ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOL (JUNIOR)

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2 - 2009
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY 4

Name : _____ ( )

Class : P 4 . ( ) Date : 6th October 2009

PAPER 1

1 hour 10 minutes

30 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 papers provided.

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Part 1 : Situational Writing **(10 marks)**

Question 1

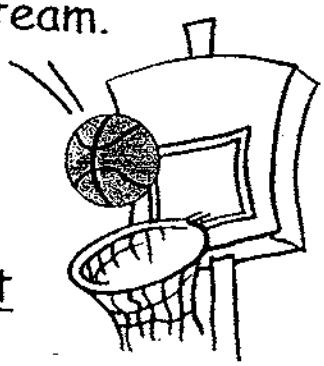
Read the poster below carefully and answer the question on the next page.

Interested in playing basketball?
Have a **team of three players** ready?
Well, what are you waiting for?

WE WANT YOU !!!!



Calling all students from Primary 4 to 6 - this is your opportunity to win the latest Nintendo DSi system for each member in your team.



Date: 19th November 2009
Time: 2pm to 5pm
Venue: School Basketball Court

Hurry! Places are limited to the first 20 teams, on a first-come-first-served basis only.

See You There !!

** All groups must submit the registration forms to the general office by 6th November 2009. Late entries will not be entertained. For more information, contact Mr Tan @ 9768 5324.*

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Your Task

Your school is organising a basketball competition and you are interested in participating. You are to send an e-mail to your classmate to ask him if he is interested in joining your team.

In your email, include the following information:

- the date and time of the competition
- venue of the competition
- closing date for registration
- the prize for the winners of the competition
- why you should hurry to register for the competition

You may reorder the points. You should write in complete sentences.

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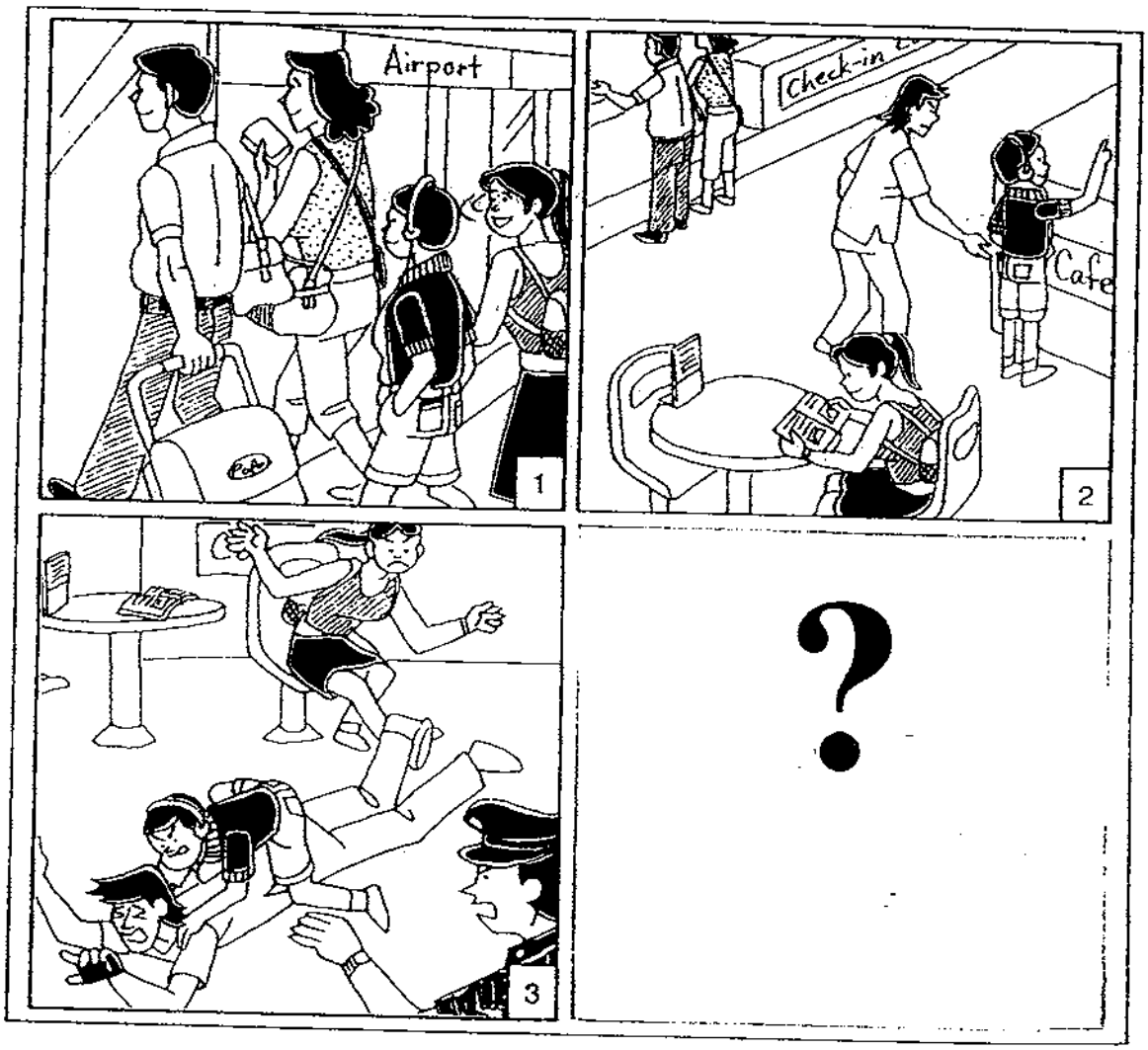
Part 2 : Continuous Writing

(20 marks)

There are two questions in Part 2.
Answer only **ONE** of them.

Question 2

Write a story of **at least 120 words** based on the pictures below. Give the story your own ending. You may use the words and phrases in the box. You are encouraged to use other relevant points to make your composition interesting.



holiday	pickpocket	departure	tripped
queuing	checking-in	alert	

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Question 3

You were coming home from school. While you were walking at the void deck of your flat, you saw two mischievous boys spraying paint on one of the walls at the void deck.

Based on the above situation, write a story of **at least 120 words**.

In your composition, make use of the points below.

- What you did
- How the boys reacted
- What happened in the end

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

Some helping words are given in the box below. You may use them in your composition.

vandalised	shocked	scolded	panicked
policemen	ashamed	pleaded	

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LISTENING COMPREHENSION

Name: _____ ( )

Class: P 4 . ( )

Date: 29th October 2009

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Component	Possible Score	Actual Score
Picture Matching	4	
Note-taking	6	
Dictation	6	
Total	16	

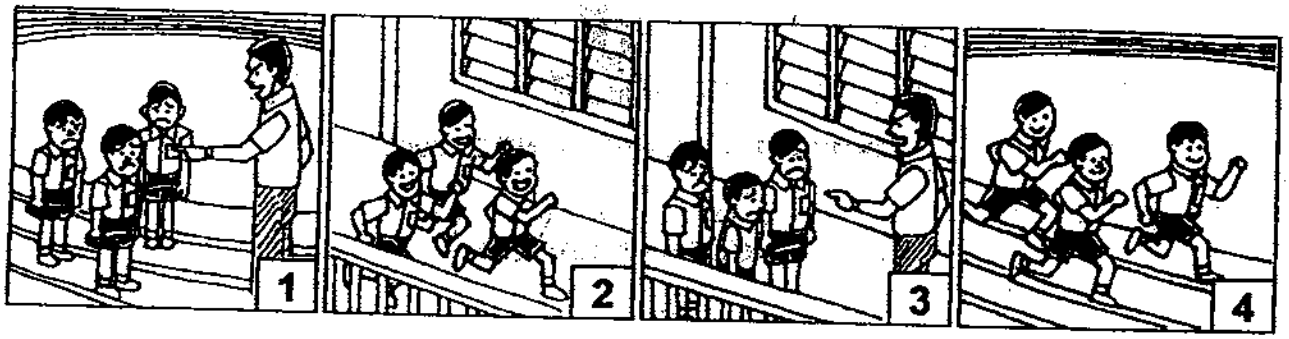
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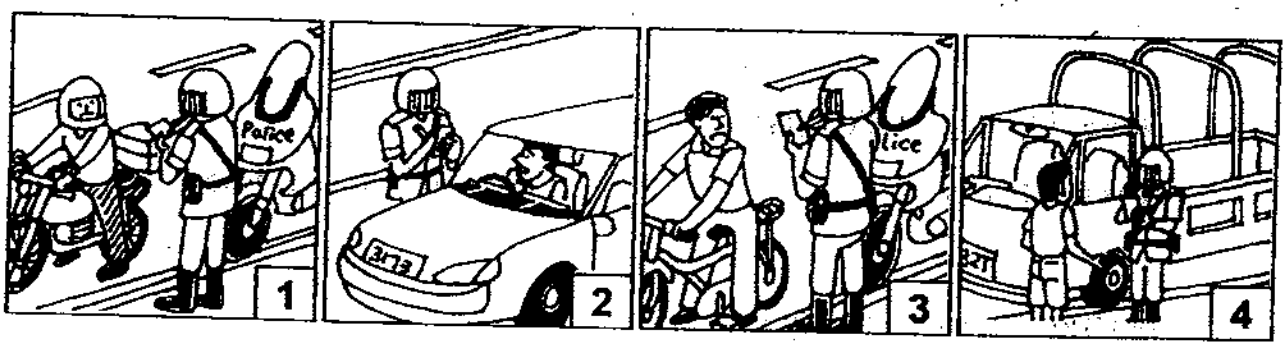
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Part 1: Picture Matching

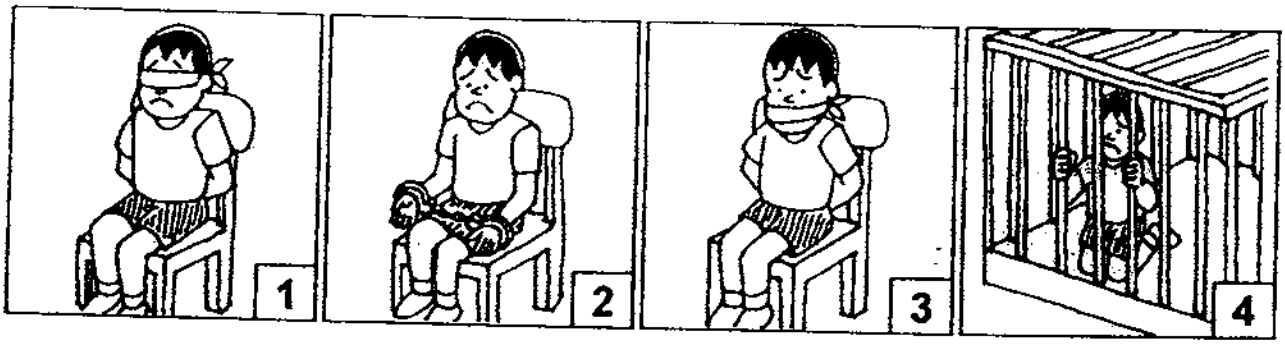
Look at the set of pictures. I am going to read to you some statements. Then choose the picture that shows what I have read. Match the sentences to the correct picture. Write the number 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the brackets provided.



Q1. .....( )

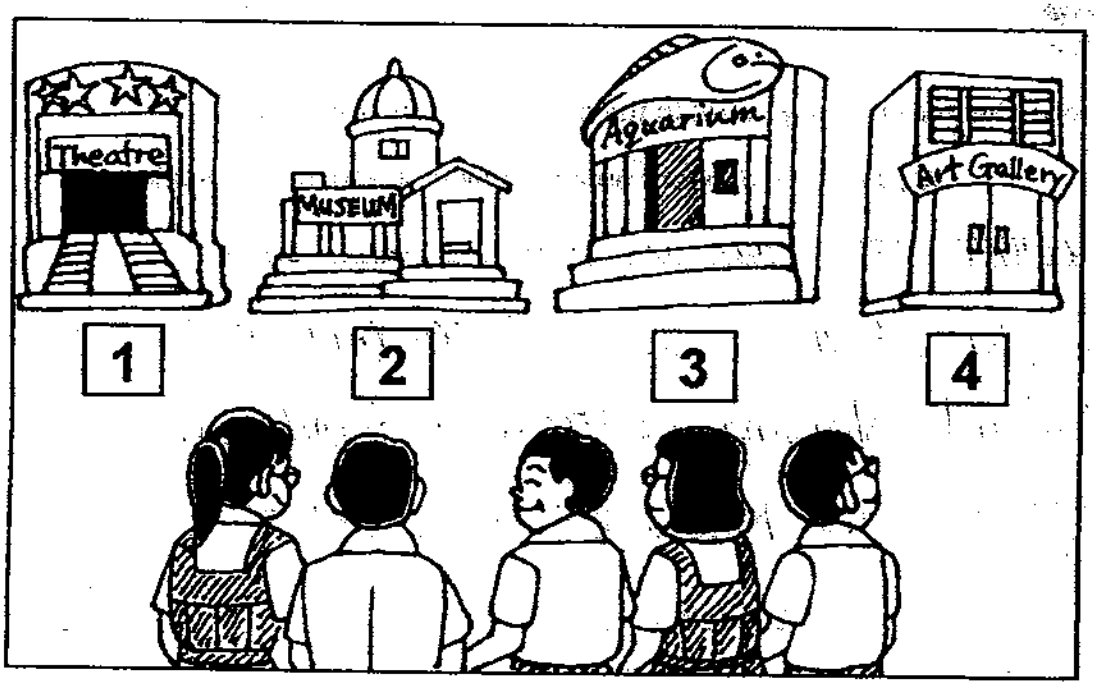


Q2. .....( )



Q3. .....( )

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Q4. .....( )

Part 2 – Note-taking & Dictation

Q5 to Q10 is a note-taking test.
Q11 is a dictation test.

As you listen, take down the missing information by filling each blank numbered Q5 to Q 10 with **one word or a short phrase.**

Q5. *Name of Shopping Centre* _____ *Shopping Centre*

Q6. *The shopping centre is celebrating its* _____ *anniversary*

Q7. *A shopper who wishes to take part in the lucky draw must spend at least* _____

Q8. *Date on which promotion ends* _____

Q9. *Top prize :* _____

Q10. *If you spend $60 at the shopping centre, you will get* _____ *lucky draw tickets.*

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Dictation

Take down the journal entry in full in the space provided for Q11.

Q11. My family and I went on a holiday to Australia last week.

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Date : 29 October 2009

BOOKLET A

28 Questions

28 Marks

Total Time For Booklet A and B : 1 hour 30 minutes

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VOCABULARY MCQ (1 MARK X 10)

For each question from 1 to 10, 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 The students were advised to take the necessary _____ for the experiment.

(1) guards
(2) defenses
(3) instructions
(4) precautions

2 Kyle finally achieved fame and fortune, having _____ for them all his life.

(1) wanted
(2) dwelled
(3) yearned
(4) hankered

3 There are not many people in this neighbourhood as most of the new flats are still not _____ yet.

(1) full
(2) packed
(3) crowded
(4) occupied

4 He has broken the world _____ for the high jump event!

(1) figure
(2) record
(3) reading
(4) measurement

5 The classroom is _____ except for some newspaper clippings on the boards.

(1) bald
(2) bare
(3) bland
(4) blank

6 The pastry chef _____ the dough before putting it into the oven.

(1) rubbed
(2) kneed
(3) kneaded
(4) elbowed

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7 The little boy's trousers _____ at the seams when he bent over to pick up his toys.

(1) split
(2) cracked
(3) exploded
(4) splattered

8 The school soccer players were _____ from class on the day of their tournament.

(1) abused
(2) excused
(3) accused
(4) executed

9 Dr Bala, the famous eye surgeon, has _____ medicine for more than twenty years.

(1) done
(2) made
(3) executed
(4) practised

10 The murderer hung his head in shame in the _____ of the deceased victim's family members.

(1) present
(2) company
(3) presence
(4) attendance

GRAMMAR MCQ (1 MARK X 10)

For each question from 11 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.

11 John and his father went fishing last Sunday, _____ they?

(1) do
(2) did
(3) don't
(4) didn't

12 Gopal, as well as his two brothers, _____ out at Mr Ali's provision shop every weekend.

(1) help
(2) helps
(3) helped
(4) have helped

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13 _____ of these bookmarks was made by Rishi.

(1) All
(2) Most
(3) Each
(4) Some

14 Susan _____ the piano when it started to rain.

(1) practise
(2) practises
(3) practised
(4) was practising

15 _____ James was sleepy, he stayed up late to complete his project work.

(1) As
(2) Since
(3) Unless
(4) Although

16 My father could not see the road clearly as there was too _____ fog.

(1) few
(2) little
(3) much
(4) many

17 Mrs Hee was baking cookies _____ her daughter was doing her homework in the living room.

(1) until
(2) while
(3) since
(4) unless

18 Mr and Mrs Wee are starting to put _____ some money for their children's education in the future.

(1) in
(2) up
(3) aside
(4) across

19 The teacher told Keith not to run along the corridor, _____ he kept on doing so.

(1) if
(2) as
(3) or
(4) yet

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20 The cat _____ Jamie saved yesterday belongs to Mrs Watson.

(1) who
(2) which
(3) where
(4) whose

GRAMMAR: PUNCTUATION (1 MARK X 3)

For each question from 21 to 23, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

Just then, the door opened and a nurse came in.

"Hello," she said. "So you(21)ve woken up at last."

"Where am I(22)

"You're a lucky man. You landed in the woods near the beach. You're in Brighton. They brought you in two days ago, and now you're all fixed up(23) You look fine."

"I've lost a leg," he said.

The nurse looked at him with sympathy.

Adapted from 'Beware of the Dog' by Roald Dahl

21 (1) [,] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) ['] apostrophe
(4) ["] inverted commas

22 (1) [.] full stop
(2) [?] question mark
(3) [."] full stop and inverted commas
(4) [?"] question mark and inverted commas

23 (1) [,] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [,"] comma and inverted commas
(4) [."] full stop and inverted commas

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Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow it.

Penguins are a group of aquatic, flightless birds found almost exclusively in the southern hemisphere, especially in Antarctica. Highly adapted for life in the water, penguins have countershaded dark and white plumage, and their wings have become flippers. Most penguins feed on krill, fish, squid and other forms of sealife caught while swimming underwater. They spend about half of their life on land and half in the oceans.

Their white underside and deep black colours are perfect for camouflage. Predators looking up from the ocean floor will have difficulty distinguishing between the white belly of the penguin and the reflective water surface. The dark colour camouflages them from predators living above the water.

Penguins either waddle on their feet or slide on their bellies across the snow, a movement called tobogganing. This movement conserves the energy of the penguin and allows them to move swiftly from one place to another. In the extreme cold of the Antarctic winter, the females fish for food in the sea and leave the males to brave the weather by themselves. They often huddle together to keep warm and rotate positions to make sure that each penguin gets a turn in the centre of the heat pack.

Although all penguin species are native to the southern hemisphere, they are not only found in cold climates. In fact, only a few species of penguin live so far south. Several species, though much lesser in number, are found in the temperate zone, and one species, the Galápagos Penguin, lives near the equator.

The largest living species is the Emperor Penguin. Adults of these species can reach heights of about 1.1m and weigh 35kg or more. The smallest penguin species is the Little Blue Penguin (also known as the Fairy Penguin), which is about 40cm tall and weighs 1kg. Larger penguins tend to inhabit the colder regions while smaller penguins are generally found in temperate or even tropical climates.

(Adapted from Penguin, Wikipedia)

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For each question from 24 to 28, 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)

24 Penguins are mostly found _____.

(1) in Antarctica
(2) near the equator
(3) on the ocean floor
(4) in the temperate zone

25 The white underside of the penguin helps it to _____.

(1) hunt for food
(2) camouflage from predators above the water
(3) slide across the snow with great ease and speed
(4) camouflage from predators living below the surface of the water

26 "Tobogganing" refers to _____.

(1) the conservation of energy during movement
(2) the movement of penguins waddling on their feet
(3) the huddling action between penguins to keep warm
(4) the movement of penguins using their bellies to slide across the snow

27 From the passage, we learn that _____.

(1) penguins live only in cold climates
(2) the male penguins do not hunt for food
(3) penguins only come to land to hunt for food
(4) smaller penguins tend to live in colder climates

28 The Emperor Penguin _____.

(1) lives near the equator
(2) is the largest living species of penguins
(3) refers to a species that has a maximum weight of 35kg
(4) is the name given to adult penguins who have reached a height of 1.1m

END OF BOOKLET A

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Parent's Signature

BOOKLET B

30 Questions

40 Marks

Total Time For Booklets A and B : 1 hour 30 minutes

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Booklet	Component	Possible Marks	Marks Obtained
A	-	28	
B	Grammar Cloze	5	
	Editing for Spelling & Grammar	5	
	Synthesis and Transformation	10	
	Comprehension Cloze	10	
	Comprehension OE	10	
	Total	40	
TOTAL for Booklets A and B		68	

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GRAMMAR CLOZE (1 MARK X 5)

Read the passage carefully. From the list of words given in the box below, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to F) in the blanks provided.

(A) me	(C) him	(E) his
(B) he	(D) it	(F) we

"Come back here, you trouble-maker!" shouted Uncle Jim at Stan.

"I got you, didn't I, Uncle Jim? I got you!" Stan jeered triumphantly as his uncle had fallen for his trick. Uncle Jim had asked Stan to make (29)___ ____ _ ___ a cup of tea. Instead of sugar, Stan had added in some salt and pepper.

Uncle Jim had gagged and coughed the moment (30)___ ____ drank the tea. While Uncle Jim was fuming with anger, Stan had disappeared and escaped punishment.

"Yes, (31)___ have got to do something about that boy! A joke once in a while is all right for (32)___ but not every hour of the day," Uncle Jim said angrily.

"Why don't we play a joke on him instead?" Father suggested. "We'll give him a taste of (33)___ ____ own medicine."

(Adapted from 'Chicken Soup for the Soul')

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EDITING FOR SPELLING AND GRAMMAR (1 MARK X 5)

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

An octopus is a sea creature that has a soft body and eight tentacles. It can

(34) [ ]

be quite frightening to look at. When the octopus was first **sited** many years ago,

(35) [ ]

people thought that it was a sea monster. Due to this, the octopus is also know as the devilfish.

(36) [ ]

An octopus caught its prey with its tentacles which have round discs on

(37) [ ]

them called suction cups. These cups can hold onto any **objek** tightly even when they are cut off from the body.

(38) [ ]

In order to paralyse its prey, an octopus sometimes **injeks** poison into its victims. Its prey include crabs, lobsters, mussels and many other shellfish.

(Adapted from http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Octopus)

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SYNTHESIS AND TRANSFORMATION (2 MARKS X 5)

For each of the questions 39 to 43, 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).

39 Janet, together with Ellen, signed up for a voluntary project in Thailand.

Both _____

_____.

40 Mr Lee bought tickets for a movie. Then he went to pick up his wife.

_____before

_____.

41 Helen said, "I want to get a pink dress for my birthday party."

Helen said that _____

_____.

42 Gilbert does not like durians. Fiona does not like durians too.

Neither _____

_____.

43 Robin and Dillon have stopped talking to each other. They got into an argument.

_____ since

_____.

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COMPREHENSION CLOZE (1 MARK X 10)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Polar bears travel widely around the North Pole. They can roam (44) _____ miles across the frozen Arctic regions, sailing on icebergs and (45) _____ them to drift from island to island. They feed mainly (46) _____ seals, which they kill with their sharp (47) _____. The seals are mammals and need to (48) _____. They often have to find holes in the ice to surface. After which, they swim up to these holes to take (49) _____ air. Polar bears wait patiently by these (50) _____. Once the seal comes up, the bear will strike it on the nose, where it is (51) _____ vulnerable. Often the bear can kill the seal (52) _____ it is still underwater. The bear then hauls the seal up (53) _____ the ice. This is not an easy task as an adult seal can weigh more than 500 kilograms.

(Adapted from http://kids.nationalgeographic.com)

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COMPREHENSION OPEN-ENDED (2 MARKS X 5)

Read the passage below and answer questions 54 to 58.

When Wilma Rudolph was four years old, she had polio. This caused her to be crippled and unable to walk. To make matters worse, her family was poor and could not afford good medical care. She was from a large family. She was the 20th child out of 22 children. Her father was a railroad porter and her mother was a maid.

Doctors had said that she would not be able to walk. However, her mother decided she would do everything she could to help Wilma walk again. Every week, her mother took her on a long bus trip to a hospital to receive therapy. It did not help much but the doctors said she could try giving Wilma a massage every day by rubbing her legs. Her mother taught her siblings how to do it and they also rubbed her legs four times a day.

By the time she was eight, she could walk with a leg brace. After that, she used a high-topped shoe to support her foot. She played basketball with her brothers every day.

When she was eleven, her mother came home one day to find her, without her special shoe, playing basketball by herself, barefooted!

A track coach encouraged her to start running. She ran so well that during her senior year in high school, she qualified for the 1956 Olympics in Melbourne, Australia. She won a bronze medal in the women's 400-metre relay.

In 1959, she qualified for the 1960 Olympic Games in Rome by setting a world record in the 200-metre race.

At the games, she sprained her ankle but she ignored the pain and helped her team win a gold medal in the 400-metre relay!

She retired from running when she was twenty-two years old but she went on to coach women's track teams and encourage young people. She also started the Wilma Rudolph Foundation to help children learn about disciplne and hard work.

She died of brain cancer in 1994. Even though she is no longer alive, her influence still lives on in the lives of many young people who look up to her.

(Adapted from http://gardenofpraise.com/ibdwilma.htm)

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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

54 What happened to Wilma when she was four years old?

_____

_____

55 Which sentence in the passage tells us that Wilma's mother was a very determined woman?

_____

_____

56 How did Wilma's mother ensure that there would be someone to massage Wilma's leg every day?

_____

_____

57 In lines 19-20, "At the games, she sprained.....400-metre relay." What does this sentence tell you about Wilma?

_____

_____

58 Why did Wilma start the Wilma Rudolph Foundation?

_____

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Answer Ke

EXAM PAPER 2009

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TERM : SA2

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3	4	2	3	4	2	1	4	4	2	2	C	B	F	A	E

34)sighted 35)known 36)catches 37)object 38)injects

39)Both Janet and Ellen signed up for a voluntary project in Thailand.

40)Mr Lee bought tickets for a movie before going to pick up his wife.

41)Helen said that she wanted to get a pink dress for her birthday party.

42)Neither Gilbert nor Fiona likes durians.

43)Robin and Dillon have stopped talking to each other since they got into an argument.

44)for 45)using 46)on 47)teeth 48)breath 49)in

50)holes 51)extremely 52)while 53)onto

54)Wilma had polio, which caused her to be crippled and unable to walk when she was four.

55)The sentence is "However, her mother decided she would do everything she could to help Wilma walk again".

56)Wilma's mother taught Wilma's siblings how to massage.

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57)Wilma was very determined to win the game and would ignore pain so that she would not let her team down.

58)She wanted to help children learn about discipline and hard work.

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