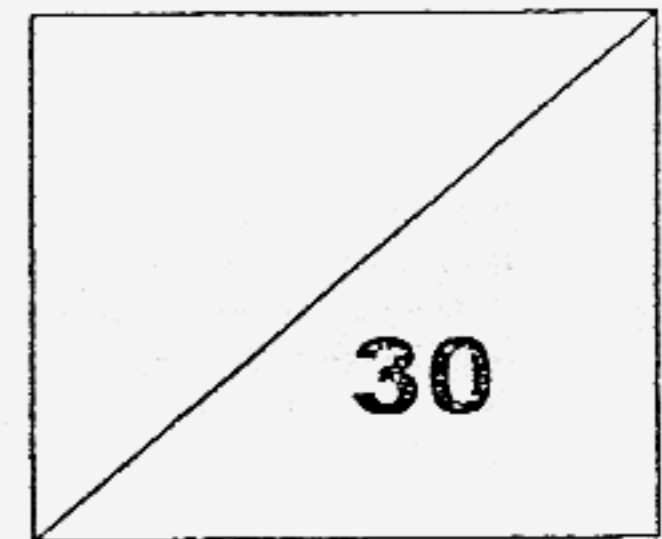


Methodist Girls' School (Primary)
Primary 5 End-of-Year Examination 2006
ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Paper 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)
BOOKLET A

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



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Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

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Class : P 5. _____

Date : 4 October 2006

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

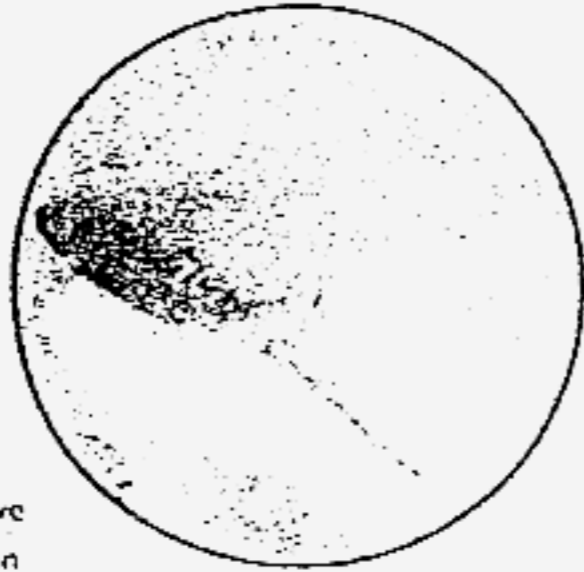
Underwater World Singapore

Dive into the ocean and stay dry

Enter a fascinating world of thrills and spills at Underwater World Singapore! This state-of-the-art leisure and educational attraction showcases diverse treasures of the deep. For the adventurous, there are programmes to bring you to the heart of the action. Prepare for a sensory assault as you journey forth...

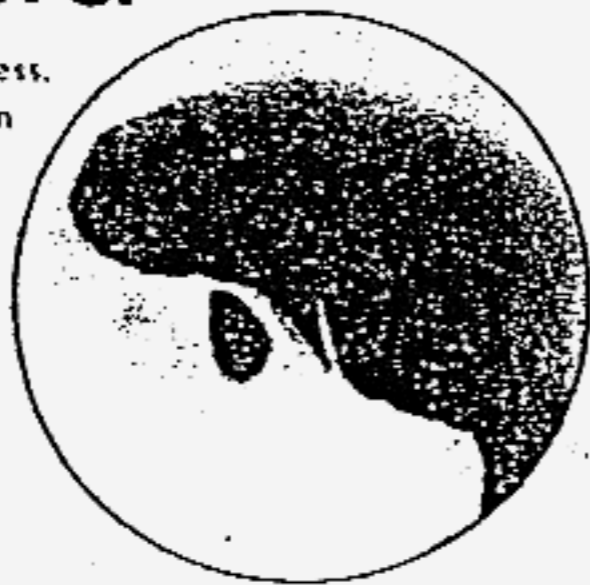
Tunnel under the sea

Huge eagle rays glide overhead as you enter the Reef Colony while schools of colourful fish swim alongside. Fearsome bull sharks and sawfish await as you move deeper into the mysterious Ocean Colony. Be sure not to miss the gentle giant groupers and playful shovelnose rays too!



Rub noses with a mermaid

A picture of charming gentleness, it's easy to see why sailors often mistook dugongs for mermaids. Rescued as a calf off Pulau Ubin in 1998, Gracie has grown into a star in her own right. As one of the few aquaria in the world to house this marine mammal, you'll surely be enchanted by this endangered 'sea cow'.



Feeding Times

Location	Timings (Daily)
Turtle Pool	11am & 4pm
Ventury Lane	2.30pm
Reef Colony	11.30am, 4.30pm & 6pm
Ocean Colony	11.45am, 2.30pm & 4.45pm
Coralife	1.45pm & 5.30pm

Feeding times are subject to change without prior notice.

Sponsors



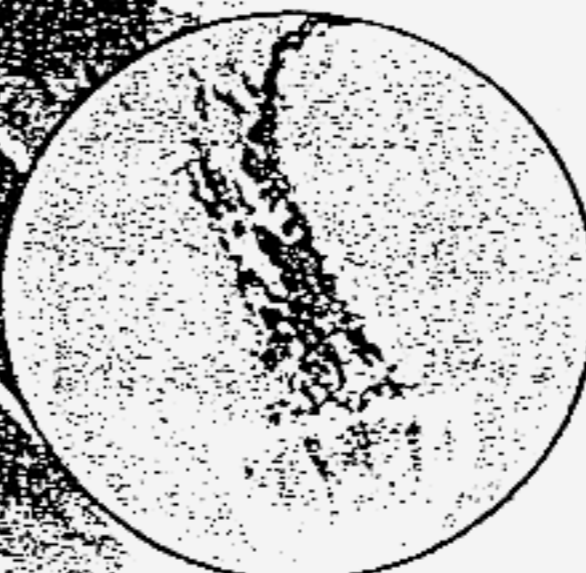
Get in touch with the deep

Stroke soft, smooth-skinned blue-spotted stingrays and rough-skinned bamboo sharks at our Touch Pool! Caress the colourful starfish but watch out for the archerfish shooting jets of water!



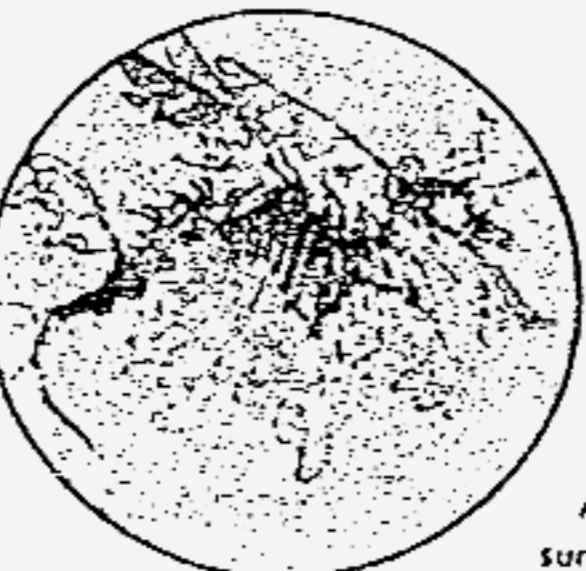
Steer clear of the deadly

Beware of dangers lurking in the waters! Watch the porcupine fish puff up in anger or the stone fish gobbling up its victims. Make sure you also catch the lion fish and moray eels in action!



Gaze at a marine Medusa

Be mesmerised by the graceful jellyfish in Jelly World! Believed to have outlived the dinosaurs, see them move and glow with elegance in the dark.



Confront the dragons

Marvel at the rare leafy and weedy seadragons on display. These gentle relatives of the seahorse resemble floating seaweed until shrimps swim by. After all, deception is the key to survival for these masters of disguise.

Pre-bookings required for the above programs. Please call +65 6275 0030 or visit us at www.underwaterworld.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 Underwater World Singapore _____.

- (1) displays a variety of sea creatures
- (2) introduces state-of-the-art marine life
- (3) attracts you to the treasures of the deep
- (4) prepares you for an action-packed journey

2 Visitors to the Underwater World get the chance to touch and feel the _____ in the Touch Pool.

- (1) gentle seahorses
- (2) gentle giant groupers
- (3) playful shovelnose rays
- (4) rough-skinned bamboo sharks

3 The _____ are best at camouflage.

- (1) sea cows
- (2) archerfish
- (3) eagle rays
- (4) seadragons

4 The _____ is believed to be one of the longest surviving prehistoric creatures.

- (1) dugong
- (2) starfish
- (3) jellyfish
- (4) stingray

5 The _____ can change its body size when provoked.

- (1) sawfish
- (2) stone fish
- (3) moray eels
- (4) porcupine fish

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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 correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (7 marks)

6 The cake, as well as the curry puffs, _____ made by Mdm Rahimah yesterday.

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

7 Please do not enter the building as it is _____ repair.

- (1) in
- (2) for
- (3) over
- (4) under

8 All the boys except Samy _____ to go swimming this afternoon.

- (1) want
- (2) wants
- (3) wanted
- (4) wanting

9 The furniture in our classrooms _____ removed. We have to sit on the floor for our lessons now.

- (1) has
- (2) have
- (3) has been
- (4) have been

10 He came early to make coffee for everyone, _____?

- (1) didn't he
- (2) hadn't he
- (3) hasn't he
- (4) doesn't he

11 The meeting was _____ to another day due to poor attendance.

- (1) put off
- (2) put out
- (3) put away
- (4) put down

12 "There is a spy _____ us!" exclaimed the superintendent.

- (1) within
- (2) inside
- (3) among
- (4) between

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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. (3 marks)

My grandfather lives in a big house with a huge garden in Malaysia. In his garden, there are many plants but my favourites are the rose bushes and the orchid plants.

Last Sunday, when I arrived there, he said (13) "Can you help me dig up some weeds that are growing near the plants?"

"Sure, but why do we need to do that (14) I asked, curious as usual.

"Well, weeds hinder the growth of plants and we must get rid of them (15) Grandfather explained.

13. (1) [:] colon
(2) [,] comma
(3) [.] full stop
(4) ['] apostrophe
14. (1) [, "] comma and inverted commas
(2) [. "] full stop and inverted commas
(3) [? "] question mark and inverted commas
(4) [! "] exclamation mark and inverted commas
15. (1) [,] comma
(2) [!] exclamation mark
(3) [, "] comma and inverted commas
(4) [. "] full stop and inverted commas

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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 (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

- 16 These patients suffering from contagious diseases must be _____ to an isolated ward.
- (1) defined
 - (2) confined
 - (3) deported
 - (4) assigned
- 17 The burglar and his _____ were caught after a short chase.
- (1) companion
 - (2) accomplice
 - (3) acquaintance
 - (4) contemporary
- 18 I would like to visit China. Please send me some travel _____.
- (1) booklets
 - (2) brochures
 - (3) directories
 - (4) particulars
- 19 After drifting in the sea for a few days, he was finally washed _____.
- (1) adrift
 - (2) aboard
 - (3) ashore
 - (4) overboard
- 20 I always wonder how John is able to find anything on his desk when it is so _____ with things.
- (1) clogged
 - (2) cluttered
 - (3) clustered
 - (4) congested

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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. (5 marks)

During the last holiday, one of my friends suggested that we should go for a hike instead of idling our time away at home. We welcomed the idea of a nature ramble and all (21)

agreed to meet at MacRitchie Reservoir the following Saturday.

We started off in high spirits, cracking jokes and singing all the songs we knew. (22)

There was a well-trodden path for the first few kilometres and we covered these with ease. (23)

The deeper we went into the forest, the taller the trees grew and the undergrowth was much (24)

thicker. From time to time, we came across strange plants bearing flowers of unbelievable (25)

beauty. We paused every now and then to collect those rare specimens.

- 21 (1) received
(2) embraced
(3) suggested
(4) acknowledged

- 22 (1) speedily
(2) promptly
(3) spiritually
(4) cheerfully

- 23 (1) effortlessly
(2) relentlessly
(3) meticulously
(4) competently

- 24 (1) ventured
(2) explored
(3) accessed
(4) rampaged

- 25 (1) Often
(2) Regularly
(3) Frequently
(4) Occasionally

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Read the passage below and answer the questions 26 to 30.

Inscribed with the words "fly to the skies" and "race to the moon", these bite-sized mooncakes may soon be the closest thing most Chinese can get to a taste – literally – of life in space.

Professor Bai Shuming, who develops space food with "Chinese characteristics" for China's astronauts, sees a promising future for some of his products on supermarket shelves. They have already received worldwide publicity and a ringing endorsement from China's first man in space. Astronaut Yang Liwei told millions of Chinese television viewers last month that Professor Bai's food "tastes great".

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Professor Bai and his team had prepared about 20 Chinese dishes for Colonel Yang to choose from, including spicy 'kung pao' chicken, shredded pork and even "eight treasure lotus" porridge with lotus seed and longan. They were made in a ready-to-eat form – bite-sized chunks to be eaten without utensils.

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The mooncakes were a special treat for Colonel Yang who, like most Chinese from the north-east, enjoys cooked wheaten food.

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"I was very happy when I heard that he enjoyed his meals in space," said Professor Bai, head of the Space Food and Nutrition Department at the Institute of Space Medico-Engineering.

He told *The Sunday Times* that several food companies have been asking if they could market some of the space food, including the foil-wrapped mooncakes, which would have immense novelty value among the Chinese. Another potential money spinner is the nutritional drink that reportedly helped Colonel Yang stay alert during his mission.

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With China planning to send two more astronauts into space within the next two years, he is expecting a busy time ahead. Aside from making sure that food is easy to eat in zero gravity and can withstand changes in temperature, it is also crucial to make them tasty.

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Professor Bai said, "A person's appetite is usually reduced in zero gravity, so it's essential that we provide what the astronaut likes to eat and he stays in tip-top condition for his missions."

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Asked what "delicacies" he would come up with for the next mission, he said, "With current technology, we can practically adapt any Chinese dish for space."

"The most difficult food to prepare in space is rice. We even have a research team working on getting the texture and taste right. As you know, we Chinese must have rice," Professor Bai smiled.

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Adapted from *The Straits Times*, 23 November 2003

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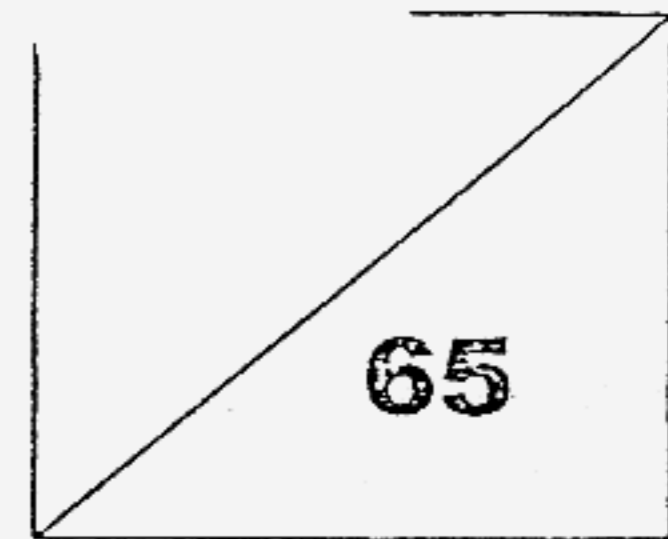
- 26 To bring out the "Chinese characteristics" (line 4) in his space food, Professor Bai has _____.
- (1) prepared food that is distinctively Chinese
 - (2) inscribed Chinese characters on the mooncakes
 - (3) developed wheaten food with the north-eastern flavour
 - (4) served Colonel Yang rice with the right texture and taste
27. Professor Bai sees 'a promising future for some of his products' (line 5) because _____.
- (1) the Chinese enjoy mooncakes
 - (2) everyone wants to enjoy his meals in space
 - (3) they have already received worldwide publicity
 - (4) his team has prepared about 20 Chinese dishes to choose from
- 28 Besides the foil-wrapped mooncakes, the _____ is likely to make a lucrative "landing" on supermarket shelves.
- (1) shredded pork
 - (2) nutritional drink
 - (3) "kung pao" chicken
 - (4) porridge with lotus seed and longan
- 29 Which of the following is not an important factor to be considered when preparing space food?
- (1) It must have a pleasant flavour.
 - (2) It should have immense novelty value.
 - (3) It can stand up to changes in temperature.
 - (4) It is prepared in pieces that are small enough to fit easily in our mouth.
- 30 It is important that an astronaut likes his food in space, so that _____.
- (1) he will be willing to endorse it
 - (2) he is physically fit for his missions
 - (3) Professor Bai can adapt more Chinese dishes for space
 - (4) a research team can work on perfecting the preparation of rice in space

End of Booklet A

Methodist Girls' School (Primary)
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BOOKLET B

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Answer all questions.

Name : _____ ()

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Date : 4 October 2006

This booklet consists of 8 printed pages.

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.

(A) a	(D) and	(G) in	(K) that	(N) to
(B) along	(E) for	(H) or	(L) their	(P) who
(C) although	(F) from	(J) since	(M) though	(Q) with

When was the last time you used crayons? Where did crayons come
_____?
(31)

Two cousins, Edwin Binney and C. Harold Smith, invented the crayon. The cousins worked for Edwin's father, Joseph Binney, at his chemical company. It created a red paint popular _____ covering barns on farms across the United States
(32)
_____ the second half of the 1800s. The two cousins formed _____
(33) _____ (34)
partnership called *Binney & Smith*. Together, they expanded the company's products to include shoe polish and printing ink. _____ do so, they expanded the
(35)
company's colour range beyond black and red.

They invented crayons to mark crates and barrels. These were not art crayons, _____
(36)
They contained harmful chemicals -- mainly carbons. Their goal was to create a safe wax crayon _____ students could use for artwork. In 1903, they
(37)
introduced _____ first box of eight crayons. Edwin's wife, Alice, named them
(38)
Creole Crayons. She combined the French words for 'chalk' _____ 'oily'.
(39)

That first box of crayons represented the colours of the rainbow _____
(40)
with brown and black. By 1958, they were producing crayons in 64 colours. Today, that box of 64 remains the most popular set of crayons.

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

(41)

Have you ever experience the tediousness of extracting the pith of a gingko

(42)

nut? Two 16-year-old students have devised a simple contraption to make this a thing in the past.

The Gingko Pith Remover comprises a cracker and two plungers and allows you

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(44)

to break the shell and removed the pith in one simple operasion. Just place the nut on

the seat of the cracker and pull the plunger.

The young inventors are Lee Zhengyi and Michelle Lam, who love gingko nuts,

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but want to avoid eating its toksik pith. Said Zhengyi, "Our mothers think it's too

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trabelsome to use toothpicks to remove the piths, so we come up with this handy

device."

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Their invention was unvealed yesterday at the 20th Tan Kah Kee Young

Inventors' Award Ceremony. Zhengyi and Michelle picked up their third consecutive

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Silver Award and \$2000 cash. They will consider patenting the invention after seating

for the 'O' levels.

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The public may viewed the winning inventions at the Singapore Science Centre

from today to June 4.

Adapted from *The Sunday Times*, 28 May 2006

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Fill in each blank with the most suitable word.

(15 marks)

Every school child has heard of the poem, *Mary and Her Little Lamb*, but did you know that there really was a Mary and she really did have a lamb?

In 1806, Mary Elizabeth Sawyer was born in Massachusetts, United States, on a farm (51)_____ her family raised many animals. Early one cold morning, she went to the barn with her father and found that two (52)_____ had been born in the night. One had been abandoned by (53)_____ mother and was nearly dead from the (54)_____ and starvation. She talked her father (55)_____ letting her take the lamb into the house. There she patiently warmed and (56)_____ it and by the next morning, it could stand up. It learned to drink milk and would follow Mary around everywhere she went.

(57)_____ the lamb grew, Mary regularly combed and bathed it and treated it much as a child today would treat a favourite puppy. As there were not many (58)_____ around for playmates, Mary used to dress the lamb in clothes and play with it (59)_____ a doll.

When Mary was about nine years old, she and her brother decided to take the lamb to school. As always, the lamb followed close (60)_____ her. When they got to school, Mary put the lamb under her chair and covered it with a blanket and it went to (61)_____. When the teacher called (62)_____ Mary to go to the front of the room to read, there was a *clatter, clatter, clatter* and the lamb rose to go with her. Mary was mortified! The teacher, Miss Polly Kimball, laughed out loud, as (63)_____ all of the children, but Mary was ashamed. The lamb spent the rest of the (64)_____ in a shed and Mary took it home at lunchtime.

John Roulstone had been visiting the school that morning and had heard about the (65)_____ with the lamb. The next day, he arrived on horseback to give Mary a slip of paper that had the original three stanzas of the poem he had written.

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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. Andy is poor at Art. His brothers are poor at Art.

Neither _____

67. May studied very hard for her test. She did not pass her test.

Although _____

68. "Have you done your homework?" Mother asked Peiling.

Peiling's mother asked _____

69. Peter wrote the report last night.

The report _____

70. The runner approached the finish line. He increased his speed.

_____ as _____

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Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

The country was India. Mr Wynnes, a government official, and his wife were hosting a large dinner party. They were seated with their guests in their spacious dining room, which had a bare marble floor, open rafters, and wide glass doors opening onto a veranda. A spirited discussion sprang up between a young girl and a colonel. The young girl insisted that women had outgrown the jumping-on-a-chair-at-the-sight-of-a-mouse era and the colonel disagreed. 5

"In any crisis, a woman's first reaction is to scream," the colonel said. "And while a man may feel like it, he has greater control over his emotions than a woman has. And that self-control makes a whole lot of difference."

One of the guests, Mr Philips, did not join in the discussion but watched the other guests. As he looked, he saw a **strange expression** come over the face of the hostess. She was staring straight ahead, looking slightly tense. With a slight gesture, she signalled to the servant standing behind her chair and whispered to him. **The servant's eyes widened, and he quickly left the room.** 10

Of the guests, none except Mr Philips noticed this or saw the servant place a bowl of milk on the veranda just outside the open doors. 15

Mr Philips came to with a start. In India, milk in a bowl meant only one thing – bait for a snake. He realised that there must be a cobra in the room. He looked up at the rafters – the likeliest place – but they were bare. Three corners of the room were empty, and in the fourth the servants were waiting to serve the next course. There was only one place left – under the table. 20

Mr Philips's first impulse was to jump back and warn the others, but he knew that would frighten the cobra into striking. He spoke quickly but calmly. "I want to know just what control everyone at this table has. I will count three hundred – that's five minutes – and not one of you is to move. Those who move will forfeit fifty rupees. Ready!" 25

The guests sat very still while he counted. He was saying "... two hundred and eighty ..." when, out of the corner of his eye, he saw the cobra move towards the bowl of milk. Screams rang out as he jumped to slam the veranda doors safely shut. 30

"You were right, Colonel!" Mr Wynnes exclaimed. "Mr Philips has just shown us what perfect control is."

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"Just a minute," Mr Phillips said, turning to the hostess. "Mrs Wynnes, how did you know that a cobra was in the room?"

A faint smile lighted up Mrs Wynnes's face as she replied, "Because it was crawling across my foot." 35

Adapted from *The Dinner Party*
by Mona Gardner

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. Where was the dinner party held?

72. In the colonel's opinion, how differently would a man and a woman react in a crisis?

73. Why was there 'a strange expression' on Mrs Wynnes's face (line 11)?

74. 'The servant's eyes widened' (line 14). Why?

75. What do you think Mrs Wynnes had told her servant before 'he quickly left the room' (line 14)?

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76. Pick a sentence from the passage which shows when Mr Philips first realised that there was a snake in the dining room.

77. What were the places Mr Philips looked at to check for the cobra?

78. What does 'that' in line 23 refer to?

79. Why did Mr Philips play the counting game with the other guests?

80. When did Mr Philips's game end?

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Answer Sheets

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
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Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
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41. experienced 46. troublesome 51. where 56. fed 61. sleep
42. Of 47. came 52. lambs 57. As 62. on
43. Remove 48. unveiled 53. its 58. children 63. did
44. operation 49. sitting 54. cold 59. like 64. morning
45. toxic 50. view 55. into 60. behind 65. girl

66. Neither Andy nor his brothers are good at Art.
67. Although May studied very hard for her test, she did not pass it.
68. Peiling's mother asked her whether she had done her homework.
69. The report was written by Peter Last night.
70. The runner increased his speed as he approached the finish line.
71. The dinner party was held in Mr. and Mrs. Wynnes's dining room.
72. A man would control his emotions, but a woman would scream in the colonel's opinion.
73. Mrs. Wynnes was startled because a snake had just crawled across her foot.
74. The servant was alarmed to learn that there was a snake in the dining room.
75. Mrs. Wynnes had told her servant to place a bowl of milk on the veranda outside the room to lure the snake away.

76. The sentence is 'Mr. Philips came to with a start'.
77. Mr. Philips looked up of the rafters and all the corners of the room.
78. It refers to Mr. Philips jumping back to warn the others that there was a snake under the table.
79. He did not want them to move otherwise the cobra might attack them.
80. The game ended when the guests saw the cobra moving.