

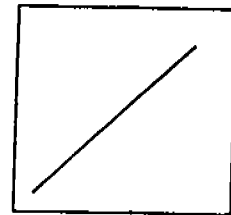
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Methodist Girls' School (Primary)  
Primary 6 Preliminary Examination 2004  
English Language  
Paper 2

Index No.      -

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 : \_\_\_\_\_

Date : 23 August 2004

## Section A: Graphic Stimulus (5 marks)

Read the advertisement carefully and answer questions 1 to 5.

# At a Glance

april

### 2 April

15-year-old UK singer, **Becky Taylor**, will perform during the Opening Festival of The Arts House at the Old Parliament (Becky appears courtesy of EMI Singapore).

Time: 7.30 p.m. Venue: The Promenade, free admission

At seven, Becky Taylor played Eponine in *Les Misérables* and at eight, she won the Thorndike Theatre Talent Competition. At 10, she won the British Arts Awards, London Final, for her performance in *The Secret Garden*. She made her début TV appearance on the BBC's Blue Peter singing *My Heart Will Go On*.

### 2 to 18 April

Singapore Fashion Festival 2004 (see page 3 for more details)

### 9 April

British Council Singapore will be closed for **Good Friday**



### 16 April to 30 May

*Everything but...* presented by Esplanade – Theatres on the Bay and the British Council, is an exhibition of contemporary kitchenware by 30 of the UK's most interesting contemporary designers. Venue: Jendela, Esplanade. Free admission. (see pages 4 and 5 for more details)

### 14 to 25 April

*Kiss Me if You Mean it* by Chris Chibnall, starring Gerald Chew and Leigh MacDonald, and presented by Escape Theatre

The play was born out of the Soho Theatre Writer's Lab and is a fine example of contemporary British writing – young, fresh, funny and moving.

Venue: The Arts House at the Old Parliament

Tickets: \$24 & \$34 via The Arts House box office or hotline: 6332 6900

Websites: [www.theartshouse.com.sg](http://www.theartshouse.com.sg); [www.escapetheatre.com](http://www.escapetheatre.com)

### 15 April to 1 May

Singapore International Film Festival (see page 6 for more details)

### 21 April to 5 May

*Infiltrate* will feature three UK artists, Lucy Harvey, Tom McCarthy and Manuela Ribadeneira. Venue: Substation Gallery

This exhibition will showcase a group of emerging international artists whose work investigates the networks, structures and spaces of the art world... *Infiltrate* is supported by the National Arts Council, Goethe-Institut and the British Council.

### 24 & 25 April

**STREATS** Singapore International Latin Festival

organised and managed by Caldwell Arts

6.00 p.m. to 2.00 a.m. (Saturday) and 5.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m. (Sunday)

Venue: Fort Canning Green, Tickets: Call TicketCharge at 6296 2929

or visit [www.ticketcharge.com.sg](http://www.ticketcharge.com.sg)

Highlights of the festival include performances by UK artistes DJ Nicolas Matar and Salsa Band, Victor Hugo.

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For each question from 1 to 5, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. *At a Glance* gives readers information on \_\_\_\_\_.
- 1) venues of exhibitions
  - 2) venues of performances
  - 3) events happening in May
  - 4) events happening in April
2. Becky Taylor's stint in Singapore is sponsored by \_\_\_\_\_.
- 1) BBC
  - 2) EMI Singapore
  - 3) Thorndike Theatre
  - 4) British Arts Awards
3. Raju's cousin is visiting Singapore at the end of May. An event that Raju can take him to is \_\_\_\_\_.
- 1) *Infiltrate*
  - 2) *Everything but ...*
  - 3) *Kiss Me if You Mean it*
  - 4) *STREATS Singapore International Latin Festival*
4. The word, \_\_\_\_\_, refers to the first time a person performs in public.
- ~~1)~~ debut
  - ~~2)~~ infiltrate
  - ~~3)~~ emerging
  - ~~4)~~ contemporary
5. If I am interested in crockery and cutlery, I will go to \_\_\_\_\_.
- 1) the Goethe-Institut
  - 2) Fort Canning Green
  - 3) the Substation Gallery
  - 4) Jendela at the Esplanade

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

6. "\_\_\_\_\_ you have a spare tyre?" the taxi driver enquired. "This one needs to be replaced."
- 1) Do
  - 2) Did
  - 3) Will
  - 4) Can
7. That gardener is an authority \_\_\_\_\_ orchid culture.
- 1) in
  - 2) at
  - 3) of
  - 4) on
8. The rude boy was told off and \_\_\_\_\_ the door.
- 1) show
  - 2) shows
  - 3) ~~show~~
  - 4) showed
9. After \_\_\_\_\_ the seeds, he took a nap in the shed.
- 1) plant
  - 2) plants
  - 3) planted
  - 4) planting
10. She is to report to her teacher after she has \_\_\_\_\_ the race.
- 1) run
  - 2) ran
  - 3) runs
  - 4) running

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11. Ming Li \_\_\_\_\_ her work so meticulously that no one can fault her.
- 1) do
  - 2) did
  - 3) does
  - 4) done
12. The trouble with you and \_\_\_\_\_ is that we are too careless in our work.
- 1) I
  - 2) me
  - 3) my
  - 4) mine
13. When we saw him, he was wearing a red hat and \_\_\_\_\_ the wall.
- 1) paint
  - 2) paints
  - 3) painted
  - 4) painting
14. If only we \_\_\_\_\_ adopt the abandoned dog, we would be very happy.
- 1) will
  - 2) can
  - 3) could
  - 4) would
15. He did not complete the task \_\_\_\_\_ he had been told to do so.
- 1) despite
  - 2) however
  - 3) because
  - 4) even though
16. The boy \_\_\_\_\_ upon the treasure chest while he was looking for his kitten.
- 1) stumble
  - 2) stumbles
  - 3) stumbled
  - 4) stumbling

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17. \_\_\_\_\_ balloon would you like, the blue or red one?
- 1) Who
  - 2) What
  - 3) Which
  - 4) Whose
18. There were only \_\_\_\_\_ marbles left in the box.
- 1) a few
  - 2) fewer
  - 3) a little
  - 4) lesser
19. Either the boys or the girl \_\_\_\_\_ part in the competition this Saturday.
- 1) is taking
  - 2) are taking
  - 3) was taking
  - 4) were taking
20. If you ~~give~~ him the information, he \_\_\_\_\_ it out for you.
- 1) will type
  - 2) has typed
  - 3) had typed
  - 4) would type

**Section C: Vocabulary (15 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 (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.**

21. The musician struck a \_\_\_\_\_ on the guitar and everyone started singing.
- 1) key
  - 2) note
  - 3) tone
  - 4) chord

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22. The \_\_\_\_\_ fire frightened away the wild animals.
- 1) cracking
  - 2) creaking
  - 3) crackling
  - 4) crunching
23. Martha was embarrassed by the fresh coffee stains on her blouse. She was usually \_\_\_\_\_ dressed.
- 1) perfectly
  - 2) flawlessly
  - 3) spotlessly
  - 4) immaculately
24. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the museum explained the history of the <sup>artefacts</sup> ~~artifacts~~ to us.
- 1) janitor
  - 2) curator
  - 3) warden
  - 4) custodian
25. The \_\_\_\_\_ silverware was polished till it shone.
- 1) soiled
  - 2) tainted
  - 3) stained
  - 4) tarnished
26. The harm done to her reputation is so bad it cannot be put right.
- 1) irresistible
  - 2) irreparable
  - 3) irresponsible
  - 4) irreplaceable
27. When doing a timeline, we have to list the events in the order in which they happened, from the earliest to the latest.
- 1) concurrently
  - 2) subsequently
  - 3) simultaneously
  - 4) chronologically

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28. The fishermen rowed back to shore as the tide went down.

- 1) abbed
- 2) lowered
- 3) retreated
- 4) subsided

29. The hungry beggars were searching busily for food in the refuse heap.

- 1) sieving
- 2) groping
- 3) foraging
- 4) rummaging

30. The police dogs have been sent into the forest to sniff out the man who is running away from the law.

- 1) fugitive
- 2) deserter
- 3) escapee
- 4) absconder

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**Section D: Comprehension (10 marks)**

Read the passage below and answer questions 31 to 35.

Elwyn Brooks White loved animals long before he wrote his best-known book, *Charlotte's Web*. When he was a boy, his father once brought home an incubator and fifty eggs. One day the chicks began to hatch, and the whole family came to watch. Elwyn was the most eager observer. At last the excitement was over - all but three of the eggs hatched. The White's coachman thought these eggs had no chicks and put them on the manure pile outside the stable. There in the dung and dark, the eggs hatched. Elwyn heard peeping and discovered the three forgotten chicks. He was ecstatic.

He loved to spend time in the stable with the turkey, ducks, pigeons and geese. He was also fascinated by the rats that resided underneath. Occasionally, a wild cat lived there, too. Like Wilbur, the pig, in *Charlotte's Web*, Elwyn felt lucky to live among all these different kinds of animals.

No doubt his love for animals inspired him to write *Charlotte's Web*. He had been observing a spider in the farm's backhouse and on the way to feed the pigs one day, the idea came to him to make that spider, whom he called Charlotte, the story's heroine.

As a young boy, Elwyn loved words and writing. He typed his manuscripts on an Oliver typewriter in his brother's room and later said, "It was the noisy excitement connected with borrowing and using this machine that encouraged me to be a writer."

Although E. B. White is probably best known as a children's author, he also wrote adult articles for the magazine, *The New Yorker*.

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

31. Elwyn could be \_\_\_\_\_ when he discovered the three peeping chicks.

- 1) feeding the pigs
- 2) visiting the stables
- 3) checking the incubator
- 4) watching over the eggs

32. \_\_\_\_\_ caused the most excitement in the White's household.

- 1) Father bringing home the eggs
- 2) The eggs hatching in the incubator
- 3) Father bringing home the incubator
- 4) The eggs hatching on the manure pile

33. The main characters in *Charlotte's Web* are a \_\_\_\_\_ and a spider.

- 1) pig
- 2) duck
- 3) chick
- 4) turkey

34. Elwyn was inspired to write *Charlotte's Web* while he was \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1) talking to Wilbur
- 2) observing the rats
- 3) typing his manuscripts
- 4) carrying out his farm chores

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Elwyn enjoyed \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1) being with Wilbur
- 2) reading *The New Yorker*
- 3) working on the noisy machine
- 4) watching the three eggs on the manure pile

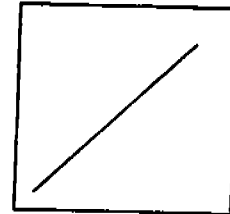
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Booklet B

Number of Questions : 45  
Total Marks : 50



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

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

Class : \_\_\_\_\_

Date : 23 August 2004

### 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 Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking.

**EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.**

(A) and	<del>(D)</del> in	(G) it's	<del>(K)</del> then	(N) without
(B) but	<del>(E)</del> into	<del>(H)</del> on	<del>(L)</del> up	<del>(P)</del> when
<del>(C)</del> however	<del>(F)</del> its	<del>(J)</del> than	<del>(M)</del> with	(Q) while

Someone wrote to tell me that people go bananas for bananas.

(36)\_\_\_\_\_ fact, the average American munches more

(37)\_\_\_\_\_ 40 kilogrammes of bananas a year.

(38)\_\_\_\_\_, believe it or not, your great-great-great-grandparents probably never laid eyes (39)\_\_\_\_\_ this tropical fruit. In the nineteenth century, bananas spoiled on the slow ocean voyage to the United States. Eventually, (40)\_\_\_\_\_, as ships became faster and refrigeration developed, the fruit made (41)\_\_\_\_\_ way to America.

Many people think bananas grow on trees, but they really grow on herbs, which are plants (42)\_\_\_\_\_ woody stems. Banana plants can grow (43)\_\_\_\_\_ to 5 metres tall with whopping 2-metre-long leaves. Bananas are harvested (44)\_\_\_\_\_ still green. They slowly convert the starch they contain (45)\_\_\_\_\_ sugar, becoming sweeter and turning yellow. And that is when they can be eaten.

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## Section F (10 marks)

Each of the underlined words 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.

Mission Control checked the weather and double- checked the  
 (46)  (47)   
 rocket. John Glenn waited for the lawunch in his cramped space capsoole,  
 (48)   
*Friendship 7*. For almost four hours he waited  on his back, his feet  
 (49)   
 pushed up in front of him, strapped and bolted amidst switches, sirkuits  
 (50)   
 and tubes. He thought of astranout, Alan Shepard, waiting for take-off a  
 (51)  (52)   
 year earlier. "Why don't you fixing your problem and light this candle "  
 (53)   
 Shepard had asked Mission Control. Glenn smiled at the memorial.

Finally the countdown moved towards zero. Below Glenn's back, the  
 (54)   
 nine storeys of fuel and rocket begins to stir. "You have firing signal,"  
 (55)   
 Mission Control announced. "Godspeed, John Glenn." Flames flicker and  
 then rolled in great red clouds from the base of the rocket. Glenn tore  
 free from the earth.

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**Section G: Cloze Passage (20 marks)**  
**Fill in each blank with the most suitable word.**

Every evening in our big cities, you could hear loud calls in the streets and see people hurrying home from work. It (56)\_\_\_\_\_ like "Eeeenin Peee-ay-pahl!" It was a (57)\_\_\_\_\_ seller, calling out "Evening Paper" so that people (58)\_\_\_\_\_ know where to buy a newspaper.

Nowadays people do not usually stand on the street and (59)\_\_\_\_\_ about what they are (60)\_\_\_\_\_. They advertise on (61)\_\_\_\_\_, radio, in magazines and newspapers - or they just put their goods in a (62)\_\_\_\_\_ and let people come in and look around.

But in the old towns of England, there were once many street sellers who all had special calls or cries to advertise what they were selling.

"Rich (63)\_\_\_\_\_ from cows!"

"Potatoes, potatoes, buy now, buy now!"

Anything that (64)\_\_\_\_\_ be sold - flowers, fruit, brooms, rabbits and toys - (65)\_\_\_\_\_ sold with a cry. We sometimes still hear cries through songs and (66)\_\_\_\_\_ rhymes. On Good Friday morning, people still sing, "One a penny, two a penny, hot cross (67)\_\_\_\_\_" as the bun seller (68)\_\_\_\_\_ long ago.

And do you (69)\_\_\_\_\_ the muffin man, the one who (70)\_\_\_\_\_ in Drury Lane? He used to walk up and down the streets at teatime on winter days, (71)\_\_\_\_\_ his bell and calling, "Muffins, oh! Crumpets, oh!"

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The streets are much (72) \_\_\_\_\_ now, except for the  
roar of (73) \_\_\_\_\_. Will people of the (74) \_\_\_\_\_  
remember today's advertisements with their bright colours, catchy  
(75) \_\_\_\_\_ and clever ways with words? Will there be more street  
cries woven into songs and rhymes?

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**Section H: Synthesis and Transformation (10 marks)**

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).

76. Tommy prefers jogging to swimming.

\_\_\_\_\_ would rather \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

77. Mrs Lim surprised her family. She threw a party for them last Sunday.

\_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

78. The ribbon is too short to go round the hat.

The ribbon is not \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

79. "Where is your new bicycle?" Jenny asked Peter.

Jenny asked Peter \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

80. My sister is not invited. I will not go to the party.

Unless \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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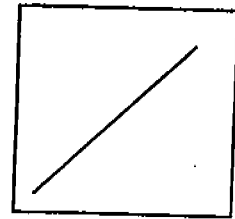


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Booklet C

Number of Questions : 10  
Total Marks : 20



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Answer all the questions.

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Class : \_\_\_\_\_

Date : 23 August 2004

**Section I: Comprehension (20 marks)**

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

When the sheep moved out for a heavy day of meadow munching, a dozen sleepy bulls would yawn their way to breakfast. After eating, they exercised, adding muscle upon muscle to their already massive bodies. In the afternoon, they groomed their glossy coats and polished their hooves and sharp horns. They believed that the sheep were put in the barn to serve them. 5

One evening, Harley, a large bull, stepped forward. He strutted before his fellows like a huge peacock, stamped his feet, and said, "Watch this!" The sheep were just entering and gathering around the feeding trough.

Harley snorted. The sheep looked up. Then he lowered his head, pawed the ground, and advanced on the sheep. The flock moved away from the trough. Harley began to eat. The other bulls did the same and the sheep went to bed hungry. 10

During the next few weeks, the atmosphere in the barn changed. The bulls' stalls became as spotless as the sheep's yet they spent all their time exercising. When a bull wanted something, he bellowed for a sheep. The sheep became as thin as rails, and their eyes were as dull as their humour. Paradise was lost. 15

One night, a cold wind howled scattering the fallen leaves in the barnyard. The flock stood about shivering and staring dully at the whirling leaves. An old ram approached them, expecting a cheerful reception. He sensed that something was wrong. When told of the problem, the ram thought for a moment. Then he picked a twig and told a sheep to break it. The sheep snapped it easily. Next, the ram bundled several twigs together and instructed the sheep to break the bundle. It was impossible. "You are the twigs. That is the solution to the problem," the ram said. 20 25

A knowing look appeared on the sheep's faces. Together they entered the barn, ignoring the bellowing bulls. Shoulder to shoulder, they advanced on the bulls. The sheep lowered their heads and forced the bulls out of the barn. Once outside, the bulls began to protest but a young ewe named Ida silenced them. The bulls' eyes widened and their jaws dropped. Ida said, "The only way we can live together is to share the work and respect one another. If some of us cannot do that, then some of us won't live in the barn." 30

The bulls began to argue but the sheep would not back down. Thus, peace was restored. As it was in the beginning so the barn was in the end. 35

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

81. Which animals were taken advantage of at the beginning of the passage?

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82. How do you know that the bulls were well-groomed?

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83. What does "this" in line 9 refer to?

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84. Why were the bulls able to keep their stalls completely clean?

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85. Pick a sentence from the passage which tells us that life for the sheep had become extremely miserable.

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86. Why did the ram think that something was not right when he went to the barn?

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87. What was the ram's solution to the sheep's problem?

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88. How did the sheep drive the bulls out of the barn?

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89. Give two reasons why the "bulls' eyes widened and their jaws dropped" (line 31-2) when Ida spoke up.

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90. What did the bulls have to agree to before peace could be restored?

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|-------|---------------|----------------|---|
| 1) 4  | 28) 1         | 54) began      | 90) They had to share the work and respect one another.   |
| 2) 2  | 29) 3         | 55) flickered  | 76) Tommy would rather jog than swim.   |
| 3) 2  | 30) 1         | 56) counded    | 77) Mrs Lim surprised her family by throwing a party for them last Sunday.  |
| 4) 1  | 31) 2         | 57) newspaper  | 78) The ribbon is not long enough to go round the hat.  |
| 5) 4  | 32) 2         | 58) would      | 79) Jenny asked Peter where his new bicycle was.  |
| 6) 1  | 33) 1         | 59) shout      | 80) Unless my sister is invited, I will not go to the party.  |
| 7) 4  | 34) 4         | 60) selling    | 81) The sheep were taken advantage of.  |
| 8) 3  | 35) 3         | 61) television | 82) They groomed their glossy coats and polished their hooves and sharp horns every afternoon.                          |
| 9) 4  | 36) D         | 62) store      | 83) It refers to Harley frightening the sheep away so that he could have the food in the feeding trough all to himself. |
| 10) 1 | 37) J         | 63) milk       | 84) The sheep cleaned them up for the bulls.  |
| 11) 3 | 38) B         | 64) could      | 85) The sentence is "paradise was lost."  |
| 12) 2 | 39) H         | 65) was        | 86) He expected a cheerful reception but the sheep were shivering and staring dully at the whirling leaves.             |
| 13) 4 | 40) C         | 66) nursery    | 87) The ram's solution was to work together and drive the bulls out.  |
| 14) 3 | 41) F         | 67) buns       | 88) They advanced towards the bulls shoulder to shoulder, lowered their heads and forced the bulls out of the barn.     |
| 15) 4 | 42) N         | 68) did        |   |
| 16) 3 | 43) L         | 69) remember   |   |
| 17) 3 | 44) Q         | 70) lived      |   |
| 18) 1 | 45) E         | 71) ringing    |   |
| 19) 1 | 46) launch    | 72) quieter    |   |
| 20) 1 | 47) capsule   | 73) traffic    |   |
| 21) 4 | 48) ,         | 74) future     |   |
| 22) 3 | 49) circuits  | 75) songs      |   |
| 23) 4 | 50) astronaut |                |   |
| 24) 2 | 51) fix       |                |   |
| 25) 4 | 52) ?         |                |   |
| 26) 2 | 53) memory    |                |   |
| 27) 4 |               |                |   |

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