

SINGAPORE CHINESE GIRLS' SCHOOL  
SECOND SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2006  
PRIMARY 5  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: Primary 5 :

PAPER 2  
BOOKLET A

30 questions

30 marks

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

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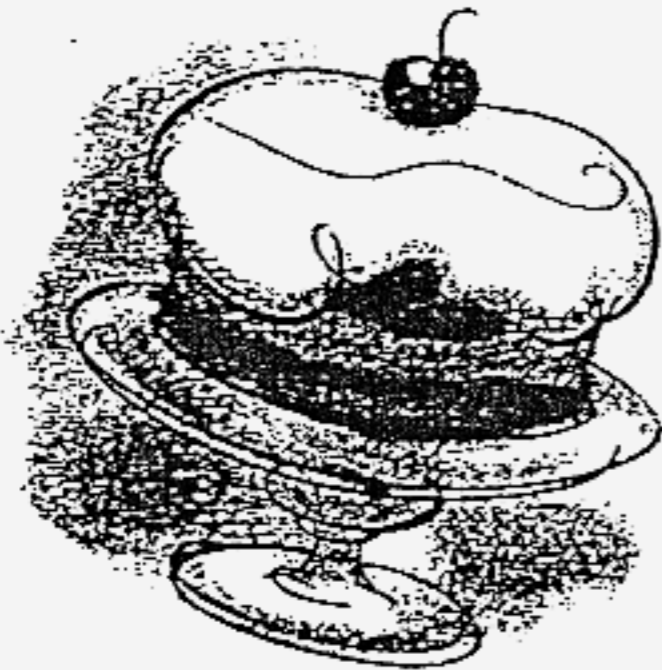
Answer all questions.

Study the following advertisement and answer questions 1 to 5.

*SWEET TOOTH PASTRY SHOP*  
*ORDER YOUR CAKE ONLINE NOW AND ENJOY DISCOUNTS*  
*OF 10% TO 25%*  
*OFFER VALID TILL 30 MAY 2006*

30% off  
our  
specialty  
cake till  
end of  
May ++

3-TIER  
WEDDING  
CAKE



*Strawberry Fudge Cake - A  
perfect cake for MOTHERS' DAY  
ONLY \$35 after discount*

*Besides our pastry outlets, you can now view and order our fine selection of delicious cakes and pastries through our website or by faxing in your orders. Your order can be collected from any of our stores located island wide or we can even deliver right up to your doorsteps.\**

*Our specialty - Double-Fudge Chocolate Cake is a big hit among our customers. It is definitely a cake worth your money! For kids, why not try our ice cream cake that comes with a complimentary toy!*

*WE have cakes for all occasions which will make your celebrations more memorable. SO..... what are you waiting for? Order now!*

*\*Free delivery but a charge of \$5 is applicable for orders \$40 and below. Delivery of cake/s limited to only one place per order.*

*++ online orders only*

*Website*

*[www.sweettooth.com.sg](http://www.sweettooth.com.sg)*

*Fax : 63333221*

*Tel : 67777888*

*Opening Hours:*

*Monday to Friday - 11am to 9pm*

*Saturday and Sunday - 12 noon to 8pm*

*We accept online orders 24 hours daily*

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. What is the promotion that Sweet Tooth Pastry Shop is offering to its online customers for a limited period only?

- (1) free delivery of cake/s ordered
- (2) 25% off all its cakes and pastries
- (3) 30% off its double-fudge chocolate cake
- (4) collection of their order/s from any of the shop's outlets

2. Which of the following statements is true?  
Customers \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) can collect from the pastry shop 24 hours daily
- (2) must pay a delivery charge if the order does not exceed \$35
- (3) can have the cakes delivered to their doorsteps free-of-charge
- (4) can collect personally from the shop or have their order delivered

3. There are \_\_\_\_\_ ways of ordering cakes from Sweet Tooth Pastry Shop.

- (1) one
- (2) two
- (3) three
- (4) four

4. Mrs Jone's four year old daughter is celebrating her birthday. The pastry shop recommends a/an \_\_\_\_\_ cake.

- (1) 3-tier
- (2) ice cream
- (3) strawberry fudge
- (4) double-fudge chocolate

5. The advertisement by Sweet Tooth Pastry Shop above entices people to order cakes \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) directly from its outlets
- (2) online especially its double-fudge chocolate cake
- (3) online so as to enjoy a 30% discount on its cakes
- (4) from them so as to enjoy the free delivery services

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. Neither the dancers nor the singer \_\_\_\_\_ performed before the President of Singapore.

- (1) has
- (2) have
- (3) shall
- (4) will

7. Marie loves to watch the rain \_\_\_\_\_ down the window as it reminds her of her happy childhood.

- (1) have trickled
- (2) trickle
- (3) trickles
- (4) trickled

8. The newly married couple is burdened \_\_\_\_\_ a heavy housing loan and is duly worried.

- (1) by
- (2) for
- (3) from
- (4) with

9. The naughty child has \_\_\_\_\_ to come forward to apologise for his unruly behaviour.

- (1) since
- (2) so
- (3) until
- (4) yet

10. The demonstrators burst \_\_\_\_\_ the building and took over the television station.

- (1) into
- (2) over
- (3) out
- (4) through

11. The twins will not help Jane move the heavy furniture unless she pays \_\_\_\_\_ for the effort.

- (1) her
- (2) him
- (3) them
- (4) us

12. After the boys \_\_\_\_\_ the fence, it started to pour.

- (1) had painted
- (2) have painted
- (3) paint
- (4) painted

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

Passepartout rushed out of the car. Thirty or forty passengers had already left their seats (13) among them Colonel Stamp Proctor.

The train had stopped before a red signal which blocked the way. The engineer and conductor were talking excitedly with a signal man. The passengers gathered around and took part in the discussion.

Passepartout, joining the group, heard the signal man say excitedly (14) No! "You can't pass (15) The bridge at Medicine Bow is shaky and would not bear the weight of the train."

*Adapted from "Around the World in Eighty Days" by Jules Verne*

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| 13. | <del>(1)</del> [ , ]<br><del>(2)</del> [ ! ]<br><del>(3)</del> [ . ]<br><del>(4)</del> [ ? ]       | comma<br>exclamation mark<br>full stop<br>question mark   |
| 14  | <del>(1)</del> [ , " ]<br><del>(2)</del> [ ! " ]<br><del>(3)</del> [ . " ]<br><del>(4)</del> [ " ] | comma and inverted comma<br>exclamation mark and inverted comma<br>full stop and inverted comma<br>inverted comma |
| 15. | <del>(1)</del> [ , ]<br><del>(2)</del> [ , " ]<br><del>(3)</del> [ ! ]<br><del>(4)</del> [ . " ]   | comma<br>comma and inverted comma<br>exclamation mark<br>full stop and inverted comma                             |



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. This is one of the few successful films this year in which the \_\_\_\_\_ are all females.

- (1) promoters
- (2) prosecutors
- (3) protagonists
- (4) protesters

17. This is a very delicate situation and the principal needs to handle it \_\_\_\_\_.

- ~~(1)~~ scholarly
- ~~(2)~~ sensationally
- (3) sensitively
- ~~(4)~~ soothingly

18. Jason is feeling \_\_\_\_\_. He is convinced that all his friends are out to trick him or lie to him.

- ~~(1)~~ delirious
- ~~(2)~~ euphoric
- ~~(3)~~ paradoxical
- ~~(4)~~ paranoid

19. Sarah \_\_\_\_\_ before she spoke as she was not sure how they would receive her suggestion.

- ~~(1)~~ hesitated
- ~~(2)~~ persevered
- ~~(3)~~ staggered
- ~~(4)~~ verbalized

20. The recent earthquake has badly damaged the country's \_\_\_\_\_ from electricity plants and generators to roads and bridges. Everything has come to a standstill.

- ~~(1)~~ amenities
- ~~(2)~~ conveniences
- ~~(3)~~ infrastructure
- ~~(4)~~ services

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)

When Wolfgang Mozart was a child sitting at the piano, his chubby hands **(21)barely** spanned an octave. But once he played, the music flowed from him. One day, he handed his father, Leopold, an ink-smearred page with his first composition **(22)scribbled** on it. Mozart was five years old.

Leopold, a middle-ranking musician in the service of the Prince-Bishop of Salzburg, realized then that his son had a chance at a better life. If the young Wolfgang was able to become famous at a very early age, there was a good chance he would later obtain a position at one of Europe's great royal court.

So an **(23)iron-hard regimen** of lessons began. One of his father's most unusual instructions was never to trust Italians, **(24)specifically** those Italians who were literally giving musical life its tone. Young Mozart took the warning to heart, all his life would feel that he was pursued and **(25)crowded out** by Italians. Before all that, however, the six-year-old went on a concert trip through Europe with his parents and his sister, Nannerl.

Adapted from "Mozart : Hungry for Life"  
Reader's Digest July 2006

21. ~~(1)~~ easily  
~~(2)~~ effortlessly  
~~(3)~~ readily  
~~(4)~~ scarcely
22. ~~(1)~~ written hurriedly without heed to legibility or style  
~~(2)~~ written in a clear and concise manner  
~~(3)~~ written legibly and in a manner that is easy to read  
~~(4)~~ written neatly so it is not difficult to decipher
23. ~~(1)~~ permanent schedule  
~~(2)~~ relaxed agenda  
~~(3)~~ strict and tough routine  
~~(4)~~ unreasonable list of items to do
24. ~~(1)~~ explicitly  
~~(2)~~ implicitly  
~~(3)~~ indefinitely  
~~(4)~~ vaguely
25. ~~(1)~~ mobbed ~~by~~  
~~(2)~~ jam-packed  
~~(3)~~ made to feel uncomfortable  
~~(4)~~ not given space to develop and grow



Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30

How much do Singaporeans love their durian? Very much. And rising prices are not stopping them from getting their royal fix. This is how much normally cost-conscious Singaporeans love their durians – they are still snapping them up even though *prices of the king of fruit have spiked dramatically*.

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Over the past few months, prices have as much as doubled. Yet business everywhere from Geylang to Upper Serangoon is still brisk.

"People who love their durians will still buy, no matter what the price is," says Mr. Goh Kwee Leng, 55, owner of 717 Trading durian shop in Yio Chu Kang Road. At his shop, prices for the high-grade D24 variety jumped from \$2 to \$6 per kg last year to the current \$3.50 to \$10 per kg.

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Prices for 'Mau Shan Wang', the flavour of the moment that has dethroned D24, range between \$12 and \$15 per kg, compared to between \$8 and \$10 previously.

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So what's behind the price jump? Well, up to ninety per cent of Singapore's durian supply comes from Malaysia, and with the rest from Thailand and Indonesia. Malaysia's supply tumbled by thirty per cent this year, causing prices to jump. The supply squeeze follows the cutting down of the durian trees by many Malaysian growers.

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Over the past two years, the plantations in Malaysia ~~has~~ <sup>have</sup> reaped a near phenomenal bumper harvest, causing prices here to dive to as low as 50 cents for a small D24 durian. Prices were so low last year that when the durians fell to the ground, farmers did not even bother picking them up. To stem their losses, growers switched to growing other crops, like rubber, oil palm and cocoa.

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Showing how the supply has been shrinking, Singapore imported 20 700 tonnes of durians from Malaysia last year, down from 26 300 tonnes in 2004, according to figures from the Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority.

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It gets worse. Now, reports say that Johor, the biggest producer of durians in Malaysia, is expected to yield 7000 tonnes this year, a far cry from the 23 000 tonnes last year.

But things might look up. Singapore fruit sellers say prices might dip next month, as the Malaysian durian season hits its peak and feeds the market with more supply.

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In recent years, new species with bizarre names like "red prawn", "green bamboo" and "golden phoenix" have emerged. Those with the pre-fix, like D1, D2, D13 and D24 were given by the Malaysian Agriculture Department when they were registered.

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Whatever the name that is given to each range of durians, one thing is for sure. Despite the yo-yo price movements, durians continue to be the 'king of fruit' in Singapore.

Adapted from Sunday Times – Lifestyle August 2006

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26. Which was the most popular range of durian until recently?

- (1) D2
- (2) D13
- (3) D24
- (4) 'Mau Shan Wang'

27. What does the writer mean when he said "*prices of the king of fruit have spiked dramatically*" in line 4 to 5?

The prices of durians \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) have increased sharply
- (2) have increased gradually
- (3) have increased marginally
- (4) have not increased recently

28. The decrease in supply of durians to Singapore from Malaysia was attributed to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) fewer durian sellers in Singapore
- (2) fewer durian growers in recent years
- (3) Singapore buying more durians from Indonesia
- (4) the poor demand for durians from Singapore consumers

29. A word from the passage that suggests that Singaporeans are cautious with the way they spend their money is \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) brisk
- (2) yield
- (3) phenomenal
- (4) cost-conscious

30. In the passage above, what is the main idea that the writer wants to convey to the readers?

- (1) D24 is a popular range of durians amongst Singaporeans.
- (2) Malaysia is producing less durians as compared to last year.
- (3) Durians remain popular in Singapore despite the recent price hike.
- (4) Durians with the D-prefix were given by the Malaysian Agriculture Department when they were registered.

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Class: Primary 5

PAPER 2  
BOOKLET B

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

Max. Marks: 65

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

Write your answers in this booklet.

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) it   | (D) since | (G) which  | (K) beside | (N) are |
| (B) from | (E) they  | (H) before | (L) in     | (P) or  |
| (C) when | (F) were  | (J) why    | (M) at     | (Q) to  |

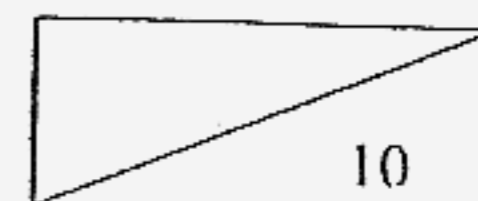
Australia is home (31) \_\_\_\_\_ the world's ten most deadly snakes. A bite (32) \_\_\_\_\_ any one of them can kill you but some day their venom may be saving lives.

Promising research using snake venom has led scientists at the University of South Australian to wonder (33) \_\_\_\_\_ no one had turned their attention to the venom of Australian snakes, especially (34) \_\_\_\_\_ they are known to contain a complex cocktail of toxins.

Now Associate Professor Anthony Woods and colleagues have identified a compound found (35) \_\_\_\_\_ the venom of these snakes that may stop the growth of malignant tumors. Woods explained that tumors (36) \_\_\_\_\_ living tissue and need a blood supply to fuel growth. To do so, (37) \_\_\_\_\_ develop specialized blood vessels. Many ~~are~~ cutting-edge cancer treatments attempt to starve the tumor of this blood supply, so arresting growth. The downside, however, is that healthy cells are affected as well. Woods discovered that, venom used (38) \_\_\_\_\_ extremely low doses kills the cells that line blood vessels in tumors, but not healthy cells.

Scientists believe that the ability to use the toxin at such low dose makes (39) \_\_\_\_\_ promising as a cancer treatment. However, more research is needed (40) \_\_\_\_\_ it can be tested in humans.

*Adapted from "Better Than Its Bite" Reader's Digest October*





Correct each word in bold for spelling and each underlined word for grammar.

Write the correct word in the relevant box.

(10 marks)

(41)

Finland was for the most part a quiet land, where a ramshackle

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cottage with a lake and a properly stoked sauna is all that is required for

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happiness. It is a varse expanse of forests and lakes and more forests,

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punctuated by towns full of people who are genuienly surprised to see

tourists.

During the months of the midnight sun, coastal regions are a sailing

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and fishing peradice. Finland, the largest unspoilt wilderness in Europe

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attracting thousands of trekkers every year. In the south, the capital

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Helsinki is a heaven for lovers of art and ackitecture.

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Skiing is understanding popular in the cool climates of Finland.

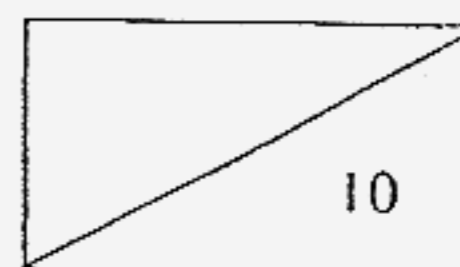
(49)

Boating can be enjoyment on both fresh and salt water, though like

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hiking, canouing is most enjoyable during the summer months. Rafters

make a beeline for the wild rapids in Lapland and North Karelia.





Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

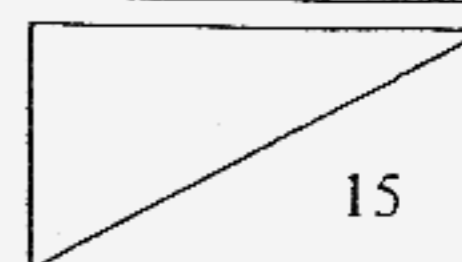
(15 marks)

Whales are broadly classified as predators, but their food ranges from microscopic plankton to very large fish. Males are called bulls; females, cows. The young are called calves. Whales also (51) \_\_\_\_\_ with each other using lyrical sounds. Being so large and powerful these (52) \_\_\_\_\_ are also extremely loud and can be heard for (53) \_\_\_\_\_ miles. They have been known to (54) \_\_\_\_\_ about 20,000 acoustic watts of sound at 163 decibels.

Whales breathe through blowholes, (55) \_\_\_\_\_ on the top of the head so the animal can remain (56) \_\_\_\_\_. The shapes of whales' spouts when exhaling after a dive seen from the right angle, differ (57) \_\_\_\_\_ species. Whales have a unique respiratory system that lets them stay underwater for long (58) \_\_\_\_\_ of time without taking in oxygen. Females give birth to a single (59) \_\_\_\_\_. In most whales reproductive maturity (60) \_\_\_\_\_ late. This strategy of reproduction produces few offspring, (61) \_\_\_\_\_ provides each with a high rate of survival.

Some whale species have a sophisticated social (62) \_\_\_\_\_. Their communication system may contain some of the elements of true language (63) \_\_\_\_\_. Our knowledge of whale communications is not very advanced. Whales also have very (64) \_\_\_\_\_ hearing, which gives them advanced echo-location capacities similar (65) \_\_\_\_\_ sonar - but so do bats. All this has led many zoologists to the conclusion that there is no convincing evidence for whale intelligence.

*Adapted from Internet "<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Whale>"*



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. I will have time to study for my examinations if my table tennis competition is held next week.

Unless \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

67. Poachers still hunt ~~the~~ alligators for their hide and meat although the law in certain countries protects them.

\_\_\_\_\_ but

\_\_\_\_\_

68. "I went to watch the soccer match with my father last night," said Beng Seng to his friends.

Beng Seng told his friends that

69. Some of the new items are unusual in nature; they make wonderful gifts.

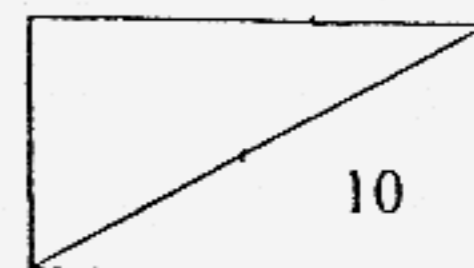
\_\_\_\_\_ which

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70. Janet is injured. She cannot take part in the race.

\_\_\_\_\_ because of

\_\_\_\_\_



Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

It was a rainy, gray Saturday morning. I was bored. I was at home for the holidays as I was studying in a girls' boarding school. All of my friends were out of town, and I had nothing to do. My two little sisters, Allison and Brooke, were playing in the next room. I decided to see what they were doing. I walked into the room that they shared, and saw a Candy Land board on the ground. They were finished playing with it, so I stooped down to pick it up and put it away. As soon as my hand touched it, Whoosh!

I was whizzing down a red licorice slide. I was moving so quickly that everything was a giant blur. Plop! I landed on what appeared to be a deserted beach. I put my hand down to help myself get up. I marvelled at the strange feel of the sand. I sifted the sand through my fingers, trying to decide how it was different from regular sand. It felt more like powdered sugar than sand. Wait a minute! I tentatively placed a finger in my mouth. It was powdered sugar. I licked my fingers clean, and stood up to go and explore. I certainly wasn't bored any more!

I walked towards the shimmering water. I noticed many seashells along the water's edge. I had a huge collection of shells at home from our last excursion to the beach, and I quickly decided to bring home a few shells from this unique beach. It was stickier than I expected.

I hesitated for a moment, but then my curiosity overcame me. I had to find out if *it* was as tasty as the sand! I nibbled at the edge of the brown shell. It was even better than the sand. The taste of chocolate was so wonderful that I put the whole shell into my mouth. I quickly bent down and shoved shells into my mouth until I wasn't quite so hungry. Then I slowed down and began to savor the tastes. They definitely matched the colours of the shellfish. I tasted vanilla, chocolate, caramel, and even strawberry.

I was beginning to wonder how I had arrived in this bizarre place. It certainly was unusual. The last thing that I remembered doing at home was picking up the Candy Land game. That was it! It suddenly made sense. I had somehow ended up in a real Candy Land.

It occurred to me that I was going to have to figure out how to get home. I knew that I was going to eventually miss my family, and even get hungry for some nourishment other than candy. I stood up and began walking. I remembered sliding down a licorice slide. I saw a playground in the distance. I began rapidly running toward the red slide.

*Adapted from "2003abcteach.com-Candy Land"*

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. What was the writer's intention when she went into her sisters' room?

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72. What happened when the writer touched the Candy Land board game?

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73. How did the writer feel after eating the "sand"?

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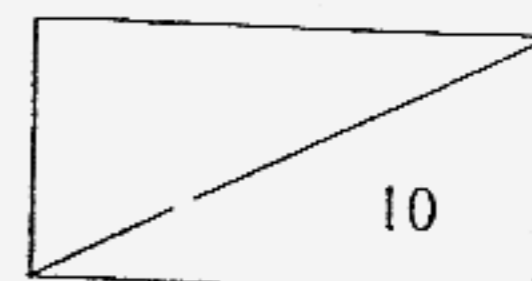
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74. Were the shells colourful? How do you know?

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75. Why was the place referred to as "this unique beach"? (refer to line 16)



76. Which sentence in the passage suggested that the writer was very hungry?

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77. What does "it" in line 19 refer to?

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78. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as "enjoy"?

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79. Why did the writer want to get back home?

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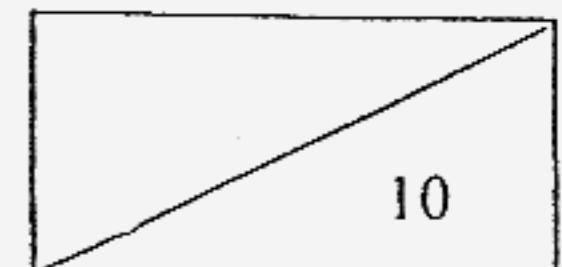
80. How did the writer plan to go home?

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# Singapore Chinese Girls Primary School

## Answer Sheets

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41. is                      46. attracts                      51. communicate                      56. underwater                      61. but  
42. by                      47. architecture                      52. creatures                      57. between                      62. system  
43. vast                      48. understandably                      53. many                      58. periods                      63. but  
44. genuinely                      49. enjoyed                      54. make                      59. offspring                      64. food  
45. paradise                      50. canoeing                      55. located                      60. begins                      65. to

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77. It refers to the brown shell.
78. It is 'savor'.
79. The writer would miss his family and get hungry for some nourishment other than candy.
80. The writer planned to slide down a red licorice slide and end up home.