

RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

Primary 6 Preliminary Examination 2014

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BOOKLET A

Instructions to Pupils

- 1. Write your Name, Class and Index No. in the spaces above.
- 2. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
- 3. Follow all instructions carefully.
- 4. Answer all questions.
- 5. Shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

Section A: Graphic Stimulus (5 marks)

Study the advertisement below carefully and then answer questions 1 to 5.

THE GASTRO MART MID-YEAR DISÇOUNT OFFERS (13 June - 10 July)

Ten lucky winners will win \$1,500 cash prizes each.

Hurry and come down to shop at Gastro now! Every receipt* will entitle you to a chance to participate in the lucky draw.

*No minimum amount spent required, but personal care products & beverages are excluded.

'Keep and Keep' plastic containers to store food

Offers valid from 13 June – 5 July



25% off its regular price

\$\$ Money Bank

Offers valid from 15 June - 30 June

Spend a minimum of \$50 in a single receipt with Money Bank Credit Card and get a \$5 voucher. \$20 spent will entitle you to buy these products at special prices.

Offers valid from 13 June – 19 June

ABC Detergent - \$9.80 per bottle

Grape Juice - \$8.95 per bottle

+Limited to 3 sets of each product per customer.

From the Ocean Offers valid from 13 June - 18 June

Fish - \$0.70 per 100g (from Malaysia)

Squid - \$1.00 per 100g (from Thailand)

Prawns -\$1.50 per 100g (from Indonesia)

From the Garden Offers valid from 1 July - 10 July

Carrots - \$0.16 per 100g Potatoes - \$0.28 per 100g (from Malaysia)

Cherries - \$6.99 per basket

Apples - \$3.00 for 6 (from Australia)

Drinks Offers valid from

19 June - 23 June

Lemon Tea - \$3.00 for 2 bottles

Flavoured Milk - \$3.55 for 6 packs

Porlicks - \$11.00 per pack

Instant Coffee - \$10.00 per bottle

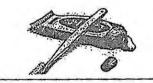


Personal Care Offers valid from 24 June -30 June

Toothpaste - \$7.40 for 2 tubes

Shower cream - \$19.00 for 2 bottles

Tissue - \$9.95 for 6 boxes



The above offers are only valid at all Gastro Mart outlets at Bedok, Tampines, Orchard, Yishun, and Jurong except Upper Bukit Timah and Holland Village.

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 Optical Answer Sheet.

1.	In order to participate in the lucky draw, you can purchase					
	(1)	milk and prawns				
	(2)	cherries and apples				
	(3)	potatoes and tissue				
	(4)	carrots and instant coffee				
2.	If you	spend \$200 in a single receipt and pay it with Money Bank Credit Card, you can				
	get a					
	(1)	\$5 voucher				
	(2)	\$10 voucher				
	(3)	\$15 voucher				
	(4)	\$20 voucher				
3.	lf you	go to Gastro Mart at Bedok on 21 June, you can purchase				
	*****	at a discounted price.				
	(1)	seafood				
	(2)	beverages				
	(3)	personal care items				
	(4)	fruits and vegetables				
4.	Acco	According to the advertisement, which one of the following statements is true?				
	(1)	You can purchase seafood imported from Malaysia.				
	(2)	You can get a 25% discount on plastic containers from 13 June to 10 July.				
•	(3)	If you win the lucky draw, you will get \$1500 worth of products from Gastro Mart.				
	(4)	You can purchase fruits and vegetables at a special price from 13 June to				
		10 July.				
5.	The	offers in the advertisement are not available at				
	(1)	Bedok				
	(2)	Yishun				
	(3)	Tampines				
	(4)	Holland Village				

	B: Grammar Discrete (7 marks) h question from 6 to 12, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. our choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer
6.	Mr Rajah made Janice ten times around the track as part of her training for the ASEAN Games.
	(1) run (2) ran (3) runs (4) running
7.	Vivian rarely goes to the shopping centre,?
	(1) is it (2) isn't it (3) does she (4) doesn't she
8.	After I had returned home from my school camp, I was so tired that I on my bed and slept for three hours.
	(1) lie (2) lay (3) laid (4) lain
9.	Siti, together with her classmates, the bus to school every morning.
	(1) take (2) takes (3) is taking (4) are taking
10.	"Has anyone of you ever a giant tortoise?" Mr Cheng asked the class.
	(1) see (2) saw (3) sees (4) seen

11.	Theft	on the rise in schools these days.		
	(1) is (2) are (3) was (4) were			
12.	He was caught red-han	nded his attempt to cheat.		
	(1) in (2) on (3) of (4) with			

Section C: Punctuation (3 marks)

For each guestion 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.

"I want that bicycle!" I shouted, pointing at a really cool-looking yellow BMX bicycle in the window display of a shop.

However, Dad's reply was, "Penny, you have a perfectly good bicycle at home."

"My bicycle is old and ugly," I argued. However, Dad just continued walking away from me (13) Oh how I wish that bicycle belonged to me," I thought longingly.

Every day after school, I would walk past the shop and stare at the bicycle. However a few days later, it was gone. My heart sank when I realised it was sold. As I was walking back home (14) I suddenly chanced upon the exact same bicycle that I had wanted. It was lying around in a playground near my house.

"Hey, who left this bicycle here (15) I wondered, scanning the area. No one replied and there was no one in sight. It was as if someone else had taken hold of me. I found myself reaching forward and pushing it home.

Adapted from "Chicken Soup for the Child's Soul - Making Good Choices"

- 13. (1) [,] comma
 - (2) [.] full stop

 - (3) [, "] comma and inverted commas (4) [, "] full stop and inverted commas
- 14. (1)[:] colon
 - comma
 - (3) [.] full stop
 - (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

	on D: Vocabulary (5 marks) ach question from 16 to 20, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. your choice (1,2,3 or 4). Shade the correct number in the Optical Answer Sheet.
16.	Susan's mother her for dashing across the busy street without checking for oncoming traffic.
	(1) jeered (2) cajoled (3) beseeched (4) admonished
17.	After the break in the peace talk, the citizens of the two countries started to worry that war would break between them.
	(1) up over (2) off away (3) through in (4) down out
18.	The calf tried to jump over the barbed-wire fence but got itself in the sharp wire.
	(1) extricated (2) entangled (3) implicated (4) integrated
19.	John's grades were not as as Ben's but he later became the top student in class.
	(1) impartial (2) impertinent (3) impassable (4) impeccable
20.	To free the puppy, Joe the noose over its head while his father snipped the wire from its legs.
	(1) eased (2) knotted (3) fastened (4) tiglitened

Section E: Vocabulary Cloze (5 marks)

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

Visiting London on your next holiday? It may be worth your while to take a sojourn to the nearby towns of Cambridge. Better known as the home of the (21) renowned Cambridge University, the university town is itself a delight to explore. The town is best explored on foot or on a rented bicycle. It is a place where time seems to have slowed down and is best (22) savoured in an unhurried manner.

The (23) imposing college buildings are the focus and a source of awe for any traveller. In fact, many of the buildings are reminiscent of medieval palaces. These soaring (24) edifices, ancient gates and green lawns impart a different feel when viewed in the day and in the night. In the dark, the old buildings are awash in an orange glow and (25) beckon you to listen to their secret stories. This town will certainly take your breath away.

Adapted from The Straits Times 2014

- 21. (1) famed
 - (2) ancient
 - (3) majestic
 - (4) infamous
- 22. (1) enjoyed
 - (2) absorbed
 - (3) devoured
 - (4) perceived
- 23. (1) decorative
 - (2) significant
 - (3) magnificent
 - (4) picturesque

- pillars ceilings windows buildings (1) (2) (3) (4) 24.
- (1) (2) (3) (4) invite force 25.

 - persuade
 - recommend

Section F: Comprehension MCQ (5 marks)

Read the passage and answer questions 26 to 30.

Early one morning, Yolanda's neighbour, Stacey, knocked on her door and asked her
to temporarily take in a stray dog she had found. The scruffy terrier mix had no collar or
microchip. Yolanda eyed the pooch - burrs sticking to his belly and mud caking his fur -

microchip. Yolanda eyed the pooch - burrs sticking to his belly and mud caking his tand refuctantly agreed to foster him for the day as he looked rather doleful.

A former hairdresser, Yolanda has not worked since 2006 although she was very good at what she was doing and had many job offers. Despite being 47 years old, she has always been in the pink of health. A divorced single mother of two, Yolanda shares her Port Tampa, Florida home with her 10 year-old son, Andy, and 21 year-old son, Paul. Her elder son has Down Syndrome. He cannot speak or bathe himself and he has had heart surgery and a kidney transplant, according to the report in St. Petersburg Times.

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Andy immediately took to the dog, whom he named Riley. Yolanda and her sons bought the dog a collar, leash, ball and brown bed from the dollar store. For the whole of that day, Andy played with the dog, laughing gleefully whenever Riley licked his face. "Don't fall in love with him," Yolanda warned.

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Yolanda and Stacey made 4,000 flyers with the dog's picture, stuffed mailboxes and put an advertisement in the local newspaper. When no one called, Riley stayed the night at Yolanda's house. His dog bed was placed in the living room, but when the boys climbed into their twin beds, Riley dragged his bed down the long hallway and bunked with the boys in their room.

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Four days later, no one called to claim Riley, and he was still staying with Yolanda and her boys. The honey-coloured terrier had started responding to his new name. He almost never barked, loved playing rambunctiously with Andy, and was tender with Paul.

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One afternoon, the dog settled himself on the floor near Paul as he watched a "Barney" video in his room. Yolanda was outside watering the plants when the placid moment was shattered by the sound of Riley crashing into the screen door and barking crazily. Alarmed, Yolanda opened the door, only to have the dog race back through the house towards the boys' room. Yolanda followed, screaming when she caught sight of her son. Paul was slumped over, his body writhing in a seizure, blood streaming from his nose and mouth. Riley stood next to him yelping, but suddenly went quiet when Yolanda reached down to hold her son.

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"If he hadn't come to get me," Yolanda said, "the neurologist said Paul would have choked on his own blood and died." The dog, she decided, was a keeper.

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The next day, Yolanda and her sons were heartbroken when someone called to claim the dog they had come to love. Randy Cliff, 34, who lived six blocks away, said that he had been searching for his dog, Odie, for over a week. Odie had lived with Cliff, his wife, their four children and infant granddaughter.

When Cliff came to collect his dog, Riley leapt off Yolanda's porch and into his arms. Paul watched from a window. Andy stood on the porch watching the man hug Riley. "We're going to miss you," he said, tearfully.

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Looking up, Cliff took in the scene - Paul looking scared, Andy looking downtrodden - and asked, "Is that your brother?" Andy nodded.

With a sudden change of heart, Cliff put the dog back down. "Maybe Odie was supposed to find you," Cliff told a stunned and delighted Andy. "Maybe you should keep 45 him." That is how the kindness of strangers - Stacey for rescuing a lost dog, Yolanda for taking him in, and Cliff for giving up his pet to a pair of brothers who needed the dog more - brought Riley to live with Andy, Paul and their mother. Adapted from http://lostandfounddogsaveslifeofboy.blogspot.sg/ 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 oval on the Optical Answer Sheet. Why did Yolanda stop working? 26. (1) She was divorced. (2) Her health was poor. (3) She had to take care of Paul. (4) She could not find a job as a hairdresser. In line 14, what did Yolanda mean when she warned, "Don't fall in love with 27. him"? (1) The dog was a stray. (2) The dog looked doleful. (3) The dog made Andy laugh. (4) The dog would only be with them temporarily. Which one of the following words has the same meaning as 'rambunctiously' in 28. line 22? (1) noisily (2) quietly (3) blatantly (4) tenderly In line 40, the word 'he' refers to 29. (1) Cliff (2) Riley (3) Andy (4) Paul Based on the last two paragraphs, what can you infer about Cliff's character? 30.

(1) He is friendly.(2) He is ingenious.(3) He is responsible.(4) He is compassionate.

BOOKLET B

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Section G: Structural Cloze (10 marks) 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 V	VORD CAN BE USE	D ONLY ONCE		
(A) after	(D) however	(G) throughout	(K) was	(N) whom	
(B) from	(E) of	(H) to	(L) where	(P) with	
(C) how	(F) through	(J) up	(M) who	(Q) within	
On the moming of Sunday, February 13, 2000, newspaper readers opened their comic pages as they had done for nearly fifty years to read the latest adventures of Charlie Brown and Snoopy. This Sunday was different. Mere hours before newspapers hit the doorsteps (31)					
profoundly affect	ted the rest of S	chulz's life. His mot	her, to whom he	of each other in 1943 that e was very close, passed	
away at the age	of 50 from cervi	ical cancer and he laucky. Schulz remail	ater boarded a t	troop train to begin his army	

Section H: Editing for Spelling and Grammar (10 marks) Correct each word in bold for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the coword in the relevant box.	rrect
Sleep affects every area of dally life. While it may be obvious that sleep is	
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beneefishel, most people do not realise how much sleep they need and why it was	
so important.	
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Extensive research has been done to look into the effects or benefits of sleep. Thes	е
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studies show that sleep plays a vital role in promote physical health, longevity and emotion	ıal
well-being. This explains why, after a good night's sleep, you feel better, your thoughts are	
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clearer, and your emotions are less frajayl. Chronic sleep dapreevation may lead to an a	rray
of serious medical conditions including diabetes, heart disease, and even early mortality.	
While some do not care for the sleep requirements they need, the National Institute	of
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Neurological Disorders and Stroke reported that most adults need seven to eight hours a	7
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night. Studies show that people who get the appropriate amount of sleep from a regular b	asis
tend to live longer, healthier lives than those who sleep too few or even too many hours ea	ach
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night. It is appearent that sleep plays a critical role in our lives.	
Your cardiovascular system is constantly under pressure and sleep helps to reduc	e the
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levels of stress and Inflemation in your body. A good night's sleep can help lower blood	
pressure and levels of stress hormones.	
Adapted from "Benefits of Sleep" - Better sleep be	moo. ell rette
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Section I: Comprehension Cloze (15 marks)
Read the passage below carefully and fill in each of the blanks with a suitable word.

A giant asteroid, a huge rock in space, will silently glide by Earth this week. It is a stark
(51) that we are not absolutely safe and there are always cosmic
(52)lurking nearby.
The asterold measures about 325 metres wide. This space intruder, nicknamed "the
Beast', more formally known as HQ124, has an estimated width similar (53)
an aircraft carrier. It will be three lunar distances (54) from Earth at its
closest approach on Thursday, so thankfully there is no (55) to our
planet.
However, it is a big asteroid and for a long time we did not notice its existence
(56) last month on 23 June. The National Aeronautics and Space
Administration's (NASA's) Wide-field Infrared Survey Explorer (57) up its
movement against a fixed backdrop of stars. While it is nothing new to hear about asteroids
whizzing past Earth or the moon, it is unusual to see such a large one go
(58) for so long.
Sky surveys have catalogued and are tracking approximately 90 percent of the
potentially dangerous asteroids that are at least 1,000 metres (59)
diameter. Those are the ones that have the potential to destroy continents on
(60)

Only 30 percent of the 140-metre rocks have been (61) for and in
addition, less than 1 percent of the 30-metre asteroids have been detected to
(62) While these may not be global killers, they have the potential to
damage or destroy entire cities. For example, in 2013, Russian asteroid struck the city of Urals
and laid waste to an (63)of more than 2700 square kilometres.
"What's upsetting is that a rocky body this large, and coming so close, should have only
first been discovered much earlier. HQ124 is at least 10 times bigger (64)
the asterold that injured a thousand people last year in Chelyabinsk, Slberla," said Bob Berman,
an astronomer who works with Internet astronomy outreach venture "Slooh".
"If it were to Impact us, the energy released would be (65) not in
kilotons like the atomic bombs that ended World War II, but in H-bomb type megatons."

Adapted from Watch as 'the Beast' Asteroid Sails Past Earth This Week by Andrew Fazekas

For expression	on J: Synthesis and Transformation (10 marks) ach of the questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using ded. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your senter time as the meaning of the given sentence(s).	the word(s) ace must be
66.	Sam could not complete the project. He was incompetent.	
	As a result of	
67.	Mr Koh asked Peter if he had seen Francis going to the canteen.	
	Mr Koh asked Peter, "	
		?"
68.	Siti was stubbom. She refused to listen to any advice.	
		_ because of
69.	Maryam would not have missed the plane if she had left her house earlier.	
	Had Maryam	
70.	All of the Items are expensive.	
	None of	

Section K: Comprehension Open-Ended (20 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

Just 60 years ago, when much of Asia still moved by foot or hoof, the Tea Horse Road was a thoroughfare of commerce and the main link between China and Tibet. The Chinese military's need for Tibetan horses and Tibet's appetite for Chinese tea created a trade network spanning the Tibetan Plateau. I had seen what was left of the original trail in China. To find the legendary Tea Horse Road in Tibet, I had to explore a way Into these forbidden mountains. I called my wife, Sue, who was an experienced mountaineer, and asked her to meet me at the city of Nagqu. Along the way, we went to see the legendary horses that gave their name to the Tea Horse Road. The weeklong annual horse festival used to be held on the open plains but ten years ago, a concrete stadium was built so that Chinese officials would have some place to sit. When we arrived the next morning, Tibetans packed the stands to the brim while the hawkers sold spicy boiled potatoes and cans of Budweiser, an American beer. Blaring speakers announced each event in Tibetan and Chinese.

Down on the field, horse and rider seemed to defy gravity. A contestant galloped furlously, dangling like an acrobat off the side to pluck a white silk scarf from the ground. Clods of mud propelled into the sharp blue sky. Holding the scarf, the Tibetan cowboy bowed as the crowd roared. The Nagqu Horse Festival was one of the few surviving events celebrating Tibet's equestrian heritage. Through centuries of selective breeding, Tibetans created a premium horse. Standing at only 4.5 feet, it was fine-limbed and handsome-faced. It had enlarged lungs adapted to life on the 15,000-foot-high, oxygenstarved Tibetan Plateau. Tibetan steeds were bred to be sure-footed on snowy passes. These were the horses coveted by the Chinese centuries ago.

After that, Sue and I drove to a village that was situated between two enormous passes. Surreptitiously, we went door-to-door looking for horses to take us up to 17,756foot Nubgang Pass. There was none to be found and we were directed to a saloon on the edge of town. Inside, Tibetan cowboys were drinking beer, shooting pool and placing bets on a dice game. They laughed when we asked for horses.

Outside the saloon, instead of steeds of muscle standing in the mud, there were steeds of steel - tough little Chinese motorcycles with red-and-blue Tibetan wool rugs covered the saddles and tassels dangled from the handlebars. For a price, two cowboys offered to take us to the base of the pass. We set off in the dark the next morning, backpacks strapped to the bicycles like saddlebags. The cowboys were as adept on motorcycles as their ancestors were on horseback. We bounced through black bogs* where the mud was two feet deep and splashed through blue braided streams.

Up the valley, we passed the tents of Tibetan nomads. We were struck by the sight in front of us. Parked in front of many of the yak hair tents were big Chinese trucks or luxury cars. Where did the nomads get the money to buy such vehicles? It was certainly not from the traditional yak meat-and-butter farming. To our delight, the ancient path was quite visible, like a rocky trail, winding up meadows speckled with black yaks. After two hours of hard uphill hiking, we paddled through two shimmering sapphire tarns. Beyond these lakes, all green disappeared and everything turned to stone and sky. Mules carrying bags of tea stopped crossing this pass over half a century ago as the demand for western beer increased. The Nubgang Pass had been abandoned. There was a silence that only absence could create.

Adapted from National Geographic 2010

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٧e	or questions 71-80 in COMPLETE SENTENCES.
	What was the aim of the narrator's journey in Tibet?
	How do you know that the Nagqu Horse Festival was popular among the Tibetans?
	What were the two pieces of evidence that showed the contestant in paragraph 2 was skilful rider?
	Why did the Tibetans hold the Nagqu Horse Festival annually?
	Which two characteristics did the Tibetan horse have that enabled it to adapt well to living conditions in Tibet?
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	Explain why the Tibetan cowboys laughed when the narrator and his wife asked for horses to help them travel to Nubgang Pass.
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Did the narra Which senter	tor and his wife manage to find what they were looking for in the end nce from the passage tells you so?

What challeng	ges did the narrator and his wife face when they climbed the Nubgan

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EXAM PAPER 2014

SCHOOL : RAFFLES GIRLS'

PRIMARY: P6

SUBJECT : ENGLISH

TERM : SA2

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Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
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41)beneficial 42)is 43)and 44)promoting 45)fragile

46)deprivation 47)reports 48)on 49)apparent 50)inflammation

51)reminder 52)rocks 53)to 54)away 55)threat

56)until 57)picked 58)unnoticed 59)in 60)Earth

61)accounted 62)date 63)area 64)than 65)great

66)As a result of Sam's incompetence, he could not complete the project.

67)Mr Koh asked Peter, "Did you see Francis going to the canteen?"

- 68)Siti refused to listen to any advice because of her stubbornness.
- 69)Had Maryam left her house earlier, she would not have missed the plane.
- 70)None of the items are cheap.

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- 71) The narrator wanted to find the legendary Tea Horse Road in Tibet.
- 72)During the Nagqu Horse Festival, Tibetans packed the stands to the brim.
- 73)The contestant galloped furiously, dangling like an acrobat off the side to pluck a white silk scarf from the ground and he defied gravity.
- 74)The Nagqu House Festival was one of the few surviving events that celebrated Tibet's equestrian heritage.
- 75)The Tibetan horse had enlarged lungs adapted to life on the oxygen-starved Tibetan Plateau. It was sure-footed on snowy passes.
- 76)The Tibetan cowboys thought that the narrator and his wife were outdated as they wanted to use horses instead of motorcycles.
- 77)It refers to the lakes that the narrator and his wife paddled through in Tibet.
- 78)Yes, they did. It is "To our delight, the ancient path was quite visible, like a rock trail, winding up meadows speckled with black yaks."
- 79) They had to hike for two hours and paddle through the two lakes.
- 80)In the past, the Tibetans used to drink Chinese tea. Now, they drank more American beer.