

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL  
CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT 2 (2004)  
PRIMARY FIVE  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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Class: Primary Five \_\_\_\_\_

BOOKLET A

35 QUESTIONS  
(35 MARKS)

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

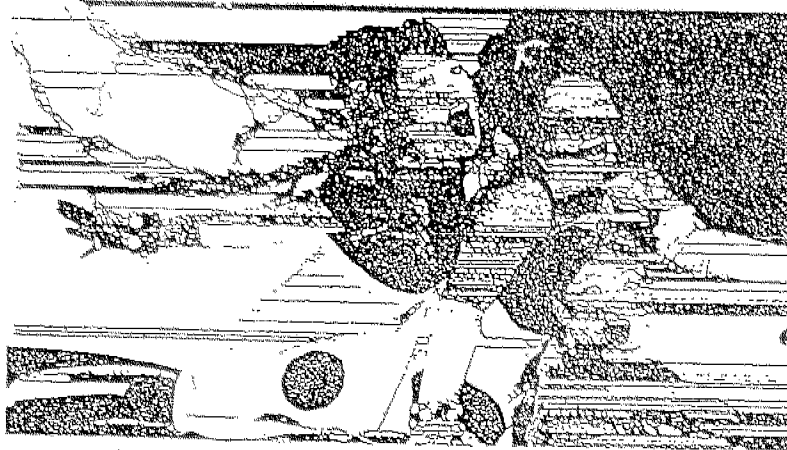
INSTRUCTIONS:

Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.  
Follow all instructions carefully.  
Answer all the questions.

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Study the following advertisement and then answer questions 1 to 5.

# The Revenge of the DIM SUM DOLLIES



Starring  
**Selena Tan**  
**Pam Oei**  
**Emma Yong**

Directed by  
**Glen Goei**

All new! All original!  
 All Singaporean musical cabaret show!

They sizzled in last year's box office and now, the Dim Sum Dollies are back! The Revenge of the Dim Sum Dollies! is a BRAND NEW musical action adventure! Through big hair, wacky songs, nifty choreography, a forest of false eyelashes, mile high heels and amazing costume changes, our intrepid heroines bring you a buffet of show-stopping, laugh-a-minute numbers about life in the Lion City.

**Opens 5 Aug 2004, Esplanade Theatre**

**For a limited run only!**

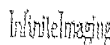
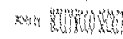
Tickets from SISTIC tel: 63485555, [www.sistic.com](http://www.sistic.com) and  
 SISTIC outlets islandwide

• Weekend-Fri Sat (including matinee) Sun	\$68	\$58	\$48	\$38
• Weekday-Mon Tue Wed Thu	\$58	\$48	\$38	\$28
• Preview 5 Aug (no offers apply)	\$48	\$38	\$28	\$18
• Students	\$18 (Circle 3)			
• Early bird discount (5 to 30 June)	10% off \$68 weekend and \$58 weekday tickets.			
• Party Pack Groups of 10 to 14	5% off \$68 weekend and \$58 weekday tickets.			
• fridae.com members privilege (from 1 July)	20% off \$68 weekend and \$58 weekday tickets.			
• Big Party Pack Groups of 15 & above	20% off \$68 weekend and \$58 weekday tickets.			

Contact Gillian Kang 97108678 or [gillikang@sinonet.com.sg](mailto:gillikang@sinonet.com.sg) for bookings.

Enquiries: [dreamaca@singnet.com.sg](mailto:dreamaca@singnet.com.sg)

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

1. This is an advertisement for a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) play
  - (2) movie
  - (3) musical
  - (4) restaurant
  
2. The director of this production is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) Pam Oei
  - (2) Glen Goci
  - (3) Selena Tan
  - (4) Emma Yong
  
3. An adult who does not enjoy any discount privileges and wishes to watch the performance on Friday, 6th August will need to pay a minimum of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) S18
  - (2) S28
  - (3) S38
  - (4) S48
  
4. Which one of the following categories of people is eligible for a 20% discount of the top priced tickets on 30th of June?
  - (1) A group of 9 people.
  - (2) A group of 16 people.
  - (3) A group of 10 students.
  - (4) A group of fridae.com members.
  
5. Which one of the following is not a sponsor for the event?
  - (1) B.U.M.
  - (2) Yamaha
  - (3) Infinite Imaging
  - (4) Hollywood Secrets

For each question from 6 to 17, 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. (12 marks)

6. \_\_\_\_\_ the day you left this place, she has not spoken to anyone at all.
- (1) If
  - (2) By
  - (3) Since
  - (4) When
7. The damage \_\_\_\_\_ been worse if Pete had not called the police in time.
- (1) has
  - (2) had
  - (3) could have
  - (4) should have
8. Mr. Sim, as well as his sons, \_\_\_\_\_ taking walks in the park every evening.
- (1) enjoy
  - (2) enjoys
  - (3) has enjoyed
  - (4) have enjoyed
9. The wail of sirens \_\_\_\_\_ so piercing that it can wake even the dead.
- (1) is
  - (2) are
  - (3) was
  - (4) were
10. There is a widespread prejudice \_\_\_\_\_ workers over the age of 45' among employers today.
- (1) to
  - (2) for
  - (3) against
  - (4) towards
11. The family heirloom has been handed \_\_\_\_\_ from father to son.
- (1) in
  - (2) out
  - (3) over
  - (4) down

12. Claudia likes to sit at the balcony and sing to herself, \_\_\_\_\_ she?
- (1) can
  - (2) does
  - (3) can't
  - (4) doesn't
13. \_\_\_\_\_ no account must Ellen go to the park alone late at night.
- (1) In
  - (2) On
  - (3) At
  - (4) With
14. Nobody knew \_\_\_\_\_ country the stranger had come from.
- (1) who
  - (2) whom
  - (3) which
  - (4) where
15. There was \_\_\_\_\_ damage done to the residential areas when the big earthquake struck.
- (1) few
  - (2) much
  - (3) many
  - (4) several
16. The boys \_\_\_\_\_ when the storm started suddenly.
- (1) had fished
  - (2) have fished
  - (3) are fishing
  - (4) were fishing
17. If I \_\_\_\_\_ the puzzle earlier, I would have won the prize.
- (1) solve
  - (2) solved
  - (3) will solve
  - (4) had solved

For each question from 18 to 20, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (3 marks)

An old man was sitting with his grandson (18) Ah Meng, when Ah Meng asked him, "Grandfather, why do we have to live in such an old house since we are so rich (19)

His grandfather looked at him and said, "You must continue to live in this old house after my death. I will tell you why (20)

18. (1) [ : ] colon  
(2) [ , ] comma  
(3) [ ; ] semi-colon  
(4) [ . ] full stop
19. (1) [ . " ] full stop and inverted commas  
(2) [ " ? ] inverted commas and question mark  
(3) [ ? " ] question mark and inverted commas  
(4) [ ! " ] exclamation mark and inverted commas
20. (1) [ . ] full stop  
(2) [ , " ] comma and inverted commas  
(3) [ . " ] full stop and inverted commas  
(4) [ ? " ] question mark and inverted commas

For each question from 21 to 25, 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)

21. The old woman was very ill, but with medical treatment and nursing, she was able to \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) pull up
  - (2) pull out
  - (3) pull over
  - (4) pull through
22. This news article is short and \_\_\_\_\_. The journalist did not use any unnecessary words.
- (1) brief
  - (2) scanty
  - (3) concise
  - (4) abbreviated
23. The unruly student was \_\_\_\_\_ with expulsion if he misbehaved again.
- (1) warned
  - (2) threatened
  - (3) reproached
  - (4) reprimanded
24. My class is organising a trip to Thailand as the principal has given the \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) green light
  - (2) green card
  - (3) green paper
  - (4) green thumb
25. It is easy to \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Tan in the crowd as she towers over everyone else.
- (1) observe
  - (2) glimpse
  - (3) identify
  - (4) scrutinise

For each question from 26 to 30, 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)

The lion spotted a skunk and (26) mistakenly regarded it as a possible meal. (27) Moving quietly to prevent being noticed, the lion edged closer to its would-be prey. The skunk had already sensed its enemy and instead of scampering away to escape, it took up a defensive (28) stance. The skunk raised its tail, stamped its feet (29) one after the other on the ground and growled. It tried to give ample opportunity for the intruder to (30) back off. But the lion remained ignorant. Swiftly, the skunk squirted a smelly, yellowish liquid onto the eyes of the victim, causing it to recoil in agony.

26. (1) wrongly  
(2) wrongfully  
(3) unwittingly  
(4) accidentally.
27. (1) Silently  
(2) Secretly  
(3) Sedately  
(4) Stealthily
28. (1) act  
(2) posture  
(3) manner  
(4) appearance
29. (1) orderly  
(2) regularly  
(3) alternately  
(4) systematically
30. (1) quit  
(2) exit  
(3) retreat  
(4) evacuate



Read the passage below and answer questions 31 to 35.

When you eat maple syrup with your pancakes and waffles, do you realize that it comes from a tree? Of course, that does not mean just any tree. It comes from a certain kind of tree called a sugar maple. Sugar maple trees grow best in England, some parts of Canada, and the north-eastern part of America. The sugar maple leaf on the Canadian flag is evidence of the species' importance in Canada.

When you look at a sugar maple tree, you do not see anything unusual about it. It is a beautiful tree with a trunk, branches and leaves. The sugar maple is a hard maple tree. It can grow as tall as 100 feet and as wide as 4 feet. The sugar maple is valued for its sap, which is used in the making of maple syrup. The sap comes from inside the trunk of the tree. However, many things have to be done to this sap to make it edible.

A group of sugar maple trees is called a sugar bush. Making maple syrup is called sugaring. Usually, the ideal time for sugaring takes place between the months of December and April. This is when the trees are ready to be tapped. To tap a tree, a small, harmless hole is made in the tree trunk. Next, a short, hollow tube is put into the hole. Then a bucket is hung below the tube. The water-like sap flows easily out of the tree through the tube and drips into the bucket. When the bucket is full, it is transported to a building called a sugar house.

People have many different ways of getting the sap from the tree to the sugar house. Some people carry the buckets by hand, but they are heavy! Other people empty the smaller buckets into larger containers that sit on a sled. They pull the sled with a truck or horses. Some people do not bother using buckets at all. They run long tubes all the way from the trees to their sugar house.

In the sugar house, the sap is put into long pans that are not very deep. Then it is boiled for a long time. Boiling intensifies the flavour as well as adds colour to the sap. Boiling also increases the sugar content of the sap and so changes it into a thick brown syrup. After boiling, the syrup is poured through a clean cloth to filter out the impurities. Finally it is poured into bottles and cans and prepared for sale.

The maple syrup found in the supermarkets, however, is usually not pure and has other additives. The colour of pure maple may range from golden honey to light brown. Also popular for the strength and texture of its wood, the sugar maple tree has been put to use in furniture, interior woodwork, flooring, and crates.

For each question from 31 to 35, 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)

31. The main purpose of this passage is to provide information on \_\_\_\_\_
- (1) how maple syrup is made
  - (2) the method of tapping sap from trees
  - (3) the countries that produce maple syrup
  - (4) why maple wood is used in furniture and other products
32. The word "water-like" (line 15) is used to describe the sap because it \_\_\_\_\_
- (1) is actually water
  - (2) flows like water
  - (3) looks like water
  - (4) tastes like water
33. According to the passage, sugar maple trees \_\_\_\_\_
- (1) produce sap that is edible
  - (2) look different from other trees
  - (3) can be found only in Canada, England and parts of America
  - (4) are ready to be tapped only during certain months of the year
34. From the passage, it can be inferred that boiling the maple sap does not \_\_\_\_\_
- (1) purify it
  - (2) sweeten it
  - (3) change its colour
  - (4) improve its flavour
35. The word "its" in line 30 refers to the \_\_\_\_\_
- (1) sap
  - (2) sugar house
  - (3) maple syrup
  - (4) sugar maple tree

There are 10 blanks, numbered 36 to 45, 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) all    | (D) as     | (G) having | (K) quite | (N) when  |
| (B) any    | (E) before | (H) next   | (L) these | (P) which |
| (C) around | (F) for    | (J) of     | (M) this  | (Q) with  |
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Here is another tale of the quack dentists of the "good old days". The dentist would operate (36) \_\_\_\_\_ a member of a Chinese martial arts troupe. He would offer his service to yank (37) \_\_\_\_\_ tooth out for a fee as low as twenty to fifty cents and the ease with (38) \_\_\_\_\_ it was done was quite intriguing, especially to me, (39) \_\_\_\_\_ gone through the horrendous ordeal at Tanjong Pagar.

Whether all the "patients" were his friends or sidekicks, I could not tell (40) \_\_\_\_\_ certain. But a quick inspection, a little rub of ointment (41) \_\_\_\_\_ the decayed tooth, and the martial arts exponent would signal for a drum roll. (42) \_\_\_\_\_ a loud voice and his two fingers gripping the tooth of the distressed patient standing (43) \_\_\_\_\_ him, he would command the patient to cry out – and with one tug lift the decayed tooth out to the applause of the spectators.

Lined up for (44) \_\_\_\_\_ to see were hundreds of teeth of all shapes and sizes. (45) \_\_\_\_\_ were the evidence of his successful career. No one questioned his ability or his qualification.

*Adapted from Wee Kim Wee's Glimpses and Reflections*

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

(46)

Twenty years ago, children in school has never even heard of the Internet.

(47)

Nowadays, many of us use the Internet on a regular basis and even have **ercces** to

(48)

it from our homes. You may enjoy use it to do research for a school project,

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downloading your favourite songs or communicating to friends and family. The 'net'

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in Internet stands as network. A network is two or more computers connected

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together so that information can be shared, or **konvayed** from one computer to

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another. Information is obtained through web pages that **colperasions**,

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organizations and individuals create and post. It is kind of like a giant **boolatin** board

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that the whole world uses. Since anyone can post anything in the Internet, you have

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to **varefie** the information, especially if you are doing research.

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

Every year, we read of people who die by drowning, and perhaps three-quarters of these accidents occur in public places where rescue is possible. When most of these accidents occur, there are probably other (56)\_\_\_\_\_ nearby who can help but (57)\_\_\_\_\_ to do so, either because they do not know what to do or because they are (58)\_\_\_\_\_ that the swimmer, struggling to save himself, may pull them (59)\_\_\_\_\_

Bystanders can be lifesavers if they make use of the simple (60)\_\_\_\_\_ usually found at hand. Consider the spare tyre. In an emergency, (61)\_\_\_\_\_ it into the water, and even with the (62)\_\_\_\_\_ steel wheel in the centre, it will rise to the surface and (63)\_\_\_\_\_. The drowning swimmer or swimmers can (64)\_\_\_\_\_ onto it. If everyone keeps his shoulders under the water, the (65)\_\_\_\_\_ will support six or seven persons. If the swimmer is (66)\_\_\_\_\_ from shore, you can swim out to him, pushing the spare tyre (67)\_\_\_\_\_ of you. You will be in no (68)\_\_\_\_\_ yourself as you too can rest on the tyre if necessary.

Various other objects usually (69)\_\_\_\_\_ at a family outing can be used in a similar way. If you have a gallon-size thermos jug flask, empty it, replace the lids, then toss the jug to a tired swimmer. It will actually buoy him up a bit, and he may be able to (70)\_\_\_\_\_ his way to safety.

For each of the questions 71 to 75, 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)

71. Mabel left her handbag in the bus and lost her money. She was very careless.

Due to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

72. Mrs Chia punished her son severely. There was no prior warning.

\_\_\_\_\_ without  
\_\_\_\_\_

73. There was a massive blackout in the neighbourhood. The traffic lights were out of order.

\_\_\_\_\_ because  
\_\_\_\_\_

74. I can go to school by train. I can go to school by bus.

\_\_\_\_\_ either \_\_\_\_\_  
or \_\_\_\_\_

75. "Did the children arrive at school punctually today?" asked Mr Rama.

Mr Rama asked \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Read the passage below and answer questions 76 to 85. (20 marks)

Classmates swarmed around William, laughing and slapping his head. William shifted in his seat, scanning for help. Pent-up anger, frustration and resentment were building up within William as he recalled such similar episodes. Unable to control his mounting rage, he lunged at his tormentor, catching his arm and biting down on it with all his might. Consequently, William was expelled from kindergarten and the principal advised William's parents to send him to a school for the disabled.

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William was born normal in a local hospital. He was only diagnosed with polio in 1960. One day, the usually active three-year-old became feverish and sluggish and by evening he could no longer stand. The physician said that he would never walk again. From that day onwards, William's parents knew that their son's future especially depended on a good education.

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When William enrolled for Primary One in a local school, his mother cautioned him to behave himself. His sister, Lily, ten years his senior, accompanied him to school and carried him up the stairs to his classroom. As she waited, she wove fishing nets for extra money. At the end of the year, William emerged as the top pupil. In front of a school assembly, Lily proudly carried her brother on stage to receive his award. By Primary Three, William longed to walk but he had to wait for his braces. Finally, he received a pair of donated crutches and iron braces. After PSLE, he scored well enough to earn a place at a top secondary school.

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To reach the Science laboratory in school, his mother had to carry her teenage son up several flights of stairs. Shirley Lim, a Mathematics teacher, told William, "Don't let your mum help you. You do it yourself." Soon, William willed himself up the staircases, sometimes helped by classmates. Yet, despite new friends and growing independence, he was still insecure because of his disability.

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In 1973, William read of a paralysed policeman, Wahid Baba. He coached disabled athletes after work. Here was William's chance to try a wheelchair. The next Saturday, he took a taxi to meet Baba. Baba gestured at a wheelchair and asked William to get in. Some laps later, his arms burned from the effort. After training, Baba picked up his wife and then drove William home in his specially equipped car. Looking at Baba, William felt that he could lead a normal life too.

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Under Baba's tutelage, William became a medical scientist and developed into an outstanding athlete. In 1980, he became the first wheelchair athlete to complete the Singapore marathon. He has raised \$7.5 million for charity and the disabled in various long distance pushes, including a journey to Thailand and the London and Boston marathons.

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*Adapted from The Giant Inside by Christopher Cox*



For each question from 76 to 85, write your answer in the space provided.  
ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

76. Why did William hit back at his classmates?

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77. What happened to William as a result of contracting polio?

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78. Why did William's mother caution him to behave himself when he went to primary school?

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79. What do the words "do it" in line 22 refer to?

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80. From the passage, give two examples to show that William's family was not well off.

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81. Which five-word phrase in the passage tells us that William felt unsure of himself because he was unable to walk?

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82. Explain in your own words what the writer meant when he said that William's "arms burned from the effort" in line 28.

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83. Why did William feel that Baba led a normal life?

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84. In what two ways does William contribute to society?

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85. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as "lethargic and listless"?

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| 1) 3  | 28) 2            | 55) verify  | 71) Due to Mabel's carelessness, she left her handbag in the bus and lost all her money.            |
| 2) 2  | 29) 3            | 56) people  |   |
| 3) 3  | 30) 3            | 57) refuse  | 72) Mrs Chia punished her son severely without any prior warning.                                   |
| 4) 2  | 31) 1            | 58) afraid  |   |
| 5) 1  | 32) 2            | 59) down  | 73) The traffic lights were out of order because there was a massive blackout in the neighbourhood. |
| 6) 3  | 33) 4            | 60) things  |   |
| 7) 3  | 34) 1            | 61) throw   | 74) I can go to school either by train or by bus.   |
| 8) 2  | 35) 4            | 62) heavy   |   |
| 9) 1  | 36) D            | 63) float   | 75) Mr Rama asked whether the children had arrived at school punctually.                            |
| 10) 3 | 37) B            | 64) hang  |   |
| 11) 4 | 38) P            | 65) tyre  | 76) He was angry with his classmates' constant teasing.   |
| 12) 4 | 39) G            | 66) far   |   |
| 13) 2 | 40) F            | 67) ahead   | 77) He could not walk after contracting polio.  |
| 14) 3 | 41) C            | 68) danger  |   |
| 15) 2 | 42) Q            | 69) found   | 78) She did not want him to be expelled again.  |
| 16) 4 | 43) E            | 70) make  |   |
| 17) 4 | 44) A            | 79) They refer to walking up the stairs.  |   |
| 18) 2 | 45) L            | 80) His sister wove fishing nets for extra money and he had to use donated crutches and braces. |   |
| 19) 3 | 46) had          | 81) The phrase is "insecure because of his disability."   |   |
| 20) 3 | 47) access       | 82) It means his arms were in pain from doing laps in his wheelchair.                           |   |
| 21) 4 | 48) using        | 83) He had a job and a wife.  |   |
| 22) 3 | 49) with         | 84) He is a medical scientist and raises money for charity.                                     |   |
| 23) 2 | 50) for          | 85) The word is "sluggish"  |   |
| 24) 1 | 51) conveyed     |   |   |
| 25) 3 | 52) corporations |   |   |
| 26) 1 | 53) bulletin     |   |   |
| 27) 4 | 54) on           |   |   |