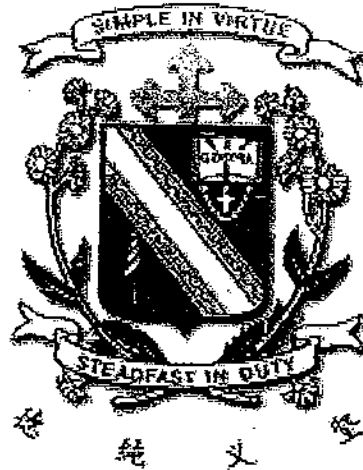


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2009 Semestral Assessment 1

8 May, 2009

English Language

Paper 1

Duration of Paper: 50 min

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Answer **one** out of the two questions.

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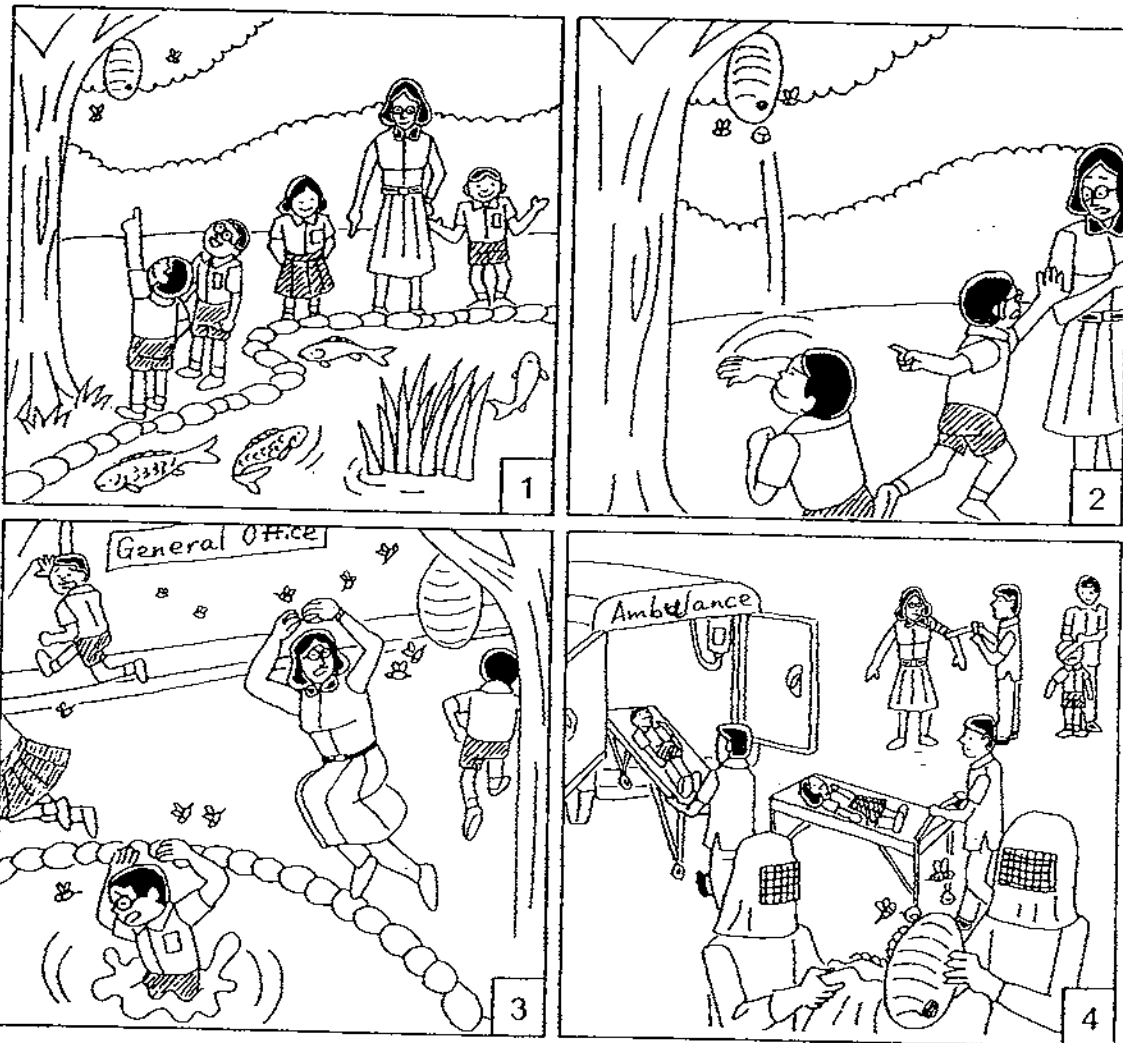
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CONTINUOUS WRITING

Answer only one out of the two questions below.

Question 1

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:

eco-garden	panicked	attacked	reported	rescue
beehive	mischievous	paramedics	bee catchers	stung

Question 2

You were with your sister at a busy shopping centre when she suddenly doubled up with pain. You observed that she was perspiring furiously and was too weak to speak.

Write a composition of **at least 120 words** based on the above situation. Give the story your own ending.

Make use of the following points in your composition. You may re-order the points. You may also include other relevant points to make your composition interesting.

- Why you were at the shopping centre
- What happened next
- How you felt and what you did
- How the people around you reacted
- What happened in the end
- ?

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Paper 2 Booklet A

Duration of Paper (Booklets A & B): 1 h 30 min

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Answer all questions.

Booklet A	25
Booklet B	40
Total	65

Parent's Signature: _____

This booklet consists of 8 printed pages.

Section A: Vocabulary MCQ (7 x 1mark)

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

1. After swimming several laps, Jerry was totally _____ and collapsed onto the floor.
(1) excited (2) exhausted
(3) exorbitant (4) exuberant

2. We were very proud to be given the _____ to perform at the International Arts Annual Festival.
(1) token (2) honour
(3) obligation (4) aspiration

3. In some rural countries, cattle and horses are taken as means of _____ for the villagers.
(1) migration (2) transportation
(3) navigation (4) direction

4. The old buildings in the housing estate were _____ to make way for a new hospital.
(1) reclaimed (2) demolished
(3) evacuated (4) fragmented

5. Lincoln regretted behaving so rudely to his mother's guests and _____ immediately.
(1) complied (2) apologised
(3) protested (4) interrupted

6. Alan will not listen to anyone's advice. He is as _____ as a mule.
(1) deaf (2) foolish
(3) ignorant (4) stubborn

7. Many doctors have _____ their lives to healing the sick.
(1) devoted (2) succumbed
(3) presented (4) contributed

Section B: Grammar MCQ (8 x 1 mark)

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

8. At the assembly, our Principal advised _____ to study hard for the coming examination.
- (1) me (2) us
(3) him (4) them
9. Mother knows that Fanny and Benny _____ mangoes so she buys them from the market every week.
- (1) love (2) loves
(3) loved (4) loving
10. Continue walking _____ the road for about a kilometre and you will arrive at the swimming pool.
- (1) along (2) before
(3) against (4) between
11. ~~Neither~~ the pupils nor Mrs Lim _____ in the classroom this morning as they were in the Music Room.
- (1) is (2) are
(3) was (4) were
12. There was a drought in our neighbouring countries _____ the farmers were unable to harvest their crops.
- (1) if (2) so
(3) because (4) although
13. Matilda is the _____ one between the two sisters.
- (1) neater (2) neatest
(3) more neatly (4) most neatly

14. It is a good practice that we _____ the dictionary whenever we come across a new word.

(1) look at

(2) look into

(3) look up

(4) look down

15. The door bell _____ twice while Mother was cooking.

(1) ring

(2) rang

(3) is ringing

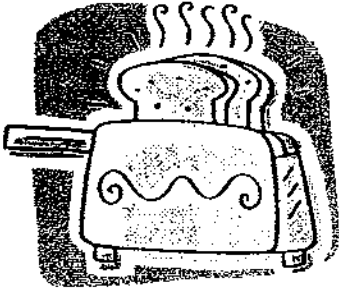
(4) was ringing

Section C: Graphic Stimulus (5 x 1 mark)

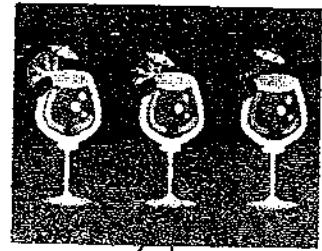
Study the advertisement carefully and answer the questions that follow.

COSY EATERY

A great dining and hang-out place!



Free flow of drinks for a table of more than 5 diners every evening!



Opening special! 2 dine for the price of 1 during off-peak hours. {3-5pm}
Hurry here for our fortnight-long promotion!

Grand Opening on 3rd April 2009! Meet Jollywood artistes for photo-taking sessions from 2pm! Limited to first 60 customers only!

Menu includes:

Air flown sirloin steak with herbs sauce

Breaded cod fish with cavier

Wild mushroom soup (chef's recommendation!)

Children's menu includes:

Do-it-yourself Pizza! With more than 10 ingredients to choose from!

Limited time only!
Special dessert from France: Banana casserole
Toasted to Perfection!

Call 98761234 for reservation now!
Email to james@jmail.com for reservation of more than 5 tables.

534 Andrew Road

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

16. Cosy Eatery is celebrating _____ in the first week of April.
- (1) its special children's menu
 - (2) its opening at Andrew Road
 - (3) the appearance of Jollywood artists
 - (4) its introduction of a special dessert
17. The '2 dine for the price of 1' promotion lasts for _____.
- (1) 10 days
 - (2) 14 days
 - (3) 21 days
 - (4) 24 days
18. Which item is not on the permanent menu?
- (1) Banana Casserole
 - (2) Wild Mushroom Soup
 - (3) Breaded cod fish with cavier
 - (4) Sirloin steak with herbs sauce
19. Which of the following item allows the customer to select their own ingredients?
- (1) Sirloin steak
 - (2) Children's Pizza
 - (3) Breaded Cod Fish
 - (4) Wild mushroom soup
20. What will a family of 6 people enjoy when they go to Cosy Eatery for dinner?
- (1) They are entitled to a free Banana Casserole.
 - (2) They only pay for 3 people's share of dinner.
 - (3) They will enjoy unlimited servings of drinks.
 - (4) They can order a pizza with ten ingredients.

Section D: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Countless pet products subscribe to the cliché that all domestic cats are fish lovers. Indeed; almost all domestic cats fancy fish, and we eagerly accommodate this desire of theirs. However, the question then arises: Is fish really good for cats? 1

How did the fish become the cat's main choice of diet? According to history, only one of the domestic cat's ancestors, the jungle cat, has fish in its natural diet. As a result of domestication, humans have largely influenced and altered the cat's food preferences. It has only us, humans, to blame for making fish a major part of a cat's diet. 5

Almost all domestic cats are fed with nothing but canned fish. These fish concoctions that human food manufacturers produce are mainly packed in water or oil, which is not a complete diet for cats. Although they are high in protein, they do not supply the cat with sufficient amounts of certain amino acids and vitamins. These canned choices are also excessively high in sodium, giving more than what cats normally need. 10

Although our feline friends have a taste for all things fishy, fish has not been the natural food for cats, thus feeding a fish-exclusive diet to cats will do more harm than good. Fish, no matter served whole, raw, cooked or canned, will cause nutritional deficiency of some kind, which in turn can lead to serious diseases. If fish is to be included in the diet plan of the domestic cat, one may do so sparingly as treats. 15

Adapted from The Truth about Fish

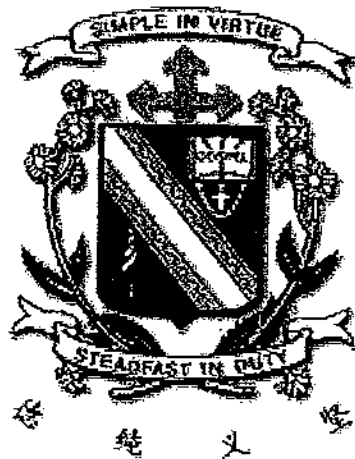
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21. This passage is mainly about _____.
- (1) fish lovers
 - (2) pet products
 - (3) different breeds of cats
 - (4) the food nutrition of cats
22. The main diet of domestic cats is fish because _____.
- (1) it is high in protein and sodium
 - (2) one of their ancestors eats fish
 - (3) fish can be served in various ways
 - (4) humans feed them mainly canned fish
23. Why is canned fish not a healthy choice of food for cats?
- (1) It is high in protein.
 - (2) It is lacking in sodium.
 - (3) It contains sufficient amounts of amino acids and vitamins.
 - (4) It will cause malnutrition leading to serious diseases.
24. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as 'shortage'?
- It is _____.
- (1) cliché
 - (2) sparingly
 - (3) deficiency
 - (4) concoction
25. Which of the following statements is true about the passage?
- (1) Domestic cats are naturally fish lovers.
 - (2) Cats should be fed a fish-exclusive diet.
 - (3) Fish should be given to cats in limited amounts.
 - (4) Humans have altered a cat's food preference from fish to other forms of diet.

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Paper 2 Booklet B

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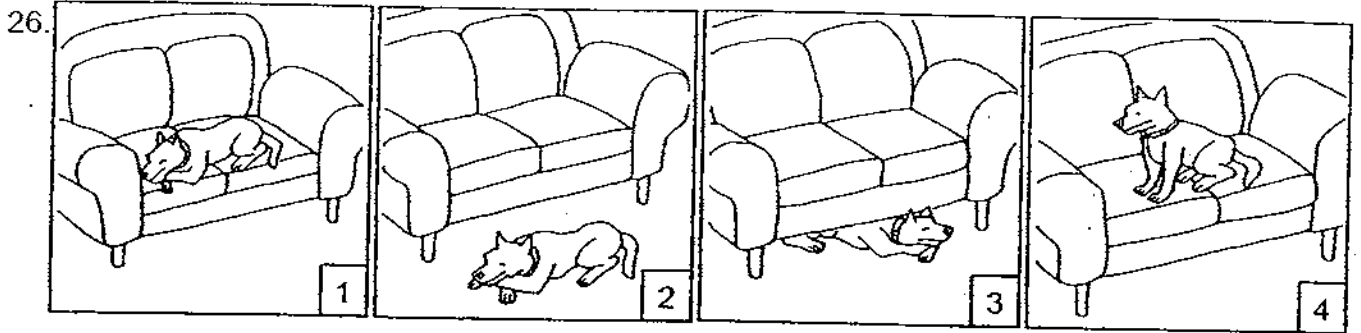
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Answer all questions.

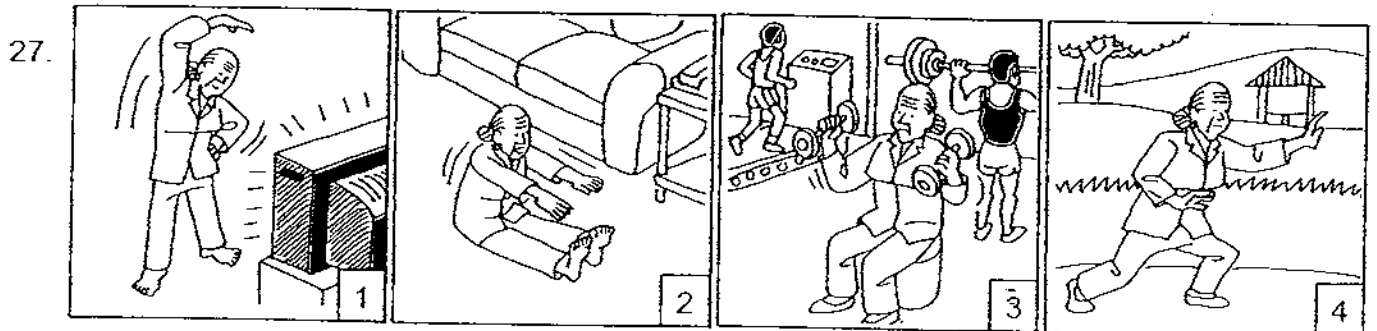
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Section E: Listening Comprehension MCQ (4 x 1 mark)

Look at the set of pictures. Listen carefully to your teacher and choose the picture that best describes the statement read. Write your answers in the brackets provided.



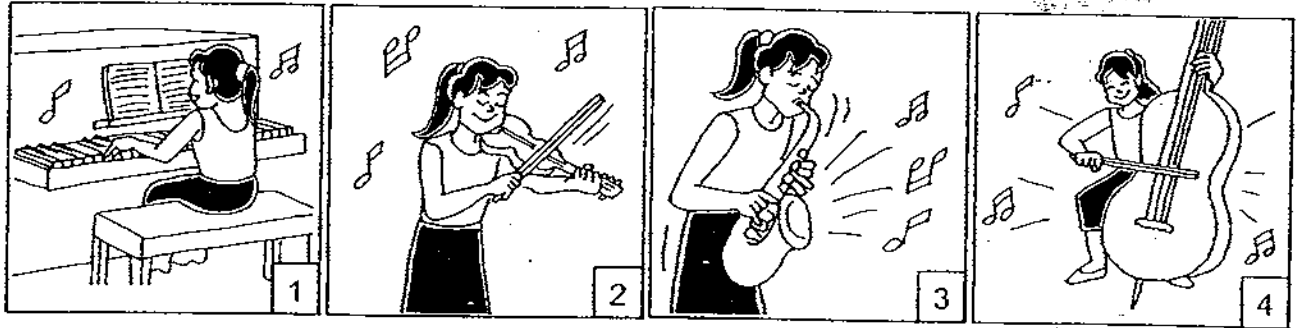
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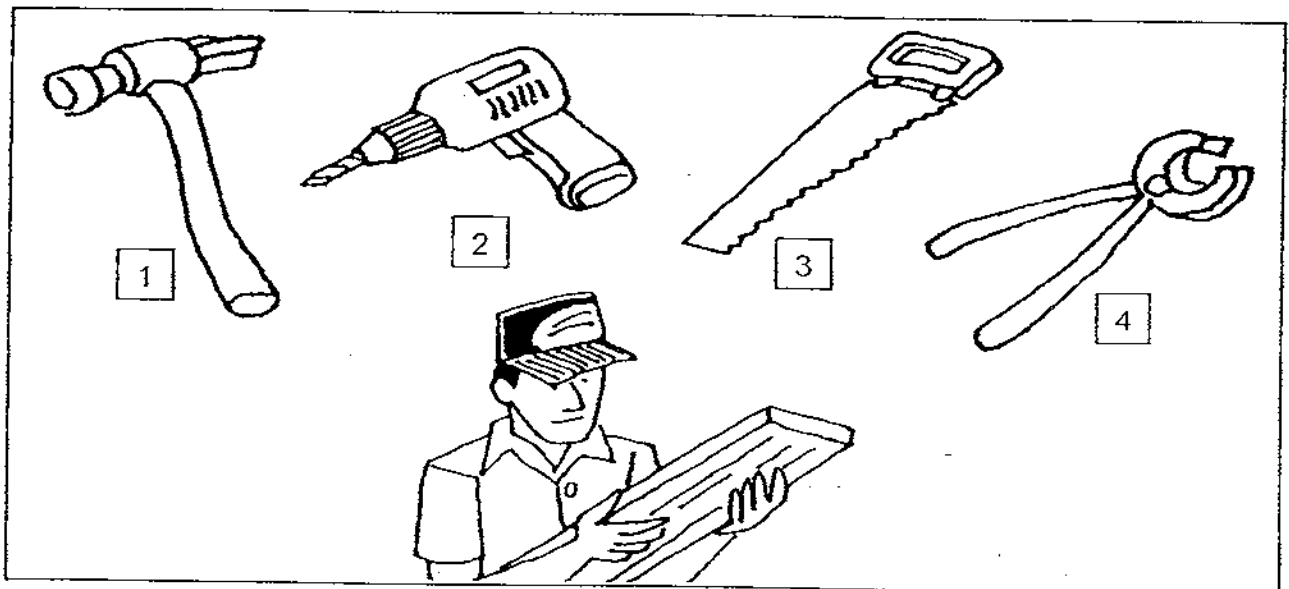


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Section F: Note-Taking (6 x 1 mark)

Listen carefully to your teacher. Each blank, from Q30 to Q35, should be filled with one word or short phrases. As you listen, fill in the blanks with the information given.

30.	Date of Activity	:	_____
31.	Total number of blocks to be covered	:	_____
32.	Date for giving out flyers	:	_____
33.	What to wear	:	_____
34.	Number of classes involved	:	_____
35.	What will you learn	:	The importance of _____



Section G: Vocabulary Cloze (7 x 1 mark)

Read the following passage carefully. Choose the most suitable answer from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to K) in each blank. The letter 'I' has been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking. Use each word only once.

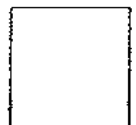
(A) glanced	(B) whale	(C) secluded	(D) noticed	(E) explained
(F) deposited	(G) laid	(H) congested	(J) sufficient	(K) transformed

Damian and his sister, Melody, were in the park at Seletar Reservoir. They were having a picnic there. It was their first visit to the park and they were having a (36) _____ of a time running here and there. Their parents were sitting quietly reading at a (37) _____ spot.

Suddenly, Damian (38) _____ something hanging from the tree just above his father's head! His mother told him that it was a caterpillar hanging on very fine threads like the web of a spider. "Oh!" said Melody, "I thought only spiders have webs." Her father then (39) _____ that spiders build webs for a different purpose from caterpillars, which spin threads to cover themselves up when they need to rest for a long period of time or to get down from the trees.

Damian added that a caterpillar needs a long period of time to change itself into a pupa. When caterpillars are hatched from the eggs (40) _____ by butterflies, these tiny eggs do not have (41) _____ food inside to help them grow. So when the eggs are hatched, the caterpillars have to eat as much as possible. At first the caterpillar is called a larva and it eats and grows. Then it rests inside a hard covering or cocoon before becoming a pupa. Then when it is fully (42) _____ into a butterfly, it breaks the hard covering and comes out of it as a beautiful butterfly! From then on, the butterfly is independent enough to look for food on its own.

Adapted from *Bookworm Classics*



Section H: Synthesis and Transformation (5 X 1 marks)

For each of the questions from 49 to 54, combine the sentence to make **one** sentence using the word given. The meaning of the sentence must be the same as the sentences given.

43. Julia cannot play with her cousins. She has to finish her dinner.

_____ until _____

44. Pei Ling stayed at home. Pei Ling was not feeling well.

As _____

45. Mother came home early from work. Mother was having a headache.

_____ since _____

46. Do you like rollerblading? Do you like sailing?

_____ or _____

47. Ranon did not score well for his examination. Ranon studied very hard.

_____ but _____



Section I: Comprehension Cloze (8 x 1 mark)

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

In 1914, World War 1 broke out. It was a war which resulted in massive loss of lives and resources. It was also the first war in history to be fought by many different (48)_____ in many different parts of the world.

Besides being the first war to use tanks, chemical warfare and planes, it was also one of the (49)_____ wars recorded in history as over 70 million military personnel were mobilized. It was the first war involving the deliberate bombing of towns and cities outside of the battle areas. The (50)_____ changed many parts of the world on different levels — social, political and economic. It also had a devastating emotional impact on people through the horrors of war and the (51)_____ of loved ones as more than 15 million people died worldwide.

Just twenty years (52)_____ the end of World War 1, the world went to war once more, despite the devastation of the number of deaths and level of destruction in the former. It is important to consider if war could have been (53)_____ in either case. One of the main reasons for war to continue is that many countries are (54)_____ to disarm and destroy their weapons. Japan was one such (55)_____ that drove a war through the Asia Pacific, leading to more deaths and misery. The war which finally ended in 1945 was one of the deadliest conflicts in human history.

Adapted from the *20th Century As It Was Lived*



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

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Write your answers in complete sentences.

It was 17 December 1770 and the attractive town of Bonn in Germany was lightly covered in snow, just like a picture. At the church of St Remy, Mr and Mrs Van Beethoven were in a festive mood as their newborn Ludwig van Beethoven was to be baptized that morning. 1

Little Beethoven struggled with his studies at school and eventually left school for good at the tender age of eleven. For the rest of his life, he found even the simplest spellings and sums very difficult. However, the child thinks of only music. When his father realized that he was no longer equipped to teach his young son, he referred him to renowned teachers such as Gottlob Neefe. Besides Neefe, Beethoven also had the best teachers for the piano, organ, violin and viola. 5

Beethoven was indeed a *lucky* child prodigy to have received tutelage from famous composers like Haydn and Neefe. He published his first composition for the piano before the age of twelve. This earned him recognition from Prince Maximilian Franz who sent him to Vienna in 1787 to hone his musical and composition skills. 10

By seventeen, Beethoven had become a brilliant musician. He made trips to visit Mozart, taking with him his best compositions. Mozart was very impressed by his talent and showered him with compliments. 15

Beethoven's mother died when he was nineteen and his father could not earn enough to support the family. Beethoven had to earn his own living from composing pieces and playing the viola in the Bonn court chapel and theatre. Though life was tough, he enjoyed travelling and performing along with many fine musicians. 20

A musician uses his ears above all, but Beethoven became deaf in his late twenties. In order to continue to play and compose, he depended on his memory. From then on, people referred to him as the great Beethoven!

Adapted from *ABRSM Ludwig van Beethoven – First Discovery Music*

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

56. Who was Beethoven's first teacher in music?

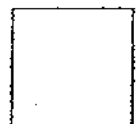
57. Why was Beethoven considered to be *lucky*? (line 10)

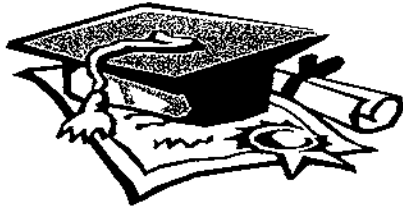
58. How did Mozart acknowledge Beethoven's talent?

59. Which sentence shows Beethoven's passion for music when he was a young boy?

60. Why did the people refer to Beethoven as "the great Beethoven"?

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ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2009

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SUBJECT : PRIMARY 4 ENGLISH

TERM : SA 1



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

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29
1	2	3	4	4	4	3	3	3	4	3	2

30 to 35 Listening

Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40	Q41	Q42
B	C	D	E	G	J	K

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44) As Pei Ling was not feeling well, she stayed at home.

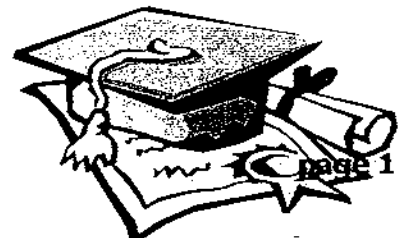
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48) countries 49) largest 50) war 51) loss 52) after

53) avoided 54) reluctant 55) country



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