Name : _____ ( )

Class : Primary 6 _____

Primary 6

Preliminary Examination

15 August 2016

English Language

Listening Comprehension

Duration of Paper: 40 minutes

20 questions
20 marks

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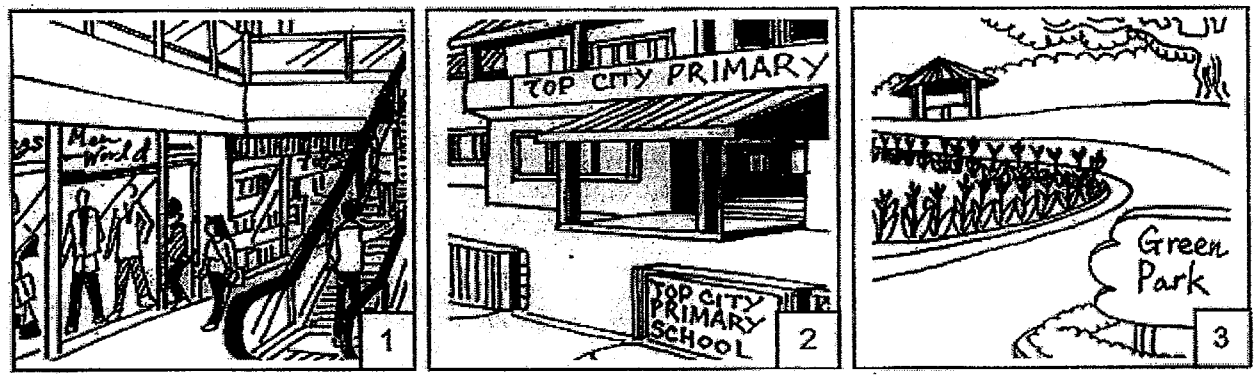
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For each question from 1 - 20, three options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2 or 3). Shade the correct oval (1, 2 or 3) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

Text 1

1. Which picture shows where Harry and Mrs Tan are?



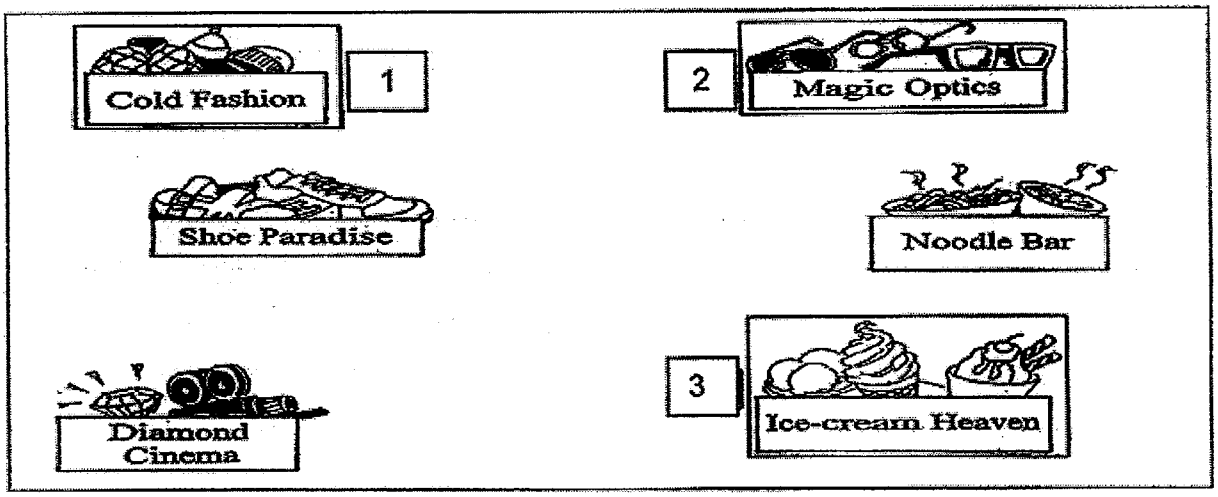
2. Which picture shows what Harry did in Malaysia during the school holidays?



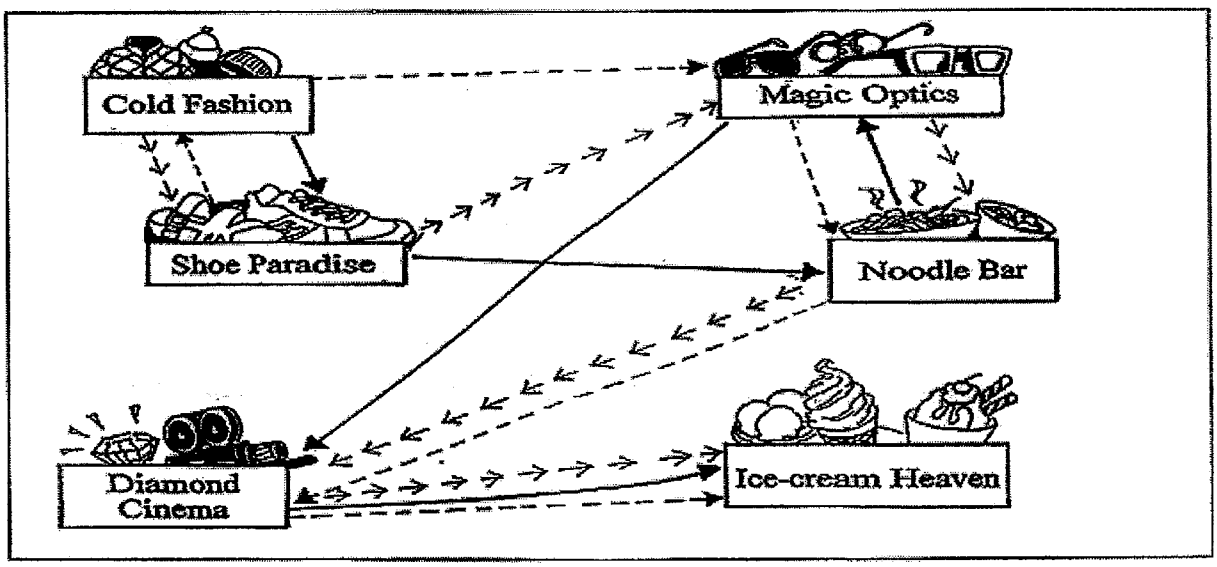
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Text 2

3. Where can Janice and Jake buy woollen gloves from?



4. Which line shows the route that Janice and Jake will take?



(1) ----------▸

(2) ——————▸

(3) → → → →

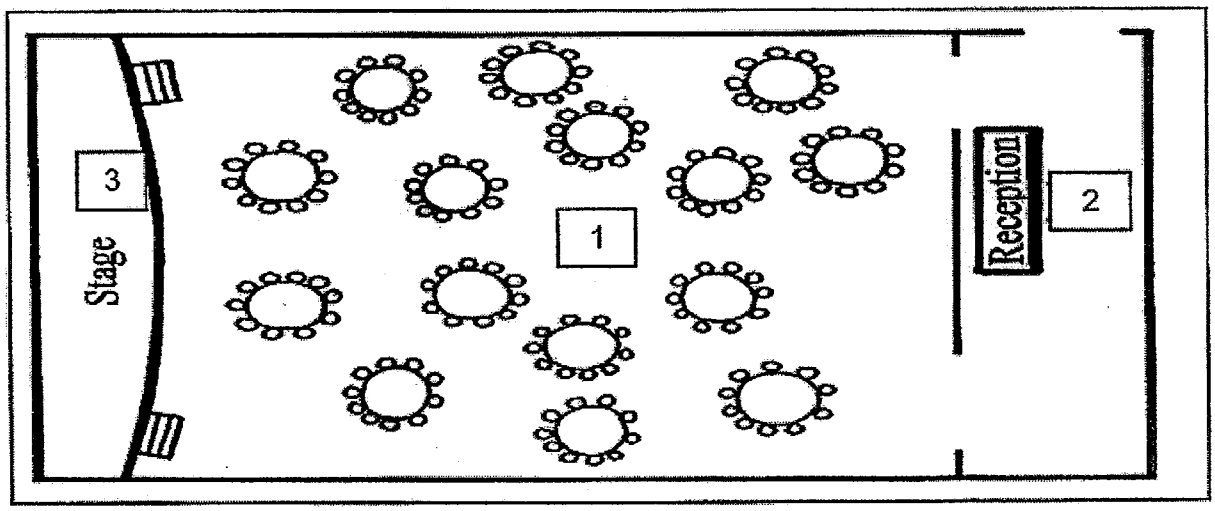
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Text 3

5. Which picture shows the event that Mr Tan is in charge of?



6. Where will Mrs Ong be seated?



7. Which picture shows what the students will be doing after dinner?



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Text 4

8. Why is Matthew going with Carlos and his family to the River Safari?

(1) Carlos had invited him.
(2) He goes there very often.
(3) He likes the River Safari very much.

9. Why are Mr and Mrs Lee excited about the trip to the River Safari?

(1) They want to surprise Carlos.
(2) They have never been to River Safari.
(3) They are looking forward to seeing the pandas.

Text 5

10. What does Katie need her father to do?

(1) Sign the consent form for the campfire.
(2) Give her a cheque for $25 for the campfire.
(3) Inform the school that he will not be attending the campfire.

11. Who can attend the campfire?

(1) Primary 6 pupils and their parents only.
(2) Primary 6 pupils and their teachers only.
(3) Primary 6 pupils, their parents and teachers.

12. Why are Katie's parents not going for the campfire?

(1) They are usually busy on Friday nights.
(2) They do not want to stay up late on Friday nights.
(3) They want Katie to have quality time with her friends.

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Text 6

13. Which statement about China is true?

(1) It is located in South East Asia.
(2) It is governed by the Communist Party.
(3) It is the world's second largest country in terms of population.

14. How did most emperors in China come into power?

(1) They were elected by the people.
(2) They fought their way to power.
(3) They inherited the throne.

15. Which of the following is the largest of its kind in the world?

(1) China's army
(2) China's economy
(3) China's defence budget

16. Which phrase tells us that China could be very influential in the future?

(1) 'ancient civilisation that flourished'
(2) 'regional power within Asia'
(3) 'potential superpower'

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Text 7

17. What caused the Titanic to sink?

(1) It collided with an iceberg.
(2) It was on its maiden voyage.
(3) It was carrying over 2000 people.

18. Where was the Titanic bound for when it sank?

(1) UK
(2) USA
(3) Southampton

19. What had contributed to the high number of deaths?

(1) The ship had hit an iceberg.
(2) The inadequate maritime safety regulations.
(3) The remotely activated watertight doors were faulty.

20. How did the Titanic become one of the most famous ships in history?

(1) It was made famous because of inquiries held in Britain and America.
(2) It had some of the wealthiest people in the world on board.
(3) It has been mentioned in many books and films.

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Name : _____ ( )

Class : Primary 6 _____

Primary 6

Preliminary Examination

22 August 2016

English Language

Paper 2 Booklet A

Duration of Paper (Booklets A & B): 1 h 50 min

28 questions
28 marks

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(10 marks)

1 There was so _____ rice left in the pot that everyone had second helpings.

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

2 The instruction given to the examination candidates _____ that they had to state their names before they sat down.

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

3 "The cat's been sleeping all day, _____ it?" asked the veterinarian.

(1) isn't
(2) hasn't
(3) wasn't
(4) haven't

4 _____ I was doing my homework, my father was cooking.

(1) If
(2) While
(3) Although
(4) Whenever

5 All the cattle _____ let out to graze on the lush grass at dawn these days.

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

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6 Some insects are carriers of new viruses that are a danger _____ our health and well-being.

(1) in
(2) to
(3) on
(4) for

7 Had Rani _____ to have a guided tour of the exhibition, she would have called the curator.

(1) wish
(2) wishes
(3) wished
(4) wishing

8 My best friend and I first _____ when her family moved into the house next door.

(1) met
(2) meet
(3) had met
(4) have met

9 The team would have won the competition if its members _____ to submit the project on time.

(1) remember
(2) remembers
(3) has remembered
(4) had remembered

10 Mrs Thio reminds me of a wise grandmother to _____ a child could turn for advice.

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

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For each question from 11 to 15, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.
(5 marks)

11 The lights in the room _____ for a few seconds before remaining on.

(1) twinkled
(2) flickered
(3) glimmered
(4) shimmered

12 The driver asked the children to _____ from eating and drinking on the coach.

(1) resist
(2) refrain
(3) restrict
(4) restrain

13 Noticing that her mother was working too hard, Petra _____ her to go on a holiday.

(1) lured
(2) inspired
(3) conspired
(4) persuaded

14 The travellers were both hungry and tired so it was not long before a fight _____ among them.

(1) broke in
(2) broke up
(3) broke out
(4) broke through

15 Bob vowed to stick by his friend through_____.

(1) high and low
(2) thick and thin
(3) fire and water
(4) heaven and earth

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For each question from 16 to 20, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(5 marks)

Like many leaders, King Canute was surrounded by people who were always praising him. The king was a man of sense, and soon grew <u>weary</u> (16) of the constant flattery.

"Great King Canute, you are the greatest monarch of all," the people <u>said with exaggerated enthusiasm</u> (17). "Even the sea will obey your commands!"

"In that case, bring my chair to the edge of the sea," the king replied. He sat on the chair and surveyed the ocean before him. The tide was <u>coming in</u> (18). In a mighty voice, he commanded the tide to stop and retreat. Quietly, a little wave rushed up the sand and touched his toes. Then a second wave swept forward and curled around the royal chair. This continued until the king's feet were totally <u>submerged</u> (19).

"Well, my friends," King Canute said, "it seems that I am not <u>all powerful</u> (20) as you would have me believe." The people hung their heads in shame and walked away quietly.

Adapted from 'The Book of Virtues' edited by William Bennett

16 (1) sick
(2) tired
(3) bored
(4) unhappy

17 (1) gushed
(2) declared
(3) whispered
(4) announced

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18 (1) rising
(2) appearing
(3) regressing
(4) approaching

19 (1) soaked
(2) flooded
(3) drenched
(4) immersed

20 (1) perfect
(2) omnipotent
(3) magnificent
(4) predominant

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Study this poster carefully and then answer questions 21 to 28.

In celebration of Grandparents' Day 2016

A Writing Competition for Children

brought to you by The Young Writers Centre



Write about a humorous incident that involved mainly you and your grandparents.



- Your entry must be between 200 and 500 words
- Email your entry to writing@gd2016.com by 20 November 2016
- For more information, visit our website at *www.gd2016.com*
- Top 10 entries will win dining vouchers to be used at Peach Bloom Restaurant (for food items only)
- Check our website on Grandparents' Day, 27 November 2016, for the names of winners
- Winners will be officially notified by post

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The following is an excerpt from a short story, "My Grandmother and Me", written by local author, Josephine Tham. Many of her short stories are based on real-life experiences involving her and her grandmother whom she dearly loves.



When I put my fork and spoon down on the plate, I heard Grandma let out a loud sigh. "Why didn't you finish up all those grains of rice on your plate, Mei Mei? Do you want your future husband's face to be covered with pimples?" asked Grandma so earnestly that I tried my best not to burst out laughing. Turning to my parents for some help, I saw that they were equally amused, but definitely not coming to my rescue. Shaking my head, I quickly scraped the plate clean and made sure that I ate every bit of food left. From the corner of my eye, I saw Grandma nodding in approval, and could not help but smile.

Grandma had lots of **old wives' tales** which she often shared with me. Sometimes, I would cheekily try to convince her that **they** did not make sense, and always ended up getting a light smack on my palm. Getting my palm ready, I said, "Grandma, look at Mum's plate. There are grains of rice all over! Why doesn't Dad have a single pimple on his face?" On hearing that, my parents started laughing uncontrollably! Even my grandmother could not hide her grin. She sighed, again, and threw her hands up in the air, giving up on trying to impart wisdom to her mischievous grandchild.

In case you're wondering...
Old wives' tales are not based on facts and are usually untrue. They are often used to discourage unwanted behaviour, usually in children. So, have your grandparents used such stories to encourage you to be good?

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For each of the questions from 21 to 28, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make a choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(8 marks)

21 The writing competition was organised by_____.

(1) Mei Mei
(2) Josephine Tham
(3) Peach Bloom Restaurant
(4) The Young Writers Centre

22 In the second paragraph of the excerpt on page 9, 'they' refer to _____.

(1) grains of rice
(2) Dad's pimples
(3) old wives' tales
(4) the author's parents

23 According to the excerpt, Mei Mei's future husband's face will be covered with pimples if _____.

(1) she eats grains of rice on a plate
(2) she scrapes up the grains of rice
(3) she leaves grains of rice on her plate
(4) her mother leaves grains of rice on her plate

24 According to the excerpt, Mei Mei got her palm ready because she knew her _____.

(1) parents would smack her for being mischievous
(2) parents would react to what she was going to say next
(3) grandmother would smack her for not finishing her food
(4) grandmother would react to what she was going to say next

25 Based on the poster, which of the following is true of the writing competition?

(1) The entries should be about funny incidents.
(2) The deadline for submissions is 27 November 2016.
(3) Participants will only know if they have won by checking the website.
(4) The writing competition is targeted at anyone who has grandparents.

26 Old wives' tales are usually used to _____.

(1) make children laugh
(2) impart knowledge to children
(3) pass on customs and traditions
(4) get children to stop doing certain things

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27 The purpose of the excerpt is to _____.

(1) entertain the reader
(2) encourage children to be good
(3) illustrate the kind of story required
(4) promote the book 'My Grandmother and Me'

28 What is the main aim of the poster?

(1) to support a local author
(2) to encourage participation in the writing competition
(3) to teach grandchildren how to celebrate Grandparents' Day
(4) to provide detailed information about the writing competition

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Preliminary Examination

22 August 2016

English Language

Paper 2 Booklet B

Duration of Paper (Booklets A & B): 1 h 50 min

52 questions
67 marks

Booklet A	28
Booklet B	67
Total	95

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There are 10 blanks, numbered 29 to 38, 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.

(10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE

(A)	after	(D)	either	(G)	is	(K)	on	(N)	what
(B)	are	(E)	from	(H)	later	(L)	the	(P)	why
(C)	be	(F)	in	(J)	neither	(M)	their	(Q)	your

After I was discharged from the hospital, my mother brought me home to recuperate. As our apartment was small, I was told to sleep on a mattress _____ (29) my grandfather's room. During those days when I was not well, he made a deliberate attempt to boost my morale _____ (30) several occasions. _____ (31) of us knew it then, but he would die a few months later.

"Be smart!" he had told me. "Study hard and _____ (32) independent and everything is possible! You must rely on yourself. No matter what people may steal _____ (33) you, they will never be able to take away _____ (34) knowledge. Go out there and compete in life. Create your own destiny. No matter what happens, always remember that my hopes _____ (35) with you. One day, you will show the world _____ (36) you are really capable of."

Heartened and encouraged, months _____ (37), I participated in a writing competition organised by my school. I managed to win the first prize and I dedicated the win to my grandfather. _____ (38) unexpected triumph changed my life. I began to believe from then on that everything was possible if I tried hard enough.

Adapted from 'A thousand pieces of gold' by Adeline Yen Mah

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Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes. **(12 marks)**

Whether it's that biscuit you ate while standing in the kitchen waiting for the kettle to boil or the muffin you bought while walking past a bakery, unplanned eating happens to all of us.

(39) [ ]

However, if you are <u>try</u> to maintain a healthy weight, unplanned eating can get in the way of that

(40) [ ] **(41)** [ ]

goal. Unplanned eating is rarely motivated <u>at</u> hunger. To overcome this, try keeping a food <u>dairy</u>

(42) [ ]

and <u>recorded</u> everything you eat. When you eat without thinking, you rarely make the best

(43) [ ]

choices, and if you <u>sucumb</u> often, this can upset your diet plan. By paying more attention to your

(44) [ ]

food, you are <u>like</u> to make better food choices.

(45) [ ]

Most health authorities <u>rekomend</u> cutting back on sugar in your diet. Their guidelines target

(46) [ ]

not all sugars - just those added sugars and <u>konsentrated</u> sweeteners like table sugar, honey and

(47) [ ]

maple <u>seerub</u>. As fruits contain naturally occurring sugar, it is not counted as bad sugar. However,

(48) [ ]

fruits also <u>contained</u> calories. If you are trying to lose weight, you should limit your fruit intake.

(49) [ ]

Fruits also have many nutrients like vitamins, minerals and fibre; <u>since</u> the benefits of eating fruits

(50) [ ]

far <u>outwei</u> any negatives. The general advice is to eat moderately and to watch your food intake.

Adapted from 'Everyday Kitchen' by Kathryn Elliot

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Fill in each blank with a suitable word. (15 marks)

Budget is another word for inexpensive. And, as the name suggests, budget airlines _____(51)_____ a cheaper way to fly. You might be wondering how two flights travelling the same distance can be of two different _____(52)_____. The answer is simple – budget airline companies trim a lot of the frills that people used to _____(53)_____ for granted when they fly. This cuts costs for the company, allowing it to charge a _____(54)_____ ticket price.

For example, regular airlines usually serve food and drinks on board. This is _____(55)_____ in the ticket price. Even if the passenger chooses not to eat the food, he still _____(56)_____ to pay for it. Budget airlines, on the other hand, do not include food in the ticket price. If passengers _____(57)_____ like something to eat, they would have to pay separately. This applies to their luggage _____(58)_____. If they want the budget airline to carry a bag for them, they will have to pay. Passengers who want to _____(59)_____ money can simply give up these frills. Budget airline companies try not to have either expensive offices _____(60)_____ travel agents sell tickets for them. _____(61)_____, they encourage passengers to buy their tickets directly via the internet or telephone. Budget airlines also fly to destinations that were ignored by regular carriers. In the Philippines and Indonesia, which are made of many small islands, cheap budget flights have

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become an _____ (62) way to travel from place to place. In the _____ (63) people had to travel by boat.

Of course, the very thing that makes budget travel so appealing is also its biggest disadvantage. Cutting the extras means that passengers are less _____ (64). They have to _____ (65) cramped seats, limited entertainment options and no inflight meals. Despite these disadvantages, some people still prefer travelling by low-cost carriers to regular airlines.

Adapted from 'Budget airlines take off' by Shameen Idiculla

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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). (10 marks)

66 Megan said that she had done her homework.

_____

_____," Megan said.

67 Alice is a fantastic gymnast. She is also good at debating and playing chess.

Apart from _____

_____.

68 They walked all the way to work. Their car had broken down.

Owing to _____ ___ _____

_____

69 The pirates roam the South China Sea. This is very disturbing.

The problem of _____

_____

70 The propellers of the helicopter are rotated by a powerful engine.

Rotating _____

_____

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Read this passage and answer questions 71 to 80. (20 marks)

One fateful morning, the sound of rumbling thunder boomed across Mount Everest Base Camp. Esther and I looked across at one another in the team's communal dining tent. Sensing something amiss, we went out to take a look. It was not thunder. A huge mass of snow had slid off one side of the mountain, causing an avalanche! A cloud of snow formed where the avalanche had landed. The relaxed atmosphere at the camp became fraught with tension. The radio crackled continuously with talks of a rescue operation.

Two Austrian climbers and their local guide were making their way down to Base Camp when they were caught in the avalanche. The snow pushed them down the slope and they hit several rocks along the way. Luckily, they had their helmets on. The couple was later found by rescuers hanging upside down on a cliff, with only the rope between them holding them together. One of the Austrians later showed us his bruises, which were spread across his torso. He could not remember much as he had momentarily blacked out. **The Austrians were lucky**. Their local guide could not be found! Another Canadian climber and his local guide who were on their way to the summit, were spared when they hid behind an ice block which shielded them from the impact of the avalanche. The Canadian recalled how suffocated he felt when the snow whirled around him. He later **pulled the plug** on the climb and took a helicopter flight out early.

After witnessing the rescue operation and coming to know about the first death that climbing season, we became increasingly uneasy. We decided to split into two groups to avoid putting all our eggs in one basket. That afternoon, the leader of our group, whom we had engaged to climb Everest, told us something which I had no wish to hear. He said, "You ladies had better reconsider if you want to continue the climb later."

"But we are already here, fully prepared and raring to go!" I shot back. I was seething with anger. We had prepared for months for this climb.

But I began to question if climbing Everest was worthwhile. The time spent away from my family had taken a toll on me. I remembered how my father nearly died from dengue fever when I was away on another overseas climb. It was on my birthday when he was admitted to hospital. Thinking that he would not see me again, he was in tears as he sang me the birthday song over the phone. I sensed something was wrong. He was trying too hard to show that he was happy and I asked if everything was fine. It was only after I had returned from my trip that my mother revealed the details of the crisis. My father was hospitalized after 5 days of high fever and my brother had to scramble to source for blood donors. I was upset at not being there when my family needed me the most. I cared for my family deeply, yet I was not willing to give up achieving my goal of being in the first women's team from Singapore to climb Mount Everest. While it was natural to be afraid, I was not willing to let it discourage me.

"Let's do this!" I said. I took a deep breath and headed towards the summit with my teammates.

Adapted from 'More than a Mountain' by Lee Peh Gee

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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

71 Where was the writer when she heard the avalanche? [1m]

_____

_____

72 Which sentence in paragraph one tells you that the climbers were nervous and anxious? [1m]

_____

_____

73 Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the story. [1m]

_____ The Austrian climber showed the writer and her team his bruises.

_____ A thunderous sound was heard.

_____ There was news on the radio about the avalanche.

74 What does the writer mean when she said that the Canadian climber "pulled the plug" (line 16)? [2m]

_____

_____

75 Explain clearly why the writer said that the Austrian climbers were lucky (lines 12 to 13). [2m]

_____

_____

76 Choose words from paragraph 2 which have the same meanings as the words below. [3m]

upper body	
protected	
briefly	

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77 After the avalanche, how did the writer and her team feel and what did they decide to do differently? [2m]

_____

_____

78 Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table below is '**True**' or '**False**', then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

	True/False	Reason
The leader of the group was hesitant about climbing Mount Everest.		
The hospital did not have sufficient blood for the writer's father.		
The writer wanted to be the first person to climb Mount Everest.		

79 The table below shows the causes and results of events in the passage. Fill in the blanks using information from the passage. [3m]

Cause	Result
	The Austrian climbers suffered injuries during the avalanche.
The writer went on climbing expeditions overseas.	
	The writer's father was in tears when he sang the birthday song.

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80 Based on the passage, what are two ways climbers can protect themselves in an avalanche? [2m]

a) _____

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b) _____

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EXAM PAPER 2016 (P6)

SCHOOL : CHIJ

SUBJECT : ENGLISH

TERM : SA2

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4	3	2	2	2	2	3	1	4	3
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
2	2	4	3	2	2	1	4	4	2
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
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J	C	E	Q	B	N	H	A		

39)trying 40)by 41)diary 42)record 43)succumb

44)likely 45)recommend 46)concentrated 47)syrup

48)contain 49)and 50)outweigh 51)are 52)prices

53)take 54)lower 55)included 56)has 57)would

58)too 59)save 60)or 61)Instead 62)easier

63)past 64)comfortable 65)endure

66) "I have done my homework ," Megan said.

67)Apart from being a fantastic gymnast, Alice is also good debating and playing chess.

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68)Owing to the fact that their car had broken down, they walked all the wat to work.

69)The problem of pirates roaming the South China Sea is very disturbring.

70)Rotating the propellers of the helicopter is a powerful engine.

71)The writer was at Mount Everest Base Camp, communal dining tent when she heard the avalanche.

72)The relaxed atmosphere at the camp became fraught with tension.

73)3, 1, 2

74)It means that the Canadian climber did not to continue on the climb and wanted to go home.

75)The Austrian climbs survive with just bruise but the local guide died.

76)torso

shielded

momentarily

77)They felt uneasy and decided to split into two groups.

78)True / He asked the ladies to reconsider if they wanted to continue climbing later.

True / The writer's brother had to scramble to source for blood donors.

False / The writer's goal was to be the first women's team from Singapore to climb Mount Everest.

79)i)The show pushed them down the slope and hit several rocks along the way.

ii)The writer was not there when the family needed her.

iii)The writer's father thought he would never see the writer again.

80)a)Climbers can hide themselves behind an ice block, which will shield them from the impact of the avalanche.

b)Climbers can wear a helmet.

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