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**PEI CHUN PUBLIC SCHOOL
PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 1, 2007
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2 : LANGUAGE AND COMPREHENSION
PRIMARY 6**

BOOKLET A

Name: _____ ()

Class: Primary 6 ()

Subject Teacher: _____

Date: 31 July 2007

Marks:

30

Parent's Signature: _____

Total Time for Booklets A & B: 1 hour 50 min

DO NOT OPEN THIS BOOKLET UNTIL YOU ARE TOLD TO DO SO.

FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.

ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS.

Section A: Graphic Stimulus Comprehension (5 x 1 mark)

Read the advertisement and then answer questions 1 to 5.

Admission is free for all participants!

AMAZING FAMILY NATURE HUNT

Care for Nature! The Hunt Is Now On!

DATE : 20 November 2007
REPORTING TIME FOR ALL PARTICIPATING TEAMS: 8.30 a.m. (The nature hunt will start at 9 a.m. sharp)
VENUE : Sungei Buloh Nature Park
 (Free shuttle bus services will be provided from Kranji MRT Station)

HOW TO PLAY

1. Every family team is required to hunt within the vicinity of the park for the answers to a set of 15 questions relating to nature.
2. Every family team has to visit all the activity stations so as to find answers to the 15 questions.
3. The hunt has to be completed within 2 hours.
4. The first family team to answer all questions correctly within the stipulated time wins the first prize. The other prizes are also won in order of merit.
5. Family teams may choose to complete assigned tasks at designated activity stations in order to score bonus points.
6. Exchange the bonus points for mystery gifts at the registration booth from 9 am to 12 noon on 20 November.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

To enter this hunt, form a family team comprising of 2 adults (aged 21 and above) and 2 children (aged 12 and below).

Registration is open daily from 25 October to 10 November 2007 (9 a.m. to 6 p.m.) on a first come, first served basis.

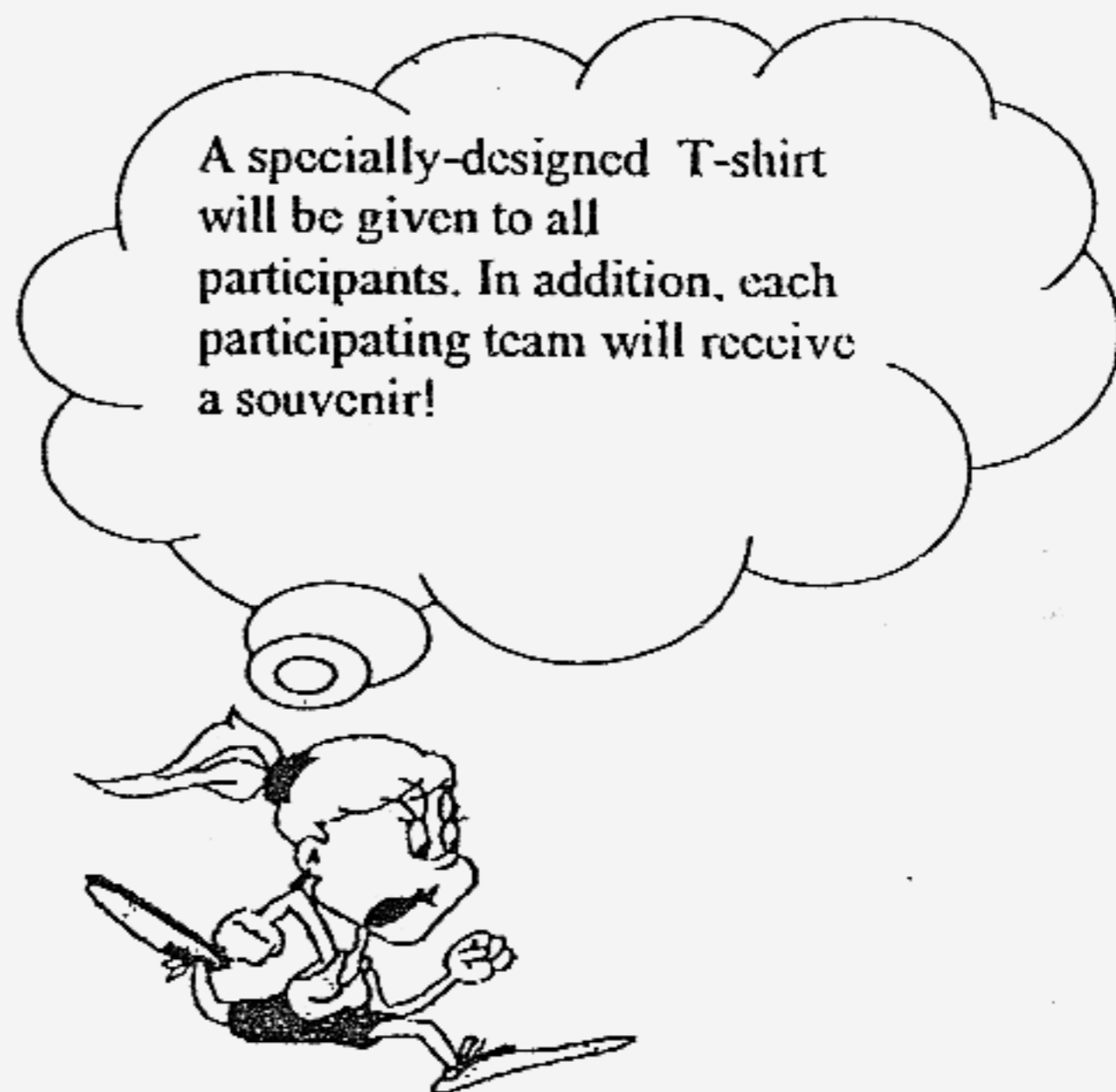
REGISTRATION COUNTER:

Wiedken & Kennedy Advertising
 #10-08
 Specialist Shopping Centre

PRIZES

- 1st prize :** \$800 cash, \$600 worth of prizes
2nd prize: \$600 cash, \$400 worth of prizes
3rd prize : \$400 cash, \$200 worth of prizes
4th - 10th prize : \$200 cash, \$100 worth of prizes

25 consolation prizes :
 \$100 cash and \$50 worth of prizes



Hurry! Limited to 200 family teams only.

For each question from 1 to 5, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Choose the most suitable answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and then shade the corresponding oval on the Optical Answer Sheet provided.

1. The Amazing Family Nature Hunt will be held at _____.
 (1) Kranji MRT Station
 (2) Sungei Buloh Nature Park
 (3) Specialist Shopping Centre
 (4) Wiedken & Kennedy Advertising ()

2. Each participating team will receive _____.
 (1) 1 T-shirt and 1 souvenir
 (2) 4 T-shirts and 1 souvenir
 (3) 1 T-shirt and 4 souvenirs
 (4) 4 T-shirts and 4 souvenirs ()

3. In order to improve their chances of winning any of the prizes, participating teams should _____.
 (1) collect additional clues along the way
 (2) earn bonus points at the registration booth
 (3) visit all of the activity stations within two hours
 (4) answer most of the questions in the shortest time possible ()

4. A family team which did not complete any task at the activity stations but has completed the hunt at 11.30 a.m. will _____.
 (1) not be entitled to any prize
 (2) be awarded a mystery gift
 (3) be awarded the consolation prize
 (4) not receive the complimentary T-shirt ()

5. The main purpose of the hunt is to _____.
 (1) get people to exercise
 (2) entice people to win cash and prizes
 (3) encourage people to appreciate nature
 (4) promote Wiedken & Kennedy Advertising ()

Section B: Grammar (7 x 1 mark)

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 corresponding oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.

6. "It's still not too late to change my mind, _____?" said Ali anxiously.

(1) is it
 (2) isn't it
 (3) am I
 (4) aren't I

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7. She _____ out in pain when she accidentally cut her finger with that knife.

(1) cry
 (2) cries
 (3) cried
 (4) is crying

()

8. "I know you have seen this video before. _____, we still have to show it to you as it is part of the training programme," said the instructor.

(1) Eventually
 (2) As a result
 (3) Even though
 (4) Nevertheless

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9. The number of people killed in road accidents _____ at an alarming rate for the past few months.

(1) increased
 (2) have increased
 (3) has been increasing
 (4) have been increasing

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10. All competitors must _____ the judge's decision.

(1) abide to
 (2) abide by → rules
 (3) abide for
 (4) abide with

()

11. Dinah, with the help of the boys, _____ able to break the code yesterday.

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

12. Jason was so busy that he did not get round to _____ the tap.

- (1) fix
 - (2) fixes
 - (3) fixed
 - (4) fixing
- ()

Section C: Punctuation (3 x 1 mark)

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 was already in an awful mood. Then Mum made it worse. We had to go to Aunt Ruth's house on Saturday. Although I tried to suggest that we go to her house another day (13) Mum would hear nothing of it. "But Mum," I moaned immediately (14) I haven't gone out with my friends for a while. I want to go out with them!" Out of anger, I threw the glass I was holding. Mum rushed over (15) Lisa, how could you have broken it?" Mum shouted.

13. (1) [:] colon
 (2) [,] comma
 (3) [.] full stop
 (4) [-] hyphen

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

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15. (1) [.] full stop
 (2) [!] exclamation mark
 (3) [, "] comma and inverted commas
 (4) [. "] full stop and inverted commas

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Section D: Vocabulary (5 x 1 mark)

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 oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.

16. It is important to teach a young child to _____ between right and wrong so that he will become a responsible citizen when he grows up.

- (1) differentiate
- (2) diffuse
- (3) detect
- (4) digest

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17. There were five _____ in the train crash. The rest of the passengers on the train did not suffer from any lethal injuries and escaped unscathed.

- (1) suspects
- (2) fatalities
- (3) survivors
- (4) delinquents

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18. Our teacher played some _____ music to calm us down as we were rather unsettled about the coming examinations.

- (1) pretentious
- (2) soothing
- (3) numbing
- (4) noxious

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19. As the road was blocked by the fallen tree, traffic had to be _____.

- (1) averted
- (2) reverted
- (3) diverted
- (4) converted

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20. Will you back me up if I _____ this matter with the supervisor?

- (1) bring up
- (2) take after
- (3) fall through
- (4) come around

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Section E : Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

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.

It was a hobby I enjoyed since young. However, I gave it up once I was busy with my studies.

As of late, I have been relearning to play the piano after a long hiatus. I practise in the living room in the quiet of the late evenings. I enjoy these sessions very much. Whenever my piano teacher comes for our weekly lesson, I usually falter even though I practise playing the piano almost every day. I thought that I am actually doing well until she scolds me for not following her instructions. I am enticed to say, "Just let me play it!" But she has a larger purpose. She wants me to learn to understand and use the tools that proficient pianists use. Slowly I am learning to combine the things in such a way that they become fully or part of each other and put into use what I have learnt. The names of the tools she is teaching me are not important but what matters most is what those tools permit me to do when I play.

(21)

(22)

(23)

(24)

(25)

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|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| 21. | (1) Recently
(2) Frequently
(3) Shortly after
(4) Occasionally | () |
| 22. | (1) overtly
(2) immensely
(3) merrily
(4) simply | () |
| 23. | (1) tempted
(2) entrusted
(3) reassured
(4) convinced | () |

24. (1) accomplished
 (2) celebrated
 (3) valuable
 (4) amateur ()
25. (1) fix
 (2) circulate
 (3) improvise
 (4) integrate ()

Section F: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1 mark)

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

Marianne opened the door and let me in. Derek was in his wheelchair by the kitchen table wearing a loose cotton shirt and even looser black sweatpants. It looked as if the pants belonged to someone else. His legs had shrunk a great deal. If you put your two hands around his thighs, your fingers might touch. Had he been able to stand, he would have been no more than five feet tall and he could probably fit into the jeans of a nine-year-old. 5

"I got you something," I announced, holding up a brown paper bag. I had stopped on my way from the airport at a nearby supermarket and bought some turkey, potato salad, macaroni salad and bagels. I wanted to do something for Derek. I could not help him otherwise. I remembered his fondness for eating.

"Ah, so much food!" he sang. "The hospital would never have given me such delicacies," he added as an afterthought. 10

We sat at the kitchen table and talked about our school days. During our conversation, I noticed that Derek only ate small amounts of the spread in front of him. The bagels and turkey were left largely untouched. Occasionally, he had to stop to use the washroom, a process that took a lot of time. Marianne would wheel him to the toilet, then lift him from the wheelchair. Each time he came back, he looked tired and a little uneasy. 15

"Are you all right?" I asked. Derek sighed.

"I'm sorry. This is so embarrassing. I have to depend completely on others now. But I am working on it. I'm trying to enjoy the process. After all, I get to be a baby one more time!" Derek explained. He laughed and I was relieved that he did. We talked for a long time before I finally decided that it was time to go home. 20

"See you again next Friday," he said, as he waved weakly to me.

Adapted from Tuesdays With Morrie by Mitch Albom

26. Derek's pants appeared very loose because _____.
- (1) they were a pair of 'nine-year-old' jeans
 - (2) they belonged to someone else
 - (3) he bought it many sizes bigger
 - (4) his legs had become very thin ()
27. The writer went straight to _____ after he had touched down at the airport.
- (1) the kitchen
 - (2) the hospital
 - (3) a supermarket
 - (4) Derek's house ()
28. According to the passage, the writer bought food when he visited Derek because the writer _____.
- (1) loved to eat
 - (2) thought Derek was starving
 - (3) felt sorry for Derek's apparent poverty
 - (4) felt that it was the least he could do for Derek ()
29. In line 17, the main reason why Derek sighed was most likely because _____.
- (1) he was tired after making so many trips to the kitchen
 - (2) eating all the delicacies was not easy for him
 - (3) he was worried about his health
 - (4) he did not like feeling helpless ()
30. The illness did not take away Derek's _____.
- (1) compassion
 - (2) appetite
 - (3) optimism
 - (4) independence ()

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Date: 31 July 2007

Parent's Signature: _____

Marks for Booklet A	30
Marks for Booklet B	65
Total Marks	95

Section G: Grammar Cloze (10 x 1 mark)

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 letter (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) about	(D) at	(G) in	(K) out	(N) up
(B) and	(E) as	(H) into	(L) over	(P) what
(C) after	(F) from	(J) of	(M) such	(Q) which

Recycling is good for the environment but it can also be good for your pocket.

“_____ is waste to one person may be a useful material to another,” says Ong Eng
(31)

Seng, the head _____ the Resource Conservation department in the National
(32)

Environment Agency.

Books and magazines can fetch a good return at used-book stores or be traded _____
(33)

for another read. In Singapore, the Knowledge Book Centre buys and sells used books. Aluminium

cans and newspapers still have value _____ you have finished using them. In the
(34)

Philippines, junk metal shops pay about seventy-five cents per kilogramme for crushed cans and less

for newspapers. Organic waste, _____ as vegetable leftovers, egg shells and yard
(35)

trimmings, can be turned _____ compost and used as soil in place of store-bought
(36)

potting soil. For the do's _____ don'ts of home composting, look _____ the
(37) (38)

Singapore's National's Environment Agency website.

Yard sales and classified advertisements allow you to sell just _____ anything
(39)

anywhere in the world. For example, Adpost.com, _____ has its headquarters in England,
(40)

offers free online advertisements for many countries in Asia.

Section H: Editing for Spelling and Grammar (10 x 1 mark)

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

My training told me that the sensation might be like a catapult launch on a carrier, swift

(41)

and violent. Then I heard a low, grinding rumble as the big rocket started to lift away at Earth in

(42)

slow motion. My first trip to space, on board Gemini 9, had begin. The initial slow ascent turned

(43)

into an abrupt and **veegourous** burst of speed and we were off!

(44)

The rocket was soar above the Atlantic and the forces of gravity stacked like bricks on my

(45)

chest. I gritted my teeth and **clapped** the edge of my seat tightly.

(46)

(47)

The rocket **aselerrated** steadily, going faster and faster as the **etmosfere** thinned.

(48)

Then, the fuel burn-off of the rocket lightened their load. By then, we were a mere dot at the top

of a long vapour that stretched further and further from Earth by the second. About two minutes

(49)

(50)

into the flight, we approached first-stage **sepperration**.

All of them heaved a collective sigh of

relief.

Section I: Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

South Korea is ranked together with some other countries as having the highest smoking rates in the world. This combined with other risk factors are leading to a steep _____ in heart disease. "Nearly a million Koreans now have heart disease,"

(51)

says cardiologist, Dr. Chae, at the Seoul National University Hospital.

Dr. Ortiz, ex-president of the Philippines Heart Association, says that, owing to a

_____ of exercise, excessive smoking and a diet consisting mainly of fast

(52)

food, heart disease has become his country's number-one _____ "It is this

(53)

combination of risk factors that is so deadly and is taking a _____ on the

(54)

general population of this country. Moreover, this "killer" affects people from all

_____ of life. For example, three doctors, who were former medical school

(55)

classmates, have also suffered massive heart attacks. They were in their early forties. Paramedics

that attended to them _____ cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) but their

(56)

resuscitation efforts failed."

Malaysian cardiologist, Dr. Abdul Latiff, says, "Ten years ago, heart disease among the

young was unheard of, but today it is becoming a very _____ phenomenon."

(57)

Two years ago, Dr. Latiff raced to assist a man wheeled in with severe chest pains. The man's life

was _____ on a thread. He was breathless, cold and pale. Latiff's eyes darted
(58)

towards a chart on the wall. _____ at his heart-rate chart, Latiff
(59)

exclaimed, "I cannot believe that this man is only 31 years old!"

The news is mostly bad. "Still," says Dr. Latiff, "the good news is this pandemic of heart
disease is entirely preventable but we must act fast before it is too _____."
(60)

Malaysia's Ministry of Health has _____ up free screening
(61)

programmes in rural hospital clinics. These clinics run tests that allow checks on patients'

cholesterol levels, blood pressure and other risk factors. Those at _____
(62)

are identified and treated for their conditions. They are also given advice on how to stay

hale and _____. In addition, they received advice on how to lead a
(63)

healthy lifestyle. Many people are referred to these programmes by their local doctors.

Dr. Zainal, an official with the Malaysian Ministry of Health says, "We are taking our first
baby _____ but it is making a difference."
(64)

In Singapore, heart disease is also one of the top three "lifestyle diseases" of a developed
nation. The government has decided to focus on educating the young on the _____
(65)

of an active and healthy lifestyle.

Section J: Synthesis and Transformation (5 x 2 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. All the students in these classes have contributed to the School Pocket Money Fund.

Every _____

67. Both Ravi and Anil did not take part in the drama performance last night.

Neither _____

68. We had not met up with Khairul for a while. We went to visit him.

_____ whom _____

69. Lucy said, "Mum, Uncle Lee brought his stamp collection over to our house last night."

Lucy told _____

70. The beauty queen received a thousand dollars. She won a car too.

The beauty queen not only _____

Section K: Comprehension Open-ended (10 x 2 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

My father gets a faraway look in his eyes that is unmistakable. As his craggy face turns towards the horizon and his eyes seek out the glint of snow-capped peaks, we all know what he is thinking. Mountain tops always have had that magnetic effect on him.

Dad married my mother, Louise, a musician, just three months after his return from Mount Everest and I was born the following year. I was ten when he first took me climbing with Mingma, his foreman from the Mount Everest area in Nepal. I always had the feeling that my parents thought I needed some strenuous activities because I liked writing poems, pressing flowers in the pages of my notebooks and bird-watching. Moreover, they were afraid that I would become too "soft" for my own good. Dad decided that he and Mingma would take me up to Mount Fog in the South Island of New Zealand. 5 10

In the evening, we climbed up the grassy flank and as darkness drew over us, we nestled down into long, golden grass to sleep beneath the stars. I was very thirsty but we had no water with us – just two cans of beer that Dad and Mingma were sipping from. "You'll have to have some of this, son," Dad said. I could not believe what vile stuff it was!

The next day, we climbed up the slopes to a rocky ridge. From there, we needed to traverse a large snowfield to the summit. Clumps of snow that we kicked loose tumbled down the face of the rocky ridge for hundreds of metres. At that instance, we felt that it was the scariest sight ever. 15

Dad pulled a rope from his pack and we were all tied to it – my father in front, Mingma behind, and I slung in the middle, trying to step from one huge size-14 footprint to the next as we cut across the slope. 20

Periodically, I would look up at my father leading the way, then lose my balance, fall out of his footprints and slip towards the green valley far below. Dad and Mingma would haul on the rope and bungy me back up into the steps from where I had fallen. Each time I slipped, I was extremely sure that Dad would look after me and that all would be fine. 25

However, even the great trees in the forest fall. I was to learn in a devastating manner, at the age of twenty, that beneath his trademark dry and gruff exterior, Dad was just as vulnerable as any of us.

My father had always been a passionate man and one thing he was especially passionate about was the people of the Everest region – so much so that in 1930, he began the first of many projects aimed at improving their lives. In 1975, he had begun building his second hospital in the Himalayas when tragedy struck our family. My mother and youngest sister, Belinda, were flying into the mountains to join him when their small aeroplane crashed. He was no longer the great kauri tree or the giant redwood after that. I knew then that Mum and Belinda would never return. 30 35

It was years before Dad fully came out of this period of darkness. Only by plunging himself into more climbing adventures and into ever more projects in Nepal could he get through it. He has now built forty-two schools and hospitals there.

Adapted from 'Everest Of A Man' by Peter Hillary

71. How old was the author when he went for his first mountaineering expedition?

72. Why did the author's father decide to take him climbing?

73. Where did the author go for his first mountaineering expedition?

74. Which two-word phrase in the passage describes how the author felt about the cans of beer?

75. What does "it" in line 17 refer to?

76. How did the author "cut across the slope" (line 21)?

77. Which sentence in paragraph 6 tells you that the author trusted his father during the mountaineering expedition?

78. Looking at paragraph 7, what did the author compare his father to? Why?

79. How did the author's father get through his period of darkness?

80. Which word in the passage has a similar meaning to the following:

(a) to move through an area

(b) unfriendly

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Answers Key

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
2	2	3	1	3	1	3	4	3	2
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
3	4	2	3	4	1	2	2	3	1
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
1	2	1	1	4	4	3	4	4	3
Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
P	J	G	C	M	H	B	N	A	Q

41 from	46 accelerated	51 rise	56 performed	61 set
42 begun	47 atmosphere	52 lack	57 common	62 risk
43 vigorous	48 its	53 killer	58 hanging	63 hearty
44 soaring	49 separation	54 toil	59 looking	64 step
45 clasped	50 us	55 walks	60 late	65 benefits

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76. He was tied to the rope led by his father and he stepped on his father's footprints.
77. It is "Each time I slipped, I was extremely sure that Dad would look after me and that all would be fine".
78. He compared his father to a tree. His father has shown great strength.
79. He got through it by plunging himself into more climbing adventures and into ever more projects in Nepal.
80. a. traverse
b. gruff.