate the arts
  - (3) introduce new exhibits at the Singapore Botanic Gardens
  - (4) allow musicians to collaborate with others to create musical instruments
  
3. At the "Recycled Rhythms" booth, people can \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) donate unwanted items
  - (2) learn how to cross stitch
  - (3) create musical instruments out of recycled materials
  - (4) collect autographs from the performers at the concert
  
4. Which one of the following statements is true?
  - (1) Participants must bring mats and picnic baskets for the event.
  - (2) Participants must sign up on Facebook in order to attend the event.
  - (3) The most important activity for the event is the "Recycled Rhythms" activity.
  - (4) Participants do not have to be skilled in Art and Craft in order to take part in the "Recycled Rhythms" activity.
  
5. The main target audience of the advertisement are \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) artists
  - (2) families
  - (3) designers
  - (4) musicians

**Section B – Grammar ( 7 x 1 mark)**

*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 corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).*

6. After the pupils \_\_\_\_\_ their lunch, they proceeded to work on their projects.
- (1) take
  - (2) taking
  - (3) had taken
  - (4) have taken
7. My parents let me \_\_\_\_\_ to the movies last night.
- (1) go
  - (2) goes
  - (3) went
  - (4) gone
8. The man who took care of the orphans \_\_\_\_\_ praised in the President's speech last night.
- (1) is
  - (2) are
  - (3) was
  - (4) were
9. Non-members are not allowed entry into the club \_\_\_\_\_ they are accompanied by a member.
- (1) if
  - (2) until
  - (3) except
  - (4) unless
10. The man \_\_\_\_\_ dog attacked his neighbour was fined \$5000.
- (1) who
  - (2) which
  - (3) whom
  - (4) whose

11. Samuel claimed to be good \_\_\_\_\_ singing.

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

12. The musical school \_\_\_\_\_ many applicants as there were no vacancies left.

- (1) turned in
- (2) turned out
- (3) turned over
- (4) turned away

**Section C – Punctuation Discrete (3 x 1 mark)**

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 (OAS).

The sea began to recede quickly and tourists on the beach were astounded.

"Mummy, is this normal (13) Little Jenny asked.

"I have never seen this before (14) her mother replied She knew that something was not right. She carried Jenny and ran towards the direction of a cliff overlooking the sea.

As the tourists on the beach fled towards higher ground, the sea returned, but much larger than before. "Run (15)" a lifeguard hollered at the tourists who stood rooted in shock.

The waves swallowed everything in its path. The beach chairs, surfboards and even food carts lining the beach were all gone. Thankfully, everyone on the beach had managed to reach high ground safely and were awaiting rescue.

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

**Section D – Vocabulary (5 x 1 mark)**

*For each question from 16 to 20, one of the four options is the correct answer. Make your choice and shade the corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).*

16. It was no \_\_\_\_\_ when we heard that Jimmy won the Talent Quest. He was the best singer in the school.

- (1) shock
- (2) surprise
- (3) anticipation
- (4) enthusiasm

17. Remember that this task is easier if everyone contributes as \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) better be safe than sorry
- (2) many hands make light work
- (3) too many cooks spoil the broth
- (4) a bad workman blames his tools

18. Joyce did not feel hungry and only \_\_\_\_\_ her food.

- (1) picked at
- (2) polished off
- (3) wolfed down
- (4) went through

19. Even though he had been wrongfully imprisoned for many years, Nelson Mandela showed great courage in \_\_\_\_\_ to fight for the freedom of his people.

- (1) disaster
- (2) adversity
- (3) accident
- (4) misadventure

20. Police officers have the authority to \_\_\_\_\_ in order to calm a tense situation down.

- (1) interpret
- (2) interview
- (3) intervene
- (4) interrogate

**Section E – Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)**

For each question, choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

Africa is probably the most diverse continent in the world. While most people (21) take it to be true that all the countries there are largely similar, the truth is that they are not. The countries there are as (22) diverse as those on other continents. Even within a country such as South Africa, it is made up of many tribes and groups of people. Furthermore, there are two thousand languages spoken on the continent!

When (23) envisioning what Africa looks like, do you see a dense rainforest, a lifeless desert, white sandy beaches or snow-capped mountains? Oddly enough, Africa has all these places. Tourism to these parts of Africa has become increasingly (24) well-liked by many in recent years and it is very possible to travel through all these places in one trip. When planning your next vacation, why not consider this (25) fascinating continent? You will never regret it!

21. (1) infer  
(2) assume  
(3) suggest  
(4) propose
22. (1) strange  
(2) defined  
(3) different  
(4) separated
23. (1) asking  
(2) admiring  
(3) observing  
(4) visualising
24. (1) desired  
(2) popular  
(3) infamous  
(4) requested
25. (1) brilliant  
(2) famous  
(3) fanatical  
(4) captivating



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**Section F – Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1 mark)**

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

The taxi suddenly stopped. The taxi driver yelled at me in a language I did not understand, gesticulating wildly. I stared at him and he continued to point wildly in many different directions. I could tell that he was agitated, so I paid the fare, got off and heaved my luggage out from the boot. He did not even bother to help me with my luggage and sped off the moment the boot was closed. 5

We had circled the block nine times. Or was it ten? Perhaps it was eleven. I had lost count. The street was dimly-lit and I could see a tattered road sign. I walked towards it and tried to match the symbols on the road sign with the one on a business card. It seemed to match. I quickly walked towards a passer-by and showed him the business card. He glanced at it and shook his head. Again, he replied in a language I did not understand and walked off. 10

I decided to try my luck at a small café along the street. As I entered the café, I blurted out, "Anyone here speaks English? Anyone?" Most eyes in the café turned towards me, and I felt a little embarrassed and silly. A burly man got up from his seat in the corner and walked towards me with swift, giant strides. I feared the worst and I tried to reach for the handle of the door. 15

As the burly man was within an arm's length, I turned and tried to flee. However, his large hand grabbed my shoulder and I heard a deep but gentle "Yes." I was so glad to finally have someone to speak to since my plane landed hours ago. He led me to his seat and asked, "Are you lost? Which hotel are you looking for? There aren't any nearby." 20

"Oh, there are. Look! Look at the business card." I quickly offered.

He glanced at it and immediately shook his head. "Young man, you have been cheated. The road name is correct but it says 4235. In my country, all buildings have even-numbered addresses. Odd numbers are for open spaces." 25

I stared in disbelief at what he had just said. I had saved up an entire year for this trip. The hotel's rates were ridiculously cheap compared to other hotels in the country. I should have known it was too good to be true. I looked into my wallet and all I had was a few hundred dollars and my plane ticket home. I could only afford two nights' stay at another hotel and I had planned to be on a two-week vacation. 30

"I need to arrange for a flight home. Can I borrow a phone?" I asked.

"Come on! Stay and enjoy the beautiful sights in my country! Look, there is a room with a small bed here. You can stay as long as you like. No charge." Bo, the burly man, smiled. 35

My jaws almost dropped at his extremely generous offer. Over the next two weeks, Bo and his family members took turns to drive me around to the various places of interest in his country. Bo even sent me to the airport on my departure date. As I prepared to enter the boarding gate, I gave Bo a huge hug.

I whispered in his ear, "This country is beautiful but it is not as beautiful as its people." I wiped my eyes and headed towards the plane. 40

For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Choose the correct answer and shade the corresponding ovals on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

26. Why was the taxi driver agitated?

- (1) He was tired.
- (2) He did not like the author.
- (3) He did not know where he was.
- (4) He had been driving around the same place too many times.

27. In line 16, what caused the writer to fear the worst?

- (1) He realised that he was lost.
- (2) He realised that no one spoke English.
- (3) He realised that he could be attacked by the burly man.
- (4) He realised that the hotel was not located in the area he was in.

28. Why did the burly man say that the writer had been cheated?

- (1) He knew where the hotel was.
- (2) He knew that the hotel's address was a fake.
- (3) He knew that the hotel's rates were too good to be true.
- (4) He knew that the taxi driver had taken the writer to the wrong place.

29. What did the writer decide to do immediately after he realised he had been cheated?

- (1) He decided to call home.
- (2) He decided to continue with the trip.
- (3) He decided to arrange for an earlier flight out of the country.
- (4) He decided to ask the burly man for another place to stay in.

30. What did the writer mean when he said that "This country is beautiful but it is not as beautiful as its people" (lines 41-42)?

- (1) He was not impressed with the country.
- (2) He had seen more beautiful sights in other places.
- (3) He felt that Bo and his family were his best experience on the trip.
- (4) He felt that the country had left a strong impression on him and would return soon.

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**Section G – Grammar Cloze (10 x 1 mark)**

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40 in the passage below. From the list of words in the box, choose the most suitable answer for each blank and write its letter (A to Q) in it. "I" and "O" have been omitted to avoid confusion in marking.

Use each word only ONCE.

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|-----------|---------|------------|----------|---------|
| A) also   | D) did  | G) however | K) them  | N) this |
| B) before | E) even | H) if      | L) these | P) to   |
| C) can    | F) from | J) over    | M) they  | Q) why  |

These are exciting times for Brazil, the largest country in South America. Brazilians are overjoyed that, 31) \_\_\_\_\_ the next three years, there will be two major sporting events taking place: World Cup 2014 and the 2016 Summer Olympics. Sporting events like 32) \_\_\_\_\_ not only bring much cheer to the people but they also bring much needed investment into the country. The government, sporting authorities and sponsors will invest billions of dollars 33) \_\_\_\_\_ upgrade stadiums, transportation, shops and hotels. However, many sceptics ask 34) \_\_\_\_\_ the money spent will be worth it.

No one 35) \_\_\_\_\_ really tell if the money spent will be worth it. Even the government and their experts cannot do so. There are, 36) \_\_\_\_\_, many benefits to Brazilians from the investment. The new roads, airports and rail systems will provide 37) \_\_\_\_\_ with much greater convenience when travelling. Spectators at sporting events will get to enjoy a more pleasant experience than \_\_\_\_\_. All new stadiums will have roofs to shield people from the rain or the harsh rays from the sun.

The money spent on these sporting events will 39) \_\_\_\_\_ give Brazilians the opportunity to showcase their vibrant culture and fun-loving ways. To many Brazilians, 40) \_\_\_\_\_ if they end up paying lots of taxes for these events, the fun they will have will be worth every cent. After all, they happen only once in a lifetime.

**Section H – Editing for Spelling and Grammar (10 x 1 mark)**

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

Proverbs are words of wisdom and these sayings are often used to teach common

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sense to people. Some proverbs may seem ridiculous, such as **curiocity** killed the cat,

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but they may actually happen in real life. In 1916, a cat in New York wandered onto the roof

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of an apartment block and was trapping. It began to wail and the owner called for the fire

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brigade for help. Even though the firemen found it strange to offer assistants to a pet, they

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soon arrived and tried to help the cat off a roof. They lowered a rope from the side of the

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building but the cat ignored it. It owner even climbed up the fire ladder to persuade the cat

47)

to leave the roof, but to no avail.

48)

After hours of attempts, the **exhorsted** firemen packed up their equipment and left.

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Rather than risk further embarrassing, **the** owner also returned to her home. The next day,

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there was a sudden **komotion** among the residents in the building. The cat had freed itself.

Instead of returning to its home, the cat continued exploring the rooftop until it fell through a

chimney. The cat was killed.

**Section I – Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)**

*Fill in each blank with a suitable word.*

Flowers are renowned for their beautiful scents. Most perfumes are made 51) \_\_\_\_\_ flower extracts. However, can you imagine flowers which 52) \_\_\_\_\_ like rotten meat? These flowers are known as "carrion flowers and they 53) \_\_\_\_\_ such odours in order to attract pollinators like flies and beetles. The colour of these flowers 54) \_\_\_\_\_ that of rotting meat as well.

Carrion flowers can range in 55) \_\_\_\_\_ from a few centimetres in diameter to almost a metre across and can weigh up to eleven kilograms. One of the largest carrion flowers 56) \_\_\_\_\_ the Rafflesia flower, which is only found in the rainforests in South-East Asia. In 1818, Sir Thomas Stamford Raffles led an expedition into the Indonesian rainforests. A member of the expedition who stumbled upon the flower decided to 57) \_\_\_\_\_ it after his team leader, Raffles. Since then, more than twenty other species of Rafflesia flowers have been 58) \_\_\_\_\_.

Many species of Rafflesia flowers are critically 59) \_\_\_\_\_ and some have become extinct in recent years. Due to the size of these flowers, they may 60) \_\_\_\_\_ up to nine months to bloom. Even then, the blooming period may only be three days long. As a 61) \_\_\_\_\_, seeing and smelling these flowers in bloom is extremely rare.

One 62) \_\_\_\_\_ of the Rafflesia flowers, *Rafflesia arnoldi*, has been selected as the National Flower of Indonesia. Some people might find the choice of the *Rafflesia arnoldi* to be rather strange due to its nature as a carrion flower. However, the Indonesian government has chosen it to represent the diversity of the country's 63) \_\_\_\_\_ and fauna.

As the Rafflesia flowers are parasitic, they do not photosynthesize or make their own 64) \_\_\_\_\_. Instead, they obtain nutrients and water by growing on another plant known as Tetrastigma. Therefore, as the Tetrastigma plant becomes threatened today due to human activities in the rainforests, the survival of the Rafflesia flowers is also in 65) \_\_\_\_\_. More needs to be done to protect it.

**Section J - Synthesis / Transformation (5 x 2 marks)**

*For questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of the sentence must be the same as the given one(s).*

66. "Will you be visiting me tomorrow?" Mrs Lee asked John.

**Mrs Lee asked John** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

67. The manager sensed that his workers were tired. He dismissed them early.

**Sensing** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

68. Jenny did not apologise for her mistake. She pretended to be innocent.

**Instead of** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

69. Jim and Andrew were friends. Jim agreed to help Andrew.

\_\_\_\_\_ **on account of**  
\_\_\_\_\_

70. Everyone had a good time at the party. Tony did not have a good time at the party.

**Except for** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Section K – Comprehension (10 x 2 marks)**

**Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80**

Like every Sunday morning, the farmers' market in Norwich was bustling. People darted from stall to stall looking for the freshest and cheapest produce they could find. At a corner of the market, Morris sat restlessly at his stall, waiting for customers to buy his recent harvest. The harvest had been poor. There had been too little rain that year and his fruit trees did not produce many fruits as a result. Furthermore, the price of fertilisers had gone up threefold and he could not afford it. 5

As Morris waited, his thoughts drifted to the days when he could be free to pursue his dreams. He had wanted to be an artist and he even attended art school for three years. However, since his parents became too old to tend to the orchard, he had to take over the farm. To his dismay, he knew nothing about farming even though he spent his entire childhood on the farm. As his parents did not want him to be a farmer, they taught him very little about maintaining an orchard. 10

A man dressed in a fine pin-striped suit soon walked over with three assistants in tow. He began to peruse through Morris' fruits. Morris introduced himself but the man did not reply. Morris was bewildered. The man looked up and turned to his assistants. Without saying a word, his assistants looked at his expression and started scribbling frantically into their notebooks. The man then turned towards Morris and shook his head. 15

"How long have you been farming, Morris?" The man finally spoke in a crisp, upper-class accent. 20

"Not long. This is my second year back in the farm," Morris replied.

"I see. It's no wonder your fruits look shrivelled." He picked up an apple, bit into it and then spat it out. "They taste awful as well."

Morris' head hung low after he heard what the man had said. As he looked up again, he realised that the man was staring at the sign hanging by his stall. It was something that Morris had painted that morning and the paint was still wet. Even though he had not put much effort in it, it was by far the most beautiful sign in the market. Morris had also signed it like any artist would to their masterpieces. 25

"No... not a farmer. An artist. A true artist," the man mumbled to himself.

The man turned to his assistants and raised four fingers. One of the assistants quickly pulled out a cheque book, wrote something on it and handed it to Morris. Morris rubbed his eyes several times and was about to ask a question when the assistant spoke. 30

"This is for the crate of fruits here, as well as the sign on your stall. We will continue to give you this amount every week until you want us to stop. However, you must fulfil this condition: Stop farming and start painting," said the assistant in a stern and firm voice. 35

Morris knew that the assistant was not joking. He simply nodded. The assistants carried the crate of fruits and the man lifted the sign. They walked off to a large town car which was waiting for them. Morris knew that with the four thousand dollars a week, he could afford to find helpers to tend to his family's orchard and provide him with enough money to pay for his art materials. 40



The cheques came every week and Morris painted finer and finer works. His paintings began to receive critical acclaim. He decided to organise his first ever exhibition in London and he wanted to invite his benefactor. However, he realised that he did not even know his name and that the cheques were signed by a bank official. 45

On the day of his exhibition, he dedicated his largest painting to his benefactor. He wrote on it: "Dedicated to a great man." While at the exhibition, someone tapped on Morris' shoulder and passed him an envelope. He opened it and found a newspaper clipping. It was the obituary of a person. Morris shed a tear, walked up towards his largest painting and added "Sir Walter Smith". 50

71. Referring to the first paragraph, what was Morris' occupation?

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72. Why was Morris' harvest poor that year?

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73. Give two pieces of evidence from paragraph three to show that the man was rich.

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74. Which word in paragraph three has the same meaning as "to examine carefully"?

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75. How did the man know that Morris was an artist?

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76. How much did the man pay Morris for the sign and the fruits that day?

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77. Quote a sentence which tells you that Morris' paintings were well-received by experts.

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78. Why was Morris unable to invite the man for his exhibition?

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79. How did Morris feel after he had read the newspaper clipping? Why did he feel that way?

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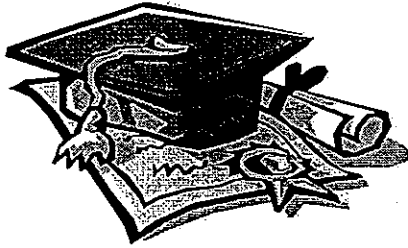
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80. Did Morris find out the man's name in the end? How can you tell?

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# ANSWER SHEET

**EXAM PAPER 2013**

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**SUBJECT : PRIMARY 6 ENGLISH**

**TERM : CA1**

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46)Its    47)avail    48)exhausted    49)embarrassment  
50)commotion    51)from    52)smells    53)emit    54)resembles  
55)size    56)is    57)name    58)found    59)endangered  
60)take    61)result    62)species    63)flora    64)food    65)doubt  
66)Mrs Lee asked John if he would be visiting her the next day.  
67)Sensing that his workers were tired, the manager dismissed them early.  
68)Instead of apologising for her mistake, Jenny pretended to be innocent.  
69)Jim agreed to help Andrew on account of their friendship.

70) Except for Tony, everyone had a good time at the party.

71) Morris was a farmer.

72) There was not enough rain and the price of fertilizers had gone up threefold and he could not afford it.

73) The man was dressed in a fine pin-striped suit and had three assistants.

74) The word is "peruse".

75) He could see that Morris had painted a beautiful sign that morning.

76) The man paid Morris four thousand dollars for the sign and the fruits.

77) The sentence is "His painting began to receive critical acclaim".

78) Morris did not know the man's name as the cheque was signed by a bank official.

79) Morris felt sad. He was sad that he could not give his largest painting to the man as he was dead.

80) Yes, he did. He walked up to the largest painting and added "Sir Walter Smith".