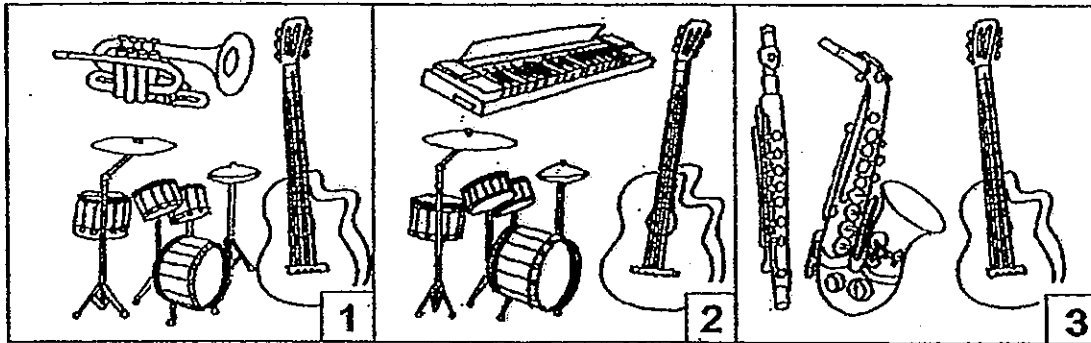


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TEXT 1

Q1. Which of the following shows the instruments that will not be kept in the cupboards?



TEXT 2

Q2. Which of the following best depicts Jessica's cousin?



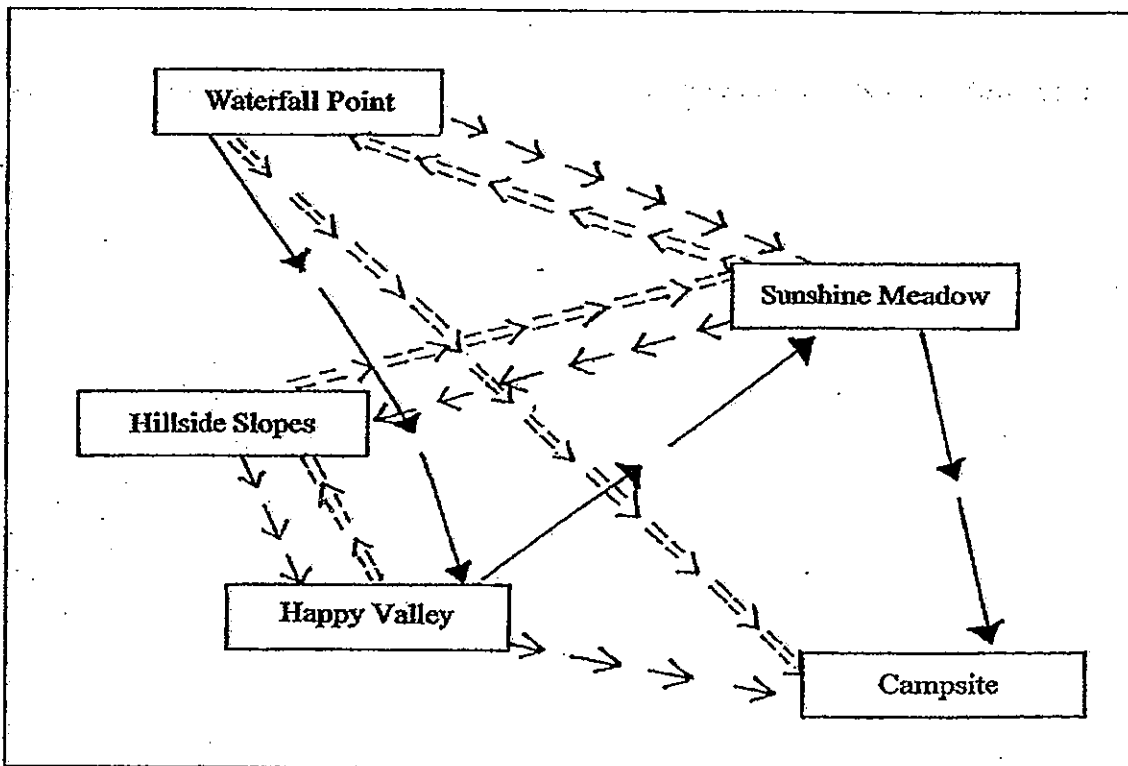
TEXT 3

Q3. For campers in Team Leader David's group, which of the following is their first stop?

- (1) Happy Valley
- (2) Waterfall Point
- (3) Sunshine meadow

Q4. Which of the following shows the route that the campers with Team Leader Molly will take?

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- (2) ==> ==> ==> ==>
- (3) —————▶



TEXT 4

Q5. What can Mrs. Tan do in order to pay only \$8 for entry into the National Bird Park?

- (1) take her six-year-old son there on a Monday in June
- (2) flash her Feathered Friends Membership Card
- (3) arrive before 9 a.m. on a Monday in June

Q6. Which of the following is a privilege current Feathered Friends Club members can enjoy in June?

- (1) a \$30 discount on Annual Membership fees
- (2) free admission into the National Bird Park
- (3) a 15% discount at the restaurants

Q7. If Bob would like to join the Feathered Friends Club in June, how much will he need to pay for an annual membership?

- (1) \$120
- (2) \$150
- (3) \$180

TEXT 5

Q8. Can Paul play floorball even though he doesn't have a floorball stick?

- (1) Yes, the sticks will be provided.
- (2) No, all players need a stick to play floorball.
- (3) Yes, the floorball team rents sticks to players.

Q9. Where was floorball first played?

- (1) Sweden
- (2) Norway
- (3) Finland

Q10. Is floorball only played in Scandinavian countries?

- (1) Yes, floorball leagues can only be found there.
- (2) No, it is played in every country around the world.
- (3) No, people are playing it in various countries, including North America.

Q11. Why does Mag play floorball?

- (1) She wants to join a floorball league.
- (2) She thinks it is a safe game.
- (3) She enjoys playing it.

TEXT 6

Q12. According to the text, why was 2008 a most memorable year?

- (1) China had a huge debt to repay.
- (2) Two major disasters struck Asia.
- (3) The world ignored the damage caused.

Q13. What did Cyclone Nargis cause?

- (1) An earthquake.
- (2) Damage to the North Indian Ocean.
- (3) A very high number of deaths.

Q14. Why were relief efforts after Cyclone Nargis struck slowed down?

- (1) Leaders of other countries were reluctant to help.
- (2) Relief efforts were held up by heavy rain.
- (3) Myanmar's leaders refused help at first.

Q15. Why was the Sichuan earthquake likened to a monster?

- (1) It measured 7.9 in magnitude, causing great loss of lives and damage.
- (2) It was the third costliest disaster in China.
- (3) It was uncontrollable.

Q16. How long after Cyclone Nargis did the Sichuan earthquake occur?

- (1) A month apart.
- (2) More than a month apart.
- (3) Less than a month apart.

TEXT 7

Q17. What are the species of elephant that exist today?

- (1) The Indian elephant, the African forest elephant and the African bush elephant.
- (2) The African bush elephant, the Asian elephant and the Indian elephant.
- (3) The Asian elephant, the African forest elephant, the Indian elephant and the African bush elephant.

Q18. In what way do the lives of male and female elephants differ?

- (1) Males have no natural predators but females are often poached.
- (2) Males move around alone but females move in groups.
- (3) Males live longer than females.

Q19. How many years do elephants usually live for?

- (1) 65 to 85 years
- (2) 50 to 70 years
- (3) 25 to 45 years













Q20. How do humans pose a threat to the survival of elephants?

- (1) By killing the calves and weak adult elephants.
- (2) By hunting them and destroying forests.
- (3) By breeding lions to prey on them.

-- THE END --

Part I: Situational Writing (15 marks)

(1) Read the following conversation between Calvin and Sarah.

	Hey Calvin, you look troubled. Is there anything wrong?
	I'm at a loss as to what I should do. I'm not sure if I should report an incident that I had witnessed.
	What happened?
	Yesterday, during recess at about 10.20 a.m. I was carrying some books to the staffroom for Mr Wong. To my horror, while walking past the Science Room, I saw Joe and Sam damaging the Science projects.
	Not again! Those infamous pranksters from 6H. What did you do then?
	I shouted at the boys to stop what they were doing.
	They did as they were told, didn't they?
	No, they continued! They also warned me not to report them to the teachers.
	That's too much! I think you should report this to Mr Neo.
	Yes, Sarah, I think I should do that. They should not be allowed to get away with such irresponsible behaviour.
	Mr Neo will take care of the case. So, don't be troubled by it. You should concentrate on preparing for tomorrow's Science test.
	Oh yes, tomorrow is 3 May. Thanks for reminding.

Your Task

Imagine you are Calvin.

Write an incident report of what you witnessed at the Science Room to Mr Neo, the discipline master of the school.

You are to refer to the information on page 1 for your incident report.

In your report, include the following information:

- the date and time of the incident
- what you were doing at that time
- who were the boys involved
- what you witnessed
- how the boys reacted to you

You may reorder the points. Remember to write in complete sentences.

Part II: Continuous Writing (40 marks)

There are 2 questions in Part 2. Answer only one of them.

(2) Write a story based on the picture below. Your story should be at least 150 words long.



You must make use of the points below in your story:

- why the boy was running
- what happened to the man on the ladder
- what happened in the end

You may reorder the points. You may also include other relevant points.

(3) You were waiting for the lift one quiet evening. Just then, you felt a hand grip your shoulder.

Based on the above situation, write a story that is at least 150 words long.

You must make use of the points below in your story:

- who gripped your shoulder
- how you reacted
- what happened in the end

You may reorder the points. You may also include other relevant points.



**CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
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PRIMARY SIX
ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)
BOOKLET A**

Name: _____ ()

Class: Primary Six _____

17 May 2013

30 Questions
(30 Marks)

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

This booklet consists of 9 printed pages excluding the cover page.

Study the following advertisement and then answer questions 1 to 5.



Peek-a-boo Playtown!

The Fun & Safe Entertainment for Kids!

• Peek-a-boo Playtown - A children's indoor playground at United Mall. You can even drop your kids off while you shop!

• Remember to bring your socks! (Compulsory to enter Playtown)
• *Entrance charges apply.



It's Party Time!

Reasons to have your party at Peek-a-boo Playtown:

1. **Hassle-free!** Just bring yourself and a cake! We provided everything else!
2. **We run the party, you relax!** Exclusive use of the party area for 2 hours with our dedicated party hosts!
3. **We keep your guests happy!** Complimentary invitation cards provided. Free SMS reminder service to ensure your guests turn up!
4. **Parking is free!** (For the first hour on weekdays, excluding public holiday)

Available Party Time slots:

- 1) 10 a.m. to 12 noon
- 2) 1.30 p.m. to 3.30 pm
- 3) 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

***Packages Available**

	Cost**	Other Perks
Classic Party Set Up	\$450 (for up to 10 kids) \$520 (for 15 kids)	FREE: Peek-a-Boo balloon bouquet for the birthday child!
	Cost***	Other Perks
Cartoon Themed Party Set Up	\$590 (for up to 10 kids) \$680 (for 15 kids)	FREE: Peek-a-Boo vouchers worth more than \$100 and themed balloon bouquet for the birthday child!
* Weekday discounts of \$100 given. Entrance fee waived for all when a package is booked.		
** Additional children at \$28 each (Inclusive of food and drinks).		
*** Additional children at \$38 each (Inclusive of food and drinks).		

*** Entrance Charges:**

- Adults: \$3 per entry (1 adult free for 1 paying child and ^{free} for babies up to 9 months)
- Children: \$12 per entry
- Drop-off (4 years and above): \$15 for 2 hours & \$5 per subsequent hour

For party booking, please call us at 6765 4000 or mail us at party@peekaboo.com.sg
You may also visit us at United Mall Office (Level 2).

For enquiries on Peek-a-boo Playtown:
Call Donna @ 6700 0100 or visit our website at www.booboo.com

1. The main aim of this advertisement is to _____.
- (1) promote the importance of safety in play
 - (2) allow parents to shop peacefully without their kids
 - (3) promote Peek-a-boo Playtown as a children's haven
 - (4) inform the public that Peek-a-boo Playtown is an indoor Children's playground
2. Peek-a-boo Playtown is an excellent birthday party venue as _____.
- (1) party hours are flexible
 - (2) party hosts will run the show
 - (3) every item needed for the birthday party is provided
 - (4) guests will be able to park their cars for free during party hours
3. To find out about Peek-a-boo Playtown's opening hours, one must _____.
- (1) call 6765 4000
 - (2) go to www.booboo.com
 - (3) go to United Mall Office Level 2
 - (4) e-mail party@peekaboo.com.sg
4. Mrs. Caffrey wants to hold a party for her son who loves the cartoon character, Thomas the Train on Tuesday. She has 15 guests on her list so she has to pay _____.
- (1) \$580 with entrance fee
 - (2) \$680 with entrance fee
 - (3) \$580 with no entrance fee
 - (4) \$680 with no entrance fee
5. Which of the following statements is true?
- (1) Every birthday child gets a themed balloon bouquet.
 - (2) A birthday child must bring his/her socks to Peek-a-boo Playtown.
 - (3) All children must pay a Peek-a-boo Playtown entrance fee of \$12.
 - (4) Peek-a-boo parties can only accommodate a maximum of 15 guests.

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. _____ of the men at the ceremony was given a bow-tie to wear.
- (1) All
 - (2) Both
 - (3) Each
 - (4) Some
7. Joey, together with his sisters, _____ in the pool for hours every Sunday.
- (1) swim
 - (2) swims
 - (3) has swum
 - (4) have swum
8. Not only did the coach _____ the soccer players but he also mentored them.
- (1) train
 - (2) trains
 - (3) trained
 - (4) had trained
9. The container with all the sports apparels and equipment _____ in the room a fortnight ago.
- (1) is locked
 - (2) are locked
 - (3) was locked
 - (4) were locked
10. Susan's rarely been sick this year, _____ she?
- (1) has
 - (2) does
 - (3) hasn't
 - (4) doesn't

11. The pupil, _____ curiosity was piqued, went to find the source of the sound.

- (1) when
- (2) who's
- (3) where
- (4) whose

12. Henry watched his opponent _____ the chess tournament with extreme frustration.

- (1) won
- (2) wins
- (3) winning
- (4) had won

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)

One day, Lion summoned all the animals in the jungle. "Each of you must tell a joke," he said (13) but if anyone fails to laugh, I'll kill the person who told it. Monkey, you go first."

Monkey began, "Two men go into a bar..." When he delivered the punch line, everyone roared with laughter (14) except Tortoise. Immediately, Lion pounced on Monkey and killed him. Next up was Elephant. The same thing happened and the Lion killed him. The animals were furious with Tortoise, but no one dared to move. Tiger began his joke. Tortoise suddenly rolled over and began kicking his feet in the air, laughing his head off. "What's wrong with you (15) roared an irate Lion. "Tiger has not even finished his joke yet!"

"I'm sorry," said Tortoise, gasping between laughs, "but Monkey's joke was simply too funny!"

Adapted from: <http://www.rdasia.com/jokes/funniest>

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

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. The detective was _____ in gathering detailed evidence of bank records in order to convict the criminal. He left no stone unturned.

- (1) delirious
- (2) frivolous
- (3) apoplectic
- (4) meticulous

17. Aunt Emma _____ back home with heavy bags of groceries after a long walk to the supermarket.

- (1) paced
- (2) ambled
- (3) trudged
- (4) prowled

18. The filial daughter visited her ailing mother in the hospital, without fail, for seven days _____.

- (1) concertedly
- (2) concurrently
- (3) conveniently
- (4) consecutively

19. Joseph had made many _____ business decisions that resulted in a great financial loss.

- (1) intelligent
- (2) indelicate
- (3) inadvisable
- (4) indispensable

20. Since the _____ of the special programme in schools a few years ago, many pupils at the primary level have benefited from it.

- (1) inception
- (2) operation
- (3) culmination
- (4) construction

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

An innocent pupil, Tommy, had to undergo several counselling sessions after being mercilessly teased by his classmates. It started off innocently with his classmates making some (21) innocuous jokes about one another. However, it took a turn for the worse when some of these pupils started spreading (22) malicious gossip about Tommy, causing other pupils to ostracise him. Much of this gossip was (23) fabricated to torment Tommy. Fortunately, a teacher found out about their activities and managed to curb the spreading of such baseless rumours. The group of pupils has been (24) chastened by the school authorities. They have to attend detention classes and reflect on the consequences of their actions. This incident can (25) attest to the negative effects of spreading gossip.

21. (1) injurious
(2) gracious
(3) harmless
(4) venomous
22. (1) crafty
(2) vicious
(3) obvious
(4) shrewd
23. (1) imitated
(2) falsified
(3) obscured
(4) replicated
24. (1) caned
(2) charged
(3) condemned
(4) reprimanded
25. (1) vouch
(2) dispute
(3) disclaim
(4) guarantee

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

I did badly in the first term's class test, not unexpectedly. It was not completely attributed to the fact that I had fallen ill quite often and neither was I an average pupil. My family's recent move to Kampong Bahru was somewhat a disaster for my education. There was too much fun for boys my age, from rounders, basketball, fighting fish to mischievous exploits of one sort or another.

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My teacher, Mr Doraisamy, was an amicable person who was not an advocate of 'spare the rod and spoil the child'. However, he wrote four words in my report book - "Can work, but lazy." It was the system then that principals would go round to each class and take a look at every report book. The principal, Captain Goodman Ambler, was a retired British army officer. He was about six feet tall, slim and slightly hunched, but his looks were enough to give shivers to pupils who did not match his expectations.

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On that fateful afternoon, Captain Ambler sat on our teacher's chair and went through the report books. Coincidentally, my book was on top of the pile. Then I heard my name. His military voice boomed across the room. "So you can work, but you are lazy, eh? My boy," the principal bawled, "go to my office. Next to my desk is a wooden cabinet. Open it. In it, find the magic wand you like best and bring it back to me."

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I did not need any prodding. I stepped quickly out of my class. In the wooden cabinet, I found six canes of various thickness, from the girth of one's smallest finger to one's fat thumb. What a decision to make! I remembered that I had heard from other mischievous boys that the thicker the cane, the less the pain. Not knowing any better myself, I took a risk. What I could not guess was how many strokes I would be given. This thought struck fear in me.

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By the time I returned to class, there were about seven others who had 'qualified' to experience the magic wand. I was the first. Then like a first-rate magician, Captain Ambler brought the cane down on my buttocks. I almost fainted. At that very instance, he called, "Next." It was the happiest word I had heard till that moment.

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That one stroke changed my life. All extra-curricular activities in the *kampung* were put on hold. When the results of the third term came in, there was nothing to make me qualify for another stroke. Deep in my heart, I am totally grateful to Captain Ambler for performing his magic. I could have ended up as a dropout and life would have been ruined.

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Adapted from: Glimpses and Reflections By Wee Kim Wee

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 writer's bad results were expected because he _____.
- (1) had been ill
 - (2) was not a very smart pupil
 - (3) was too distracted to study
 - (4) took time to adapt to Kampong Bahru
27. Mr Doraisamy _____.
- (1) thought that the writer was not capable
 - (2) wanted Captain Ambler to cane the writer
 - (3) believed that a child should be disciplined with the cane
 - (4) thought the writer had potential but was not achieving it
28. The risk the writer took in line 23 was _____.
- (1) choosing the thickest cane
 - (2) choosing the thinnest cane
 - (3) not listening to the mischievous boys' advice
 - (4) not waiting to be prodded but leaving the class quickly
29. The author was happy after being caned as he _____.
- (1) had not fainted
 - (2) had only been caned once
 - (3) wanted the others to feel the pain too
 - (4) had qualified to experience the magic wand
30. Which of the following statements is **true**?
- (1) Captain Ambler was a good magician who had retired.
 - (2) There was nothing good about the writer's third term results.
 - (3) The writer stopped playing basketball temporarily after being caned.
 - (4) The author had been a dropout before Captain Ambler intervened in his life.



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BOOKLET B

Name: _____ ()

Class: Primary Six _____

17 May 2013

50 Questions
(65 Marks)

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

Write your answers in this booklet.

Components	Marks
Booklet A	30
Booklet B	65
TOTAL	95

Parent's
Signature: _____

This booklet consists of 7 printed pages excluding the cover page.

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 in order to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

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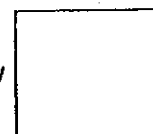
Once common throughout Africa and Asia, elephant numbers were severely depleted in the 19th century. This was largely (31) _____ to the massive ivory trade. (32) _____ some populations are now stable, poaching and habitat destruction continue to threaten the species.

(33) _____ African elephants and Asian elephants need a lot of food and freedom to survive. They wander in small to large herds, sometimes (34) _____ incredibly large areas and consume up to several hundred kilogrammes of plant matter in a single day. Elephants, in fact, place such great demands on their environment that they frequently come (35) _____ conflict with people who are competing for many of the same, often scarce, resources.

Although poaching of elephants for their ivory (36) _____ declined since the 1989 worldwide ivory ban, it remains a widespread problem. Large quantities of African ivory, for example, still find (37) _____ way to illegal markets in Africa and beyond. Elephants are also killed (38) _____ their meat and hides.

A more long-term threat is the reduction of habitat available to elephants in the face (39) _____ expanding human populations. (40) _____ a rise in human settlements, many wild elephant populations lose their habitats. Habitat loss and degradation also increases confrontations between elephants and people, often leading to deaths on both sides.

Adapted from: http://www.panda.org/what_we_do/ endangered_species/elephants/



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

Tan Tock Seng Hospital (TTSH), the SARS-designated hospital during the 2003

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apidamik, paid tribute to healthcare workers which battled the crises a decade ago,

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at a **kommemoration** event on Wednesday.

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A SARS exhibition **jointly** organising by the National Heritage Board and

TTSH was also launched. It featured tools used in the SARS fight and captured

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poiknent stories from that period. Health Minister Gan Kim Yong also unveiled a

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plaque. In his speech, Mr Gan said Singapore's healthcare workers worked selfless

to care for SARS patients.

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"We mourned for a nation when some of these heroes **sercumbed** to the

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infection so that patients they cared for could live off and recover," said Mr Gan, who

thanked the nurses, doctors and healthcare workers in all hospitals and healthcare

institutions.

Adapted from: <http://www.straitstimes.com/breaking-news/singapore/story/ttsh>



Fill in the blanks with the most suitable answer. (15 marks)

Koalas are set to be listed as a threatened species after a plunge in the wild population. Some studies suggest that there are (51) _____ than 80,000 koalas left. (52) _____ are suffering from habitat destruction and climate change.

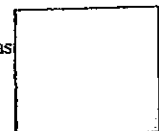
Australian environment minister Tony Burke is expected to list koalas in Queensland as 'endangered' and those in New South Wales as 'vulnerable', (53) _____ to local media reports. This means (54) _____ would be placed on mining projects, logging operations and housing developments in their habitats in these areas. (55) _____, environmental groups say such restrictions do not go far enough and should cover a wider area.

Research (56) _____ in a koala habitat near Sydney has shown that numbers for the animal have (57) _____ by 75% since 1993. David Paul, an ecological expert who did the study, (58) _____ the dwindling koala numbers in that area to the drought and hot weather recorded in the last decade.

"A lot of koalas were (59) _____ due to lack of water sources and I think perhaps it might be an early sign of climate change," said Paul. Paul also said that koalas in other parts of Australia (60) _____ from habitat loss, which is (61) _____ mainly by housing development.

Environmentalists last year recommended that the koala should be considered for being listed as a vulnerable (62) _____ in areas of significant koala population decline.

"Tony Burke should not delay his decision any further. He should (63) _____ the koala as vulnerable and act now to strengthen national environment laws," senator Larissa said in an interview on Thursday. Burke, who has (64) _____ the decision twice before, is due to rule next Monday based on advice (65) _____ the National Threatened Species Scientific Committee. Environmentalists are keeping their fingers crossed that Tony Burke would make a prompt decision without delaying yet again.



For each of the questions from 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. I was annoyed that I could not complete my A-Star creative writing project.

Much _____

67. Mary was extremely pleased as she watched her favourite team win.

It was with _____

68. Neither eggs nor milk is found among the ingredients in the recipe for my dessert.

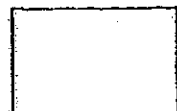
Both _____

69. Carla wrote an intriguing story. It was not chosen.

In spite _____

70. Sally did her assignment with John's help.

Without _____



Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80. (20 marks)

Folklore has it that my father, Baba, once wrestled a black bear in Afghanistan with his bare hands. If the story had been about anyone else, it would have been dismissed as part of that Afghan tendency to exaggerate – sadly, almost a national disease. If someone bragged that his son was a doctor, chances were the kid had once passed a biology test in high school. But no one ever doubted the veracity of any story about Baba. Even if they did, well, Baba did have those three parallel scars coursing a jagged path down his back.

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Many referred to Baba by his famous nickname, "Mr. Hurricane." It was an apt enough nickname. My father was a force of nature, a towering specimen with a thick beard, a wayward crop of curly brown hair as unruly as the man himself, hands that looked capable of uprooting a willow tree, and a black glare that would "drop the devil to his knees begging for mercy" as many used to say.

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Baba was impossible to ignore, even in his sleep. I used to bury cotton wisps in my ears, pull the blanket over my head, but it penetrated the walls. To make matters worse, my room was across the hall from Baba's bedroom. How my mother ever managed to sleep in the same room as him is a mystery to me. It's in the long list of things I would have asked my mother if I had ever met her.

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In the late 1960s, when I was five, Baba decided to build an orphanage. Baba had drawn the blueprints himself despite the fact that he had no architectural experience at all. Skeptics had urged him to stop his foolishness and hire an architect. Of course, Baba refused and everyone shook their heads in dismay at his obstinate ways. Then Baba succeeded and everyone shook their heads in awe at his triumphant ways. I was told that Baba had personally funded the entire construction of the two-storey orphanage.

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This took three years in all. I was eight by then. I remember the day before the orphanage opened, Baba took me to Ghargha Lake, a few miles north of Kabul. He asked me to invite my friend Hassan along, but I lied and told him Hassan was ill. Previously at Ghargha Lake, Hassan and I were skimming stones and Hassan made his stone skip eight times. The most I managed was five. Baba was there, watching, and he patted Hassan on the back and even put his arm around his shoulder. I wanted Baba all to myself. How I wished Baba would notice me more. I always felt like Baba hated me a little. Why not? After all, I had killed his beloved wife, his beautiful princess, when I was born, hadn't I? The least I could have done was to have had the decency to have turned out a little more like him. But I hadn't turned out like him. Not at all.

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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. What was the 'national diseases' that the writer was referring to?

72. What evidence in the passage shows that Baba could have battled a bear?

73. What does the phrase "a towering specimen" in line 8, tell you about Baba's physical attribute?

74. Based on paragraphs 1 and 2, which word has the same meaning as 'truthfulness'?

75. Explain clearly why the writer had trouble sleeping.



76. What evidence in the passage shows that Baba was not affected by criticism?

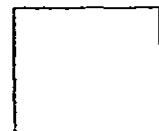
77. Which two-word phrase shows Baba's generosity?

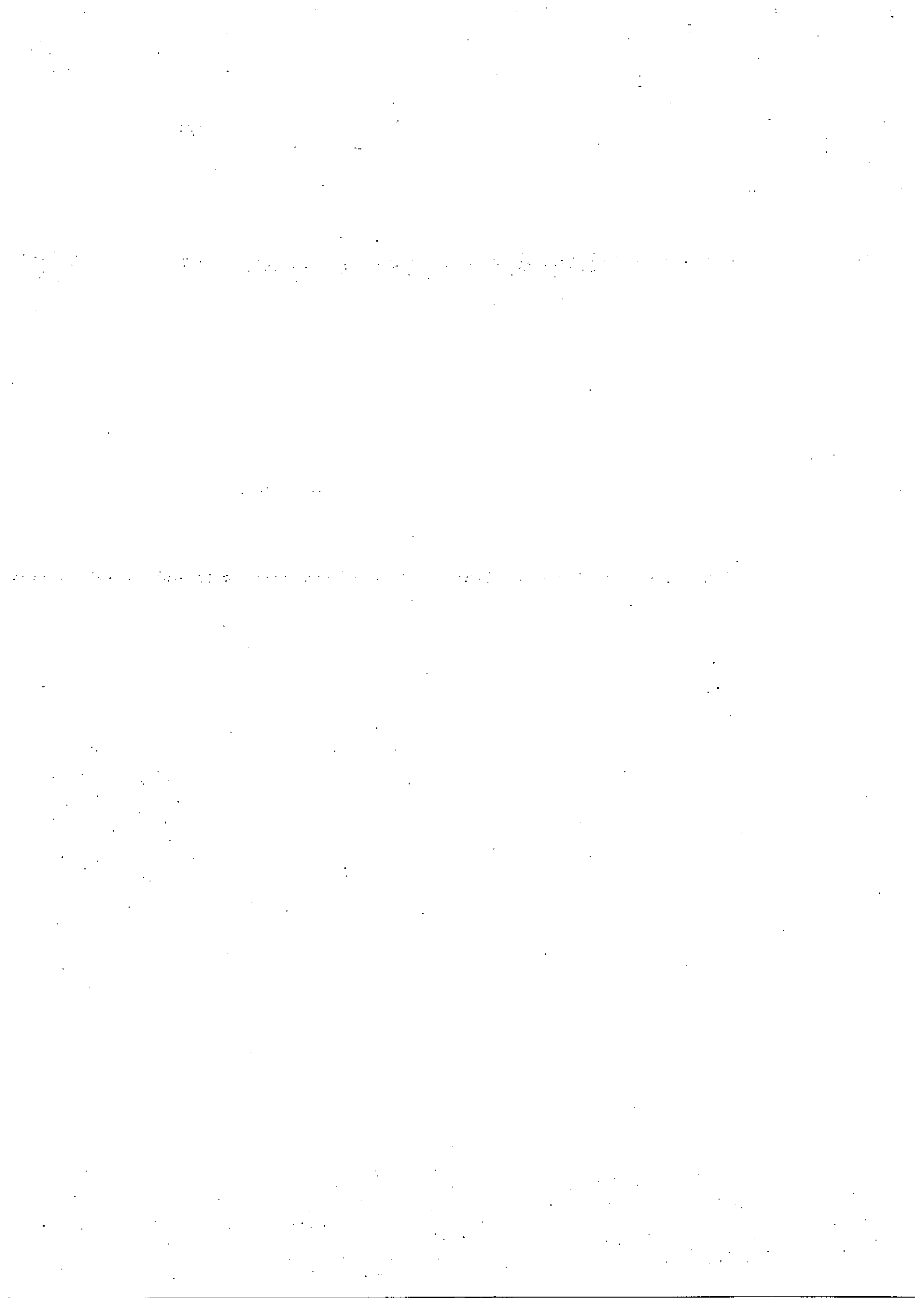
78. What does the word 'This' in line 23 refer to?

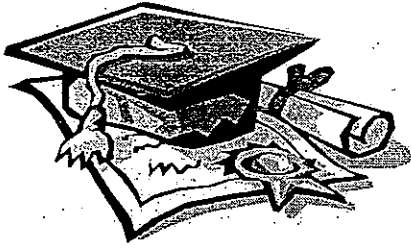
79. Explain fully why the writer was envious of Hassan.

80. What happened to the writer's mother?

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41)epidemic 42)who 43)crisis 44)commemoration 45)organized

46)poignant 47)selflessly 48)as 49)succumbed 50)on

51)less 52)koalas 53)according 54)bans 55)However

56)done 57)decreased 58)elated 59)suffering 60)suffer

61)caused 62)animal 63)list 64)considered 65)from

66)Much to my annoyance, I could not complete my A-star creative writing project.

67)It was with extremely pleasure the Mary watched her favourite team win.

68)Both eggs and milk are not found among the ingredients in the recipe for my dessert.

69)In spite of the fact that Carla wrote an intriguing story, it was not chosen.

70)Without John's help, Sally would not have done her assignment.

71)The "national disease" that the writer was referring to was the Afghan tendency to exaggerate.

72)Baba did have three parallel scars coursing a jagged path down his back.

73)He was very tall.

74)The word is "veracity".

75)The writer's room was near Baba's bedroom and so he could hear Baba snoring loudly.

76)Even though skeptics had asked Baba to stop being foolish and to hire an architect, Baba still continued to draw the blueprints, and soon successfully built the orphanage.

77)The two-word phrase is "personally funded".

78)It refers to the building of the orphanage.

79)Baba paid more attention to the Hasan butter writer wanted Baba for himself only.

80)His mother had passed away while giving birth to the writer.