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CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)



Primary 4

2009 Semestral Assessment 2

25 September 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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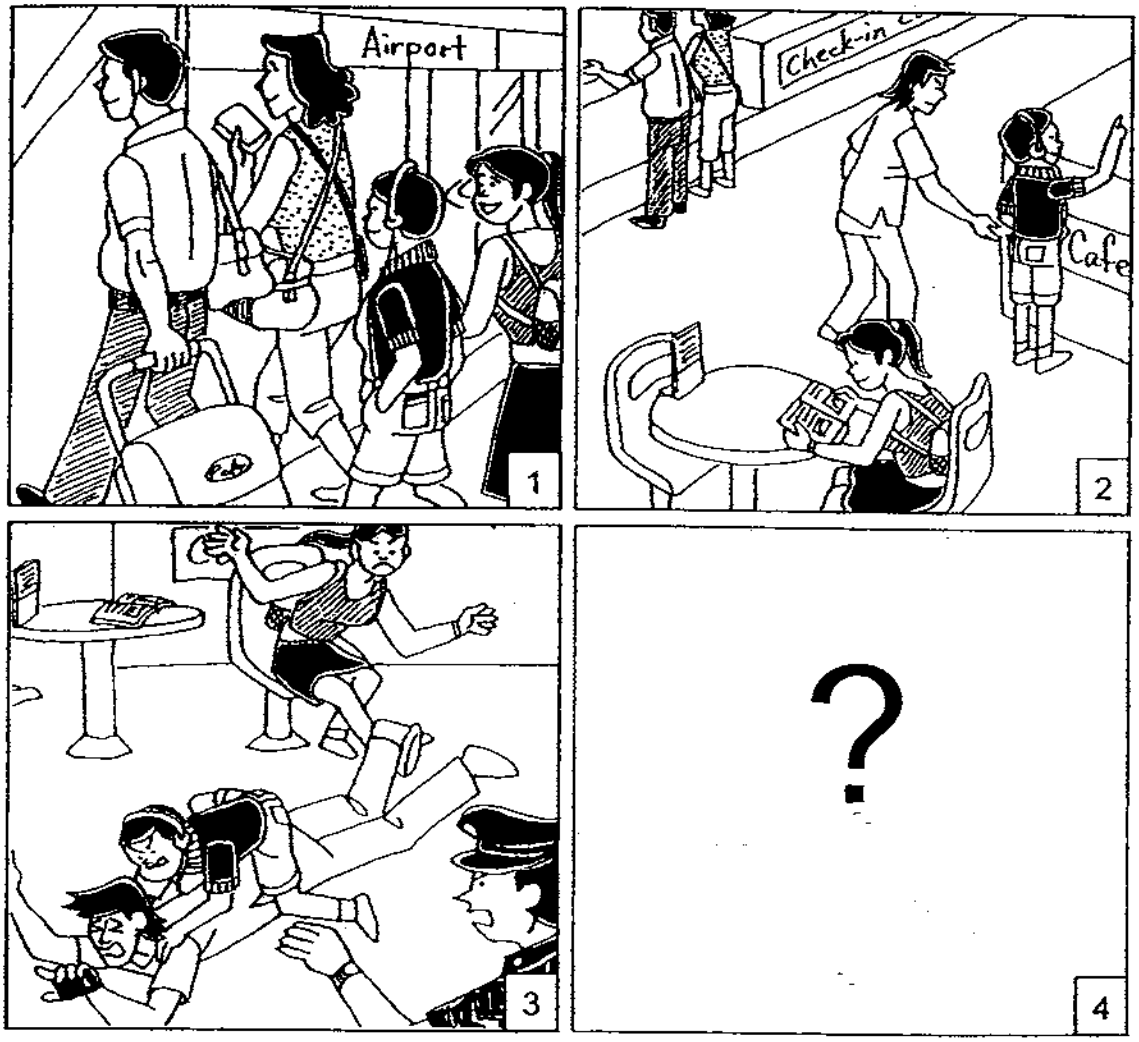
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CONTINUOUS WRITING

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. Give the story your own ending. You may use the words in the box to help you.



Helping Words

holiday	headphones	pickpocket	departure	tripped
luggage	queuing	checking-in	alert	handcuffed

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Question 2

You were playing a ball game in the sea with your cousin when she suddenly screamed in pain. She mumbled something about her left leg feeling numb before she began to look faint.

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 playing a ball game in the sea
- ✓ 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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Booklet A	25
Booklet B	40
Total	65

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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. The forest fire was already _____ wildly when the firemen arrived.

(1) raging
(2) blowing
(3) fighting
(4) dwindling

2. The frightened captives were at the _____ of the evil pirates who were planning to torture them.

(1) mercy
(2) pleasure
(3) forgiveness
(4) wellness

3. Patrick is a young and _____ boy. He is always going against his parents.

(1) resistant
(2) repentant
(3) rebellious
(4) redundant

4. Angeline was not glad that you were leaving. On the _____, she was sad to see you go.

(1) whole
(2) subject
(3) opposite
(4) contrary

5. Owing to _____ circumstances, our school's annual sports day was cancelled.

(1) unproductive
(2) unforeseen
(3) unpredictable
(4) unforgiving

6. Tom _____ a sigh of relief and jumped off the ladder when the ferocious dog stopped barking and went away.

(1) gasped
(2) puffed
(3) exclaimed
(4) heaved

7. My father _____ my brother, Sam, for being unkind to animals.

(1) interrogated
(2) probed
(3) reproached
(4) doubted

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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. _____ there anyone here who knows what the word "claustrophobia" means?

(1) Is
(2) Was
(3) Are
(4) Were

9. Hilary is trying to concentrate _____ her work but her neighbours are just too noisy.

(1) at
(2) in
(3) on
(4) with

10. Some of these souvenirs _____ in Australia when I went there with my family for a holiday in June last year.

(1) is bought
(2) were bought
(3) are bought
(4) have been bought

11. After making a wish, the birthday girl blew _____ the candles on her cake.

(1) off
(2) over
(3) out
(4) away

12. Each of the boys will _____ to tidy the class library books every day.

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

13. My niece is as timid as a _____.

(1) dove
(2) mouse
(3) lamb
(4) rabbit

14. Rachael and I bought _____ some popcorn and drinks before we went into the cinema.

(1) myself
(2) herself
(3) themselves
(4) ourselves

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15. Neither the teacher nor the pupils _____ in the classroom now. They have gone to the school library.

(1) is
(2) are
(3) was
(4) were

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Section C: Graphic Stimulus (5 x 1 mark)

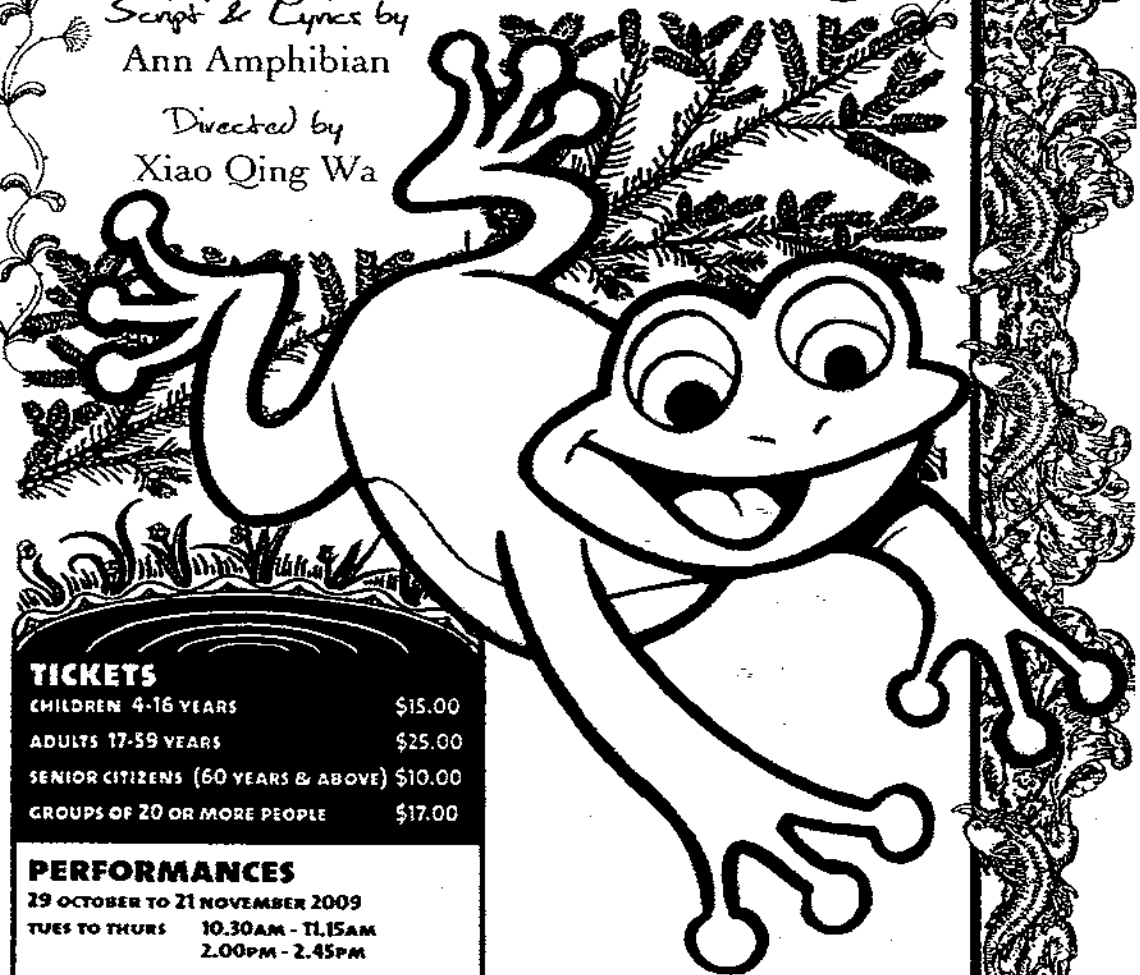
Study the advertisement carefully and answer the questions that follow.

The Polka Theatre presents

Fantastic Father Frog

Play
Script & Lyrics by
Ann Amphibian

Directed by
Xiao Qing Wa



TICKETS

CHILDREN 4-16 YEARS	$15.00
ADULTS 17-59 YEARS	$25.00
SENIOR CITIZENS (60 YEARS & ABOVE)	$10.00
GROUPS OF 20 OR MORE PEOPLE	$17.00

PERFORMANCES

29 OCTOBER TO 21 NOVEMBER 2009

TUES TO THURS	10.30AM - 11.15AM 2.00PM - 2.45PM
FRI TO SUN	3.45PM - 4.30PM 7.30PM - 8.15PM

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM 17 AUGUST 2009
AT OUR WEBSITE OR 28 SEPTEMBER 2009
FROM OUR TICKET OFFICE AT 501 DRAMA PLACE

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

16. There are no performances on _____.

(1) Sundays
(2) Mondays
(3) Wednesdays
(4) Saturdays

17. My 58-year-old grandmother will have to pay _____ for her ticket.

(1) $10.00
(2) $15.00
(3) $17.00
(4) $25.00

18. I can buy a ticket from the ticket office from _____.

(1) 17 August 2009
(2) 28 September 2009
(3) 29 October 2009
(4) 21 November 2009

19. A playwright is a person who writes plays. The playwright of this show is _____.

(1) Father Frog
(2) Xiao Qing Wa
(3) Ann Amphibian
(4) The Polka Theatre

20. The performance on Saturday afternoon is at _____.

(1) 2.00pm
(2) 2.45pm
(3) 3.45pm
(4) 4.30pm

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Section D: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

A rainforest is a dense, warm jungle where the rain falls nearly every day. It is alive with more than three thousand kinds of trees and plants. Some of these trees are as tall as 20-storeyed buildings and tower over the entire forest. It is also home to a ridiculous number of species of animals that depend on these trees for shelter and food. 1

Rainforests can be found in Africa, America, Asia, Australia and India. The largest of these grows along the Amazon River in South America. It is called the Amazon Rainforest and "the lungs of our planet". The trees and other plants of this rainforest breathe in the vast quantities of carbon dioxide that we pump into the environment, and breathe out more than twenty percent of the Earth's oxygen.

Different plants and animals live in different parts of a rainforest. The top of a rainforest looks like a giant carpet of leaves. This layer of leaves and branches is like the roof of the forest and is known as the canopy. Giant spiders, eagles and spider monkeys live in this sunny part of the forest.

The middle layer, or the understorey, is a cool dark environment made up of smaller trees, ferns and vines. Here you will find armies of ants and termites, and the well-camouflaged sloth.

The bottom layer is called the forest floor. This level has very few plants but teems with animal life from microscopic insects and worms to the largest forest mammals and reptiles. Here, tree roots snake across the forest floor which is covered by a layer of wet rotting leaves known as leaf litter.

As more people become aware that our world depends on the rainforest for life, they try to stop others from cutting down so many trees. We can play our part by using less paper. Together, we can save our rainforests and our planet.

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

21. The Amazon Rainforest is in_____.

(1) Asia

(2) Africa

(3) America

(4) Australia

22. The rainforest is called "the lungs of our planet" because _____.

(1) it is wet

(2) it is full of trees and plants

(3) it is home to millions of animals

(4) it recycles carbon dioxide into oxygen

23. What would you find in the understorey?

(1) vines

(2) leaf litter

(3) tree roots

(4) wet rotting leaves

24. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as 'canopy'?
It is _____.

(1) carpet

(2) roof

(3) shelter

(4) tower

25. Which of the following statements is <u>not</u> true about the passage?

(1) A rainforest has three main layers.

(2) We need to protect our rainforests.

(3) Every layer of a rainforest is full of life.

(4) 20-storeyed buildings tower over the entire forest.

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Paper 2 Booklet B

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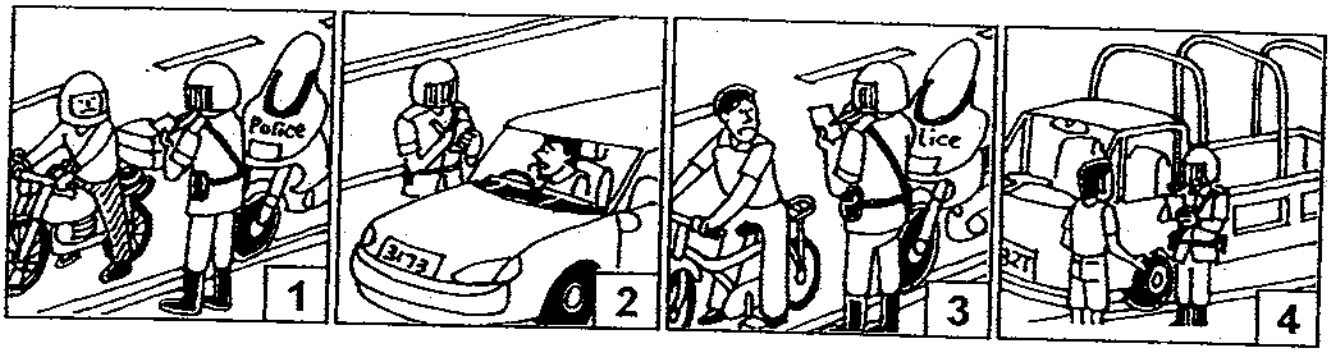
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Section E: Listening Comprehension MCQ (4 x 1 mark)

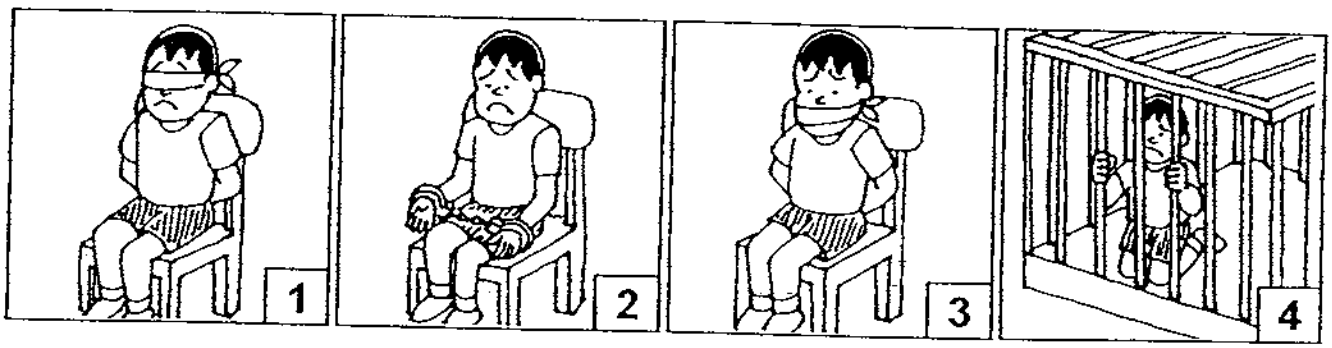
Look at the set of pictures. Listen carefully to your teacher and choose the picture that best describes the statement read. Write your answers in the brackets provided.

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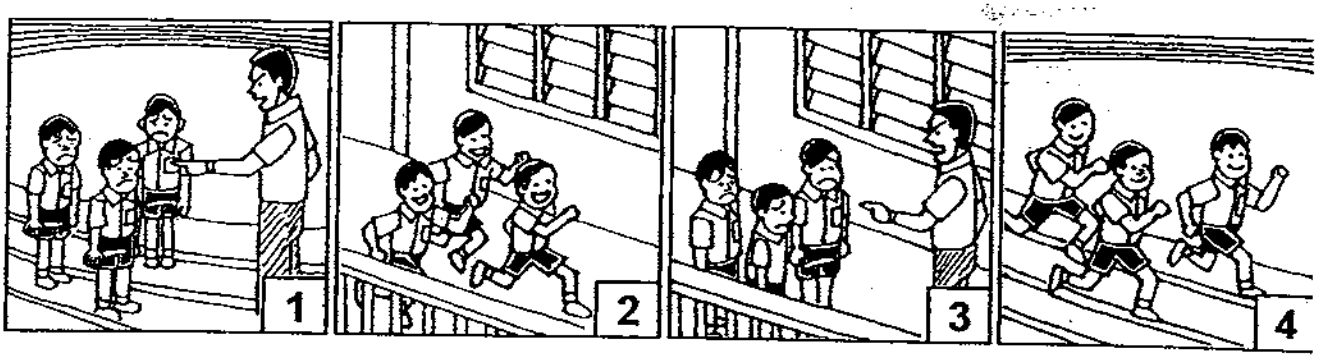
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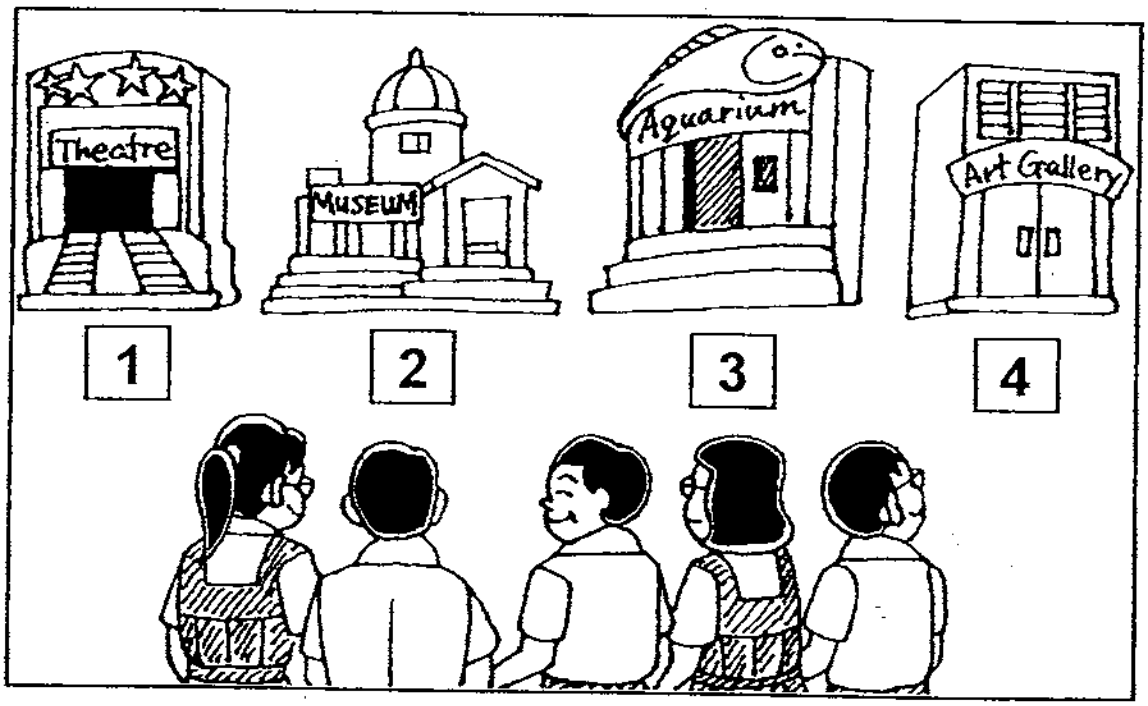
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Section F: Note-Taking (6 x 1 mark)

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

30.	*Name of the department store*	:	_____
31.	*The department store is celebrating its*	:	_____
32.	*Date on which this promotion ends*	:	_____
33.	*How many lucky draw tickets will you get if you spend $10 at the department store?*	:	_____
34.	*A customer who wishes to take part in the lucky draw must spend at least $____*	:	_____
35.	*The top prize is*	:	_____

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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) hand	(B) riches	(C) grasp	(D) wealth	(E) obtained
(F) expanded	(G) extended	(H) recipient	(J) contributor	(K) prominent

To many Singaporeans, Lee Kong Chian is a familiar name. He was a (36)_____ businessman and philanthropist who contributed greatly to our society during the early years.

Lee's life is an example of a rags to (37) _____story. Lee came to Singapore with his father in 1903. He was then only ten years old. As Lee was very poor, his father's friends helped to pay his school fees. Lee worked hard in school and achieved excellent results. He eventually (38)_____a scholarship to complete his tertiary education in China.

Lee later returned to Singapore and worked in a rubber company owned by Tan Kah Kee. Tan was impressed by Lee's (39) _____of the English language and his work attitude. Tan tutored Lee in business skills and also gave Lee his daughter's (40) _____ in marriage in 1920. Seven years later, Lee set up his own rubber company. His business (41) _____ and he became one of the richest men in Southeast Asia.

Despite his wealth, Lee never forgot his humble beginnings. Knowing the importance of education and being a grateful (42)_____of his father's friends' generosity when he was young, Lee donated a lot of money to help set up schools. Besides donating generously to education, Lee also helped the poor of all races in Singapore.

Adapted from http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lee_Kong_Chian

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

For each of the questions from 49 to 54, make **one** sentence using the word(s) given by combining the two sentences given. The meaning of the new sentence must be the same as the sentences given.

43. Vinnie likes this year's National Day song. Sandra likes this year's National Day song too.

Both _____

_____

44. We listened to our friend's presentation. We could hardly hear her voice.

_____

although _____

45. This is the gymnasium. I have my PE lessons here thrice a week.

_____ where _____

_____

46. The student was not feeling well. Aunty Chloe was comforting her.

_____ whom _____

_____

47. Gladys does not want to watch the news. She wants to watch the documentary instead.

_____ would rather _____

_____ than _____

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Section I: Comprehension Cloze (8 x 1 mark)

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

They attack ships, terrorise their victims, threaten the lives of those who resist them, and demand huge ransoms for the return of captured vessels and crews.

Pirates have made some of the seas (48) _____ the world so dangerous that many nations, including Singapore, have worked together to fight piracy by sending their naval vessels to these troubled areas. The presence of these naval defenders have greatly (49) _____ the number of pirate attacks on passing ships.

But who are these modern day Jack Sparrows and why have they chosen this (50) _____ life of violence and crime?

Experts say that these pirates are desperately poor people who have not been able to find any other way of (51) _____ a living. Their countries are in disorder and their governments often (52) _____ weak and dishonest to do anything about the mess. These experts add that it is not (53) _____ to fight the pirates using force alone. The richer countries of the world need to help these extremely poor countries to (54) _____ their social conditions so that the people, especially the young men of the land, will have the (55) _____ of making a living in normal and honest ways. This will make not only the seas but also the rest of the world a safer place for all.

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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.

I was about 200 paces from my father's fort when I heard several shots and a servant crying out, "Fly, Madeleine, fly! The Iroquois are upon us!"

I turned instantly to see about forty-five Iroquois running towards me. Determined not to fall into their hands, I raced towards the fort, praying as I did so, "Mother of my God, do not abandon me in this hour of danger!"

Bullets whistled past my ears as I ran. When within hearing range of the fort, I cried out, "Prepare to fight! Prepare to fight!" There was no response. On reaching the gates, I found the only two soldiers in the fort hiding in the guard-house overcome with fear.

"Let us fight for our country!" I shouted to my brothers.
We kept up a steady fire of gun shots on the foe and fired the cannon to make them believe that we were well-able to defend ourselves. They did not know, then, that the only people in the fort were my two brothers aged 12 years, our servant, two soldiers, an old man of eighty, some women and children, and me - a girl of 14 years.

The enemy watched us closely and led me to judge by their movements that they intended to attack the fort under cover of darkness.

That night, despite the severe weather conditions, each of us guarded a section of the fort. At short intervals, we took turns to call out, "All's well." Our loud calls echoed and re-echoed throughout the fort giving the impression that it was crowded with warriors.

The Iroquois were completely deceived and the night passed peacefully.
We continued to keep watch and to fire our canon every hour to call for help. On the eighth day, an army of forty men came to our assistance. I was greatly relieved to hand over the defence of the fort to the officer in command, Lieutenant Monnerie.

Adapted from an account written by Madeleine de Verchères
www.lawl.net/ezine/vol3no3/verchères.html

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

56. What was the servant asking Madeleine to do? (line 2)

57. Why did the soldiers not respond to Madeleine's cry of "Prepare to fight!"? (line 7)

58. Which phrase in the passage has the same meaning as "be captured"?

59. How did Madeleine stop the Iroquois from attacking the fort at night as planned?

60. Why might the officer be impressed by Madeleine?

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Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29
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30)Tango Department store 31)twentieth anniversary 32)11 October

33)one 34)10 35)A holiday for two in India 36)K 37)B

38)E 39)C 40)A 41)F 42)H

43)Both Vinnie and Sandra like this year's National Day song.

44)We listened to our friend's presentation although we could hardly hear her voice.

45)This is the gymnasium where I have my PE lessons thrice a week.

46)The student whom Aunty Chloe was comforting was not feeling well.

47)Gladys would rather watch the documentary than the news.

48)in 49)reduced 50)terrible 51)making 52)too 53)enough

54)improve 55)opportunity

56)The servant was asking Madeleine run as fast she could.

57)The soldiers were too fearful and frightened to fight.

58)It is "fall into their hands."

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59)She tricked them into believing that the fort was full of warriors.

60)She managed to prevent the fort from being captured at the age of 14 years.

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