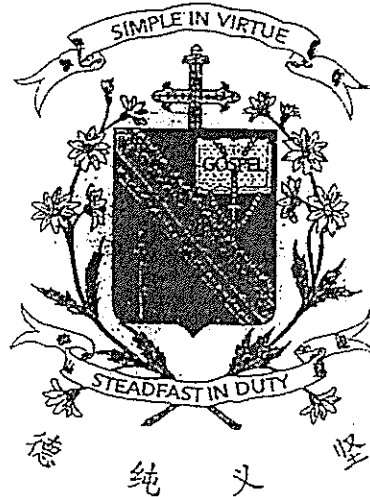


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CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)



Primary 4

Semestral Assessment 1

11 May 2015

English Language Listening Comprehension

Duration of Paper: 25 minutes

12 questions

14 marks

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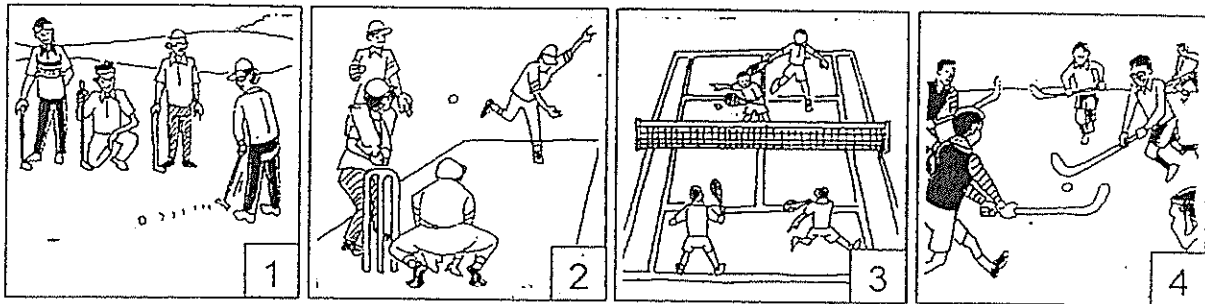
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Section B	5
Section C	3
Total	14

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Section A: Picture Matching (6 marks)

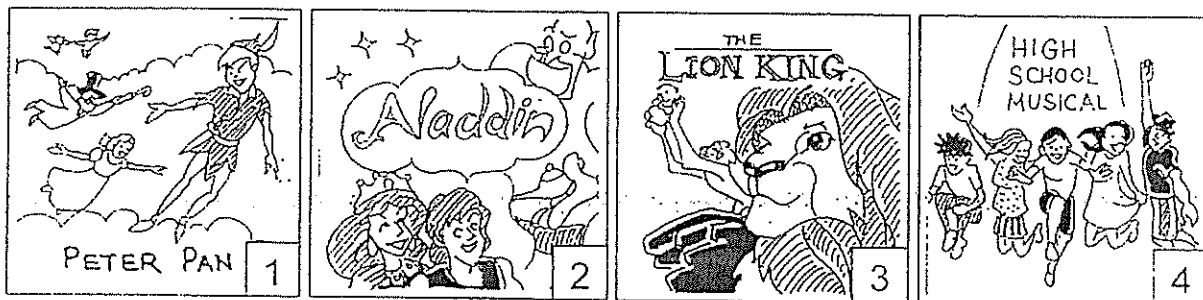
For Question 1 and Question 2, look at the set of pictures. I am going to read to you a sentence or a paragraph. Listen carefully. Then choose the picture that describes what I have read. Write the number 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the brackets provided.

1.



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2.



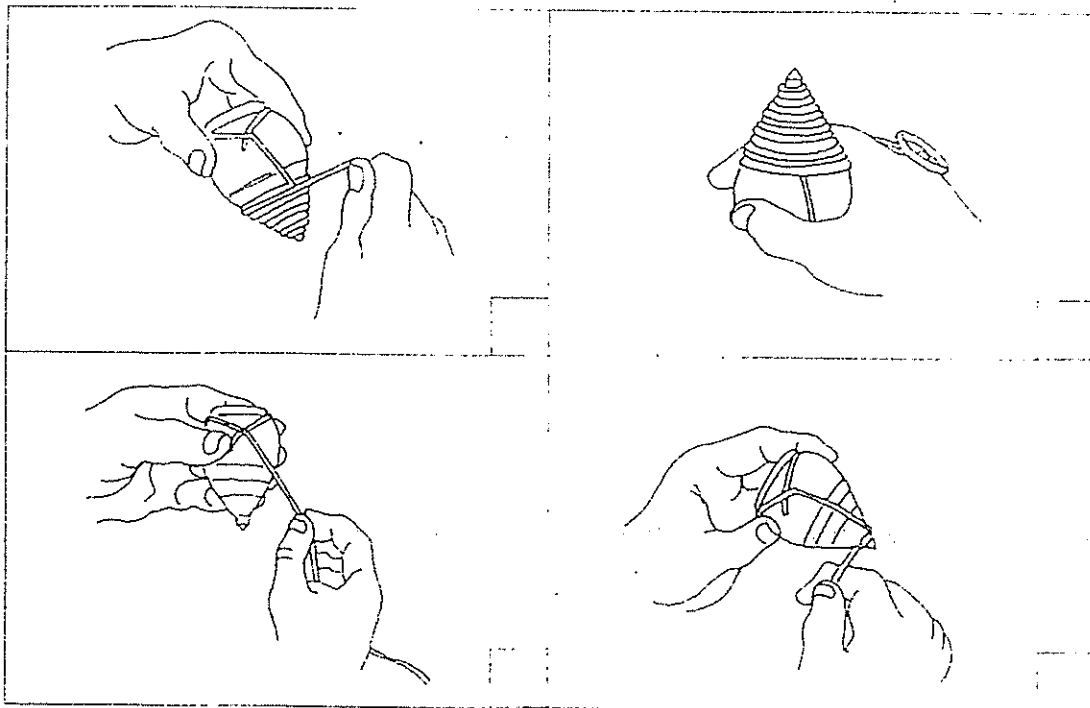
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For Question 3 and Question 4, look at the set of pictures. I am going to read to you a set of instructions. Then choose the pictures that show the correct sequence of what I have read. Write the number 1, 2, 3 and 4 in the box provided.

3.



4.



Section B – Note-taking (5 marks)

Q5 to Q9 is a note-taking test.

At a storytelling workshop you attended, the trainer began with this folktale.

Listen to the following carefully.

As you listen, take down the missing information by filling in each blank-numbered Q5 to Q9 with **one word or a short phrase**.

5. Number of people living in the small house: _____

6. A word that describes the woman who gave good advice: _____

7. The smallest animal he brought into the house: _____

8. The place he got the animals from: _____

9. Number of nights the animals stayed in the house: _____

Section C – Comprehension (3 marks)

Q10 to Q12 is a comprehension test.

Listen carefully to the passage and answer the following questions. For each question, choose the correct answer and write the correct number in the brackets provided.

10. Before hibernating, animals need to store enough energy to last the entire _____.

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(1) spring

(2) autumn

(3) winter

11. Which of these bears do not hibernate?

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(1) grizzly bears

(2) sun bears

(3) black bears

12. Which animal buries itself in mud to keep from freezing?

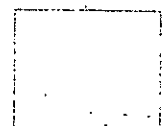
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(1) garter snake

(2) snapping turtle

(3) hibernating bat

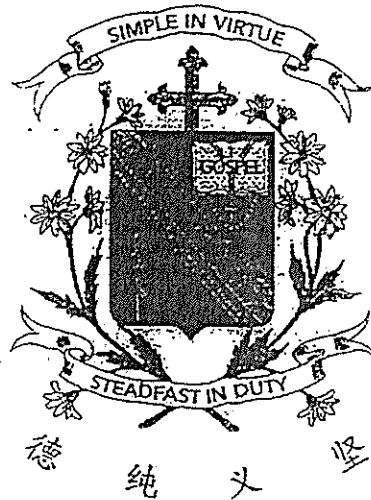
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Primary 4

Semestral Assessment 1

29 April 2015

English Language

Paper 1

Duration of Paper: 50 min

1 question
20 marks

Instructions to Candidates:

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Write a story of at least 120 words about a learning journey.

The pictures, not arranged in sequence, are provided to help you think about this topic. Your composition should be based on one, two or all of these pictures.

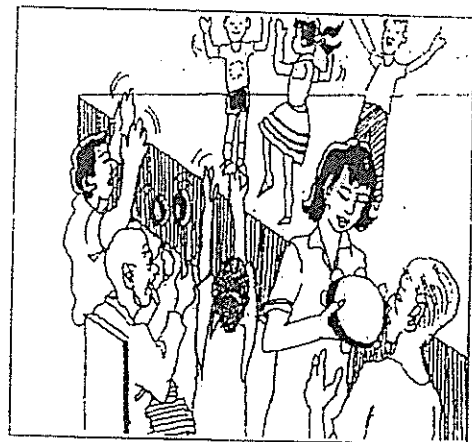
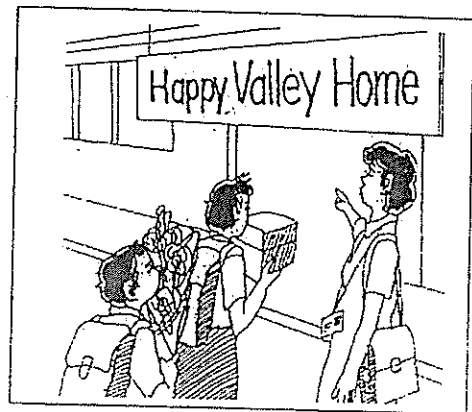
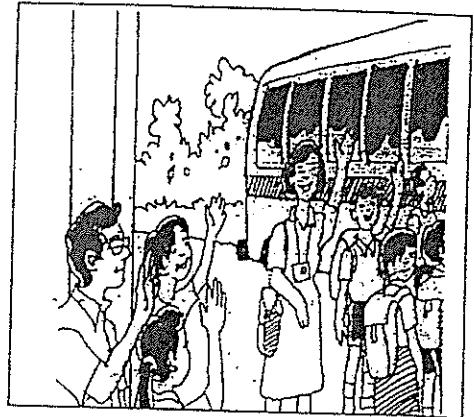
Consider the following points when you plan your composition:

- Who went on the learning journey?
- Where did the people involved go?
- What did the people involved bring?
- What happened during the learning journey?
- How did the people in the story feel?
- What was the lesson learnt?

You may use the points in any order and include other relevant points as well.

Helping Words:

- boarded bus
- volunteers
- a whale of a time
- enriching experience
- hands-on activities

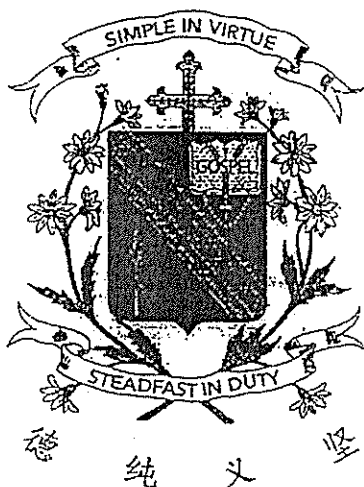


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Primary 4

Semestral Assessment 1

11 May 2015

English Language

Paper 2 Booklet A

Duration of Paper (Booklets A & B): 1 h 30 min

16 questions

16 marks

Instructions to Candidates:

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

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

This booklet consists of 7 printed pages.

Section A: Grammar MCQ (8 x 1mark)

Read the questions carefully. Choose the most suitable answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. _____ lady standing at the shelter is waiting for the rain to stop.

(1) This
(2) That
(3) These
(4) Those

2. Our family drove to Kuala Lumpur and stopped _____ the way for supper.

(1) over
(2) down
(3) along
(4) through

3. Lily was still in pain after the tooth extraction. _____ she had to take painkillers.

(1) if
(2) so
(3) but
(4) because

4. "Our teacher bought a cake to celebrate _____ graduation as a class!" exclaimed Heidi.

(1) we
(2) her
(3) our
(4) their

5. "Bala must have thought you were rude. You _____ have been more careful when you made a comment about his appearance," said Mrs Lee.

- (1) can
- (2) must
- (3) would
- (4) should

6. The company _____ informed their staff that they will be closing down soon.

- (1) have
- (2) has
- (3) are
- (4) is

7. The plane was delayed for _____ hours due to bad weather.

- (1) a bit
- (2) much
- (3) a little
- (4) several

8. "Remember to dress appropriately tomorrow for the learning journey. _____, you will not be allowed to go," reminded Miss Lim.

- (1) However
- (2) Although
- (3) Therefore
- (4) Otherwise

Section B: Vocabulary MCQ (6 x 1 mark)

Read the questions carefully. Choose the most suitable answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.

9. Penny slipped on the path that was covered with _____ moss.
- (1) sleek
 - (2) slimy
 - (3) sloppy
 - (4) sluggish
10. Thomas was determined to join the first _____ to climb the mountain next year.
- (1) travel
 - (2) cruise
 - (3) outing
 - (4) expedition
11. James found the smell of the overflowing rubbish bin utterly _____.
- (1) ugly
 - (2) hideous
 - (3) unsightly
 - (4) repulsive
12. "_____ some sesame seeds on the roasted chicken before you serve," instructed the master chef.
- (1) Spray
 - (2) Squirt
 - (3) Smear
 - (4) Sprinkle

13. The lorry _____ just in time to avoid a dog that was running across the road.

- (1) swerved
- (2) twisted
- (3) curved
- (4) glided

14. "As prefects, you have the _____ to uphold the school values and set an excellent example at all times," said the discipline master.

- (1) contract
- (2) promise
- (3) obligation
- (4) requirement

Section C: Visual Text Comprehension MCQ (2 x 1 mark)

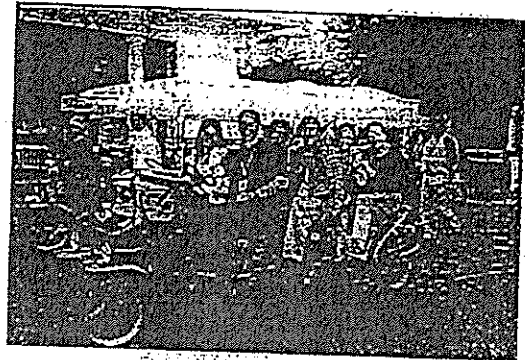
Study the advertisement carefully and answer questions 15 and 16.

Happy Wheel Rental

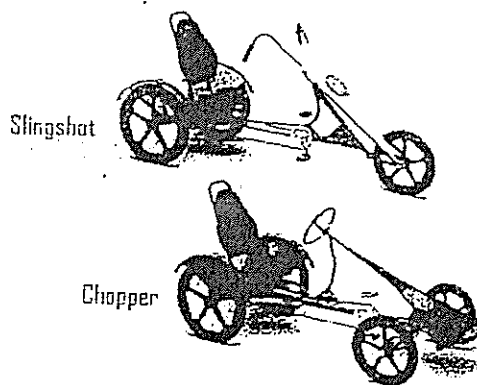
Holiday Activities

Surrey Scavenger Hunts

- Popular activity for team bonding!
 - Our surreys are suitable for all age groups and can seat up to six people.
 - Throughout the scavenger hunt, there will be a list of questions, clues and riddles to be solved.
 - This activity is offered at all our Happy Wheel Rental locations.
- (Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes)



A happy family on a surrey



Drag Races

- If you like speed, you will enjoy this race!
 - You may choose to ride either Slingshot or Chopper to cross the finish line.
 - This activity can be held at the venue of your event or at any of our Happy Wheel Rental locations.
- (Duration: 30 to 90 minutes)



Children having fun on pedal cycles

Max Races

- Have fun with scooters and a variety of four wheeled pedal cycles in our Max Races.
 - This activity is offered at all our Happy Wheel Rental locations.
- (Duration: 1 to 2 hours)

Happy Wheel Rental, 4671 Fern Road, Singapore 933251 (main branch)
website: happywheelrental.com (We accept email reservations only.)

Choose the correct answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

15. The organiser of the holiday activities is _____.

- (1) Max Races
- (2) Drag Races
- (3) Happy Wheel Rental
- (4) Surrey Scavenger Hunts

16. Which one of the following statements is **true**?

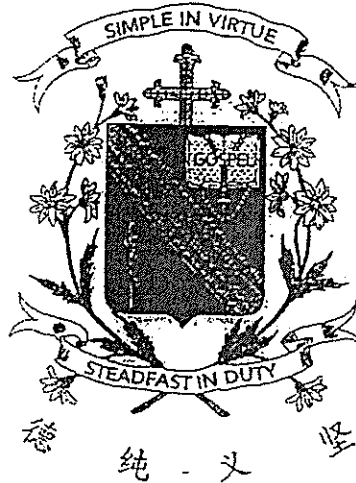
- (1) A surrey allows as many as six people on board.
- (2) Happy Wheel Rental accepts email and walk-in reservations.
- (3) You may take part in Max Races at a location of your choice.
- (4) A team would need at least 90 minutes to complete a Drag Race.

END OF BOOKLET A

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Primary 4

Semestral Assessment 1

11 May 2015

English Language

Paper 2 Booklet B

Duration of Paper (Booklets A & B): 1 h 30 min

30 questions
34 marks

Instructions to Candidates:

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Booklet A	16
Booklet B	34
Total	50

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This booklet consists of 11 printed pages and 1 blank page.

Section D: Grammar Cloze [1] (4 x 1 mark)

Read the following passage carefully. Choose the most suitable answer from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank. Use each answer only once.

(A) are eating	(C) eats	(E) have eaten
(B) eat	(D) had eaten	(F) is eating

Mary and her classmate, Rachel, were having their recess at the school canteen. Mary wanted to (17) _____ chicken rice while Rachel preferred prata. After she (18) _____ her food, Mary spotted Lily, their former classmate. Lily was seated a few tables away from them with two other girls.

"Look, Rachel! Lily is over there! She (19) _____ a plate of nasi lemak," said Mary.

Rachel giggled. "Let's join them after they (20) _____ their food."

The girls were soon chatting merrily, catching up with each other.



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Section E: Grammar Cloze [2] (4 x 1 mark)

Read the following passage carefully. Choose the most suitable answer from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank. Use each answer only once.

(A) sad	(C) saddens	(E) sadly
(B) saddened	(D) sadder	(F) sadness

The referee blew his whistle to signal the end of the final match of the inter-school soccer tournament.

John, the team captain, and his teammates felt (21) _____ as their soccer team had lost to their rival school. John shook his head (22) _____ as tears rolled down his cheeks. Their coach and CCA teachers were equally (23) _____ by the result too.

To help the boys overcome their (24) _____, their coach bought each of them a drink.

John and his teammates were determined to train harder for the soccer tournament next year.



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Section F: Synthesis and Transformation (2 X 1 mark)

Rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

25 The children were playing happily. They stopped playing when it started to rain.

until _____

26 The cake shop closed early for the day because the cakes were sold out.

Since _____



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Section G: Comprehension Cloze (4 x 1 mark)

Read the following passage carefully. Fill in each blank with the most suitable word.

In those days when I was young, there was no homework on Sundays. There was plenty of time for outdoor activities.

Once, a bright yellow guava in my uncle's (27) _____ caught my eye. My uncle had put many bamboo poles with wire hooks on their ends all over the garden for plucking fruits in season. Very quickly, I hooked the guava with a pole. I tugged but the fruit did not fall. I tugged again and again, taking a (28) _____ or two backwards as I did so. I did not realise that there was a well behind me. Then I had the shock of falling down the clay well with the pole in my hand and the guava following.

Fortunately, the well was not so wide and I could stretch (29) _____ my arms and cling to the earthen steps in the well. In this way, I crawled up step by step to the top. When I got out of the well, I was covered in mud.

No one knew that I had (30) _____ death. I did not tell anyone for fear of a scolding for plucking guavas without permission.

Adapted from 'Wee Kim Wee Glimpses and Reflections' by Wee Kim Wee



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Section H: Comprehension [1] (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 31 to 39.

It was morning in a nature reserve in Africa. A troop of baboons suddenly dropped their food. They started screaming and running up trees.

A female lion had arrived at the tree and was shaking the branches.

One of the baboons dropped to the ground and died upon impact. But the lioness did not eat her catch. She was distracted by a crying baby baboon nearby. 5

The big cat could have killed it easily. Instead, she touched the baby with one paw and chased it playfully around the tree. Then, the lioness picked up the baby and lay down to rest, with the little baboon lodged between her two front legs.

Two baboons, Kim and Ako, tried to rescue the baby. Kim ran down the tree shrieking and baring her teeth menacingly. Ako pounded incessantly on the trunk, trying to make the lioness chase him instead. But the lioness was not bothered by them. 10

When two male lions arrived and pestered the lioness, she was distracted. She stood up and drove them away, leaving the baby baboon unattended.

Kim and Ako seized their chance.

Silently, Kim sneaked down the tree and pelted the lioness with stones and twigs from behind a bush. Without taking his eyes off the lioness, Ako stretched out his hand and snatched the baby. Gripping it tightly, Ako scrambled up the tree to safety. 15

Adapted from 'Ten-Minute Truce', National Geographic Kids, November 2014

For Q31 – Q32, match the activities to the correct animal. Tick (✓) your chosen answer.
The first example has been done for you. [2m]

Activities		The lioness	The adult baboons
Example	climbed trees		✓
Q31	played with the baby baboon		
Q32	stopped feeding immediately		

Q33. Which word has the same meaning as 'showing'? Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

Kim ran down the tree shrieking and baring her teeth menacingly.
(A) (B)

For Q34 – 35, match the actions to the correct animal.
Tick (✓) your chosen answer. The first example has been done for you. [2m]

Actions		Kim	Ako
Example	screamed at the lioness	✓	
Q34	attacked the lioness		
Q35	carried the baby baboon up the tree		

Q36. Who does the word 'them' in line 11 refer to?
[Write your answer using a complete sentence / complete sentences.] [1m]

Q37. Tick (✓) your chosen answer.

The lioness showed its gentle side by _____. [1m]

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|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| ☐ | not eating the dead adult baboon |
| ☐ | playing with the baby baboon |
| ☐ | chasing the male lions away |

Q38. Which word has the same meaning as 'disturbed'? Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

When two male lions arrived and pestered the lioness, she was distracted.

(A)

(B)

Q39. State two things Kim did in order to save the baby baboon from the lioness. Refer to lines 9 - 13.

[Write your answers using complete sentences.] [2m]

i) _____

ii) _____



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Section I: Comprehension [2] (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 40 to 46.

With a map in her hand, Maia trekked into the forest. But the path was not quite as simple as it appeared on her map. She knew she had to keep the sun on her right to get to her destination but the canopy of leaves was too dense. She could not tell when she was lost.

"Why didn't I listen? I shouldn't have come out on my own," Maia grumbled to herself.

Blinking away tears, she trudged on. Then, her foot got caught on a *liana and she fell. 5
When she sat up, she noticed a running stream ahead of her. Not far away, she caught sight of a canoe paddled by an Indian boy.

Maia scrambled to her feet. "Please help me! I have to get to Manaus," Maia said.

The Indian boy stretched his hand out and pulled her into the canoe.

As soon as they were on their way, she thought how foolish she had been. Surely, he 10
would hit her on the head and sell her ...or worse...

The boat glided quietly down the river.

Suddenly, the boy gave a wild shout. He threw the paddle down and hurled himself on top of her. Then, he released her and pointed. They had just passed beneath a wicked-looking branch with spikes the size of knives. Maia could have been blinded by those nasty things. 15
As he climbed back onto his seat and picked up the paddle, the boy was still muttering angrily in his own language. She was very careful after that.

As they travelled on, Maia could not contain her delight with the beauty she saw about her.

Soon, the stream became wider and Maia caught a glimpse of low houses. 20

"Manaus," the boy announced. He drew up to the river bank and helped her out.

*A liana is a plant with a long stem that climbs around other plants.

Adapted from 'Journey to the River Sea' by Eva Iltis

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For Q40, write 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the brackets.

40. Maia had planned to _____ to Manaus. [1m]

- (1) sail
- (2) trek
- (3) ride
- (4) swim

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41. State whether each sentence below is True or False. Give a reason for your answer. [2m]
[Write your reasons using complete sentences.]

Sentence	True / False	Reason
(a) Maia did not know the route to Manaus very well and hence was lost.		
(b) Maia cried because of the fall.		

42. Refer to lines 5 – 7. Which word suggests that Maia walked with slow heavy steps? [1m]
[Write only the word required in the box.]

43. These are some statements describing Maia. Put them in the right sequence, according to the flow in the story. Write 1, 2 and 3 on the lines. [1m]

She was almost injured by a spiky plant.

She regretted making the trip.

She boarded the canoe.

44. What does the phrase 'those nasty things' in line 15 refer to? [1m]

[Write your answer using a complete sentence / complete sentences.]

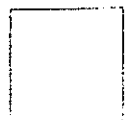
45. Why did Maia think she had been foolish? (line 10) [2m]

[Write your answer using a complete sentence / complete sentences.]

46. How did the boy prevent Maia from getting hurt by the spiky plant? [2m]

[Write your answer using a complete sentence / complete sentences.]

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Answer Key

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2	3	2	3	4	1	4	4	2	4
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16				
4	4	1	3	3	1				

17) B 18)D 19)F 20)E 21) A 22)E 23)B 24)F

25) When the children were playing happily until it started to rain.

26) Since the cakes were sold out , the cake shop closed early for the day.

27) garden 28)step 29)out 30) cheated

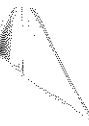
31) The lioness 32)The adult baboons 33)B 34)Kim 35)Ako

36)'Them' refers to the two baboons, Ako and Kim.

37) playing with the baby baboon. 38) A

39)i) Kim ran down the tree shrieking and baring her teeth menacingly.

ii)Kim bared her teeth in order to save the baby baboon from the lions.



40)2

41)a)True. She used a map 41)b) False. She was lost

42) trudged 43) 3 , 1 , 2 44) It refers to the spikers. . .

45)She thought that the Indian boy would hit her on the head and sell her.

46)He threw the paddle down and hurled himself on top of Naia.