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.

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Section A: Graphic Stimulus (5 marks)

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

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

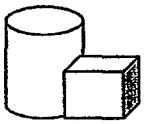
Ten lucky winners will win $1,500 cash prizes each.

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

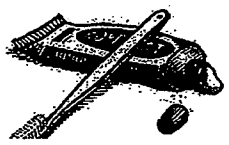


Personal Care *Offers valid from 24 June -30 June*

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.

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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. If 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. 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

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Section B : Grammar Discrete (7 marks)

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 Optical Answer Sheet.

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

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11. Theft _____ on the rise in schools these days.

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

12. He was caught red-handed _____ his attempt to cheat.

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

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Section C: Punctuation (3 marks)

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 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
(2) [,] 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

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Section D: Vocabulary (5 marks)

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 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) tightened

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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

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24. (1) pillars
(2) ceilings
(3) windows
(4) buildings

25. (1) invite
(2) force
(3) persuade
(4) recommend

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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 - and reluctantly 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

"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.

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.

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

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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 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/

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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.

26. Why did Yolanda stop working?

(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.

27. In line 14, what did Yolanda mean when she warned, "Don't fall in love with 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.

28. Which one of the following words has the same meaning as 'rambunctiously' in line 22?

(1) noisily
(2) quietly
(3) blatantly
(4) tenderly

29. In line 40, the word 'he' refers to _____.

(1) Cliff
(2) Riley
(3) Andy
(4) Paul

30. Based on the last two paragraphs, what can you infer about Cliff's character?

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

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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 WORD CAN BE USED 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 morning 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)_____ the final original *Peanuts* comic strip, its creator Charles M. Schulz passed away peacefully in his sleep the night before, succumbing to complications (32) _____ colon cancer. It was a poetic ending to the life of a devoted cartoonist (33) _____, from his earliest memories, knew that all he wanted to do was draw funny pictures.

The poetry of Schulz's life began two days after he was born in Minnesota on November 26, 1922, when an uncle nicknamed him "Sparky" (34) _____ the horse, Spark Plug, from the *Barney Google* comic strip. His father was (35) _____ German heritage and his mother came from a large Norwegian family. The family made their home in St. Paul (36) _____ his father worked as a barber. (37) _____ his youth, father and son shared a Sunday morning ritual reading the funnies. Schulz was fascinated with strips like *Skippy*, *Mickey Mouse*, and *Popeye*. He had always wanted to be a cartoonist and seeing the 1937 publication of his drawing of the family dog in the newspapers (38) _____ a proud moment in the young teen's life. He took his artistic studies (39) _____ a new level when he completed a cartoon course in high school.

Two monumental events happened (40) _____ days of each other in 1943 that profoundly affected the rest of Schulz's life. His mother, to whom he was very close, passed away at the age of 50 from cervical cancer and he later boarded a troop train to begin his army career in Camp Campbell, Kentucky. Schulz remained proud of his achievements.

Adapted from https://schulzmuseum.org/about-the-man/schulz-biography/

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Section H: Editing for Spelling and Grammar (10 marks)

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

Sleep affects every area of daily life. While it may be obvious that sleep is

41) [ ] 42) [ ]

beneefishel, most people do not realise how much sleep they need and why it <u>was</u>

so important.

43) [ ]

Extensive research has been done to look into the effects <u>or</u> benefits of sleep. These

44) [ ]

studies show that sleep plays a vital role in <u>promote</u> physical health, longevity and emotional

well-being. This explains why, after a good night's sleep, you feel better, your thoughts are

45) [ ] 46) [ ]

clearer, and your emotions are less **frajayl**. Chronic sleep **dapreevation** may lead to an array

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

47) [ ]

Neurological Disorders and Stroke <u>reported</u> that most adults need seven to eight hours a

48) [ ]

night. Studies show that people who get the appropriate amount of sleep <u>from</u> a regular basis

tend to live longer, healthier lives than those who sleep too few or even too many hours each

49) [ ]

night. It is **appearent** that sleep plays a critical role in our lives.

Your cardiovascular system is constantly under pressure and sleep helps to reduce the

50) [ ]

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 better life .com

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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 asteroid 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)_____

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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 asteroid that injured a thousand people last year in Chelyabinsk, Siberia," 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

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Section J: Synthesis and Transformation (10 marks)

For each of the questions 66 to 70, 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).

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 stubborn. 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 _____

_____

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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 furiously, 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, oxygen-starved 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 17,756-foot 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

*bogs – An area of soft wet muddy ground

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Answer questions 71-80 in COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. What was the aim of the narrator's journey in Tibet?

_____

_____

72. How do you know that the Nagqu Horse Festival was popular among the Tibetans?

_____

_____

73. What were the two pieces of evidence that showed the contestant in paragraph 2 was a skilful rider?

_____

_____

74. Why did the Tibetans hold the Nagqu Horse Festival annually?

_____

_____

75. Which two characteristics did the Tibetan horse have that enabled it to adapt well to the living conditions in Tibet?

_____

_____

76. 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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77. What does the word 'tarns' in line 41 refer to?

_____

_____

78. Did the narrator and his wife manage to find what they were looking for in the end? Which sentence from the passage tells you so?

_____

_____

79. What challenges did the narrator and his wife face when they climbed the Nubgang Pass?

_____

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80. With western influence, compare how the Tibetan lifestyle had changed over the years.

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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

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70)None of the items are cheap.

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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.

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