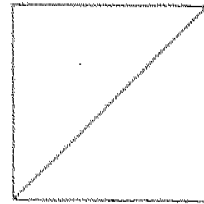


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Paper 2

5/10/04

**Booklet A**

Number of Questions : 35  
Total Marks : 40



Total time for Booklets A, B and C : 2 hours

Do not open the booklet until you are told to do so.  
Follow all instructions carefully.  
Answer all the questions.

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

Class : PRI 6. \_\_\_\_\_

Date : 10 May 2004

**SECTION A : GRAPHIC STIMULUS (5 MARKS)**

Study this page carefully and answer the questions that follow.

**CATCH THE BUZZ OF LIFE ON THE RIVER**

**SOUVENIRS FROM THE PAST**

Every weekend, there's a popular flea market. Hunt for treasures of a different kind. Among an assortment of goodies, you'll find trinkets, antiques and knick-knacks that speak of another time and place. There are specialty shops that deal in oriental gifts, including relics of the past.

**DINE BY THE RIVER**

The high-tech skyscrapers which tower over the historic riverside buildings bring a cosmopolitan flavour to Clarke Quay. You could also whet your appetite with a couple of drinks at any of the popular watering holes here.

When it comes to food, you are spoilt for choice. Sample local favourites in the cool comfort of the Food Court or enjoy them in the open at the Satay Club.

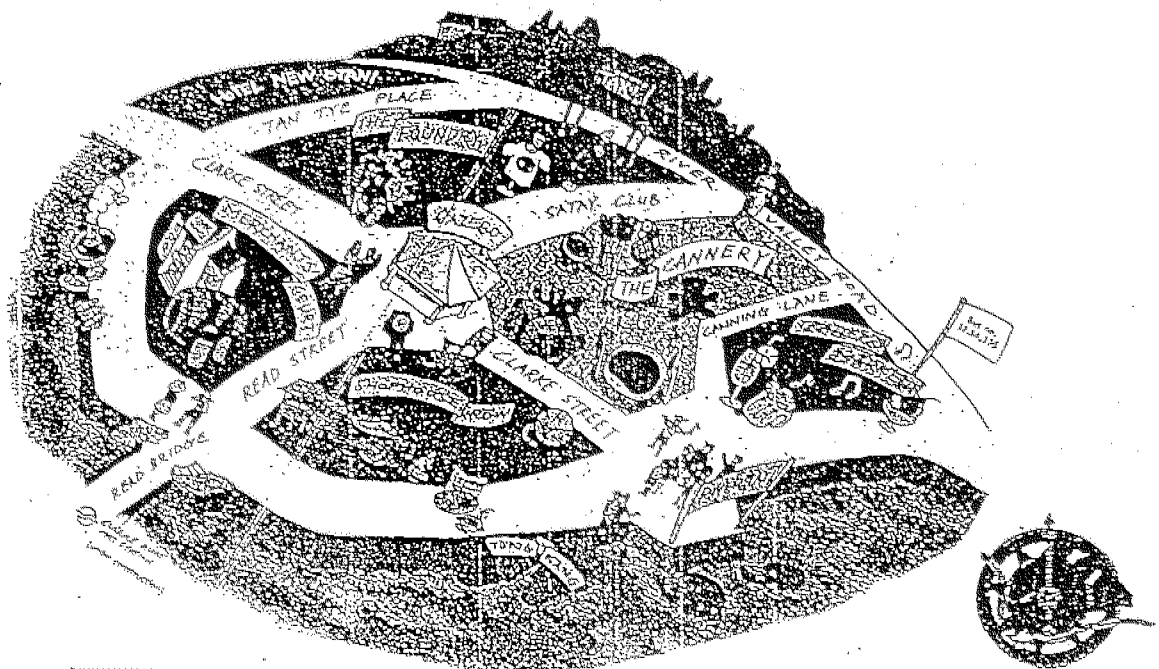
**NIGHTLIFE EXTRAVAGANZA**

Clarke Quay boasts a bustling nightlife. Magic and music fill the air. Trolleys on wheels burst with a colourful assortment of wares. Fortune tellers cast their spell. The atmosphere is carnival-like.

The riverside village plays host to a good number of watering holes – pubs and discos – some of which feature nightly live entertainment. Sit back with a drink and watch the local colour while your favourite music washes over you. Or you may hit the dance floor and flaunt your moves at the disco.

**A RIDE INTO THE PAST AND THE FUTURE**

You may choose to arrive by means of a vessel from the past. The quaint River Taxi was previously a boat that transported goods from ship to land. These days, it plies the river, transporting tourists and locals to their various destinations.



**HOW TO GET HERE**

- \* From City Hall MRT Station:  
Take Bus service 32/195 along North Bridge Rd.
- \* From Orchard MRT Station:  
Take Bus service 54 along Scotts Rd.
- \* From Raffles Place MRT Station:  
Take a river taxi from Standard Chartered Bank exit.

**CLARKE QUAY**  
Where The River Comes To Life

3 River Valley Road, Singapore 179024. Tel: 6337 3292 www.clarkequay.com.sg

Developed by CapitaLand  
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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 on the optical answer sheet.

1. The motto for Clarke Quay is '\_\_\_\_\_'.  
 1) www.clarkequay.com.sg  
 2) Managed by Capita Land  
 3) Where the River Comes to Life  
 4) Catch the Buzz of Life on the River
2. To get to Clarke Quay from Orchard MRT Station, one could take \_\_\_\_\_  
 1) bus service 54 along Scotts Road  
 2) bus service 32 along Orchard Road  
 3) a bus along North Bridge Road  
 4) a river taxi from the Standard Chartered Bank exit
3. In the pamphlet 'watering holes' under the section *Dine by the River* means \_\_\_\_\_  
 1) restaurants  
 2) pubs and discos  
 3) drinking fountains  
 4) riverside buildings
4. Today the River Taxi \_\_\_\_\_  
 1) ferries both tourists and locals  
 2) transports goods from ship to land  
 3) anchors at Read Bridge to pick up passengers  
 4) transports only tourists to various destinations
5. To look for interesting second hand goods, visitors could browse during weekends at \_\_\_\_\_  
 1) Clarke Street  
 2) the flea market  
 3) Traders' Market  
 4) Merchants' Court

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## SECTION B: GRAMMAR (15 MARKS)

For each question from 6 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 on the optical answer sheet.

6. He was knocked unconscious by a falling coconut but came \_\_\_\_\_ five minutes later.
- 1) to
  - 2) by
  - 3) on
  - 4) over
7. By the time Sally arrived at the theatre, the show \_\_\_\_\_ started.
- 1) has
  - 2) had
  - 3) has been
  - 4) had been
8. Paul has a strange hairstyle, \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- 1) isn't it
  - 2) didn't he
  - 3) hasn't he
  - 4) doesn't he
9. Mr Kadeh, whose sons are football fans, \_\_\_\_\_ a store selling sports gear. His goods are imported.
- 1) own
  - 2) owns
  - 3) owned
  - 4) has owned
10. Having \_\_\_\_\_ all the way home, he is now out of breath.
- 1) run
  - 2) ran
  - 3) runs
  - 4) running
11. Did you \_\_\_\_\_ your EZ-Link card with you this morning?
- 1) take
  - 2) took
  - 3) taken
  - 4) taking

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12. Mr Daud told his daughter not to watch television \_\_\_\_\_ she has completed her homework.
- 1) if
  - 2) unless
  - 3) because
  - 4) otherwise
13. Mrs Pek is unpopular as she likes to meddle \_\_\_\_\_ other people's affairs.
- 1) at
  - 2) in
  - 3) by
  - 4) with
14. The doctor advised that you \_\_\_\_\_ daily.
- 1) exercise
  - 2) exercises
  - 3) exercised
  - 4) exercising
15. Mother told Cousin Jenny that she was \_\_\_\_\_ to stay overnight after my party.
- 1) welcome
  - 2) welcomes
  - 3) welcomed
  - 4) welcoming
16. Ranjit walked \_\_\_\_\_ the durian stall holding his breath as he was allergic to the smell.
- 1) past
  - 2) pass
  - 3) passed
  - 4) passing
17. While flying over the Indian Ocean, the pilot saw \_\_\_\_\_ he thought to be a meteorite.
- 1) who
  - 2) what
  - 3) whom
  - 4) which
18. \_\_\_\_\_ the factory means putting people out of work.
- 1) Close
  - 2) Closes
  - 3) Closed
  - 4) Closing

19. Ice \_\_\_\_\_ when heated.

- 1) melt
- 2) melts
- 3) melted
- 4) melting

20. If Meenah goes to France, she \_\_\_\_\_ to learn French.

- 1) had
- 2) have
- 3) will have
- 4) would have

### SECTION C : VOCABULARY (10 MARKS)

For each question from 21 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.

21. Mother told me to put the \_\_\_\_\_ into the refrigerator immediately as they go bad quickly.

- 1) rations
- 2) groceries
- 3) delicacies
- 4) perishables

22. We are going apple \_\_\_\_\_ at that orchard.

- 1) pulling
- 2) picking
- 3) pruning
- 4) plucking

23. William put on a brave \_\_\_\_\_ even though he was terrified.

- 1) face
- 2) front
- 3) attitude
- 4) appearance

24. People these days do not care about others. They have become \_\_\_\_\_ the suffering of others.

- 1) indifferent to
- 2) careless about
- 3) concerned about
- 4) enthusiastic about

25. The boat sprang a leak so they had to keep on \_\_\_\_\_ out water to prevent it from sinking.

- ~~1)~~ bailing
- ~~2)~~ dishing
- ~~3)~~ throwing
- ~~4)~~ scooping

26. The gangsters used force and threat to demand money from the stall-holders.

- 1) extorted
- 2) exported
- 3) exploited
- 4) expected

27. We formally informed the nearest Neighbourhood Police Post of our change of address.

- ~~1)~~ notified
- ~~2)~~ updated
- ~~3)~~ contacted
- ~~4)~~ authorised

28. The river burst its banks and the village was completely covered with water.

- ~~1)~~ drowned
- ~~2)~~ emerged
- ~~3)~~ drenched
- ~~4)~~ submerged

29. The eager Girl Guides set out at the crack of dawn.

- 1) noon
- 2) night
- 3) midnight
- 4) daybreak

30. While searching for valuables, the thieves made a mess and damaged things in the house.

- 1) destroyed
- 2) ransacked
- 3) rummaged
- 4) demolished



## SECTION D : COMPREHENSION (10 MARKS)

Read the passage below and answer questions 31 to 35.

Yori frowned at his calendar and then picked up his guitar. His band had been together for five months. Everyone said they were fantastic, but they still had not got a paying job. Yori began to strum. Playing chords helped him think.

The trio had become acquainted in band class, and organizing a group had been Yori's idea. Yori played the guitar and acted as leader, Latisha was on drums, and James was on the saxophone. The three eleven-year-olds got together just for fun and named their group 'Playday'. But when fans praised their talent, they decided to turn fun into profit. 5

To make themselves known, Playday volunteered to entertain at parties. They played for free at school assemblies. Yori loved the applause! He felt like a superstar! 10

They practised hard and discussed young musicians who had made it big. "The Jackson Five were kids," Latisha said. "Michael shot to fame like a rocket!" she exclaimed.

"We can do it!" Yori encouraged the group. 15

After months of keeping spirits high, Yori was tired. Playday hadn't had one paying job! His mood was like a bad rash. Everyone was in low spirits. They decided to break up after one final volunteer job. The next day, they were to perform for patients at the Children's Hospital where Yori's mother worked as a nurse. 20

The next day dawned drizzly and dank. The trio set up in the hospital lobby, and the nurses brought in the audience. As Playday began its number, Yori could feel their lack of spirit.

Then Yori spotted one patient sitting limply in her wheelchair. Her expression was vacant, but when music filled the room, this rag doll came to life. She sat up straight, and the light that sparkled in her eyes kindled something in Yori. He felt the thrill he'd been missing. As Yori's playing caught fire, James and Latisha gained energy. Soon Playday was rocking as never before. 25

After the performance, the trio spent time with the patients. Yori spoke to the girl who had inspired him to play so well. 30

"Wouldn't it feel great to be rich and famous?" she asked, eyes still bright. "Will you be a rock star?"

"Probably not," Yori answered. "But I'll never give up my music. It felt like the big time playing for you!" 35

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For each question from 31 to 35, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval in the optical answer sheet.

31. Yori, Latisha and James got to know each other as they \_\_\_\_\_
- 1) were classmates
  - 2) played the guitar
  - 3) were in the same band class
  - 4) played for school assemblies
32. The phrase 'made it big' in line 12 means 'to become \_\_\_\_\_'
- 1) adults.
  - 2) big-headed
  - 3) The Jackson Five
  - 4) successful and famous
33. The members of Playday were tired and depressed because they had \_\_\_\_\_
- 1) a bad rash
  - 2) decided to break up
  - 3) no offer of a paying job
  - 4) to perform at the Children's Hospital
34. While performing at the Children's Hospital, Yori became inspired when a \_\_\_\_\_
- 1) guitar caught fire
  - 2) girl said he was a rock star
  - 3) patient was much cheered up
  - 4) toy doll suddenly became alive
35. After performing at the Children's Hospital, Yori probably decided to \_\_\_\_\_
- 1) become a rock star
  - 2) play for only one patient
  - 3) continue with volunteer performance
  - 4) perform only at the Children's Hospital

## SECTION E : STRUCTURAL CLOZE (10 MARKS)

There are 10 blanks numbered 36 to 45 in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to R) in the blanks. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking.

(A) a	(E) because	(J) over	(N) to
(B) an	(F) but	(K) she	(P) under
(C) and	(G) by	(L) the	(Q) within
(D) around	(H) in	(M) they	(R) who

Everyone knew not to play in the river when it was in flood. Natalie, Kristy and Su-Lin knew all about this (36)\_\_\_\_\_ they were River Rats. River Rats are kids (37)\_\_\_\_\_ live near rivers and spend much of their time playing near and fooling (38)\_\_\_\_\_ in the water.

All three girls loved to swim down fast-flowing chutes of water (39)\_\_\_\_\_ smooth rocks. In fact, they had done it hundreds of times in (40)\_\_\_\_\_ last month.

That afternoon, the three girls were playing in the river as usual when suddenly, Kristy spluttered (41)\_\_\_\_\_ gulped. She coughed and flung her hands around madly to grab (42)\_\_\_\_\_ overhanging branch. It snapped off in her hand. (43)\_\_\_\_\_ this time, she was being pushed head-first over a two-metre fall of water to a deep pool below. (44)\_\_\_\_\_ seconds, Natalie and Su-Lin realised something was badly wrong. Cupping their hands around their mouths, (45)\_\_\_\_\_ shouted, "Kristy, no!"

Kristy could not hear them. She had disappeared into the surging pool of bubbling water that looked like a boiling pot on a stove.

**SECTION F : EDITING FOR SPELLING, PUNCTUATION AND GRAMMAR.**  
(10 MARKS)

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Wrong punctuation marks are circled. A missing punctuation mark is indicated by a circle at the place where it should be. Put the correct punctuation mark or word (in terms of usage, spelling or form) in each box.

Mike and Ruth Dixon got on well enough, but not so well that they wanted  
(46)   
to walk home from school together. Ruth would not have mind, but Mike, who was  
(47)   
two classes up, prefers to amble along with his friends so that he usually arrived  
(48)   
a long while after Ruth does.

Ruth was leaning out of the kitchen window when he came in through the  
(49)  (50)   
side gate, kicked a brick. "I've got a message for you from school,  said Mike.  
(51)   
"Miss Middleton wants you to go and see her tomorrow before assembly, and  
bring a dead frog."

(52)   
"What does she want me to take a dead frog for?" said Ruth. "She  s  
not my teacher. I haven't got a dead frog."  
(53)   
Ruth cried easily. She cried now. "Where was I going to find a dead frog?"

(54)   
"Well, you can peel them off the road sometimes, when they've been ran  
over. They go all dry and flat, like pressed flowers," said Mike. He did think it a  
(55)   
trifle unreassinable to demand dead frogs from little girls, but Miss Middleton  
was unreasonable. Everyone knew that.

**SECTION G : SYNTHESIS / TRANSFORMATION (10 MARKS)**

For each of the Items 56 to 60, 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 given one(s).

- 56 The armed robbers have not been caught yet. Their accomplice has not been caught too.

Neither \_\_\_\_\_ nor \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

- 57 The principal punished the naughty boy for playing truant.

The naughty boy \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 58 Santa left a present under the Christmas tree. He did not tell anyone.

\_\_\_\_\_

without \_\_\_\_\_

- 59 Mr Bala continued working. He was unwell.

Although \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

- 60 Amy took extra lessons. She did not pass her driving test.

Despite \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

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## SECTION H : CLOZE PASSAGE (20 MARKS)

Read the passage carefully and fill in each blank with the most appropriate word.

Bats belong to the family of mammals. Mammals are warm-blooded animals and their (61) \_\_\_\_\_ are born alive and not (62) \_\_\_\_\_ from eggs. The bat is the (63) \_\_\_\_\_ mammal that can really fly. (64) \_\_\_\_\_, like the "flying squirrel", merely glide through the (65) \_\_\_\_\_.

A young bat, (66) \_\_\_\_\_ born, lives in a little pouch that its (67) \_\_\_\_\_ makes by bending her tail forward. Later, it (68) \_\_\_\_\_ to its mother's fur with its sharp claws and teeth. It can enjoy riding with her through the air. After a few days, the baby is left at home (69) \_\_\_\_\_ the mother goes hunting for food. Sometimes she will catch enough insects in an (70) \_\_\_\_\_ to last a few days. After a few weeks, the young bat is strong enough to (71) \_\_\_\_\_ and hunt for insects.

Bats have poor eyesight (72) \_\_\_\_\_ they have a marvellous echo system to (73) \_\_\_\_\_ them through darkness. While flying, the featherless bat sends (74) \_\_\_\_\_ loud twittering squeaks. These squeaks bounce off nearby objects and make an (75) \_\_\_\_\_. The bat's keen sense of (76) \_\_\_\_\_ picks up the warning echo. In this way it flies skilfully around the (77) \_\_\_\_\_ and avoids crashing into it. The bat's keen hearing helps it navigate through dark (78) \_\_\_\_\_ and dense forests. Also it guides it towards flying (79) \_\_\_\_\_. Scientists have discovered that bats can find their way in the dark even when (80) \_\_\_\_\_. However, they are helpless if their mouths and ears are covered.

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**SECTION I: COMPREHENSION (20 MARKS)**

Read the passage below and answer questions 81 to 90.

*Thomas was an orphan in a home. In this passage, the three boys, Frank, Thomas and a boy nicknamed 'Grandpa' were sent to buy some goats for the orphanage.*

We claimed the two goats from a piggery somewhere beyond the river and Kingston Bridge. One was pale yellowish-brown while the other was white. Both had pink, sleazy eyes and sniggering expressions. "We should have brought the cart," said Grandpa. "We'll never be able to get them back."

"We'll walk them – like dogs," said Frank, who was one of the brainy kids in the home. "Let's get some string."

The crook who sold us the goats gave us the string and looked as though he was tempted to charge us for it. We tied it around the stiff hair of their necks and set off on the return journey.

The smelly pair trotted along willingly. However, trouble started the moment the white goat saw a trolleybus and tried to get underneath it. It pulled Frank with a swift and decisive tug. Frank gallantly held the string but the goat proved too strong for him.

Fortunately, the bus driver had good reflexes. He hit his brakes and the vehicle skidded to a stop. When it stopped, the goat, horns down, was three inches from death. Frank was only a fraction further away. The conductor of the bus had fallen from the platform on to the road.

There was huge confusion. Traffic squealing, bus driver in a near faint, conductor rubbing his backside; passers-by giving advice and trying to tug the goat away from the trolleybus. In the middle of it all, the goat I was holding, and which had remained placid until then, had a hearty pee all over my boots. So interested was I in the animated scene that my first awareness of this disgusting act was when the warm water trickled through the laceholes and soaked my socks. Grandpa, who was tugging the string of the other goat with Frank, turned and shouted, "What are you standing there for? Come and help us!"

"I can't," I bellowed. "The thing's just peed all over my boots." At that, the passers-by all started laughing and Frank's goat escaped and galloped away in the direction of Kingston Bridge. Frank ran after it and at the bridge, he regained the string. Grandpa caught up and held it with him, and I splashed up with my non-violent but unsanitary goat. From there, apart from the white goat's abrupt and momentarily terrifying charge at a nun, we managed to triumphantly lead them back to the home.

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Answer the following questions in complete sentences. Your answers must be based on the passage.

81 How were the two goats similar and different physically?

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82 What was Frank's solution to their first problem?

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83 What other animals did the crook sell?

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84 Why were the white goat and Frank not seriously hurt when the white goat charged at the trolleybus?

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85 What else contributed to the confusion besides the conductor being injured?

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86 Which word in the passage has the same meaning as 'calm'?

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87 When did the narrator realise what the pale yellowish-brown goat had done?

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88 What help did Grandpa and Frank need from the narrator (line 24)?

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89 What happened just before the three boys reached the home?

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90 Why did the three boys feel 'triumphant' when they got back to the home?

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| 1) 3  | 27) 1         | 53) am  | 56) Neither the armed robbers nor their accomplice has been caught yet.   |
| 2) 1  | 28) 4         | 54) run   | 57) The naughty boy was punished by the principal for playing truant.   |
| 3) 2  | 29) 4         | 55) unreasonable  |   |
| 4) 1  | 30) 2         | 61) young   | 58) Santa left a present under the Christmas tree without telling anyone.   |
| 5) 2  | 31) 3         | 62) hatched   | 59) Although Mr Bala was unwell, he continued working.  |
| 6) 1  | 32) 4         | 63) only  | 60) Despite taking extra lessons, Amy did not pass her driving test.  |
| 7) 2  | 33) 3         | 64) Others  | 81) Both of them had pink, sleazy eyes and sniggering expressions. One was pale yellowish-brown while the other was white.            |
| 8) 3  | 34) 3         | 65) air   | 82) Frank's suggestion getting some string to tie round the goat's necks and walking them to the home.                                |
| 9) 2  | 35) 3         | 66) when  | 83) The crook sold pigs.  |
| 10) 1 | 36) E         | 67) mother  | 84) The bus driver stopped on his brakes. The bus driver stopped in time before he could hit Frank and the goat.                      |
| 11) 1 | 37) R         | 68) clings  | 85) The traffic was squealing, the bus driver was in a near faint and the passers-by tried to tug the goat away from the trolley bus. |
| 12) 2 | 38) D         | 69) while   | 86) The word is "placid".   |
| 13) 2 | 39) J         | 70) hour  | 87) The narrator realised when the goat's pee tricked through the laceholes and soaked his socks.                                     |
| 14) 1 | 40) L         | 71) fly   | 88) They needed the narrator to help them in pulling the goat away from the trolley bus.  |
| 15) 1 | 41) C         | 72) but   |   |
| 16) 1 | 42) B         | 73) guide   |   |
| 17) 2 | 43) G         | 74) out   |   |
| 18) 4 | 44) Q         | 75) echo  |   |
| 19) 2 | 45) M         | 76) hearing   |   |
| 20) 3 | 46) minded    | 77) object  |   |
| 21) 4 | 47) preferred | 78) caves   |   |
| 22) 2 | 48) did       | 79) insects   |   |
| 23) 1 | 49) kicking   | 80) blindfolded   |   |
| 24) 1 | 50) "         |   |   |
| 25) 1 | 51) assembly  |   |   |
| 26) 1 | 52) 's        |   |   |
|       |               | 89) The white goat charged at a nun.                      |   |
|       |               | 90) They had successfully led the goats back to the home. |   |