

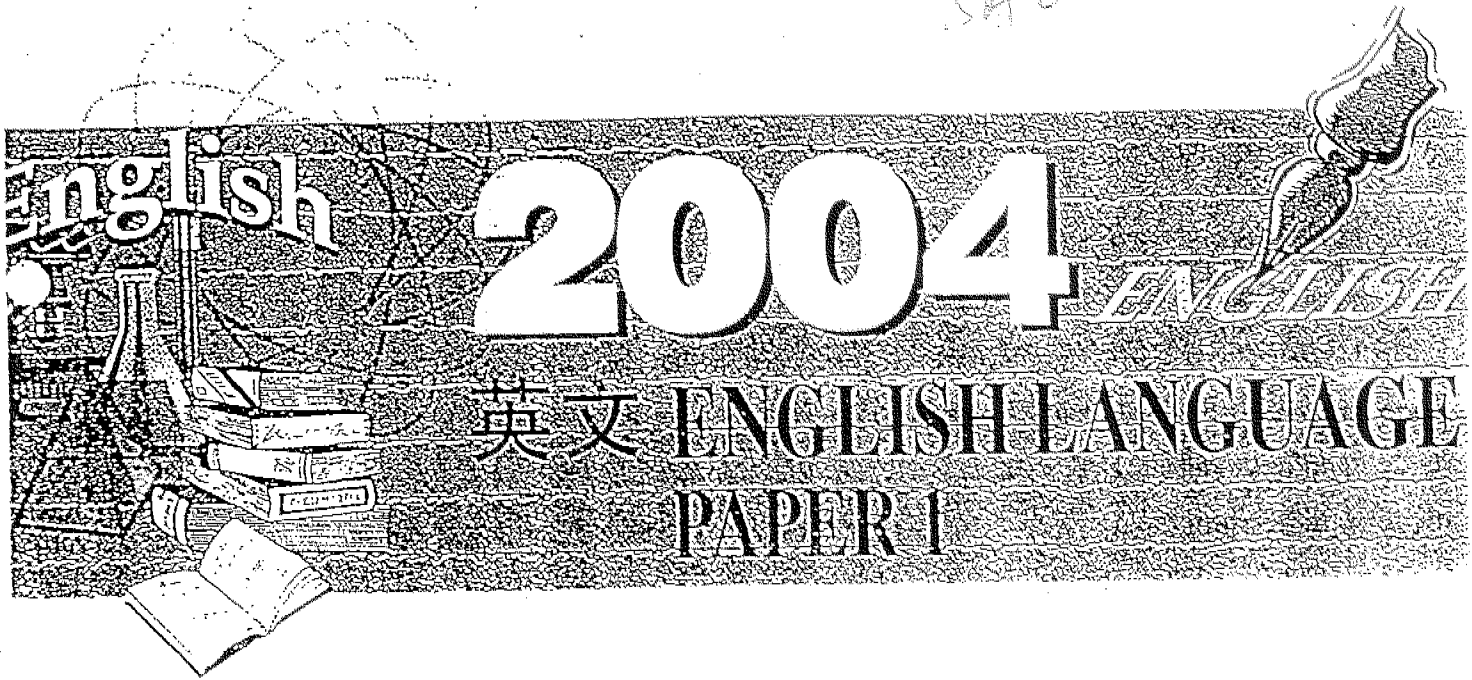
福建会馆属下五校小六统一考试 (一)

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HOKIEN HUAY KUAN 5-SCHOOL PRIMARY 6
COMBINED PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION (I)

TAO NAN • AI TONG • CHONGFU • NAN CHIAU • KONG HWA

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NOTE:

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. There are two parts to this paper : PART I & II.
3. Answer two questions : one from PART I & one from PART II.

50 marks

Total time : 1 hour

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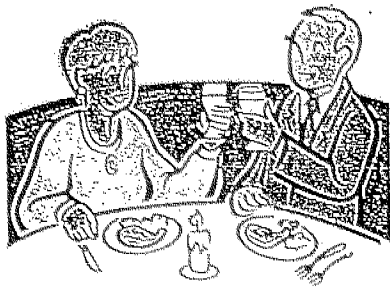
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Read the advertisement carefully and then answer questions 1 to 5.

9 Sizzling Deals
Valid till 30 June 2004

Enjoy 1 for 1 dining and up to 50% off exclusively with UOB Credit Card at acclaimed restaurants in Singapore.

Exquisite Mediterranean, French, Chinese, Thai and Local Cuisine



Locate UOB Dining Privileges with the latest SMS service from LocoGuru. SMS 'UOB Dining' to LocoGuru at 9024 1111 for dining offers around you.

Olive Tree

1 for 1 dinner buffet.

Embargo

Complimentary bottle of champagne with every bottle of red wine purchased.

Phoenix Café

Dinner Buffet: 1 for 1. Limited to 2 complimentary dinner buffets per card. Complimentary soft drinks for all with at least 3 paying adults.

Lunch Buffet: 1 dines free with 2 paying adults; 20% off total bill.

Savoir

Lunch: 10% off total bill.

Dinner: 1 for 1 set menu; \$100 off complimentary dining with minimum \$100 order from ala carte dinner menu.

Dragon City Restaurant

30% off ala carte food bill.

Hua Yuen Restaurant

30% off ala carte food bill;
20% off total food bill.

Marriott Café

25% off buffet bill. Not including alcoholic beverages.

Si Chuan Restaurant

30% off total ala carte food bill. Not valid for lunch at UOB Plaza. Not valid for buffet; 20% off total food bill.

Supsip Restaurant

50% off special weekly set menu. Valid till 15 June.

Spend at least \$250 on your UOB Credit Card when you dine at the above outlets and get a free ticket to the musical 'Mama Mia' Offer valid till 25 June 2004.



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 x 1 mark)

1. There are _____ restaurants that serve buffets.
 - (1) 5
 - (2) 2
 - (3) 3
 - (4) 4

2. Which of the following restaurants offer dining privileges for ala carte food items?
 - (1) Olive Tree
 - (2) Mariott Café
 - (3) Supsip Restaurant
 - (4) Si Chuan Restaurant

3. Anne brought her parents and twin sisters for dinner at Phoenix Café. She owns a UOB credit card. Which of the following dining privileges will the family receive if they all took the buffet?
 - (1) Two of them get to dine free.
 - (2) Three of them get to dine free.
 - (3) There will be a 20% discount on their dining bill.
 - (4) They will receive a \$100 discount on their dining bill.

4. When Siva charged \$300 to his UOB Credit Card when he dined at Embargo, he would receive a _____.
 - (1) bottle of red wine
 - (2) \$250 cash voucher
 - (3) free meal at any of the restaurants
 - (4) free ticket to the performance 'Mama Mia!'

5. Which of the following statements is true?
 - (1) All the restaurants have offers on food items.
 - (2) All the dining privileges will end on 25 June 2004.
 - (3) A card member can find out how to use LocoGuru by sending an SMS.
 - (4) UOB Credit Card members get to enjoy offers on food from various countries.

For each question from 6 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. (15 x 1 mark)

6. Mr and Mrs Lee _____ looking for a new house but have yet to find one.

- (1) will be
- (2) would be
- (3) had been
- (4) have been

7. Every pupil must _____ the assignment by next Monday.

- (1) complete
- (2) completes
- (3) completed
- (4) completing

8. Cassie _____ punctual for work every day, but she _____ late this morning as she had overslept.

- (1) is...was
- (2) would be...was
- (3) has been...is
- (4) was...had been

9. Diana would have remembered to turn up for the interview _____ she had written it down in her appointment book.

- (1) if
- (2) as
- (3) when
- (4) unless

10. Schools should work hand in hand with the government to _____ drug abuse.

- (1) stamp in
- (2) stamp out
- (3) stamp down
- (4) stamp against

11. These girls hate rodents. The sight of rats _____ them scream.

- (1) make
- (2) makes
- (3) is making
- (4) are making

12. All the information on birds except the bald eagle _____ in the next issue of the Science magazine.
- (1) is included
 - (2) are included
 - (3) was included
 - (4) were included
13. The inspector said, “_____ bad news. A fire broke out in Geylang half an hour ago. _____ sure to be many casualties.”
- (1) I’d... There’s
 - (2) I’ve... There’re
 - (3) There’s... There’s
 - (4) There’re... They’ll
14. The participants of the camp are grouped according to their age. _____ of the groups consists of eight members.
- (1) All
 - (2) Any
 - (3) Each
 - (4) Some
15. The best employee _____ to Hawaii for a one-year training next August.
- (1) is sending
 - (2) will be sent
 - (3) has been sent
 - (4) would be sending
16. Tom and Jerry have been staying with their grandmother _____ the beginning of the holidays.
- (1) after
 - (2) from
 - (3) since
 - (4) during
17. “Aha! So the duo planned all this, _____?” asked Mrs Leong.
- (1) isn’t it
 - (2) wasn’t it
 - (3) don’t they
 - (4) didn’t they

18. Twenty-five dollars _____ a large sum of money to that family who has not eaten for three days.

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

19. He scrambled down the fire escape to the alley _____ he stopped to empty the wallet.

- (1) when
- (2) where
- (3) which
- (4) whom

20. Paula has given me _____ advice on how I can improve on my singing.

- (1) much
- (2) many
- (3) a few
- (4) a little

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 x 1 mark)

21. I decided to _____ the help of my friend to complete my project.

- (1) employ
- (2) engage
- (3) enlist
- (4) enrol

22. We may not agree but I will try to _____ your views so that we can come to a compromise.

- (1) accommodate
- (2) comprehend
- (3) encompass
- (4) synchronise

23. The board of directors will be interviewing five _____ for the post of vice president.

- (1) accomplices
- (2) apprentices
- (3) candidates
- (4) competitors

24. These illegal workers will be _____ to their home country by this evening.

- (1) deported
- (2) expatriated
- (3) repatriated
- (4) transported

25. Please give us the _____ measurements of the bridge so that we can make a model of it.

- (1) concise
- (2) concrete
- (3) perfect
- (4) precise

For each question from 26 to 30, choose the most suitable word(s) to replace the underlined word(s). Shade its oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 x 1 mark)

26. Susie went through the terrible experience of being kidnapped and tortured by a group of schoolmates.

- (1) heartache
- (2) misfortune
- (3) ordeal
- (4) tribulation

27. The brothers were relieved that they had finally found a way of dealing with their problem.

- (1) analysed
- (2) discovered
- (3) resolved
- (4) unravelled

28. Gina could not resist the sudden strong desire to buy that dress which cost her a month's salary.

- (1) attraction
- (2) emotion
- (3) impulse
- (4) pressure

29. His voice became weak and uncertain when he was questioned by the police about the recent car thefts in the neighbourhood.

- (1) flickered
- (2) fluctuated
- (3) wavered
- (4) wobbled

30. The collapse of the highway was due to the engineer's failure to take enough care in carrying out safety procedures.

- (1) deficiency
- (2) flippancy
- (3) indifference
- (4) negligence

Read the passage below and answer questions 31 to 35.

Some people refer to Caucasian Americans and African Americans as “pink” people and “brown” people respectively. While these phrases are more accurate than the usual “white” people and “black” people, the American people are more comfortable with the latter phrases. This is because people choose to divide the population with labels like “white” and “black”.

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Many African Americans feel that they are viewed as second-class citizens, as compared to their first-class fellow citizens who are “white”. This belief probably stems from the fact that many poor neighbourhoods in America are populated mainly by African Americans.

American ghettos, which are almost always black neighbourhoods, have always had crime and violence. But crime and violence were much worse in the 19th century slums, which were almost all white. The murder rate in Boston in the 19th century was about three times what it was in the 20th century. All the black riots of the 1960s put together did not kill as many people as the number of people killed in one white riot in 1863.

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The meaning of the term “race riot” has been watered down in recent times to include strong and angry protests about issues close to the heart. In the 19th century, it was much uglier. Thousands of members of one “race” invaded the neighbourhood of another “race” to maim, murder and burn – and both these races were typically made up of “white” people. Today’s riots involving “black” people hardly result in any bloodshed and buildings are left more or less intact.

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Many black neighbourhoods are overcrowded and ridden with dirt and disease. But in 19th century New York, there were ten to thirty thousand children with no homes. These children slept under bridges and huddled against buildings to shelter themselves from the elements.

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In conclusion, violence, poverty and destroyed lives are problems Americans have faced throughout history. At each point in history, these problems have afflicted a different group of people. But these problems should never be accepted – whether they involve “black” people or “white” people. Therefore, instead of wondering if a problem is a “white” problem or a “black” problem, we should gather our resources together, solve these problems and move forward towards a better age.

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Based on “Pink and Brown People” by Thomas Sowell

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

31. The terms "white" people and "black" people refer to _____.

- (1) "pink" people and "brown" people
- (2) affectionate nicknames that Americans use
- (3) people with white skin and people with black skin
- (4) labels that Americans prefer using to describe the two different races

32. African Americans are viewed as second-class citizens because _____.

- (1) they all come from poor families
- (2) Caucasian Americans are usually rich
- (3) there are many poor black neighbourhoods in America
- (4) first-class status is reserved only for Caucasian Americans

33. Race riots these days involve _____.

- (1) much bloodshed and destroyed buildings
- (2) two races invading each other's neighbourhoods
- (3) maiming, murdering and burning an entire neighbourhood
- (4) people angrily protesting against issues that affect them

34. Currently, crime and violence in American ghettos _____.

- (1) consist mostly of murders
- (2) are three times worse than in 20th century Boston
- (3) kill more people than in the 1863 white riot
- (4) take place less often as compared to the 19th century white slums

35. What does the writer mean when he says "But these problems should never be accepted"? He means that _____.

- (1) effort has to be made to reduce violence and poverty
- (2) homeless children should be given warm shelters to sleep in
- (3) all "white" and "black" problems should be solved
- (4) black neighbourhoods should be free of dirt and disease

END OF BOOKLET A

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 Q) in the blanks. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking. (10 x 1 mark)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) a	(D) that	(G) between	(K) across	(N) some
(B) off	(E) them	(H) over	(L) for	(P) and
(C) of	(F) him	(J) much	(M) it	(Q) from

A study conducted by British scientists revealed that plastic can be a threat to the seas. Plastic debris dumped into the oceans (36) _____ decades is breaking up into microscopic particles. These particles are cropping up everywhere, (37) _____ beaches to deep ocean sediments. This phenomenon has consequences (38) _____ are just beginning to unfold.

Widespread littering has led to (39) _____ steady accumulation of plastic fragments at sea. "It's cause (40) _____ concern rather than alarm," Dr Thompson, a scientist, said. "What we throw away doesn't disappear; (41) _____ comes back one way or another."

The researchers collected sediments from beaches around England. They examined an additional 17 beaches (42) _____ looked at plankton samples collected regularly since the 1960s, (43) _____ British shores. According to (44) _____, plastic turned up in small fragments and granules. Even "biodegradable" plastics leave behind plastic fragments and (45) _____ cleaning agents contain abrasive plastic bits. The scientists plan to educate each of us about our social responsibility.

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. A circle indicates a wrong or missing punctuation mark. Put the correct punctuation mark or word in each of the boxes. (10 x 1 mark)

Sandra was alone at the port. Everyone around her was waiting for friends or

(46)

(47)

relatives to come on view. What if they weren't there () Suppose they were

(48)

mistaken about the time of the ship's arrival? She felt extrimly lonely.

(49)

Suddenly her parents seemed to apeer out of thin air. They were barely

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recognisable in their heavy winter coats and the twins bears no resemblance to the

(51)

photographs she had. For years Sandra had imagined the moment that she saw her

(52)

father again; how she could run wildly towards him and throw her arms around his

(53)

neck. But now, to her surprise, she found she could not speak in their presence.

(54)

"You must have waited for a long time ()" her father remarked. The

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formeliti of the introduction took Sandra aback. She felt like an outsider meeting a

strange family for the first time and was not sure what to do.

Fill in each blank with a suitable word. (20 x 1 mark)

Kura was well-known throughout the nine villages. His fame rested on the fact that he was the greatest wrestler since 'Amal the Cat'. At eighteen, Kura had brought honour to his (56) _____ by defeating Amal, who had been unbeaten for seven years.

On the day of that unforgettable match, the drums (57) _____, the flutes sang and the (58) _____ held their breath. Amal was wily, but Kura was as (59) _____ as a fish in water. Every nerve and every muscle stood out on their taut bodies, and one almost heard them stretching to breaking point. That was many years ago, and during this time, Kura's (60) _____ had grown like a bush-fire in the jungle.

Kura was clearly (61) _____ out for great things. He was young, but he had already been recognised as the greatest (62) _____ in the nine villages, was wealthy, and was one of the most revered men of his (63) _____. He should have been a very contented man, if not for his two dark (64) _____.

His first skeleton in the cupboard was his father, Noka, who had (65) _____ ten years ago. In his day, Noka's wife and children had barely (66) _____ to eat, thanks to his lazy and imprudent ways. His status as a debtor, who (67) _____ every neighbour some money brought shame to his family. But Noka never minded borrowing more, and piling up his (68) _____.

One day, a neighbour called Binoy (69) _____ a visit to Noka. Binoy hinted that he had to (70) _____ his leaking roof. As soon as Noka understood what Binoy was driving (71) _____, he burst out laughing. His (72) _____ was shocked, and sat speechless. (73) _____ to say, Binoy did not get his money back. When Noka died, he was heavily in debt and Kura was utterly (74) _____ of him.

Kura's second skeleton was his terrible stammer, which did not allow him to get his (75) _____ out fast enough.

Fortunately for Kura, he was so revered that he did not have to speak much – a mere nod or a stern glare was all it took to send scurrying villagers to do his bidding.

For each of the items 76 to 80, 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). (5 x 2 marks)

76. It can be very stressful to work all day without taking a break.

Working _____

77. "Don't go to the park after school. You have a test tomorrow," Mother told Ali.

Mother told Ali _____

78. Jean is compassionate. She is also helpful.

Besides _____

79. Mingfa tried hard to stay awake during the lesson. He fell asleep.

However _____

80. Minah wants to play volleyball with her friends. She does not want to go to the beach with her family.

_____ would rather _____

Read the passage below carefully and answer questions 81 to 90.

Miss Fisher began the day by reading us a story about cats. By the time Mrs. Cat called the drugstore for an order of chocolate malted mice, the class was wriggling like a bucketful of Catawba worms. Miss Fisher seemed unaware that her class, most of whom had never left the farms on which they were born, were completely uninterested. The ragged, denim-shirted and flour sack-skirted first graders were immune to imaginative literature. 5

Then she chose me to read the alphabet that she had printed on the blackboard. As I read the alphabet, a faint line appeared between her eyebrows; and after making me read most of our English textbook and the stock-market quotations from *The Mobile Register* aloud, she discovered that I was literate and looked at me with more than faint distaste. 10

"Young lady, you go home and tell your father not to teach you any more. You may be able to read, but I want all *my* students to follow *my* way of teaching reading!" she instructed. I mumbled that I was sorry and retired, meditating upon my crime. 15

At lunch-time, Miss Fisher asked everybody who went home for lunch to raise their hands. The town children did so, and she looked us over. Then she asked everyone who brought lunch to school to put it on their desks. Everyone did, except Walter Robinson.

"Did you forget your lunch this morning?" asked Miss Fisher. 20

Walter looked straight ahead. I saw a muscle jump in his skinny jaw.

Miss Fisher went to her desk and opened her purse. "Here's a dollar for your lunch. You can pay me back tomorrow."

Walter shook his head. "No, thank you, Ma'am," he drawled softly, but firmly, his head held high. Impatience crept into Miss Fisher's voice as she repeated her offer twice more. 25

Walter Robinson did not forget his lunch – his family simply could not afford it. He had none today nor would he have any tomorrow or the next day. Miss Fisher was shaming him. Saved by the bell, the class filed out for lunch.

"Come home to lunch with me, Walter," I grinned at him. His face brightened and his eyes lit up. 30

Walter piled food on his plate and asked for some syrup. He poured syrup on his vegetables and meat, and would probably have poured it into his milk glass as well had I not told him that syrup did not go with vegetables, meat and milk. He quickly put his hands in his lap and ducked his head. 35

It was then that Mrs. Taylor, our housekeeper, requested my presence in the kitchen. She was furious.

"Anybody who sets foot in this house is a guest! Don't you let me catch you remarking on their ways like you are so high and mighty!"

When I returned to school, I spent the rest of the day hating Mrs. Taylor. 40

Adapted from "To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee

For each question from 81 to 90, write your answer in the space provided.

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES. (10 x 2 marks)

81. Where did most of Miss Fisher's pupils live?

82. Why was Miss Fisher's class "wriggling like a bucketful of Catawba worms"?

83. Why did Miss Fisher look at the writer with "more than faint distaste" when she discovered that the writer was literate?

84. Which four-word phrase refers to the fact that the writer was reflecting on what she had done wrong?

85. How many times did Miss Fisher offer Walter money?

86. Give two reasons why (Walter) did not take the money that Miss Fisher had offered him.

87. Which action of Walter's suggested that he was hungry?

88. Describe clearly the two occasions in which Walter was embarrassed.

89. How had Mrs. Taylor expected the writer to treat her guest?

90. How do we know that Mrs. Taylor was sensitive to the writer's feelings?

END OF PAPER

HOKIEN HUAY KUAN 5 SCHOOL PRIMARY 6
 COMINED PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION (1)
 ENGLISH LANGUAGE

01. (4)	11. 2	21. 3	31. 4
02. 4	12. 1	22. (1)	32. 3
03. 1	13. 2	23. 3	33. 4
04. 4	14. (3)	24. (3)	34. 4
05. 4	15. 2	25. 4	35. 1
06. 4	16. 3	26. 3	
07. 1	17. 4	27. 3	
08. (1)	18. 1	28. 3	
09. 1	19. 2	29. 3	
10. (2)	20. 1	30. 4	

Marks: /40

- 89) She expected the writer to treat the guest politely and not remark on their ways as if the writer was so high and mighty.
- 90) She did not reprimand the writer in front of her guest but did so in the kitchen.

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| 36) H | 56) village | 76) Working all day without taking a break can be very stressful. |
| 37) Q | 57) rolled | 77) Mother told Ali not to go to the park after school because he had a test the next day. |
| 38) D | 58) spectators | 78) Besides being compassionate, Jean is also helpful. |
| 39) A | 59) slippery | 79) However hard Mingfa tried to stay awake during the lesson, he fell asleep. |
| 40) L | 60) fame | 80) Minah would rather play volleyball with her friends than go to the beach with her family. |
| 41) M | 61) cut | 81) They lived on farms. |
| 42) P | 62) wrestler | 82) They were completely uninterested in the story Miss Fisher was reading to them. |
| 43) B | 63) time | 83) She wanted all her students to follow her way of teaching reading. |
| 44) E | 64) secrets | 84) It is "meditating upon my crime". |
| 45) N | 65) died | 85) She offered Walter money three times. |
| 46) into | 66) enough | 86) His family did not have enough money to pay her back. He knew Miss Fisher was shaming him |
| 47) ? | 67) owed | 87) He piled food on his plate. |
| 48) extremely | 68) debts | 88) Walter was embarrassed when Miss Fisher offered him money for his lunch and when the writer told him that syrup did not go with vegetables, meat and milk. |
| 49) appear | 69) paid | |
| 50) bore | 70) repair/fix | |
| 51) when | 71) at | |
| 52) would | 72) neighbour | |
| 53) his | 73) Needless | |
| 54) , | 74) ashamed | |
| 55) formality | 75) words | |

福建会馆属下五校小六统一考试 (二)

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HOKKIEN HUAY KUAN 5-SCHOOL PRIMARY 6 COMBINED PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION (II)

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NOTE:

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

35 questions

40 marks

Total time for Booklets A & B : 2 hours

School : _____

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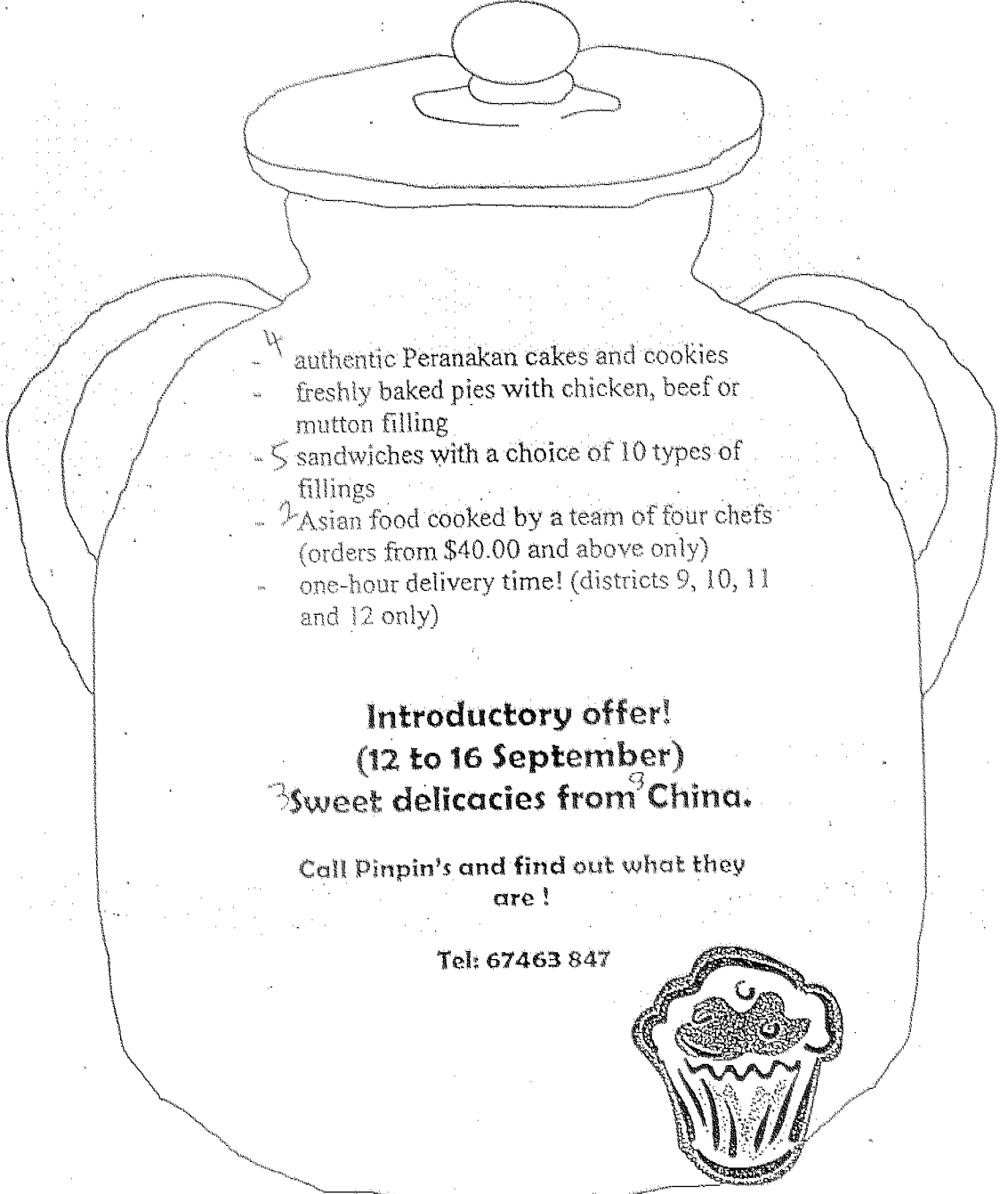
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Study the advertisement below and answer the questions 1 to 5.

Pinpin's Kitchen Home Delivery!

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- 4 authentic Peranakan cakes and cookies
 - freshly baked pies with chicken, beef or mutton filling
 - 5 sandwiches with a choice of 10 types of fillings
 - 2 Asian food cooked by a team of four chefs (orders from \$40.00 and above only)
 - one-hour delivery time! (districts 9, 10, 11 and 12 only)

Introductory offer!
(12 to 16 September)

3 Sweet delicacies from³ China.

Call Pinpin's and find out what they are!

Tel: 67463 847



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 oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 x 1 mark)

1. To order mutton pies, I need to _____.
 - 1) call Pinpin
 - 2) call Home Delivery
 - 3) call Pinpin's Kitchen
 - 4) place order between 12 to 16 September

2. Housewives not intending to cook can _____.
 - 1) go to Pinpin's to order dinner
 - 2) phone the four chefs for an appointment
 - 3) order a variety of food from Pinpin's Kitchen
 - 4) ask for home delivery between 12 to 16 September

3. _____ is a new food item from Pinpin's Kitchen.
 - 1) Chicken Pie
 - 2) Red Bean Dumpling
 - 3) Tuna Sandwich
 - 4) Sushi

4. I know I will sample real Peranakan delicacies because the advertisement claims they are _____.
 - 1) authentic
 - 2) introductory items
 - 3) freshly-baked
 - 4) cooked by Asian chefs

5. Which one of the following statements is true?
 - 1) I have a choice of ten types of fillings for the sandwiches.
 - 2) I must place a minimum order of \$40 for the food to be delivered.
 - 3) Home delivery service guarantees that I will get my food within one hour.
 - 4) An order of Peranakan cakes, cookies and pies will include the sandwiches.

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 (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (15 x 1 mark)

6. The government has stepped _____ measures to curb bird flu.
- 1) in
 - 2) out
 - 3) on
 - 4) up
7. I could feel my muscles _____ up and working hard to keep myself going.
- 1) tense
 - 2) tenses
 - 3) tensed
 - 4) tensing
8. Melvin _____ taken the money when no one was around. I am certain about it.
- 1) must have
 - 2) might have
 - 3) could have
 - 4) should have
9. Look far away _____ five minutes _____ every thirty minutes of reading or using the computer.
- 1) in...in
 - 2) from...to
 - 3) for...after
 - 4) between...after
10. The coach, as well as his assistants, _____ the Annual General Meeting this afternoon.
- 1) is attending
 - 2) are attending
 - 3) has attended
 - 4) have attended

11. _____ this is an easy question, none of the pupils answered it correctly.
- 1) Since
 - 2) Although
 - 3) Despite
 - 4) However
12. Meng Yew is the _____ of the twins. However, he is _____ than most of his friends.
- 1) shorter...taller
 - 2) shorter...tallest
 - 3) shortest...taller
 - 4) shortest...tallest
13. We have to abide _____ the rules of the school.
- 1) with
 - 2) to
 - 3) by
 - 4) for
14. Once the signal was given, the balloons _____ into the air.
- 1) was released
 - 2) were released
 - 3) had released
 - 4) had been released
15. Neither of the children _____ gone to the library.
- 1) is
 - 2) are
 - 3) has
 - 4) have

16. Should anyone _____, please tell them I am busy.

- 1) call
- 2) calls
- 3) calling
- 4) will call

17. Many of the children would rather watch a movie than _____ basketball.

- 1) play
- 2) plays
- 3) played
- 4) playing

18. She spotted the pickpocket _____ out a wallet from the passenger's back pocket.

- 1) fish
- 2) fished
- 3) fishes
- 4) was fishing

19. We later moved to Bedok _____ we lived for ten years.

- 1) whom
- 2) which
- 3) where
- 4) when

20. _____ of the sweets was given to my teacher.

- 1) All
- 2) One
- 3) Most
- 4) Many

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 x 1 mark)

21. The national serviceman was _____ of stealing confidential documents.
- 1) arrested
 - 2) convicted
 - 3) charged
 - 4) fined
22. The labourer has _____ hands from years of hard work.
- 1) calloused
 - 2) creased
 - 3) parched
 - 4) shrunken
23. To _____ the fireworks display at the National Education Show, a number of roads will be closed.
- 1) conduct
 - 2) facilitate
 - 3) rehearse
 - 4) implement
24. Mr Loh threatened to hit Mr Cheng if he did not _____ with his wishes.
- 1) accede
 - 2) comply
 - 3) follow
 - 4) subdue
25. Ever since the accident, he was _____ with headaches and giddiness.
- 1) attacked
 - 2) contracted
 - 3) plagued
 - 4) suffered

For each question from 26 to 30, choose the most suitable word(s) to replace the underlined word(s). Shade its oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.
(5 x 1 mark)

26. I stuffed the clothes at random into the bags.
- 1) hurriedly
 - 2) haphazardly
 - 3) meticulously
 - 4) untidily
27. Her achievements were honoured in a moving piece of writing praising her at her funeral.
- 1) condolence
 - 2) epitaph
 - 3) eulogy
 - 4) obituary
28. The robbers wielded their guns in front of the terrified crowd.
- 1) brandished
 - 2) fired
 - 3) pointed
 - 4) swung
29. Sharp objects which include seemingly harmless and safe items like razor blades and knitting needles are banned.
- 1) innocent
 - 2) innocuous
 - 3) innovative
 - 4) intriguing
30. My little brother cried on his first day of school because he felt unfamiliar in a new environment.
- 1) like a dog with two tails
 - 2) like a cat on hot bricks
 - 3) like a wolf in sheep's clothing
 - 4) like a fish out of water

Read the passage and answer questions 31 to 35.

Cyril was simply too shocked to express himself properly. For nearly an hour, Famara and Moustapha *struggled to make sense* of Cyril's garbled words. Frustrated by their puzzled expressions, Cyril finally held out his hands and made the gesture of holding a steering wheel. They got it – he had come by car!

Helping Cyril to his feet, Famara and Moustapha walked him to where he had parked his car, an old Opel. Overcome by fear and shock, Cyril sat in the driver's seat, head against the wheel.

"Come on," Famara and Moustapha said. "We'll help you. Drive slowly."

Cyril crept out of Saint-Quentin onto the main road north. Fifteen kilometres later, he pulled up in front of a high stone house in the little farm village of Nauroy. 10

When Nadine Lenoir answered the doorbell, she stood, gaping, at the sight.

"Joel, come quick!" she cried. "Cyril's back, with two black boys. They're all dripping wet."

The Lenoirs had moved from Saint-Quentin to Nauroy a few years earlier to rent a bigger house in the village. They needed the space.³ In addition to Cyril, 15 Nadine's brother, Maurice, had been living in the household since their parents were killed in a car crash.

Joel supported all of them on his modest bus driver's salary. They were comfortable enough if they watched their budget, and Joel was not a man to complain. He and Nadine had already seen too much of death to forget how 20 precious life was: after Joel's younger brother committed suicide, the *couple* had lost a toddler of their own to an infection.

Now, with Cyril still shaking with fear, Famara and Moustapha filled in the details of what had happened. Joel was flooded with a mixture of dread and relief at how close tragedy had come yet again. In addition, he was also filled with 25 immeasurable gratitude.

"Here," he said, offering Famara and Moustapha all the money he could find; two hundred dollars for each of them. To his surprise, the young strangers refused.

Adapted from "Brothers Under the Skin", Reader's Digest (April 2003)

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

31. Famara and Moustapha "struggled to make sense" of what Cyril said at first because Cyril spoke _____.

- (1) in a language they did not know
- (2) in a confused manner
- (3) very little
- (4) too fast

32. Finally, _____ drove the old Opel car.

- (1) Cyril
- (2) Joel
- (3) Famara
- (4) Moustapha

33. There are presently _____ members in the Lenoirs household.

- (1) four
- (2) five
- (3) six
- (4) seven

34. The word "couple" in line 21 refers to _____.

- (1) Joel and Maurice
- (2) Joel and Nadine
- (3) Famara and Maurice
- (4) Famara and Moustapha

35. According to the passage, which one of the following statements is false?

- (1) Nadine's parents were killed in a car crash.
- (2) Cyril invited Famara and Moustapha to stay for dinner.
- (3) Joel was the sole breadwinner of the Lenoirs household.
- (4) Joel offered Famara and Moustapha a total of four hundred dollars.

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 Q) in the blanks. The letter (I) and (O) have been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking. (10 x 1 mark)

EACH WORD CAN ONLY BE USED ONCE.

(A) another	(D) other	(G) it	(K) for	(N) been
(B) them	(E) as	(H) around	(L) at	(P) up
(C) round	(F) towards	(J) from	(M) over	(Q) being

Jane was excited about jet-skiing. She slowly lifted her legs and made (36) _____ move forward. Her stomach tightened, but her heart craved a new adventure. She mounted the jet-ski.

"Now remember, only ten minutes. Watch out (37) _____ me, I'll signal when your time's (38) _____," the coach instructed.

Jane nodded (39) _____ she revved the engine and headed out to sea. Her short hair flew in the wind. Her slim body goose-bumped as the warm breeze slid (40) _____ her skin.

Lost in the freeing sensation, all Jane wanted was to escape (41) _____ all her responsibilities.

She closed her eyes and lifted her face (42) _____ the sun. The warmth invigorated her. She felt like she was (43) _____ loved by the sun.

Suddenly, Jane heard sputtering and looked (44) _____. There were no (45) _____ boats near her. She began to worry about where the noise came from.

Adapted from "Awakening Brilliance" by Pamela Sims

Each of the underlined word contains either a spelling or grammatical error. A wrong or missing punctuation mark is indicated by a circle. Put the correct punctuation mark or word in each of the boxes. (10 x 1 mark)

46.

It was not sepak takraw that introduced Darwin Lee to his Malay friends and the other way round.

47.

Darwin, 14, a Secondary One student at Queensway Secondary becoming interested in the sport after watching his friends play the game.

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Darwin gave a discription of how he started playing sepak takraw when he was in Primary Three or Four, at Tanglin Primary. "I saw my friends volleying the

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rattan ball over the net. My interest was arosed. I began playing sepak takraw with

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them and eventually joined the school team ○ " he said.

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Darwin, whom father is a customer service officer and mother, the housewife,

added, "I felt awkward at first as I was the only Chinese boy in the team. However, the

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awkward soon faded because all the players treated (one another) as equals."

54.

Darwin ○ s team-mate, Emran, said, "The sport may have a Malay name, but

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people of all races can enjoy it. We have never looked to Darwin as an 'outsider'."

Adapted from The Straits Times, 22 Jul 04

Read the passage and then fill each blank with a suitable word. (20 x 1 mark)

It had been a tiring day for Mrs Ho. She was (56) _____ 'warily back to the block of flats where she lived. In the lift, her (57) _____ were on dinner and a good rest. When she got out at the fourth floor, it was not to be. Both thoughts were forgotten in the sudden discovery that her front door was open. She would not hesitate to reprimand her (58) _____ the next morning for such a monstrous (59) _____ of negligence. She was sure that she had turned both (60) _____ in their locks.

(61) _____ up her courage, she inched slowly and cautiously into the living room and was horrified to see that all the room doors were (62) _____. Yet, following her regular (63) _____, she had shut them before going out. (64) _____ her heart thumping wildly, she looked towards the (65) _____ of the study room. Horrified, she saw her books (66) _____ all over the room. Someone had rummaged through the drawers and left (67) _____ a complete mess.

It then (68) _____ on her that burglars had made a forced (69) _____ into her flat during her absence. Her first impulse was to go round all her rooms looking for the burglars, but she hesitated. She decided that at her age, it might be more (70) _____ to have someone with her. She immediately went to get assistance from her son who lived on the fifth floor (71) _____.

Crying hysterically and with (72) _____ wobbling like jelly, she led her son back to her flat. To calm her down, her son made her a cup of strong tea. He then immediately called for the police.

Slowly, Mrs Ho (73) _____ her composure. With her son's assistance, she searched her rooms to evaluate the extent of her (74) _____.

The maid was reprimanded and her service was (75) _____. It was indeed a costly lesson for her!

For each of the items 76 to 80, 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). (5 x 2 marks)

76. "Don't forget to visit your aunt this Sunday," said Mother.

Mother reminded me _____

77. The new neighbours are a very considerate couple. The residents like them.

_____ such _____

78. I visited Australia. Fanny, my best friend, was born there.

_____ where _____

79. Edward studies very hard for his examination. His results were disappointing.

No matter _____

80. All the girls do not want to go to the theme park.

None _____

Read the passage below and answer questions 81 to 90.

The sun had just risen. The annual marathon in my town is usually held during a neat wave. My job was to follow the runners in an ambulance to render medical attention. The driver and I were in an air-conditioned ambulance behind approximately one hundred athletes waiting for the race to start.

"We're supposed to stay behind the last runner, so drive slowly," I said to the driver, Doug, as we began to creep forward. 5

"Let's just hope the last runner is fast!" He laughed.

As they began to pace themselves, the runners were running way ahead. It was then that my eyes were drawn to a woman in blue running shorts and a baggy white T-shirt. She clenched her fists tightly. She pushed herself forward, ready to begin the race. 10

"Doug, look!"

We knew we were already watching our "last runner." Her feet were turned in, yet her left leg was turned out. Her legs were so crippled and bent that it seemed impossible for her to be able to walk, let alone run a marathon. 15

Doug and I watched in silence as she slowly moved forward. We did not utter a word. We would move forward slightly, then stop and wait for her to gain some distance. Then we would slowly move a little more. As I watched her struggle to put one foot in front of the other, I found myself cheering for her and urging her forward. I wanted her to stop, and at the same time, I prayed that she would not. 20

Finally she was the only runner left in sight. Tears streamed down my face as I sat on the edge of my seat and watched with awe, amazement and even reverence as she pushed forward with sheer determination through the last miles.

When the finish line came into sight, trash lay everywhere and the cheering crowds had long gone home. Yet, standing straight and ever so proud waited a lone man. He was holding one end of a ribbon of crepe paper tied to a post. She slowly crossed through, leaving both ends of the paper fluttering behind her. There was a look of triumph in her before she collapsed and lay limp on the ground. 25

Hurray! She made it. Without a moment's delay, I dashed forward and rendered aid to my first and only casualty for the day. 30

I do not know this woman's name, but that day she became part of my life – a part I often depend on. For her, it wasn't about beating the other runners, or winning a trophy, it was about finishing what she had set out to do, no matter what. When I think things are too difficult or too time consuming, or I get those *I-just-can't-do-it* feeling, I always think of the last runner. Then I would realize how easy the task before me really is. 35

Adapted from *Chicken Soup for the Preteen Soul*

For each question from 81 to 90, write your answer in the space provided.

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES. (10 x 2 marks)

81. From paragraph 1, quote a two-word phrase which indicates clearly that the marathon was held on a very hot day.

82. Why did Doug "hope the last runner ^{is} fast" ?

83. How do ^{you} we know that the last runner was determined to finish the race right from the beginning ?

84. Where ^{you} were the writer and Doug throughout the race ?

85. In line 29, what does "it" refer to?

86. The woman was not an ordinary marathon runner. How do you know?

87. In line 19 – 20, the writer wanted the last runner to stop running and at the same time, he wished she would not. Explain why the writer felt this way.

88. Which sentence in the passage tells you that the last runner completed the race?

89. How did the last runner feel when she finally completed the race?

90. In what way did the last runner become part of the writer's life?

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- 75) cancelled
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|---------|-------|---------|-------|----------------------------|
| 01. (3) | 11. 2 | 21. 2 | 31. 2 | 76) Mother reminded me to |
| 02. 3 | 12. 1 | 22. 1 | 32. 1 | visit my aunt that |
| 03. 2 | 13. 3 | 23. 2 | 33. 1 | Sunday. |
| 04. 1 | 14. 2 | 24. 2 | 34. 2 | 77) The new neighbours are |
| 05. 1 | 15. 3 | 25. 3 | 35. 2 | such a considerate |
| 06. 4 | 16. 1 | 26. 2 | | couple that the |
| 07. 4 | 17. 1 | 27. 3 | | residents like them. |
| 08. 1 | 18. 1 | 28. 1 | | 78) I visited Australia |
| 09. 3 | 19. 3 | 29. (2) | | where Fanny, my best |
| 10. 1 | 20. 2 | 30. 4 | | friend, was born. |
- 79) No matter how hard
 Edward studies for his examinations,
 his results were disappointing.
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| 36) B | 56) walking/
plodding/
trudging | 80) None of the girls wants to go to
the theme park. |
| 37) K | | 81) It is "heat wave". |
| 38) P | 57) thoughts | 82) He wanted to end his job early. |
| 39) E | 58) maid | 83) She clenched her fists tightly
and pushed herself forward. |
| 40) M | 59) act | 84) They were in an air-conditioned
ambulance. |
| 41) J | 60) keys | 85) It refers to completing the race. |
| 42) F | 61) Mustering | 86) She was a cripple who competed in
the marathon. |
| 43) Q | 62) open | 87) He did not like seeing the last
runner suffering, so he wished
that she would stop. Yet, on the
other hand, he did not want her
to give up but to continue running
to the end of the race. |
| 44) H | 63) routine | 88) She slowly crossed through,
leaving both ends of the paper
fluttering behind her. |
| 45) D | 64) With | 89) She felt triumphant but
exhausted. |
| 46) but | 65) entrance | 90) Every time he faced a
challenge ahead of him, the
last runner's sheer
determination helped him
realise how easy it was to
overcome it. |
| 47) became | 66) thrown/
strewn | |
| 48) description | 67) behind | |
| 49) aroused | 68) dawned | |
| 50) , | 69) entry | |
| 51) whose | 70) sensible | |
| 52) a | 71) above | |
| 53) awkwardness | 72) legs | |
| 54) 's | 73) regained | |
| 55) upon | | |