

TAO NAN SCHOOL

PRIMARY 5 ENGLISH LANGUAGE MID-YEAR EXAMINATION

PAPER 1 (WRITING)

Name: _____

Date: 5 May 2008

Class: Primary 5 _____

Duration: 1 hour 10 minutes

Time: 8.00 a.m. to 9.10 a.m.

55 marks

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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

There are two parts to this paper: Part 1 and Part 2.

Answer the question in Part 1 and one question from Part 2.

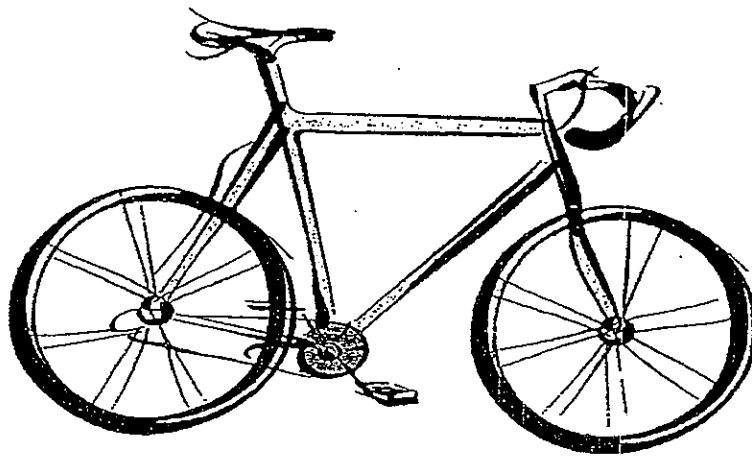
Write your answers on the paper provided.

Part 1: Situational Writing (15 marks)

(1) Below is a poster of a lost bicycle put up by Ian Lim.

LOST

on 25 April 2008 at about 6 p.m.



- a “Fuji Royal” bicycle
- engraved with the name “Ian Lim”
- a visible tear can be seen on the blue saddle
- last seen at the bicycle stand at the void deck of Block 288 Marine Road



If you have any information, please call Ian Lim at 91234567. This bicycle is of great sentimental value to me as I have won many cycling competitions with it.

Your Task

Imagine that you are Ian. You put up posters of your lost bicycle a fortnight ago and have yet to get your bicycle back.

Send an e-mail to Mr John Goh from the Town Council to enlist his help in finding your lost bicycle.

In your e-mail, include the following information:

- why you are emailing him
- when the bicycle was lost
- where the bicycle was last seen
- what the brand of the bicycle was
- a detailed description of your bicycle
- why your bicycle is important to you

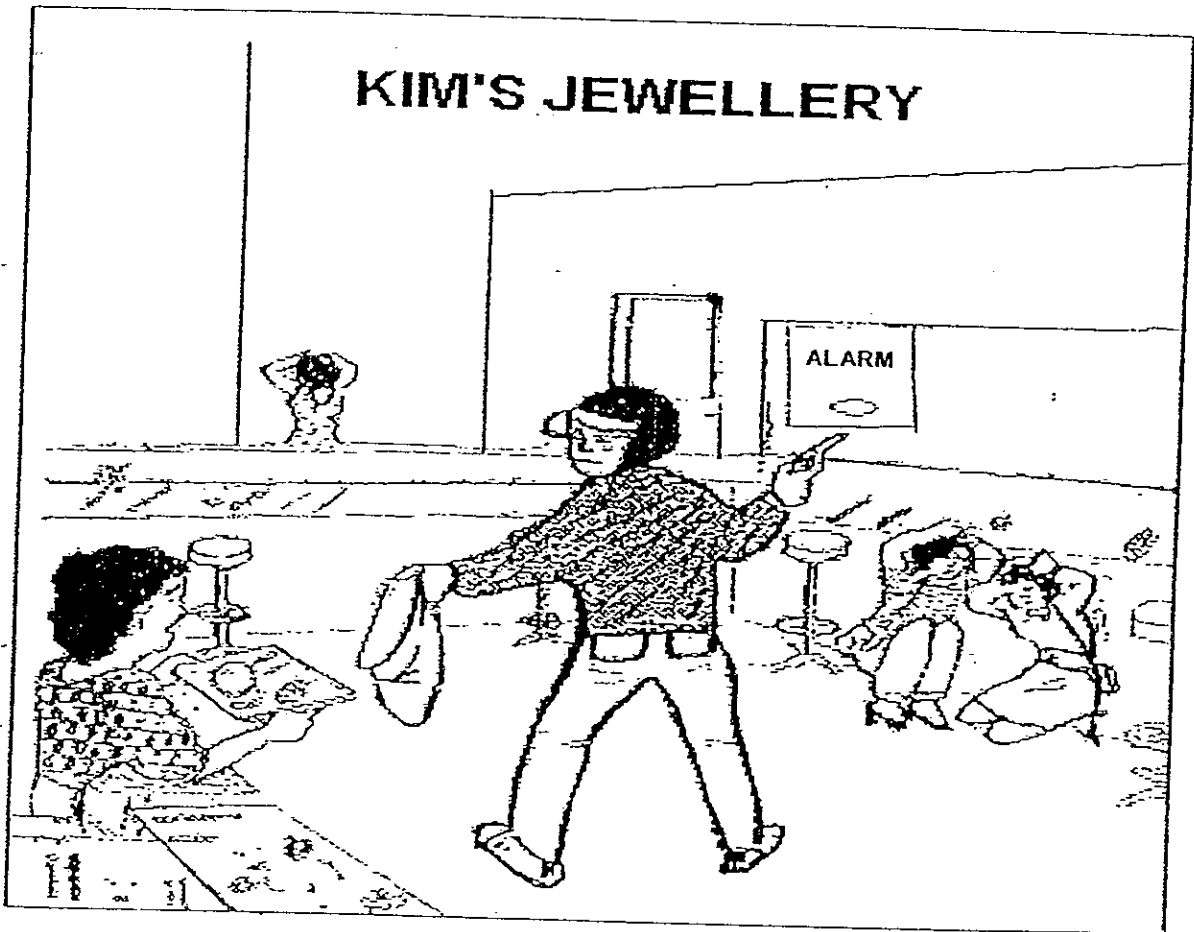
You may reorder the points. You must write your e-mail in complete sentences.

Part 2: Continuous Writing (40 marks)

There are two 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.



For your story, make use of the points below:

- what the man was doing
- how the other people reacted to the situation
- what happened in the end

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

- (3) You were walking home after school when you noticed a big box beside a rubbish bin. Curious, you moved towards the box.

Based on the above situation, write a composition of at least 150 words.

In your composition, make use of the points below:

- what you did
- what happened next
- what happened in the end

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

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Primary 5 English Language Mid-Year Examination – 2008
Situational Writing

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PRIMARY 5 ENGLISH LANGUAGE MID-YEAR EXAMINATION

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

Name: _____ ()

Date: 6 May 2008

Class: Primary 5 _____

Duration: 1 hour 50 minutes

Time: 8.00 a.m. to 9.50 a.m.

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

BOOKLET A

	SCORE	MARKS
BOOKLET A		30
BOOKLET B		65
TOTAL		95

Parent's Signature: _____

Section A (5 x 1 mark)

Graphic Stimulus

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

Set Lunch Special

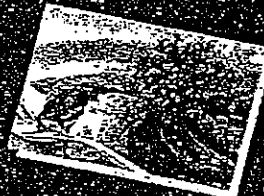
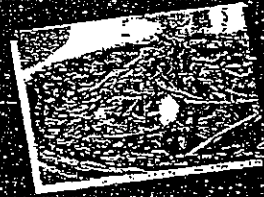
Don't miss this incredible deal where you can enjoy a hearty Italian meal at a great price!

A choice of salad / soup

A choice of pizza / pasta

Coffee / Tea

@ only S\$9.90



Exclusively for HSB credit cardholders - enjoy one FREE dessert with every Set Lunch Special

270 Orchard Road #01-05 Orchard Plaza Tel: 6235 8888

- Only valid at Papa Pizza
- Not valid with other promotions / discounts
- Offer is valid from 1 May - 31 May 2008, from 11am - 3pm
- To enjoy the HSB offer, payment must be made with an HSB credit card



Exclusive partners



HSB
The world's local bank

For each question from 1 to 5, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

1. The set lunch deal is chiefly made possible by _____
 - (1) HSB Bank
 - (2) Papa Bank
 - (3) the Italian chefs
 - (4) the exclusive partners

2. For \$9.90, an HSB credit cardholder can enjoy a meal consisting of _____
 - (1) pasta, salad and tea
 - (2) pasta, pizza and coffee
 - (3) pizza, soup, tea and dessert
 - (4) pizza, salad, coffee and dessert

3. The main aim of this advertisement is to _____
 - (1) advertise Italian cuisine
 - (2) pay tribute to Italian chefs
 - (3) promote the use of HSB credit cards
 - (4) encourage the public to taste wood-fired pizzas

4. Which statement about the advertisement is false?
 - (1) The lunch promotion will last for a month.
 - (2) Papa Pizza specialises in wood-fired pizzas.
 - (3) Only HSB cardholders can lunch at Papa Pizza.
 - (4) The lunch promotion is also available on weekends.

5. To enjoy a free dessert with the Set Lunch Special, _____
 - (1) you must pay by cash
 - (2) you can order salad and pizza only
 - (3) reservation must be made before 11 a.m.
 - (4) payment must be made with an HSB credit card

Section B (7 x 1 mark)

Grammar

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 OAS.

6. The range of magazines and books _____ so wide that I spent hours browsing through them.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
7. I heard my mother _____ and clapping to the ^{beat} best of the music.
- (1) sing
 - (2) sang
 - (3) sung
 - (4) singing
8. Calvin usually _____ to school but he took a bus this morning because it was raining cats and dogs.
- (1) walk
 - (2) walks
 - (3) walked
 - (4) walking
9. _____ putting in so much effort, Guna still did not succeed in passing her examinations.
- (1) Unless
 - (2) Despite
 - (3) Besides
 - (4) In spite of

10. Neither Meng Chin nor her classmates _____ told that the Art Competition is going to be held in August.

- (1) is being
- (2) has been
- (3) are being
- (4) have been

11. He lay on the ground _____ he was dead when he fell from the swing.

- (1) so that
- (2) as though
- (3) in order that
- (4) even though

12. Mr Osman, together with his pupils, _____ a Science experiment. Using the results gathered, the pupils proceeded to answer the questions.

- (1) are conducting
- (2) was conducting
- (3) have conducted
- (4) had conducted

Section C (3 x 1 mark)

Punctuation

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 OAS.

When Grandpa came down to breakfast, he was surprised to notice that his son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren were looking rather glum.

"Why the long faces?" he asked them.

"Didn't you know (13) cried Jane. "Fussy old Mrs Robinson is visiting us today! You'd better get dressed."

"I am dressed," corrected Grandpa (14) "that's great news! Why don't you all go get ready and leave the cooking to me?" suggested Grandpa.

Jane shrugged with defeat and fled. "Don't blame me if the meal is ruined and Mrs Robinson never comes here again (15) she wailed to her husband.

Adapted from McDonald Road Children's Stories

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

Section D (5 x 1 mark)

Vocabulary.

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 OAS.

16. The abandoned hut was _____ with so many rats and cockroaches that the pest terminators took a week to exterminate them.
- (1) infected
 - (2) infested
 - (3) confronted
 - (4) contaminated
17. As the family was poor, Margaret had to be content with clothes _____ by her sister.
- (1) handed in
 - (2) handed out
 - (3) handed over
 - (4) handed down
18. Her _____ for the debate were very good speakers, thus causing Joan and her team to admit defeat.
- (1) rivals
 - (2) opponents
 - (3) contestants
 - (4) challengers
19. I am highly _____ about the team's chance of winning the tournament as they have not had many practices.
- (1) cautious
 - (2) sceptical
 - (3) reluctant
 - (4) suspicious
20. The teacher _____ a game to allow the pupils to learn the history of Singapore easily.
- (1) devised
 - (2) contrived
 - (3) concocted
 - (4) fabricated

Section E (5 x 1 mark)

Vocabulary Cloze

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

In ancient China, girls aged between three and six years would be initiated into the ritual of foot binding. Their mothers would rip up strips of cloth and fold their toes under their feet. The wrappings were taken off daily and gradually made tighter. It was common for the bound toes to develop gangrene due to poor blood circulation. Although the girls would never be able to stand again, this was considered insignificant in the quest for tiny feet.

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(23)

The girls were expected to keep up with all daily duties and endured a life of travelling on their knees which caused blisters, swelling and much pain. Many of them spent their leisure time making elaborate shoes for themselves. This ability to decorate their deformity was expected as part of the ritual of foot binding.

(24)

(25)

Adapted from <http://www.anomalies-unlimited.com/OddPics/Bound.html>

21. (1) moderately
(2) sequentially
(3) successively
(4) progressively

22. (1) inferior
(2) deficient
(3) deprived
(4) inadequate

23. (1) worthless
(2) irrelevant
(3) meaningless
(4) unimportant

24. (1) survived
(2) accepted
(3) tolerated
(4) continued

25. (1) adorn
(2) furbish
(3) garnish
(4) enhance

Section F (5 x 1 mark)

Comprehension

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30 based on the passage.

"Playing Hercules in 'The Labours of Hercules' will be Benny Tan," Mrs Goh announced, "and the narrator, Athena, will be Alice Lim." Stacy ducked her head as waves of disappointment crashed over her. She did not even get a part!

"It is no big deal," Stacy consoled herself. However, the play, the culmination of the school year, was indeed a big deal. When the bell rang, everyone else in her drama class stampeded for the door. 5

Mrs Goh sat down next to Stacy. "I know you're disappointed," she said gently, "but I really need you for something more important – props manager. You can ask the other students to assist you."

Stacy swallowed hard, "I'll do the best I can, I promise." 10

To Stacy's surprise, getting the props ready was fun. They transformed garbage pail lids into shields and made enormous mythological monsters out of craft paper. When she was not making props, Stacy attended rehearsals. Benny forgot his lines all the time and Stacy prompted him so often with his lines that she knew them by heart. 15

On the day of the play, everyone had butterflies in their stomachs. At the dress rehearsal, just hours before the real thing, Benny was clowning around as usual, while Mrs Goh looked as grave as a judge.

"Benny, watch that pole!" she said sharply, just seconds before Benny tripped and fell. The cast stared in horror as Benny lay groaning on the stage. 20

"I need to get Benny to a doctor," Mrs Goh announced tersely. She suspended the rehearsal by saying, "I'll see the rest of you at six."

By six in the evening, neither Benny nor Mrs Goh was back. Everyone fell silent when Mrs Goh walked in alone a little later.

"Benny won't be able to perform tonight. Will you play his part, Stacy?" Mrs Goh said. 25

Stacy nodded weakly. After donning her costume, Stacy hardly recognised herself inside Hercules' beard and helmet. Once she was out on the stage, the play claimed her completely. When she pulled off her beard during the curtain call, everybody gasped. Applause and cheers rained on her. 30

Adapted from *The Labours of Stacy* by Norma Johnston

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 OAS.

26. Why was Stacy disappointed?
- (1) She was the only one not acting.
 - (2) She wanted to be the main character.
 - (3) She expected to get a part in the play.
 - (4) She did not want to be the props manager.
27. The word "It" in line 4 refers to _____.
- (1) Stacy not getting a part in the play
 - (2) Mrs Goh asking Stacy to be the props manager.
 - (3) Stacy not being selected to be narrator in the play.
 - (4) Mrs Goh announcing that Benny would play the role of Hercules
28. Why is it that Mrs Goh "looked as grave as a judge" in line 18?
- (1) She was tired of the countless rehearsals.
 - (2) She was upset that the props were not ready.
 - (3) She was afraid of being judged by the audience.
 - (4) She was feeling nervous about Benny's performance.
29. Why did everybody gasp when Stacy removed her beard?
- (1) They did not expect to see a girl.
 - (2) They were impressed with her costume.
 - (3) They were stunned by Stacy's good performance.
 - (4) They were frightened by the mythological monster.
30. Which of the following statements is **true**?
- (1) Benny was very serious about acting during rehearsals.
 - (2) Stacy was not given a part due to her poor acting ability.
 - (3) Stacy was put in charge of making the props for the play.
 - (4) Benny did not perform as he backed out at the last minute.

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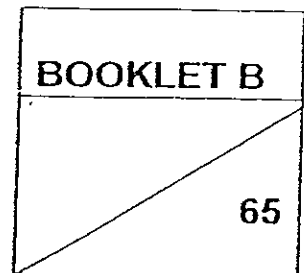
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Section G (10 x 1 mark)

Grammar Cloze

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) are	(D) a	(G) their	(K) one	(N) due
(B) or	(E) had	(H) and	(L) more	(P) with
(C) in	(F) them	(J) have	(M) so	(Q) were

Toys will be around as long as children exist. The first toys ever invented were made of natural materials such as clay, wood and even grass. They were not as attractive and durable as the modern toys that we _____ today.

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In the olden days, toys were very costly and not many families had the spare money to buy _____ for their children. The toys _____ difficult to make and only well-to-do families could afford to buy them.

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Nowadays, toys are relatively cheaper and _____ sophisticated. They come _____ a variety of forms. This depends on how far the creators can stretch _____ imagination. Toys are also more attractive _____ to the advanced technology that is available in making them

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Modern toys are no longer static figurines _____ items that are to be manipulated on a board. In fact, they are _____ complicated that they can be miniature machines. _____ reason is that high-level engineering is involved during their production. It is no wonder that the children of today are spoilt for choice.

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Section H (10 x 1 mark)

Editing for Spelling and Grammar

Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each underlined word for grammar.

Write the correct word in the relevant box.

(41)

One day in 1965, I met a very interesting boy. I was a **libarian** at View Ridge

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School in Seattle. A teacher of nine-year-olds approach me as I was going about my day's

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work. She had a student whose often finished his work before the others and disturbed

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them. He was bored and needed to cultivate some **disapline**.

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Soon, a tall **athreletic** boy appeared. "Do you have a job for me?" he asked. I tell

him about the Dewey Decimal System for shelving books. He picked up the idea

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immediatly. Then I showed him how to match the cards against the correct books. He

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gave me a **mischeveous** smile and asked, "Is it a kind of a detective job?"

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"Yes," I answered and he became an **unrelanting** 'detective'. He had found three

books with wrong cards in them in less than half an hour! By the time his teacher opened

the door and announced that it was time for recess, he simply refused to budge. With

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reluctant, his teacher acceded to his request. He was truly an extraordinary boy.

Section I (15 x 1 mark)

Comprehension Cloze

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Yesterday, a plan to catch Robin Hood failed. That was because Robin Hood was in fact viewed as a hero by many. He always _____ from the rich to give to the poor. (51)

The police _____ desperate to capture the outlaw who had outwitted them several times and made them look foolish. There were several warrants for Hood's _____. He was wanted for stealing _____ wealthy citizens. He was also at the top of the police's 'Most Wanted List', with a _____ of \$10 000 promised for his capture. Unfortunately, to date, nobody had turned him _____ (52)

(53) (54) (55) (56)
The chief police officer finally decided to craft a plan to lure Hood and his gang out of _____ hideaway in Sherwood Forest. Knowing Hood's skill with a _____ and arrow, he decided to hold a contest to find the best archer in the land. (57) The top _____ was a bag of gold coins. (58) (59)

"Robin Hood won't be able to resist taking _____ in the contest," the chief told his men proudly. His men _____ ordered to spread word of the contest. Soon, news of the contest reached the corner of the forest _____ Hood and his men were hiding. A member of the gang _____ did not wish to be named, told the police that the group had decided to join the contest. (60) (61) (62) (63)

Although Hood realised that he _____ be caught, he insisted on going ahead. "I must _____ this contest – it will be a victory for the poor." Hood disguised himself as a farmer and participated in the contest. (64) (65)

Section J (5 x 2 marks)

Synthesis

For each of the questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the words(s) provided. Your answers must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

66. Bottero is a famous artist. His paintings are known to be sold for millions of dollars.

_____ whose

67. Billy had a fever. He turned up for the soccer practice.

Although _____

68. Mr Tan said, "Be punctual for the meeting tomorrow."

Mr Tan reminded us _____

69. Bala was very disappointed. He lost to Ali in tennis.

Much _____

70. Mobile phones are prohibited in this building.

The use _____

Section K (10 x 2 marks)

Comprehension Open

Read the passage below and answer Questions 71 to 80 based on the passage.

Jason peered outside his wooden hut into the darkness of the rainforest's dense growth. The night was as dark as the day had been bright. However, the darkness could not dim his happiness at being on vacation with his father.

Jason ran his fingers over the inside of the mosquito netting that surrounded his bed. He could not fall asleep even though his father had told him to do so. Then he saw 5 a small, furry, brown creature climbing the wall beside his bed. His father was snoring in the bed next to him. Jason tiptoed over to the chest of drawers. He picked up his father's empty eyeglass case, very quietly moved it above the creature's body and scooped it up. He was glad to have his very own pet spider.

The next day, Jason and his father were on the river at dawn to see the macaws at 10 the bank. It was a spectacular sight. At lunchtime, they returned to the hut. Jason immediately opened the eyeglass case to check on his pet but it was empty! He looked everywhere in the room, in the shower next door and on the porch outside.

"What are you looking for?" Jason's father asked.

"Um, well," Jason hedged. His father treasured nature the way Jason treasured his 15 coin collection.

"A tarantula, perhaps?" Jason's father pointed to the spider crawling on the dressing table.

Jason reached up to retrieve his spider but his father stopped him. "I wouldn't touch that if I were you!" he said. "If that spider gets frightened, it might give you a nasty 20 bite."

"My friend, Alex, has a tarantula that doesn't bite," said Jason.

"Alex's tarantula is probably tame unlike this one," said his father.

"You mean I can't take it home with me?" asked Jason.

"Is it better off here in the rainforest or locked up in your bedroom?" asked his 25 father.

Jason thought about his room back home and gazed out at the forest. His father's earnestness convinced him.

He said, "I guess I was being thoughtless."

"Good thinking, Jason," his father said. 30

Jason gently placed a piece of cardboard under the spider and ushered it to the safety of a large leaf on the edge of the forest.

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. Where was Jason's hut located ?

72. How do we know that Jason's hut was probably full of mosquitoes?

73. Why did Jason tiptoe over to the chest of drawers?

74. What does the word "it" in line 11 refer to?

75. Why did Jason keep the spider as a pet?

76. Explain clearly why Jason "looked everywhere in the room" (line 12 - 13).

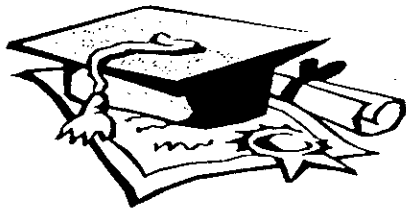
77. Explain clearly why Jason's father did not want Jason to keep the spider.

78. How was Jason's spider different from Alex's?

79. Quote the sentence from the passage which suggests that Jason's father was persistent in getting Jason to let the spider go?

80. Did Jason heed his father's advice in the end? How do you know? Explain clearly in your own words.





ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2008

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TERM : SA 1

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Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
C	G	N	B	M	K

- 41)librarian 42)approached 43)who 44)discipline
- 45)athletic 46)told 47)to 48)mischievous
- 49)unrelenting 50)reluctance 51)stole 52)were
- 53)arrest 54)from 55)reward 56)in
- 57)their 58)how 59)prize 60)part
- 61)were 62)where 63)who 64)might 65)win
- 66)Bottero whose paintings are known to be sold for millions of dollars, is a famous artist.
- 67)Although Billy had a fever, he turned up for the soccer practice.

- 68) Mr Tan reminded us to be punctual for the meeting the next day.
- 69) Much to his disappointment, Bala lost to Ali in tennis.
- 70) The use of mobile phones is prohibited in this building.
- 71) It was located in the rain forest.
- 72) He slept with mosquito netting that surrounded his bed.
- 73) He did not want to wake his father up.
- 74) It refers to the scene of the macaws at the bank at dawn.
- 75) His friend Alex had one as a pet and he wanted one.
- 76) His pet spider had escaped and he wanted to find it.
- 77) He knew that the spider would be better off in the rainforest than in Jason's bed room.
- 78) Jason's spider was not tame while Alex's spider was tame.
- 79) The sentence is "His father's earnestness convinced him."
- 80) Yes, Jason did heed his father's advice in the end. The fact that he let the spider go tells me that he heeded his father's advice.