2016 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY 6
PAPER 2 BOOKLET A

NAME : _____

CLASS : P6 _____

INDEX NO : _____

28 QUESTIONS

28 MARKS

TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 HOUR 50 MINUTES

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

Shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

Booklet A	_____ / 28
Booklet B	_____ 67
TOTAL	: _____ / 95

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Section	Marks	
Grammar		10
Vocabulary		5
Vocabulary Cloze		5
Visual Text Comprehension		8
Total		28

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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. (10 marks)

1. The man with the two green bags _____ shouting at him just now.

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

2. Although many people know about Sir Stamford Raffles, _____ know about his unusual interests.

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

3. Simon Cowell heard him _____ and decided to sign a singing contract with him.

   (1) sing
   (2) sings
   (3) sang
   (4) sung

4. Neither Peter nor his sisters _____ to go to the beach to swim today.

   (1) like
   (2) liked
   (3) likes
   (4) liking

5. Till now, no one _____ forward to claim the lost wallet from the police post.

   (1) came
   (2) has come
   (3) had come
   (4) are coming

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6. Jack, as well as his two sisters, _____ to go for the learning journey tomorrow.

(1) decide
(2) decides
(3) decided
(4) deciding

7. Participants should adhere _____ the rules set by the organiser of the basketball competition.

(1) at
(2) by
(3) to
(4) along

8. "John hasn't sought your permission, _____ he?" Mr Tan asked.

(1) did
(2) has
(3) had
(4) will

9. Studies have shown that the average number of calories consumed by teenagers _____ risen over the last forty years.

(1) is
(2) are
(3) has
(4) have

10. Mr Chee looks very fit _____ his age. No one believes that he is already eighty years old.

(1) even if
(2) in spite of
(3) because of
(4) even though

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For each question from 11 to 15, 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)

11. The government has _____ the Land Transport Authority and the police to book cyclists for riding recklessly on pedestrian walkways.

(1) verified
(2) authorised
(3) prescribed
(4) established

12. When the space probe landed on Mars, the first thing it did was to take a _____ from the Martian soil.

(1) proof
(2) model
(3) replica
(4) sampling

13. It is impossible to discuss anything with you. There is a definite _____ in our communication.

(1) breakout
(2) breakaway
(3) breakdown
(4) breakthrough

14. Cameras which have been installed in lifts act as a _____ against acts of vandalism.

(1) restraint
(2) deterrent
(3) restriction
(4) disincentive

15. Even after taking on a second job to supplement the family income, Mr Lai still could not _____.

(1) cut corners
(2) make ends meet
(3) hit a nail on the head
(4) burn candles at both ends

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For each question from 16 to 20, 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. (5 marks)

To date, around two billion people suffer from short-sightedness. Researches have predicted in a recent medical report which was (16) **printed** in 2015 that half of the world's population will be short-sighted by 2050.

The medical term for this (17) **disorder** is myopia. It is also known as near-sightedness. People with myopia, have difficulty in (18) **concentrating** on objects that are far away from them.

The researchers said they could not identify the definite reasons for this phenomenon. It is believed that myopia is caused by a combination of factors. In this report, it was suggested that looking at computer screens and mobile phones could be a leading (19) **cause**. Furthermore, the sudden rise in myopia may be (20) **related** to changes in one's lifestyle. Many people are spending less time outdoors and more time on computer-based activities. Thus, making them more susceptible to myopia.

16 (1) circulated
(2) published
(3) distributed
(4) announced

17 (1) sign
(2) symptom
(3) condition
(4) complaint

18 (1) fixing
(2) directing
(3) focusing
(4) converging

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19 (1) reason
(2) excuse
(3) purpose
(4) evidence

20 (1) linked
(2) bonded
(3) attached
(4) associated

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Study this flyer carefully and answer questions 21 to 28.

ACTIVITIES GALORE @ CENTRAL CHILDREN'S LIBRARY!

Calling all children! In celebration of Children's Day in October, the Central Children's Library has organised some activities just for you. Special Exhibits, Meet & Greet sessions and Hand Puppetry are but some of the many highlights. In this flyer, Clara Chia, our Junior Reading Ambassador, shares with us about her love for books. We hope you will be inspired by her.

Parents, there is something for you too! Pick up tips on how to read with your child and make this October especially meaningful as you bond with your child over books. Come on down and join us. See you all at the library!

Junior Reading Ambassador



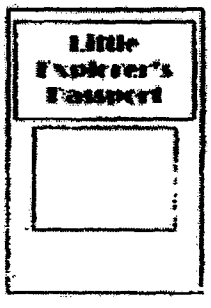
Hi Everyone! ☺

My name is Clara Chia and I am a Junior Reading Ambassador. I fell in love with books after listening to my mother read to me when I was young. I especially loved listening to nursery rhymes and fairy tales. One of my favourite stories was *Thumbelina* by Hans Christian Andersen. I started reading on my own at the age of 5 and since then, I have never looked back.

The book I am currently reading is *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley. Most of my friends shudder when they hear the word 'Frankenstein' as it reminds them of a monster. However, to me, the story is also about friendship, the pursuit of knowledge and the consequences of making poor choices in life.

I try to read daily but sometimes that is impossible, given the tons of homework that I have. I am looking forward to the time after my PSLE when I can read all I want! I will definitely be at the Central Library this October. I hope to see you there!





Little Explorer's Passport

Calling all children aged 6 – 12 years old! Pick up a free copy of our Little Explorer's Passport at the entrance of the library. Visit our four special exhibits and get your passport stamped at each exit point. Then, hand in your passport at the Information Counter to collect a special gift*!

Special Exhibit 1: Funny Poems for Children
Special Exhibit 2: Tongue-Twister Challenge
Special Exhibit 3: Famous Authors Around the World
Special Exhibit 4: The History of Singapore Children's Literature

To be redeemed by 31 October 2016

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Activity Highlights!



Hand Puppets for Storytelling (For children aged 5 – 12)
Make your very own hand puppet that you can use to tell a story! Learn how to use your voice, facial expressions and hand actions to make your story come alive!
Date: Daily
Time & Venue: 10am, Activity Room 1
Limited to 10 children per session. Registration is required. Materials will be provided.

Reading with Your Child Workshop
Calling all parents! Learn how to tell interesting stories and ignite a love for reading in your child. Our experts will share tips on how to encourage your young ones to appreciate good children's literature. Pick up ideas on how to select stories to interest and develop your child's literacy skills.
Date: 15, 22 & 29 October 2016
Time & Venue: 1-3 pm, Programme Room





Meet & Greet Session with Geronimo Stilton
Meet Geronimo Stilton, a talking mouse who works as a journalist and editor at *The Rodent's Gazette*! Bring your favourite Geronimo Stilton book along for an autograph session with him!
Date: 30 October 2016
Time & Venue: 3-5 pm, Foyer

Science Alive (For children aged 7 – 12)
Based on the book *Terrarium Craft*, this activity will guide you in building your own eco-terrarium. Participants are required to bring a clean and empty used jar.
Date: 8 & 9 October 2016
Time & Venue: 2-4 pm, Activity Room 2





Kids' Literature Quiz (For children aged 7 – 12)
Think you know your books? Participate in this quiz! Answer book-related questions correctly to score points and win attractive prizes.
Date: 15 October 2016
Time & Venue: 1pm, Atrium
Prior registration at the Information Counter is required. Participants are to turn up at the Atrium 30 minutes before the quiz commences.

Organised by: Central Children's Library
Prizes sponsored by: Great Readers Publishing House and Singapore Reading Club

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For each question from 21 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. (8 marks)

21. The main objective of the flyer is to _____.

(1) inform the public about Children's Day
(2) inspire the young to become proficient storytellers
(3) educate parents about how to read with their children
(4) encourage children to participate in activities organised by the library

22. Jane will receive a special gift if she _____.

(1) registers for the Kids' Literature Quiz
(2) meets with the Junior Reading Ambassador
(3) attends the 'Reading with Your Child' workshop with her parents
(4) submits her completed Little Explorer's Passport at the information counter

23. Participants of 'Science Alive' must _____.

(1) be good at Art and Craft
(2) have read the book *Terrarium Craft*
(3) bring their own materials for the activity
(4) have a deep knowledge of scientific concepts

24. Which of the following statements is true?

(1) Materials for all the activities will be provided.
(2) The primary target group of the flyer is fans of Geronimo Stilton.
(3) All participants must register to take part in the Kids Literature Quiz.
(4) Only parents with children aged 5 years and below can attend the workshop.

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25. The organiser of the activities is _____.

(1) The Rodents' Gazette
(2) Singapore Reading Club
(3) Central Children's Library
(4) Great Readers Publishing House

26. Under the 'Science Alive' activity, the words *Terrarium Craft* are in italics _____.

(1) because it is the title of a book
(2) to draw attention to the activities available
(3) to emphasise that the activity is very enjoyable
(4) as italicising the font makes the flyer more interesting

27. Under the 'Reading with Your Child' section of the flyer, the phrase ignite a love for reading' refers to _____.

(1) reading aloud to one's child
(2) reading one's favourite stories
(3) developing a keen interest in reading
(4) selecting the best books for one s child

28. Based on the flyer, what can we infer most accurately about Clara Chia, the Junior Reading Ambassador?

(1) She dislikes sporting activities.
(2) She only enjoys reading scientific stories.
(3) Her mother helped to nurture her love for books.
(4) Her routine of reading daily prevents her from completing her homework.

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY SIX
PAPER 2
BOOKLET B

Name: _____ ( ) Class: P6_____

Section	Marks	
Grammar Cloze		10
Editing for Spelling and Grammar		12
Comprehension Cloze		15
Synthesis / Transformation		10
Comprehension Open Ended		20
Total		67

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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)

(A) a	(D) it	(G) into	(K) after	(N) than
(B) as	(E) for	(H) however	(L) before	(P) then
(C) if	(F) along	(J) whom	(M) which	(Q) whose

The beginning of my life was simple and much like every other little life. I came, I saw, I conquered, as the first baby in the family always does. There was the usual amount of discussion as to a name _____ (29) me. The first baby in the family was not to be lightly named, the whole family was emphatic about that. My father suggested the name of Mildred Campbell, an ancestor _____ (30) he highly esteemed, and he declined to take any further part in the discussion. My mother solved the problem by stating that it was her wish that I should be named after her mother. _____ (31) maiden name was Helen Everett. However, in the excitement of carrying me to church, my father forgot the name _____ (32) the way. When the minister asked him for it, he just remembered that it had been decided to name me _____ (33) my grandmother, and he stated my name _____ (34) Helen Adams.

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One brief spring, one summer rich in fruit and roses, one autumn of gold and crimson sped by and left their gifts at the feet of an eager, delighted child.

_____ (35), in the dreary month of February, came the illness _____ (36) closed my eyes and ears and plunged me into the unconsciousness of a new-born baby. They called _____ (37) acute congestion of the stomach and brain. The doctor thought I could not live. Early one morning, _____ (38), the fever left me suddenly and mysteriously. There was great rejoicing in the family that morning, but no one, not even the doctor, knew that I should never see or hear again.

Adapted from The Story of My Life by Helen Keller

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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.

After months of clear skies and fresh air, the air quality in Singapore deteriorated over the past two days, with a strong burning smell hanging over many areas. The

(39) [ ]

pollution is like to have come from Peninsular Malaysia, Borneo or even Singapore's own backyard, experts say. Winds blowing from the north-east and east could be

(40) [ ]

carrying the haze to Singapore. Local forest fire reports on Tuesday could also be a

(41) [ ]

contribution factor, the National Environment Agency (NEA) said.

(42) [ ]

Associate Professor Koh Tieh Yong, a welher researcher from SIM University,

(43) [ ]

said there was a spyke in the number of hot spots in Peninsular Malaysia particularly in

(44) [ ]

Pahang duration the weekend.

(45) [ ]

In the late afternoon on Tuesday, modaret hazy conditions reached Singapore.

(46) [ ]

The time lapps in consistent with the distance from the hot spot source while only a

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(47) [ ]

little fires were reported there over the past week, cloudy conditions could be preventing

(48) [ ]

satalighites in space from picking up more hot spots.

Singapore could still be badly hit when the usual haze season rolls in around

(49) [ ]

June. The fires are said to be causing by corporations as well as small-scale farmers

(50) [ ]

who use the slash-and-burn method to clear vegitetion for palm oil, pulp and paper plantations. The fires often spin out of control and spread into protected forested areas.

Today, however, the NEA has informed the public that the air quality is expected to stay within the acceptable range and normal activities can be carried out.

Adapted from Air quality worsens as haze wafts

[ ]

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Fill in each blank with the most suitable word. **(15 marks)**

Cesar Millan has worked with dogs for over 30 years. A typical day at work for Millan includes taking a four-hour jog with 40 dogs, large and small, young and old, and none of them on leashes. Although most of these dogs belong to him, the rest are troubled dogs sent to Millan to (51) _____ good behaviour. Obviously, Millan has a special gift in working (52) _____ these animals

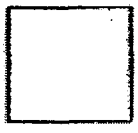
Having spent his childhood on a farm in Mexico, Millan knew that he wanted (53) _____ work with dogs. His first experience with these animals, at age 15, was helping (54) _____ at an animal clinic. He was so good at calming scared dogs and (55) _____ all kinds of situations that people started calling him 'the dog boy.' Since (56) _____ , he has built a rewarding career around his favourite animal, the canine species.

Observing the behaviour of the dogs on the farm where he grew up, Millan realised that they needed a lot of exercise to be calm. He (57) _____ by this philosophy — exercise and discipline first, and then affection. He says a (58) _____ of people get this wrong because they do not realise what dogs really need. Millan does not only train dogs, he trains owners to understand that their pets (59) _____ rules. He has helped a large number of celebrities (60) _____ Oprah Winfrey, Will Smith and everyday people too.

At his Dog Psychology Centre in Los Angeles, California, Millan also works with dogs whose dangerous behaviour has (61) _____ them from finding homes. He trains (62) _____ to be loving, gentle dogs. Viewers can actually see this (63) _____ in dogs with troublesome behaviour on Millan's TV show, The Dog Whisperer.

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To find the right job, Millan (64) _____ children to do what they enjoy. Millan offers this advice, "You can always find a job but I find that happiness comes (65) _____ you follow your dreams." Success followed him because he was following his dream of being the best dog trainer in the world.



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For each of the questions from 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. Mr Lim is reading the magazine. Mrs. Lim is preparing breakfast.

_____ while

_____ .

67. Bryan was so mischievous that he hid his friend's book in the locker.

Out of _____

_____ .

68. John has not handed in his consent form yet. Everyone else has done so.

All but _____

_____ .

69. "Did you enjoy yourself at the graduation party last night?" Mrs Tan asked her daughter.

Mrs Tan asked her daughter _____

_____ .

70. Mrs Teo took a step into the lift. The alarm sounded.

No sooner _____

_____

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Read this passage and answer questions 71 – 80.

"It's going to get chilly. Better get moving! The camp is still more than three kilometres downhill," I told myself. It had been eighteen years since I first came to Alaska. Still, even a bright summer day could mean trouble.

As I slung my backpack onto my shoulders, a large Arctic mosquito thudded against my cheeks. There had been a few of them through the day but it was early in the season – the ice had melted just two weeks before and I had scarcely noticed them. As I walked down the ridge, the last gentle wind faded and they were on me. Rising in clouds from the soggy *tundra, the insects pelted against my face. I reached in my pocket for the repellent and came up empty. I was flailing away, nailing five or six at a whack but there were a couple of thousands mobbing me. They were diving in nose-first and filling themselves up, jabbing me right through my clothes, dozens at a time. Years of Alaskan experience had taught me what to do in a situation like this. I turned up my collar, pulled my backpack straps tight and ran like the wind.

When I saw my tent, I was still going strong. So were the bugs. I had left the first swarm behind somewhere up the mountain but there were more waiting every step of the way and they trailed me in a whining veil. Each time I slowed, the mass mugging resumed. Pausing just long enough to unzip the door of the tent, I dived through to safety. It took me fifteen minutes to hunt down the hundred or so that made it inside with me.

After I had cornered the last one, I tried to relax. My hands and neck were smeared with blood and every bit of exposed skin had broken out in red itchy lumps. Outside, the insistent wail was nearly deafening. Mosquitoes settled over the tent, pattering on the nylon like rain. Feeling hungry, I settled for the cereal bars in my pack and a few sips of water. As I ate, the insects clustered on the tent's windows screens, snouts probing hopefully through the mesh. Not until later that night, when a cold rain swept in and scattered the mob, did I stick my own itching nose outside again.

*tundra - A treeless area beyond the timberline in high-latitude regions, having a permanently frozen subsoil and supporting low-growing vegetation such as lichens, mosses, and shrubs.

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The mosquito season in this part of Alaska is relatively short, ten weeks at most but it is savage by any standard. I have been pestered in tropical Asia, mauled in the woods of England and chomped in the mangrove swamps of Mexico. No bugs I ever encountered prepared me for the Arctic mosquito.

At their worst, there are millions per square kilometre, rising in huge numbers to engulf any unfortunate mammal including humans. Local legend has it that an animal or human caught in one of those bug storms can be sucked dry. Luckily, the worst infestations do not last for more than a month or so.

Bloodthirsty though they are, the big Arctic mosquitoes are frail creatures. They spend most of their brief lives down under leaves. A still evening is perfect. Then things can turn ugly in a hurry.

In Arctic Alaska, there are people, like my friend Howie Kantner, who show you it is all in the mind. While I had applied repellent all over my body and waved a hand to keep the bugs out of my face, Howie gently brushed the insects away. Bare-chested. No repellent. His back looked as if it was covered with living grey fur. He told me, "If you don't think about them, they won't bother you. They're part of the country."

Howie's casual approach may explain why he does not weigh more than sixty kilogrammes. He has a point, though. If you spend summers in Northern Alaska, mosquitoes are a simple fact of existence like rain. Such facts – some hard, some beautiful, pure in their simplicity. That is the lure of this place. Even after eighteen years, the thrill has not faded. Far beyond the nearest road, no one would claim that life is easy. However, I would not have it any other way.

Adapted from A Place Beyond Finding Home in Arctic Alaska by Nick Jans

71. Why did the writer remind himself not to stop for too long in paragraph 1? (2m)

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72. Which three-word phrase in paragraph 2 tells us that the writer did not have any repellent in his pocket? (1m)

73. In paragraph 2, what does the phrase "filling themselves up" (line 11) mean? (1m)

74. Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false. Give one reason why you think so. (3m)

	True / False	Reason
Before running off, the writer prevented the mosquitoes from biting his neck by smearing repellent on it.		
The insects followed him, covering his whole head, making a high-pitched sound.		
Only a few mosquitoes had bitten the writer on his hands and neck in the tent.		

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75. Order the sentences below according to what had happened in the passage. Number the sentences (1, 2 and 3) in the boxes provided. (1m)

	After the rain, the writer ventured out of his tent.
	In Mexico, the writer was bitten by mosquitoes from the mangrove swamps.
	The writer was getting over the mountain to get to his destination.

76. Choose the word from lines 15 - 28 which have similar meanings to the words below. (3m)

i)	trapped	
ii)	separated	
iii)	continued	

77. Explain fully why a 'still evening' (line 38) would be 'perfect' for the mosquitoes. (2m)

_____

_____

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78. Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write the answers in the column on the right. (3m)

Word from the passage	What the word refers to
this (line 13)	
it (line 30)	
their (line 49)	

79. Based on the information from lines 40 – 51, fill in the blanks in the following table. (2m)

Subject	Cause	Effect
Howie Kantner	Mosquitoes suck so much of his blood.	
Howie Kantner		His back appeared to be covered with living grey fur.

80. Do you agree that the writer and Howie have different ways of handling the problems posed by the Arctic mosquitoes? Why do you think so? Support your answer with information from the passage. (2m)

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ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2016 (P6)

SCHOOL : HENRY PARK

SUBJECT : ENGLISH

TERM : SA2

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
3	1	1	1	2	2	3	2	3	2
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
2	4	3	2	2	2	3	3	1	1
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
4	4	3	3	3	1	3	3	E	J
Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38		
Q	F	K	B	P	M	D	H		

39)likely 40)reported 41)contributing 42)weather 43)spike

44)during 45)moderate 46)lapse 47)few 48)satellite

49)caused 50)vegetation 51)learn 52)with 53)to

54)out / veterinarians 55)handling/tacking 56)then 57)stands

58)number 59)need 60)like 61)prevented / stopped

62)them 63)transformation 64)advises 65)after

66)Mr Lim is reading the magazine while Mrs Lim is preparing breakfast.

67)Out of mischief, Bryan hid his friend's book in the locker.

68)All but John have handed in their consent forms.

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69)Mrs Tan asked her daughter is she had enjoyed herself at the graduation party the previous night.

70)No sooner had Mrs Teo taken a step into the lift that the alarm sounded.

71)The writer reminded himself not to stop for too long as the camp was more than three kilometres downhill and it is going to get cold outside.

72)camp up empty

73)It means that the mosquitoes were sucking the writer's blood.

74)False / When he reached for the repellent, there was none so he whack the mosquitoes instead.

True / The mosquitoes followed the writer in a whining veil.

False / The writer was bitten by many mosquitoes on his hands and neck after he entered the tent.

75)3, 1, 2,

76)i)cornered ii)scattered iii)resumed

77)The mosquitoes are frail creatures and they could not stand cold and harsh conditions.

78)The mosquitoes jabbing him right through his clothes a dozen at a time.

The mosquito season in this part of Alaska.

The mosquitoes are simple fact of existence like rain.

79)He does not weigh more than 60 kilogrammes.

A large number of mosquitoes were trying to bite him on his bare back.

80)Yes. I agree. The writer used the repellent and on the run. He turned up his collar pulled his back straps tight and ran like the wind while Howie Kantner did not think about them.

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