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# TAO NAN SCHOOL

## SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT TWO – 2004

### ENGLISH LANGUAGE

**Instructions to pupils:**

1. Do not open the booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Read all instructions before attempting the questions.
3. Answer all questions.
4. Check your work thoroughly before handing it in.

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Score for Booklet A	/ 35
Score for Booklet B	/ 65
Total Score	/ 100
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**Section A ( 5X1 mark )**

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

**MEET & GREET OUR KIDS SQUAD CHARACTERS  
FLIP, PIP & BLIP IN A SPECIAL MUSICAL !**  
28 & 29 Aug – Compass Point (3 p.m.)  
4 - 8 Sep – Causeway Point (1 p.m. & 6 p.m. daily)  
9 -12 Sep – North Point (1 p.m. & 6 p.m. daily)

For the next 80 days, shop at  
Causeway Point, Compass Point  
or North Point to receive  
**Triple Treats!**



**MONTHLY TREATS**

**SAIL-IN-THE-SUN LUCKY DRAWS**

Every \$50 spent entitles you to one stamp on your Triple Treats Reward Card and a chance to win an exciting 3-Night Penang Cruise for 2, on board Sun Cruise. There is one trip to be won each month from now till Oct 2004 at each mall.

**LIMITED EDITION COLLECTIBLE CUSHIONS**

Collect a limited edition cushion with every 3 stamps (every \$150 spent) on your Triple Treats Reward Card. Hurry! Limited to the first 1000 redemptions of the month at each mall.

**FREE \$5 MALLS-OF-CENTREPOINT VOUCHERS**

Accumulate 6 stamps on your Triple Treats Reward Card (\$300 spent) and you will receive an additional \$5 shopping voucher. Hurry! Limited to the first 3000 redemptions of the month at each mall.

**3-MONTH MAGIC**

**WIN HOLIDAY PACKAGES IN OUR  
3 HOT SPOTS GRAND LUCKY DRAW**

Every \$50 spent gives you a chance to win:  
Grand Prize: A 6-day trip for 4 adults to Brisbane, Australia  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: A 7-day trip for 2 to Korea  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: A 7-day trip for 2 to Taiwan



Tune in to Y.E.S. 93.3 FM,  
Capital 95.8 FM & Love 97.2 FM  
and stand to win prizes!

**Citibank Cardmembers Special**

Citibank Cardmembers will enjoy triple chances for the 3 Hot Spots Lucky Draw and Sail-in-the-Sun Lucky Draw when you charge \$50 to your Citibank credit cards or Ready Credit. Plus, charge a minimum of \$100 to your Citibank credit cards or Ready Credit and receive a limited edition cushion.

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.

1. Mrs Lian has purchased a dress worth \$89.90.  
She is entitled to a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) \$5 shopping voucher
  - (2) limited edition cushion
  - (3) lucky draw and a trip to Penang
  - (4) Triple Treats Reward Card and a stamp
  
2. My twelve-year-old sister wants to watch Flip, Pip and Blip perform,  
she has to go to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) North Point on 29 August
  - (2) North Point on 8 September
  - (3) Compass Point on 28 August
  - (4) Compass Point on 4 September
  
3. The best way to increase your chances to win the Grand Prize is to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) tune in to Y.E.S. 93.3 FM, Capital 95.8 FM and Love 97.2 FM
  - (2) charge all purchases to Citibank credit cards or Ready Credit
  - (3) collect combined receipts from Causeway Point, Compass Point and North Point
  - (4) shop at Causeway Point, Compass Point and North Point from 13 August to 31 October
  
4. Which of the following is the main advertiser for this event?
  - (1) Sun Cruise
  - (2) Centrepoint
  - (3) Y.E.S. 93.3 FM
  - (4) Malls of Centrepoint
  
5. You can redeem a collectible cushion if you are \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) a Citibank Cardmember
  - (2) a winner in the Sail-in-the-Sun Lucky Draw
  - (3) the 1000<sup>th</sup> shopper at North Point who has spent \$200
  - (4) the 3000<sup>th</sup> shopper at Compass Point who has collected three stamps

**Section B ( 7X1 mark )**

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.

6. No one heard the couple \_\_\_\_\_ since they were behind closed doors.

- (1) argue
- (2) argued
- (3) had argued
- (4) were arguing

7. Suhua and De Ming always waited for \_\_\_\_\_ before fetching a pail of water from the village well.

- (1) himself
- (2) themselves
- (3) each other
- (4) one another

8. Mrs Bala \_\_\_\_\_ since she heard about her husband's serious accident.

- (1) did not sleep
- (2) has not slept
- (3) is not sleeping
- (4) does not sleep

9. A number of children \_\_\_\_\_ busy playing with their own toys now.

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

10. "Don't forget to \_\_\_\_\_ your wallet with you when you are leaving," reminded Father.

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

11. "\_\_\_\_\_ there be a call for me while I'm out, please take down the message," Jia Jia requested.

- (1) Might
- (2) Could
- (3) Would
- (4) Should

12. If neither the twins nor their best friend \_\_\_\_\_ coming to the party, John will be very disappointed as he has planned a special programme.

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

**Section C ( 3X1 mark )**

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.

Have you ever seen gymnasts perform? It takes enormous strength, agility and flexibility to perform at a gymnastic competition.

"I managed to outperform everyone else with my skills at last year's competition. How wonderful (13) I recalled.

The performance, called a "routine (14) usually lasts for fifty to seventy seconds. Athletes may perform any of these activities (15) floor exercises, ring, side horse, long horse, parallel bars and horizontal bars.

Among these, floor exercises require the most grace and creativity.

They must be performed in an area that is 12 metres by 12 metres.

13.  (1) ( . " ) full stop and close inverted commas  
 (2) ( , " ) comma and close inverted commas  
 (3) ( ? " ) question mark and close inverted commas  
 (4) ( ! " ) exclamation mark and close inverted commas

14.  (1) ( , ) comma  
 (2) ( " ) close inverted commas  
 (3) ( , " ) comma and close inverted commas  
 (4) ( " , ) close inverted commas and comma

15.  (1) ( . ) full stop  
 (2) ( , ) comma  
 (3) ( : ) colon  
 (4) ( ; ) semi-colon

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**Section D ( 5X1 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). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

16. John submitted his \_\_\_\_\_ to build a factory but it was rejected.

- (1) resume
- (2) concept
- (3) proposal
- (4) suggestion

17. In the West, it is a \_\_\_\_\_ for women to wear white dresses when they get married.

- (1) ritual
- (2) habit
- (3) routine
- (4) tradition

18. Investigators were called in to \_\_\_\_\_ the cause of the accident.

- (1) foretell
- (2) assume
- (3) estimate
- (4) ascertain

19. After two defeats, the coach tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the morale of the team by encouraging them.

- (1) boost
- (2) elevate
- (3) promote
- (4) enhance

20. "Remember to \_\_\_\_\_ one hour before the flight," Mr Tan reminded his son at the airport.

- (1) set off
- (2) sign in
- (3) take off
- (4) check in



**Section E ( 5X1 mark )**

For each question from 21 to 25 on page 8, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

Often, our lives are affected by the weather, which is something we cannot really control. Is it of much significance then, that we try to

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predict the weather so as to be prepared? Definitely so! There would have been so much less devastation to lives and properties.

(22)

The weather tells us what to wear and how one can play after school. Even emotions can be influenced by the sunny or rainy days that we go through.

(23)

The weather conditions that we face are very much linked to our geographical location. Areas nearest to the equator are warm while areas nearer the Poles are wet. In addition, our geographical location can also determine the types of seasons we may face. A mountain range like The Alps is perpetually snow-capped throughout the year. Unlike the

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weather in the temperate regions, it is mainly sunny throughout the year in areas near the equator.

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21. ~~(1)~~ interest  
~~(2)~~ prestige  
~~(3)~~ substance  
~~(4)~~ importance
22. ~~x(1)~~ demolition  
~~x(2)~~ elimination  
~~(3)~~ destruction  
~~x(4)~~ extermination
23. ~~(1)~~ affected  
~~(2)~~ effected  
~~(3)~~ disrupted  
~~(4)~~ damaged
24. ~~(1)~~ brave  
~~(2)~~ envision  
~~(3)~~ confront  
~~(4)~~ experience
25. ~~(1)~~ often  
~~(2)~~ rarely  
~~(3)~~ always  
~~(4)~~ occasionally

**Section F ( 5X2 marks )**

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

Action Asia Challenge, a well-known international extreme sports event, will be held in Singapore in October. It will be the third extreme sports event held within a space of three months. The first two events involved parachuting off the roof of the Swissotel, The Stamford and the Samsung Skydive Festival Singapore at Marina South.

The organiser's aim is to put Singapore on the world map as a "must see" destination. It is part of the Singapore Tourism Board's "Uniquely Singapore" campaign that tries to attract tourists here. The idea is to evolve Singapore's image into a more vibrant and exciting one, rather than just being known as a Shopper's Paradise. This change will benefit Singaporeans too since there will be less need for thrill seekers to go abroad to seek excitement.

Action Asia Challenge, a cross between the hot television series *Survivor* and *The Amazing Race*, is an adventure extreme sports event that is expected to last between four and eight hours. Like many extreme sports, participants are encouraged to form teams of two or three to overcome a series of non-stop strenuous challenges. The 300-odd athletes will have to cover a distance of up to 50 km and the fastest team wins.

Some of the gruelling activities that participants have to do include: Abseiling, The Flying Fox, Ocean Swimming and Trail Running. A unique aspect of the event is that participants cannot scout the course beforehand since the race route will only be known on the day of the event itself. However, only the start and finish points of the race will be revealed in advance.

Previously, this made-for-TV event, Action Asia Challenge, had been telecast over ESPN and the National Geographic Channel. It was a big success elsewhere. It attracted at least 120 million viewers worldwide. The event will also attract press coverage from Asian countries such as Japan, Korea and Hong Kong.

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

26. The main purpose of the Action Asia Challenge is to

- (1) garner worldwide viewership
- (2) attract local thrill seekers only
- (3) increase the number of foreign visitors
- (4) compete with the television series *Survivor* and *The Amazing Race*

27. Before launching the "Uniquely Singapore" campaign,

- (1) Singapore was known as a Shopper's Paradise
- (2) Singapore never had a vibrant and exciting image
- (3) Action Asia Challenge was already a success in Singapore
- (4) Action Asia Challenge was held over a duration of three months

28. From the passage, pick a word that means the same as **demanding great effort and determination**.

- (1) vibrant
- (2) exciting
- (3) gruelling
- (4) extreme

29. Which of the following statements is **true**?

- (1) After this event, Singaporean thrill seekers will not go abroad for extreme sports.
- (2) Parachuting and Skydiving were held before October.
- (3) There will only be television coverage for Action Asia Challenge.
- (4) Action Asia Challenge is an eight-hour long television programme.

30. Which of the following is a distinctive feature of Action Asia Challenge?

- (1) Action Asia Challenge allows for team participation.
- (2) Participants from all over the world can take part.
- (3) The route is kept a secret until the day of the competition.
- (4) There is a lot of television coverage from Asian countries.

**Section G (10 x 1 mark)**

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.

**EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE**

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|------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| (A) as     | (D) during  | (G) just  | (K) them    | (N) where |
| (B) any    | (E) forward | (H) no    | (L) through | (P) which |
| (C) before | (F) into    | (J) since | (M) towards | (Q) with  |

Tim has done it again. "This will be the world's most powerful magnet!" he exclaimed, peering (31) the round glasses perched on his nose. In his hand was a small box, (32) larger than a bar of soap. When he turned the switch on, the magnet pulled at all the metal objects nearby (33) the box. Regardless of the size of the objects, the magnet could move (34).

Suddenly, Tim's pet monkey ran into the room. The monkey chattered loudly (35) it climbed onto Tim's shoulder. (36) then, the telephone rang. Tim put his invention carefully on a shelf and hurried out of the room to answer the phone. (37) Tim's absence, the monkey leapt onto the shelf and picked up the box. The monkey examined it carefully (38) hopping out of the open window. As it scurried down the street, it began turning the switch on and off. Right at this moment, a lady stepped out of a beauty salon (39) her lovely new hairdo. The monkey turned on the magnet (40) sent all the pins flying out of her curls. Her hair went *SPROING!* and stuck out just like a lot of springs.

**Section H (10 x 1 mark)**

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

In the old days, Chinese opera was a living art form in more ways than one.

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They were live performances and the performers could actually made a living out of it.

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These opera troupes were **espeshely** active during the seventh month of the lunar

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calendar, the period of the Hungry Ghosts Festival, with departed ones return as ghosts

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to our world. We had to pray and offering them food and 'spirit money'. There was a

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truly festive **atmesfear**. The Teochew opera would start around noon and, with breaks,

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continue into the night. It was performing on a decorated, covered stage and the

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music was provided by a live orchestra. The audience **ockuppied** rows of chairs. The

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people came and went any time they **pleezed**. Around the stage and along nearby

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roads were rows of hawker stalls that sells food, drinks and toys. For the children, the toys

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on sale were the real attraction. A **faveret** toy of theirs was the plastic sword. It is a

replica of the equally fake sword seen on the opera stage.

*Adapted from Good Old Days (Slices of Singapore) by G C Soh*

**Section I ( 15X1 mark )**

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Thinking of taking a break but not knowing where to go? How about taking a (51) \_\_\_\_\_ on the world's most famous ship, Queen Elizabeth II? You can sail aboard the superliner (52) \_\_\_\_\_ a very reasonable price.

A whole host of (53) \_\_\_\_\_ await you on board. You can start the day with a stroll around the upper (54) \_\_\_\_\_ to enjoy the breeze or go for a workout in the (55) \_\_\_\_\_ where instructors will take you through a session of physical (56) \_\_\_\_\_ activities. For a less strenuous routine, you can (57) \_\_\_\_\_ attend the Yoga or meditation classes.

If you would like to "exercise" your (58) \_\_\_\_\_, crossword puzzles, computer workshops, Scrabble and other board games are available. You can take a tour of the Heritage Trail, do a few (59) \_\_\_\_\_ in the pool, jog round the track, or simply relax in a reclining chair and feel the gentle breeze.

You can enjoy continental cuisine in a restaurant that will whet your (60) \_\_\_\_\_. Alternatively, you can (61) \_\_\_\_\_ in comfort at the Lido Café where buffet meals are served. Passengers can also order food through room service around the (62) \_\_\_\_\_ as the galley is never closed.

At the music lounge, you can request the musicians to (63) \_\_\_\_\_ your favourite music. You can sing to your heart's (64) \_\_\_\_\_ using the karaoke facilities available.

With so many options to choose from, you will never be bored or face a (65) \_\_\_\_\_ moment. You will definitely have a whale of a time.



**Section J (5x2 marks)**

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).

66. Jack enjoys skating. Jill enjoys it as well.

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

67. Hwee Ling does not want to play in the hot sun. Hwee Ling prefers to stay indoors.

Hwee Ling would rather \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

68. Weiming will meet us at the playground this evening if it does not rain.

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

69. Mr Lee suffers from poor health. He still works long hours.

\_\_\_\_\_ even though  
\_\_\_\_\_

70. "Since you dirtied the floor, you must sweep and mop it!" Mrs Tan scolded the children.

Mrs Tan told the children that \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Section K (10 x 2 marks)**

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

A clumsy fleet of fourteen junks rolled through the South China Sea. They were large ships for their time, each measuring nearly thirty metres long, with four masts and oars that took four men to pull. Each junk raised as many as a dozen sails made of bamboo slats that rasped and clattered in the strong wind. It was 1291. Aboard one of these junks were Nicolò and Marco Polo. Both father and son were anxious to arrive at their **destination**. So was Nicolò's brother, Maffeo. After spending seventeen years in Mongol, the Polos longed to return home. Marco Polo was seventeen when he set out from his birthplace, Venice.

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The fleet of junks could not make good progress in the Northeast Monsoon winds. Bobbing violently in huge and strong waves, the junks had trouble staying together. Marco wrote in his book, *The Description of the World*, that it took "quite three months" to reach Sumatra, the place that Chinese mariners usually made in about half the time.

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For many years during their stay in Mongol, Marco had asked their patron, the Mongol emperor Kublai Khan, to allow them to depart. However, Kublai was both reluctant and unwilling to part with the Europeans as they were considered **novelties** at his court. To him, they were a group of unusual and interesting people. However, the Polos had sensed that Kublai Khan was losing his reign. This meant that it was no longer safe for them to remain in Mongol. This made the Polos more determined to leave Mongol as soon as possible.

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Finally, after many years of waiting, the Polos' wish of leaving Mongol came true. Throughout his stay in Mongol, Marco Polo often travelled with a seventeen-year-old Mongol princess named Kokejin. It was decided that Kokejin was to leave for Persia to marry Kublai Khan's great-nephew, Arghun. At the same time, Kublai Khan finally allowed the Polos to leave Mongol so that Kokejin could be escorted safely to Persia. In other words, if not for Kokejin, the Polos might never leave Mongol.

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At last, the Polos got out of Mongol with the extra satisfaction of getting out rich too! Kublai Khan had lavished gifts upon them, not only jewels but also two gold tablets the size of a man's hand. These tablets were special passports that signified Kublai Khan's orders. Officials anywhere in Mongol had to provide the Polos with whatever they needed for travel and comfort whenever the Polos showed them the tablets.

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*Adapted from Marco Polo III - Journey Home (National Geographic, July 2001) by Mike Edwards*

**ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.**

71. From paragraph 1, quote the **two** words which indicate that the junks made noises as they sailed.

72. How was Marco Polo related to Maffeo?

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73. Why were the junks unable to sail steadily on the water?

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74. What was the 'destination' mentioned in line 6?

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75. Why were the Polos considered 'novelties' in line 17?

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76. What was the main reason that made the Polos want to leave Mongol more urgently?

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77. What role did the Polos play during their journey to Persia with Kokejin?

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78. What important occasion would take place with the arrival of Kokejin in Persia?

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79. What unexpected bonus did the Polos receive when they left Mongol?

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80. Besides Kublai Khan, who played an important role in the Polos' eventual departure from Mongol? <sup>Write</sup> Which down a four-word phrase from the passage to support your answer.

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| 01. (4)        | 11. 4          | 21. 4  | 66) Both Jack and Jill enjoy eating.                                       |
| 02. 3          | 12. 1          | 22. 3  | 67) Hwee Ling would rather stay indoors than play in the hot sun.          |
| 03. (2)        | 13. 4          | 23. 1  | 68) Weiming will meet us at the playground this evening unless it rains.   |
| 04. 4          | 14. (4)        | 24. (4)  | 69) Mr Lee still works long hours even though he suffers from poor health. |
| 05. (3)        | 15. 3          | 25. (3)  |  |
| 06. 1          | 16. 3          | 26. (3)  |  |
| 07. 3          | 17. 4          | 27. 1  |  |
| 08. 2          | 18. 4          | 28. 3  |  |
| 09. 2          | 19. 1          | 29. (2)  |  |
| 10. 1          | 20. 4          | 30. 3  |  |
| 31) F          | 51) cruise     | 70) Mrs Tan told the children that since they had dirtied the floor, they had to sweep and mop it.   |  |
| 32) H          | 52) for        |  |  |
| 33) M          | 53) activities | 71) The words are "rasped" and "clattered".  |  |
| 34) K          | 54) deck       | 72) Maffeo was Marco Polo's uncle.   |  |
| 35) A          | 55) gym        | 73) The junks were unable to sail steadily on the water as the waves were huge and strong.   |  |
| 36) G          | 56) fitness    | 74) It refers to Venice, Marco Polo's birthplace.  |  |
| 37) D          | 57) either     | 75) The Mongol emperor, Kublai Khan thought that the Polos were a group of unusual and interesting people  |  |
| 38) C          | 58) mind       | 76) The Polos wanted to leave Mongol more urgently as the Mongol emperor was losing his reign, which meant that it was no longer safe for the Polos to remain in Mongol. |  |
| 39) Q          | 59) laps       | 77) Their role was to ensure that Kokejin was escorted safely to Persia.   |  |
| 40) P          | 60) appetite   | 78) The wedding of Arghun and Kokejin would take place.  |  |
| 41) make       | 61) relax      | 79) Kublai Khan had lavished gifts that included not only jewels, but also two gold tablets which were special tablets that signified Kublai Khan's orders.              |  |
| 42) especially | 62) clock      | 80) Kokejin played an important role in the Polos' eventual departure from Mongol.   |  |
| 43) returning  | 63) play       |  |  |
| 44) offer      | 64) content    |  |  |
| 45) atmosphere | 65) dull       |  |  |
| 46) performed  |                |  |  |
| 47) occupied   |                |  |  |
| 48) pleased    |                |  |  |
| 49) sold       |                |  |  |
| 50) favourite  |                |  |  |