

SINGAPORE CHINESE GIRLS' SCHOOL
SECOND SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2006
PRIMARY FOUR
ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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Date : 4/oct/06

Class : Pr 4

Duration : 1 h 15 min

Marks: 16

BOOKLET A

Section A : Grammar

For each question from 1 to 6, 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 marks)

1 The presence of the policemen in the neighbourhood _____ to keep the crime rate down.

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

2 Ethan, as well as his two brothers, _____ watching cartoons.

- (1) enjoy
- (2) enjoying
- (3) enjoys
- (4) have enjoyed

3 I told her not to let the maid _____ the dog out for a walk.

- (1) take
- (2) taken
- (3) takes
- (4) took

- 4 John, Pete and I enjoyed _____ very much at the party.
- (1) herself
 - (2) himself
 - (3) ourselves
 - (4) themselves
- 5 We have been waiting for him _____ two o'clock this afternoon.
- (1) for
 - (2) if
 - (3) since
 - (4) until
- 6 The lifeguard jumped into the pool and made _____ the drowning girl.
- (1) for
 - (2) of
 - (3) off
 - (4) out

Section B : Vocabulary

For each question from 7 to 11, 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)

- 7 The driver _____ his neck to see what was causing the traffic jam.
- (1) craned
 - (2) lengthened
 - (3) strained
 - (4) stretched
- 8 When the welfare organisations asked for volunteers, the _____ was overwhelming.
- (1) answer
 - (2) reaction
 - (3) reply
 - (4) response

- 9 You must live within your _____ and not spend more than you earn.
- (1) ability
 - (2) means
 - (3) money
 - (4) wealth
- 10 Bacteria is too small to be seen with the _____ eye.
- (1) bare
 - (2) naked
 - (3) natural
 - (4) wicked
- 11 It was very nasty of Joseph to break his sister's toy _____ just because his mother had refused to let him watch television.
- (1) accidentally
 - (2) carelessly
 - (3) deliberately
 - (4) heartily

Section C : Comprehension

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

The *Nautilus* was stationary, at a depth of 1,000 yards (914 metres) a region in which large fish alone make rare appearances. I was reading in the saloon when Conseil interrupted me.

"Will *monsieur* come here?" said he.

I rose, went to the window and looked out. Full in the electric light an enormous black mass, immovable, was suspended in the midst of the waters. I looked at it attentively, trying to make out the nature of this gigantic object. But an idea suddenly came to my mind. 5

"A vessel!" I cried.

"Yes," replied Ned Land, the Canadian, "a disabled ship sunk upright." 10

He was right. We were close to a vessel which could not have been wrecked more than a few hours ago. On the deck lay five corpses bound with rope. One man was at the helm, and a young woman stood by the poop holding an infant in her arms. The sailors looked frightful, and seemed to be making a last effort to free themselves from the cords that bound them to the vessel. The helmsman was clutching the wheel of the helm, and seemed, even then, to be guiding the vessel through the depths of the ocean. 15

Our hearts beat faster at the sight of this wreck, and I already saw, advancing towards it with hungry eyes, enormous sharks, attracted by the human flesh. 20

Adapted from Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea by Jules Verne

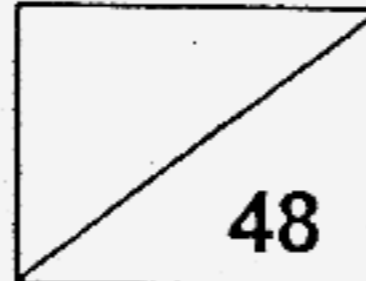
For each question from 12 to 16, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

- 12 Why did Conseil interrupt the writer?
- (1) He wanted a book to read.
 - (2) He wanted the writer to keep him company.
 - (3) He wanted to have a discussion with the writer.
 - (4) He wanted the writer to see the large black mass which he had sighted.
- 13 Which one of the statements about the vessel's position is correct?
- (1) It was lying on its side.
 - (2) It was lying upside down.
 - (3) It remained in an upright position.
 - (4) It was completely buried under the seabed.
- 14 How long ago had the vessel been wrecked?
- (1) a week ago
 - (2) two hours ago
 - (3) a few days ago
 - (4) a few hours ago
- 15 What did the sailors appear to be doing? They _____.
- (1) seemed to be trying to flee from the sharks
 - (2) appeared to be trying to free the ship from the cords
 - (3) seemed to be guiding the vessel through the depths of the ocean
 - (4) appeared to be making a final attempt to free themselves from the cords which bound them
- 16 What attracted the sharks to the wreck?
- (1) the dead bodies
 - (2) the blood of the victims
 - (3) the movement of the vessel
 - (4) the struggling sailors on deck

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Booklet B

There are 10 blanks, numbered 17 to 26, 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)

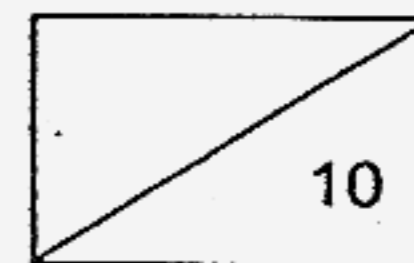
EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

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|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| (A) after | (D) before | (G) is | (K) the | (N) we |
| (B) although | (E) and | (H) of | (L) to | (P) which |
| (C) it | (F) in | (J) on | (M) with | (Q) your |
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Even after centuries (17) _____ living under man's care, domestic cats today remain extremely close (18) _____ their ancestral form. Despite superficial changes of coat, colour, size (19) _____ marking, even the most pampered cat (20) _____ but one step from the predatory rat killer that guarded the food stores of ancient Egypt.

The cat has ears that can pick up any sound, eyes capable of seeing in (21) _____ dimmest light and a nose that detects anything (22) _____ cannot see or hear. Its strong back and leg muscles allow the cat to jump many times its own height, (23) _____ reflexes that guarantee it always lands (24) _____ its feet.

Many owners feel that their cat has supernatural powers. Stories of cats becoming alarmed just moments (25) _____ an earthquake suggest that they are capable of detecting things that (26) _____ cannot.



Correct each word in bold for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box. (10 marks)

(27)

When Mr Lucas arrived, Tina and Jean were drawn water from the

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well. The black car glyded to a smooth stop in the drive and Mr Lucas

(29)

stepped out. Dressed in a pair of lime-green overalls and red **snikers**, he

(30)

looked out of place. Hastily, Tina and Jean tuq on the well rope, pulled out

the water tub and poured the water into a bucket. They hurried back to the

(31)

house and silently tip-toed through the empty kitchen. Mr Lucas wear a look

(32)

(33)

of **disgast** on his face and studied the man who stand before him. Uncle Lee

stared back hard and leaned against the fireplace mantle. He took out a

cigar from his right pocket, cut the tip and threw it into the fireplace.

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"What is your **bisness** here, Mr Lucas? You know you are not welcome in my

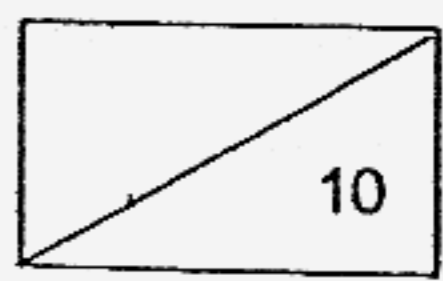
(35)

home." Mr Lucas gave a cold and **senister** smile and said, "I've a matter that

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may be of interest to you and your family. I suggesting you take a seat; it

will take a while to explain."



Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

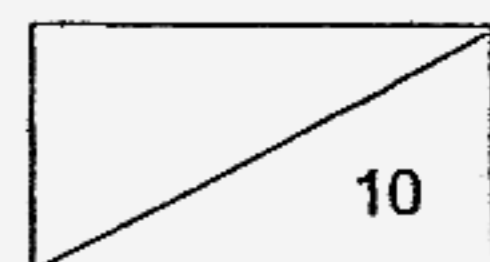
(10 marks)

The Baltic Sea was as grey as storm clouds when the four of us dived into the water. We each had several tanks (37)_____ with different mixtures of gases for breathing at depths up to 235 feet – more than twice as (38)_____ as conventional scuba-diving. The waves (39)_____ us around as we swam, so when we reached the marked buoy, we submerged as quickly as possible, and the (40)_____ of our equipment seemed to lighten.

We were (41)_____ our way to examine the recently discovered remains of Steuben, a German (42)_____ sunk during World War 2 with the (43)_____ of perhaps 4,500 lives. A private Swedish team and Polish Navy had scanned the ghostly wreck (44)_____ *sonar. However, (45)_____ a handful of divers had seen it since it was hit by two torpedoes from a Soviet submarine on February 10, 1945.

By the time we reached 70 feet, the sea (46)_____ as dark as night. Even with our powerful underwater light we could see nothing but the dive line from the buoy going down.

*sonar – equipment on a ship or submarine that uses sound waves to find out the position of objects under water.



For each of the questions 47 to 50, 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). (8 marks)

47. "Gary, you have to hurry or else you will miss the show," said Lionel.

Lionel told Gary that

48. The fire alarm rang. The tenants evacuated the building.

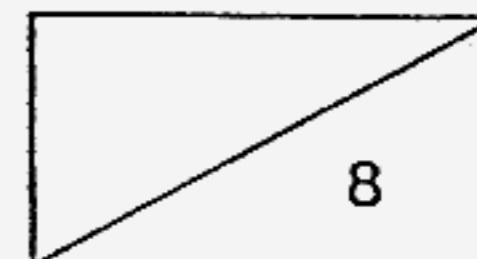
After -

49. Helen likes drinking tea. Siva likes drinking tea.

Both

50. It was raining heavily. Siti was not allowed to play outdoors.

_____ because



Read the passage below and answer questions 51 to 55.

(10 marks)

As I returned from my trip to the desk, I noticed the first graders anxiously watching the disappearing pile. Miss Crocker must have noticed them too, for as I sat down she said, "Don't worry little ones, there are plenty of readers for you too. See there on Miss Davis' desk." Wide eyes turned to the covered teacher's platform directly in front of them and a sigh of relief swelled in the room.

5

I glanced across at Little Man, his face lit in eager excitement. I knew that he could not see the soiled covers or the marred pages from where he sat, and even though his penchant for cleanliness was often annoying, I did not like to think of his disappointment when he saw the books as they really were. But there was nothing I could do about it, so I opened my book to its centre and began browsing through the spotted pages. Girls with blonde braids and boys with blue eyes stared up at me. I found a story about a boy and his dog being lost in a cave and began reading while Miss Crocker's voice droned on monotonously.

10

Suddenly I grew conscious of a break in that monotonous tone and I looked up. Miss Crocker was sitting at Miss Davis's desk with the first-grade books stacked before her staring fiercely down at Little Man, who was pushing a book back upon the desk.

15

"What's that you said Clayton Chester Logan?" she asked. The room became gravely silent. Everyone knew that Little Man was in big trouble for no one, but no one, ever called Little Man 'Clayton Chester' unless she or he was serious. Little Man knew this too. His lips parted slightly as he took his hands from the book. He quivered, but he did not take his eyes away from Miss Crocker. "I - I said may I have another book please, Ma'am," he squeaked.

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Adapted from Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred D. Taylor.

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

51. What were the first graders in paragraph one worried about?

52. What is the relationship between the writer and Miss Crocker?

53. Which word in the passage described the condition of the pages in the books?

54. How do you know that Miss Crocker was angry with Little Man?

55. Why did Little Man want another book?

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 7)1 8)4 9)2 10)2 11)3 12)4
 13)3 14)4 15)4 16)1 17)H 18)L
 19)E 20)G 21)K 22)C 23)M 24)J
 25)D 26)N
 27)drawing 28)glided 29)sneakers 30)tugged 31>wore 32)disgust
 33)stood 34)business 35)sinister 36)suggest 37)filled 38)deep
 39)tossed 40)weight 41)on 42)ship 43)loss 44)with
 45)only 46)was

47)Lionel told Gary that he had to hurry or else he would miss the show.

48)After the fire alarm had rung, the tenants evacuated the building.

49)Both Helen and Siva like drinking tea.

50)Siti was not allowed to play outdoors because it was raining heavily.

51)They were worried they had no books to read.

52)Miss Crocker is his teacher.

53)The word is "married"

54)Miss Crocker called Little Man Clayton Chester Logan when he or she was angry with him.

55)The book was dirty.