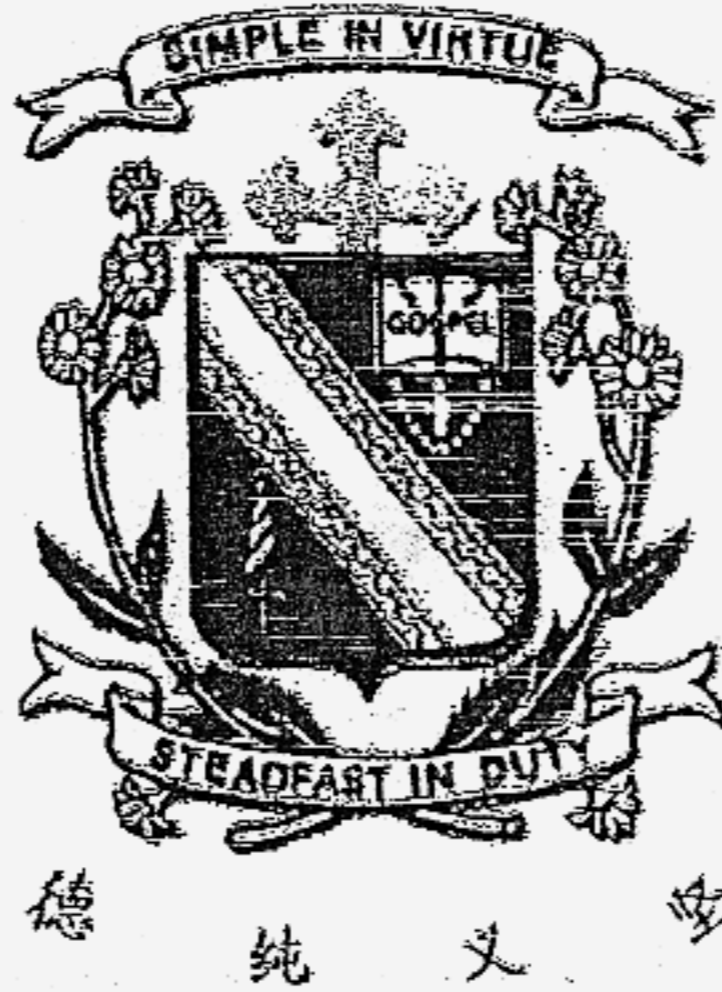


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## CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL



Primary 5

Semestral Assessment 2 – 2007

English Language

PAPER 2

BOOKLET A

27<sup>th</sup> September 2007

Total Time for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

30 questions  
30 marks

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

Follow all instructions carefully. STAR ZEST HOME TUITION TEL 63845607

Answer all questions.

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

**Family Day 2007**

**At the Esplanade**

**15 December 2007, Saturday**

**9.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m.**

**Welcome to the Party of the Year!**



A Fun-filled Fiesta for the whole family to enjoy!  
In aid of 26 charitable organisations of Community Chest &  
National Council of Social Service

***Family Telematch***

Watch family teams play exciting games such as 3-legged race and sack race to foster family bonding. Many fabulous prizes to be won!

***Children's Fun World***

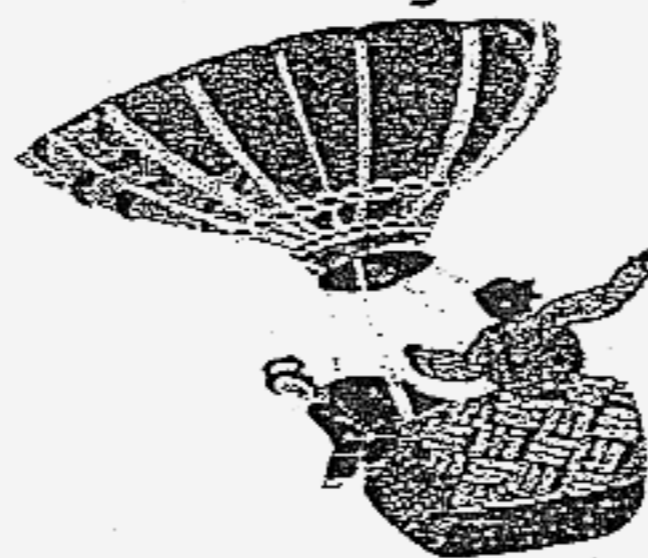
Bring your kids and they will be squealing with delight. Go through the amazing maze, jump and have fun on a happy clown bouncer, participate in our live bird shows and mingle with the clowns!

***Stage Entertainment***

Watch out for our impressive skits on family values and don't miss the 'Dikir Barat' national champs! Plus lots more items!

***Madmax Hot Air Balloon Rides\****

First time ever in Singapore. Travel 10 floors up and have a unique view of the Padang.



\* Not suitable for pregnant women & children under 12 years old.

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. The Family Day 2007 Telematch is organised so that \_\_\_\_\_.

- family togetherness can be promoted
- a sense of pride can be cultivated in children
- creativity can be instilled amongst family members
- understanding can be fostered amongst different races

2. The proceeds from the carnival will also be used to \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1) construct the Community Chest premises
- 2) fund the year-end celebration of the NCSS
- 3) help the various charities of the Community Chest
- 4) foster close relationship amongst different families

3. Children can \_\_\_\_\_ in the Children's Fun World.

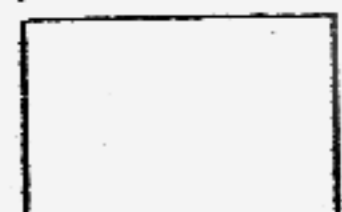
- dress up as a clown
- impersonate as a bouncer
- jump and play on a clown bouncer
- watch birds mingle with the clowns

4. Both adults and children can take part in the activities such as the \_\_\_\_\_.

- skits
- telematch
- amazing maze
- hot air balloon rides

5. The Madmax Hot Air Balloon Rides \_\_\_\_\_.

- are only meant for the adult visitors
- have been showcased before in Singapore
- might not be so popular due to its risk factor
- would most likely be the highlight of the event



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 ) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(7 marks)

6. The twins \_\_\_\_\_ parents died in the recent earthquake are cared for by a social welfare organisation.

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

7. The teacher will not address you \_\_\_\_\_ you are polite.

- (1) if
- (2) since
- (3) unless
- (4) because

8. The children \_\_\_\_\_ lucky not to be caught in the heavy downpour earlier.

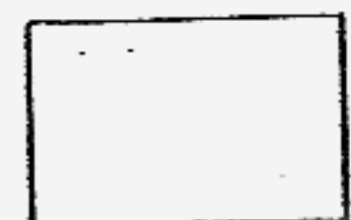
- (1) was
- (2) were
- (3) had been
- (4) have been

9. \_\_\_\_\_ missing the train, my father still reached his office on time.

- (1) Despite
- (2) Although
- (3) However
- (4) In spite of

10. Veronica, as well as James, \_\_\_\_\_ not very keen in attending the camp next week.

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



11. I saw the old lady \_\_\_\_\_ into the sea to escape from the burning ship.

- (1) jump
- (2) jumped
- (3) has jumped
- (4) was jumping

12. "Henry, can you \_\_\_\_\_ the file along when you come for the meeting tomorrow?" said Mr Gan.

- (1) bring
- (2) fetch
- (3) send
- (4) take



For each question, from 13 to 15, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

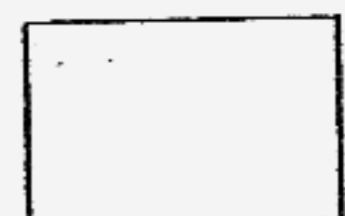
(3 marks)

Jane approached the mansion. Everything inside appeared dark and deserted (13) but she could clearly see the tiny pinpoint of light indicating that someone was inside searching. "Someone with a torch (14) she gasped. What should she do now? Should she run back to the beach house and call the police? What if it was too late by the time the police arrived (15) She could not take any chance. She pushed open the heavy door with bated breath. With her heart pounding wildly, she tiptoed inside. All of a sudden, the lights flickered and Jane saw only a shadowy figure; there was no one.

13.  [.] full stop  
 [,] comma  
 [?] question mark  
 [!] exclamation mark

14.  [,"] comma and inverted commas  
 [." ] full stop and inverted commas  
 [?" ] question mark and inverted commas  
 [!" ] exclamation mark and inverted commas

15.  [,] comma  
 [?] question mark  
 ["] inverted comma  
 [!] exclamation 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) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(5 marks)

16. My classmate is very \_\_\_\_\_. She always wants to know what I am doing.

- (1) sensitive
- (2) fastidious
- (3) inquisitive
- (4) precocious

17. If anyone had witnessed a crime, he or she has to \_\_\_\_\_ in court.

- (1) verify
- (2) certify
- (3) rectify
- (4) testify

18. It was such a \_\_\_\_\_ story that tears welled up in my eyes.

- (1) pathetic
- (2) poignant
- (3) pessimistic
- (4) provocative

19. Samy \_\_\_\_\_ the coffee slowly because it was piping hot.

- (1) gulped
- (2) sipped
- (3) slurped
- (4) gobbled

20. The baby \_\_\_\_\_ the moment his mother was out of sight.

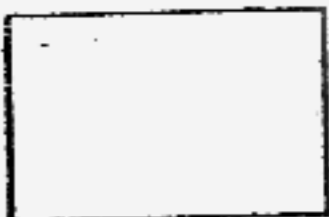
- (1) bawled
- (2) hollered
- (3) clamoured
- (4) screeched



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 ) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

It was very crowded at Dupers as they were having their annual sale. The atmosphere put my baby sister in a bad mood. I was flustered too, because I simply dislike crowds. We quickly headed to the Children's Department. I helped to keep an eye on my sister while my father chose suitable toys. My sister became restless; she started to throw tantrums and did not allow me to placate her. So, I was beginning to feel really angry with her. My father glared at her grimly and told her we would just cut short the shopping trip and return home. My sister cried more loudly. She sat on the floor and kicked her feet, wails loudly. Her loud wailing soon drew the attention of the other shoppers. My father was piqued. He tried to drag my sister up but she refused to budge. I squirmed with embarrassment and tried to think of a quick solution.

- 21.  (1) worried  
 (2) agitated  
 (3) panicked  
 (4) disgusted
  
- 22.  (1) cool  
 (2) calm  
 (3) coax  
 (4) cuddle
  
- 23.  (1) harshly  
 (2) violently  
 (3) hatefully  
 (4) viciously
  
- 24.  (1) shocked  
 (2) annoyed  
 (3) dismayed  
 (4) humiliated
  
- 25.  (1) rise  
 (2) walk  
 (3) move  
 (4) trudge





Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

In a village in Selangor, Malaysia, where I grew up, coconut trees shaded the wooden houses, where fathers bowed to the earth working the paddy, mothers stayed at home and their children ran around barefoot.

When I was ten and my sister Aini was seven, we had a hard time; Father was not earning enough from his jobs at the rubber estate and the paddy factory. Finally he decided that he could make a better living collecting rattan from deep in the forest and selling it to a nearby furniture manufacturer. 5

Mother was extremely worried that tigers would eat him, but Father said that it was better to risk his life being eaten by a tiger than sit at home and not eat anything at all. So early one morning, he set out on his motorcycle looking for rattan. Suddenly, Aini and I had no way of getting to school, which was far from our home. I could think of nothing better than to miss school and play with my little sister. As we stood at the front door waving goodbye to Father, I whispered to Aini that we were going to scoop up tadpoles from the backyard pond and put them in a glass jar as pets. We both grinned in anticipation. 10 15

Our happiness did not last long. Mother suddenly appeared behind us with her hands on her hips and said, "What are you both doing here? It's getting late."

"Get dressed," she ordered. 20

"Get dressed for what?" I questioned. **Mother's eyes bulged.** "My, surely not for your wedding. For school, of course," she replied assertively. My jaw dropped. "Father is gone, and we can't walk to school, if that's what you mean," I cried. Mother shook her head and answered, "You're not walking. I'm going to take you to school today. There's your father's bicycle." 25

Looking towards the lawn, we saw an extremely old bicycle leaning against the coconut tree. The handle was bent into an odd, twisted shape and the right pedal was nothing but an iron rod. It had been quite some time since anyone had used the bicycle and I wondered if it even worked. I told Mother that the bicycle would be so slow that we would be old by the time we reached school. Irritated by my insolence, she told me sharply not to get smart with her or she would make my ears hot and tingling. 30

I looked at Aini for support. She declared that she would be ashamed forever if she went to school on that bicycle. Mother shot back that she did not remember adopting the prime minister's daughter. "So you're going to school on that today," she said. End of the argument. With hearts as heavy as the house, we got into our school uniforms with sour looks on our faces and stomped out of the house. 35

For each question from 26 to 30, 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. (5 marks)

26. What does the writer suggest when he says "we had a hard time"?

- 1) They had poor living conditions.
- 2) They were abused by their parents.
- 3) They could not meet their basic needs.
- 4) They had to work very hard in the paddy.

27. The sentence "Mother's eyes bulged." tells that the writer's mother was \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1) amused
- 2) petrified
- 3) troubled
- 4) displeased

28. Based on the passage, how did the writer usually go to school?

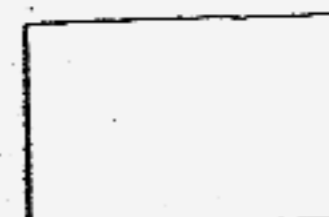
- 1) He rode the old bicycle.
- 2) His father sent him to school.
- 3) His mother sent him to school.
- 4) He rode his father's motorcycle.

29) The writer's mother said that she would \_\_\_\_\_ his ears when he tried to be smart with her.

- 1) whip
- 2) twist
- 3) peck
- 4) scratch

30. We can conclude from the passage that the writer felt \_\_\_\_\_ after his mother insisted that he and Aini went to school.

- 1) uptight
- 2) appalled
- 3) indignant
- 4) dismayed



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## CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL



Primary 5

2<sup>nd</sup> Semestral Assessment – 2007

English Language

PAPER 2

BOOKLET B

27<sup>th</sup> September 2007

Booklet A	30
Booklet B	65
Total	95

Total Time for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

50 questions  
65 marks

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

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

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 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) <del>across</del>  | (D) <del>away</del> | (G) <del>in</del>   | (K) <del>off</del>  | (N) <del>through</del> |
| (B) <del>against</del> | (E) <del>by</del>   | (H) <del>into</del> | (L) <del>on</del>   | (P) <del>up</del>      |
| (C) <del>and</del>     | (F) <del>from</del> | (J) <del>of</del>   | (M) <del>past</del> | (Q) <del>with</del>    |

I spent six weeks at the bai, a kind of sanctuary for gorillas, in the Republic of the Congo, taking photographs of these fascinating creatures.

I was perched in a tree house. From here, I was able to view a clearing that drew my subjects from the dark forest and \_\_\_\_\_ the sunlight. I went \_\_\_\_\_ doctor's orders, recovering from hepatitis but determined to photograph one of the three bais along the Lokwe River in Odzala National Park.

Elephants help keep bais open \_\_\_\_\_ clearing trees and churning the forest floor to scoop up mineral-rich earth. Other animals move in to do the same \_\_\_\_\_ to graze.

I camped far \_\_\_\_\_ the bai to avoid spooking the animals \_\_\_\_\_ my scent. It paid \_\_\_\_\_ when I caught a gorilla family warily watching an elephant. I rose daily at 4.30 a.m. and fired \_\_\_\_\_ my stove to make strong coffee and instant oatmeal. I then faced an adrenaline-pumping walk \_\_\_\_\_ thick foliage where potentially dangerous encounters with animals were always \_\_\_\_\_ my mind. I know well the risk in facing a charging elephant or a defensive male gorilla.

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

(41)

Rain and floods are creating havoc in many parts of the world. Australia is **bareing** the brunt of quirky weather patterns.

(42)

Residents of south-eastern Australia, which had recently battled savage bushfires

(43)

and a long-standing **drowht** yesterday, ~~found~~ themselves confronting another climatic

(44)

emergency – the region's worse flood in 37 years.

(45)

(46)

Yesterday, massive flood waters sweep across parts of the parched region, **forsing**

(47)

hundreds to abandon their homes and **biznuses**. Officials warned the floods could worsen as rivers peaked.

(48)

Many roads and schools remain closed, and hundreds of homes is without power.

(49)

Meanwhile, the **dayri** farming town of Newry has disappeared under water.

(50)

It is not just Australia that is below the spell of the freaky weather. South Asia has

also suffered an onslaught of severe weather, as storms and floods hit Afghanistan, India and Pakistan over the last week, killing more than 500 people and affecting about 900,000 in

Fill in the blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

A great part of Arabia is desert. Here there is \_\_\_\_\_ but sand and  
 (51)  
 rock. The sand is so hot in the daytime that you cannot walk on it with your  
 \_\_\_\_\_ feet. Here and there in the desert are springs of water  
 (52)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ down in the ground. Here the intense rays of the sun cannot  
 (53)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ them and dry them up. These springs are few and far  
 (54)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ from one another. Grass covers the ground all around them. Fig  
 (55)  
 trees and tall palms surround the spring, \_\_\_\_\_ it a cool, green and  
 (56)  
 shady place. This is indeed a welcome \_\_\_\_\_ for any hot and parched  
 (57)  
 traveller seeking respite. Such a \_\_\_\_\_ is known as an oasis.  
 (58)

Some Arabs live in the desert all the year round. They live in \_\_\_\_\_  
 (59)  
 which can be dismantled very easily as they move from one oasis to another. This migration  
 enables the nomads to \_\_\_\_\_ shade and grazing ground for their flocks of  
 (60)  
 sheep, goats and camels. The Arabs are \_\_\_\_\_ to have the finest horses  
 (61)  
 in the world. They are also passionate about their horses, acquiring equestrian skills of  
 \_\_\_\_\_ them since young. They are very fond of their horses and love them  
 (62)  
 as much as their loved ones. The horses are \_\_\_\_\_ in high esteem.  
 (63)

They are also treated with much \_\_\_\_\_. The Arabs even allow their horses  
 (64)  
 to \_\_\_\_\_ their tents with their families. Not surprisingly, they never put  
 (65)  
 heavy loads upon their horses and look after them very well.

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. Minah left the room. The room was dark and eerie.

\_\_\_\_\_ which \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

67. You have to change the battery. Then the clock will work.

\_\_\_\_\_ unless \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

68. "Betty, did you give Miss Tan your book yesterday?" Sandy asked.

Sandy asked Betty \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

69. Mr Wong is a good cook and so is his wife.

Both \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

70. David wants to go fishing. His brothers want to go fishing.

\_\_\_\_\_ as well as \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

A few weeks into the long holidays, I was beginning to feel rather restless. I had gone shopping with my friends, caught the latest movie in town, read all the books I wanted to, and now I did not know what to do with myself. I even contemplated on getting a part-time job, but I was too lazy. As I lay on my bed, my grandmother sighed and said, "Susan, why don't you tidy up your room? It is such a mess. Come on, you have slept enough. Get up now!"

5

Slowly, I dragged myself out of bed and wearily set about the mammoth task. It seemed impossible; so much junk strewn about the floor, magazines and books all over the table and cobwebs decorating the corners.

As the afternoon wore on, I began to feel happier actually. I suppose the sight of my tidier room must have lifted my spirits. Soon I found myself humming cheerfully.

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After wiping the dust off my writing table, I sat down on my chair to rest awhile. My eyes fell on a sturdy metallic box at one corner of my room. I felt elated suddenly as I remembered what I had put in there. Inside were my most precious belongings: souvenirs, badges, friendship bands and other knick-knacks that I had kept as a schoolgirl. The thought of rummaging through those belongings further brightened my day.

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I dragged the box to the centre of the room and tried to pry open it. It would not budge. Locked I thought; where did I put the key? My mind worked furiously. Oh yes, the key was in the left-hand corner of my writing table. I distinctly remembered putting it there. I opened the drawer and searched inside, but the key was not there. I removed the drawer and emptied its contents on the floor. After a few minutes of searching, I found myself boiling inside. There was no key. There was no key in the other drawer too. I wanted to scream.

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Muttering oaths and curses under my breath, I searched all the possible places in the room. I spent a good part of an hour going twice over all these places, but I still could not find the missing key.

Finally, I stormed out of the room and yelled at my parents, questioning them about the key. Nobody could help me. They were unhappy with the way I had behaved. I went back into the room, stared at the offending box and gave it a kick. All I got was a painful foë.

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I considered prying the box with a crowbar, but I decided against it because it was too beautiful to be destroyed. Then I tried opening the stubborn lock with whatever keys my hands could get hold of. It was futile and I gave up in despair. I pushed the box back into its corner.

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Later that week, Mike, my younger brother, invited me to go fishing with him. I accepted his invitation. I dug up some worms while he prepared the fishing rods. Soon we were at our favourite spot by the river. I cast my line and waited for the fish to bite.

Suddenly, Mike yelled in delight. He had a bite and began pulling in his line. He had caught a big bass. Then from the corner of my eye, I saw something familiar. The weight that Mike had tied to his line. I grabbed the weight and looked hard and long at it. It was my missing key.

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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. What two things did the writer do during the long holidays?

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72. What was the 'mammoth task' that her grandmother had asked her to do?

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73. Which three-word phrase tells us that the writer was pleased with what she had done?

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74. What does 'there' in line 13 refer to?

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75. Why was the writer so determined to open the box?

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76. What was the writer's reaction when she could not find the key?

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77. Give a word to describe the author's behaviour towards her parents.

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78. Explain why the writer found the box 'offending'?

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79. Which sentence shows that the writer decided not to open the box due to her failed attempt?

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80. What had happened to the writer's key?

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## CHIJ Primary School

### Primary 5 English SA2 Exam (2007)

#### Answer Keys

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7
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| 51. nothing | 52. bare       | 53. deep    | 54. reach | 55. away  |
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| 61. known   | 62. riding     | 63. held    | 64. love  | 65. share |

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69. Both Mr Wong and his wife are good cooks.
70. David as well as his brothers wants to go fishing,
71. The writer had gone shopping with her friends and caught the latest movie in town.
72. The task was to clean up her messy room.
73. The three-word phrase is "lifted my spirits".
74. It refers to the metallic.
75. The things in the box reminded her of her school days.
76. She was angry.
77. The word is "rude".
78. She could not open the box where all her precious items were kept, no matter how hard she tried.
79. It was futile and I gave up in despair.
80. Her younger brother Mike had used it as a weight for his fishing line.