

# CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION TWO 2016

## PRIMARY SIX

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE

## PAPER 1 (WRITING)

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

Class: Primary Six \_\_\_\_\_

22 August 2016

55 marks

1 hour 10 minutes

## INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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There are two parts to this paper - Part 1 and Part 2.

Answer both questions.

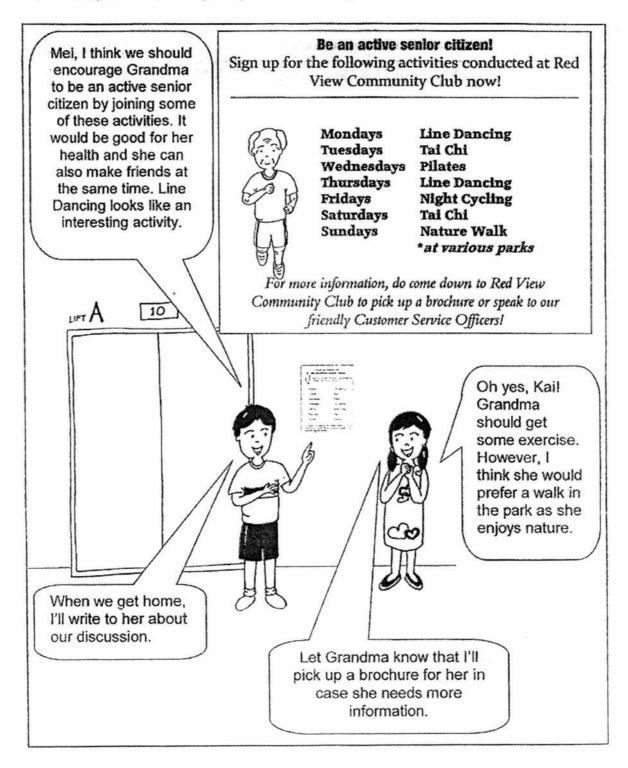
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## Part 1: Situational Writing (15 marks)

### **Question 1**

The picture below shows Kai and Mei discussing about what their grandmother can do in her spare time. Study the pictures carefully.



Your Task

Imagine you are Kai.

Write an email to your grandmother to tell her about the discussion that you and your sister had after looking at a poster at the lift landing.

You are to refer to the picture and information on page 1 for your email.

In your email, include the following information:

the purpose of writing to Grandma two benefits Grandma can gain from joining the activities which activity will Grandma be interested in and why what Mei would do for Grandma

You may reorder the points. Write in complete sentences.

## Part 2: Continuous Writing (40 marks)

#### **Question 2**

Write a composition of <u>at least 150 words</u> about forgiving someone.

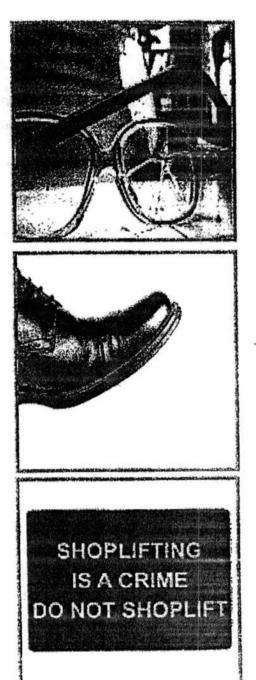
The pictures are provided to help you think about this topic.

Your composition should be based on one or more of these pictures.

Consider the following points when you plan your composition:

- Who was/were asking for forgiveness?
- What happened that made the person(s) ask for forgiveness?

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





## CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION TWO 2016 PRIMARY SIX ENGLISH LANGUAGE

## PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION) BOOKLET A

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

Class: Primary Six\_\_\_\_\_

22 August 2016

28 Questions (28 Marks)

Total Time for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

## INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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This booklet consists of 10 printed pages excluding the cover page.

For each question from 1 to 10, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical (10 marks)

- 1. "\_\_\_\_\_ around Bishan Park is what I do every evening," Mason said.
  - (1) Jog
  - (2) Jogs
  - (3) Jogged
  - (4) Jogging
- 2. All but Keith \_\_\_\_\_\_ attending Mr. Kang's supplementary lesson next Friday.
  - (1) is
  - (2) are
  - (3) was
  - (4) were
- There was a surge \_\_\_\_\_\_ excitement when the national table tennis player scored a point.
  - (1) of
  - (2) for
  - (3) with
  - (4) towards

Nobody ate the cheesecake which was baked by Mr Tan, \_\_\_\_\_?

- (1) did they
- (2) have they
- (3) didn't they
- (4) haven't they
- 5. Shumei saw a group of boys \_\_\_\_\_\_ a stray kitten at the playground beside her school.
  - (1) abuse
  - (2) abuses
  - (3) abused
  - (4) had abused

- 6. "Never in my life \_\_\_\_\_\_ skydiving! I'm so nervous right now!" exclaimed Yu Hern as he stood at the edge of the plane.
  - (1) I had done
  - (2) had I done
  - (3) have I done
  - (4) I have done

 The teachers organised a Cyber Wellness talk during the school assembly in response \_\_\_\_\_\_ the recent rise in cyber-bullying.

- (1) at
- (2) to
- (3) by
- (4) for
- 8. Ju Yong, \_\_\_\_\_\_ injured for some time, is glad to finally be able to attend the Track and Field training session again.
  - (1) is
  - (2) was
  - (3) had been
  - (4) having been
- No sooner had Ms. Teh given the instruction to pitch a tent \_\_\_\_\_\_ the scouts searched for suitable tools and materials.
  - (1) but
  - (2) than
  - (3) then
  - (4) since

 In order for a movie to interest children, it must have \_\_\_\_\_\_ unique plot and tell a story they have never heard of.

- (1) a
- (2) an
- (3) any
- (4) another

## For each question from 11 to 15, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

- 11. Shirley always \_\_\_\_\_\_ an air of confidence wherever she goes. She will definitely ace the job interview.
  - (1) exults
  - (2) exalts
  - (3) exudes
  - (4) effaces
- 12. Yusof's eyes were \_\_\_\_\_\_ on the monitor as he punched and kicked at the opponents in the latest computer game, Kingdoms.
  - (1) fixated
  - (2) gripped
  - (3) obsessed
  - (4) consumed
- 13. The dishonest salesman managed to sell most of his items as he talked to his unassuming customers.
  - (1) glibly
  - (2) nimbly
  - (3) superficially
  - (4) immaculately
- Old Mrs Wan was \_\_\_\_\_ by the conman's speech and agreed to hand him her life savings in exchange for the 'magic stone'.
  - (1) taken in
  - (2) taken on
  - (3) taken up
  - (4) taken back
- Tim, who is usually timid, suddenly flew into a rage and attacked the inconsiderate boys who \_\_\_\_\_\_ him with taunts and rude gestures.
  - (1) evoked
  - (2) induced
  - (3) triggered
  - (4) provoked

For each question from 16 to 20, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

There was a commotion in Michelle's classroom. She was intrigued when her classmates introduced the latest chat programme, Coolchat. After learning more about what Coolchat was, Michelle was (16) <u>sold</u>. That day, she went home and downloaded the programme. After setting it up, she realised that she could chat with all her classmates at the same time. She (17) <u>marvelled</u> at the technology. She spent the entire night chatting with them online. For the next few weeks, that was all Michelle did once she got home. She was completely (18) <u>hooked</u>. She would sit in front of her computer spending hours at a stretch. Sleeping just two hours each night, Michelle could barely keep awake in class the next day. Her online obsession started to (19) <u>take a toll on</u> her studies. This infuriated her mother. Her mother threatened to take her computer away from her bedroom and keep it under lock and key. To (20) <u>appease</u> her mother, Michelle promised to focus on her studies and use the programme only during her school holidays. As a result, she fared well in her final year examinations.

Adapted from EPH Book 2N

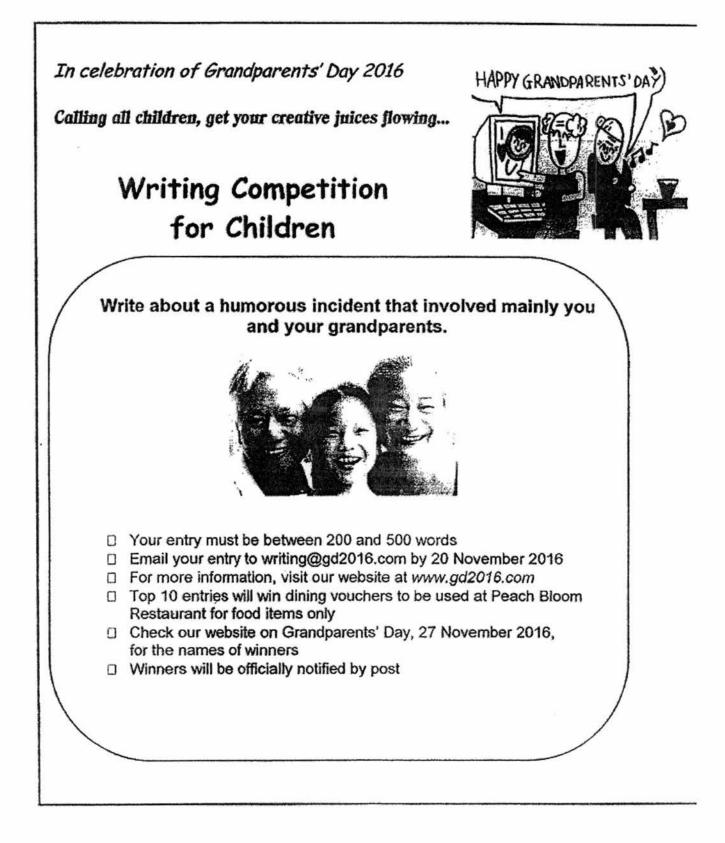
- 16. (1) hyped
  - (2) touted
  - (3) endorsed
  - (4) convinced
- 17. (1) was curious
  - (2) was startled
  - (3) was impressed
  - (4) was flabbergasted
- 18. (1) in love
  - (2) caught
    - (3) addicted
    - (4) mesmerised

- (1) (2) (3) (4) cause deprivation cause devastation 19.

  - cause deterioration
  - cause degeneration
- (1) (2) (3) (4) 20. ease

  - pacify compose persuade

Study this flyer carefully and then answer questions 21 to 28.



The following is an excerpt from a short story, "My Grandmother and I", written by local author, Josephine Tham. Many of her short stories are based on real-life experiences involving her and her grandmother whom she dearly loves.



When I put my fork and spoon down on the plate, I heard Grandma let out a loud sigh. "Why didn't you finish up all those grains of rice on your plate, Mei Mei? Do you want your future husband's face to be covered with pimples?" asked Grandma so earnestly that I tried my best not to burst out laughing. Turning to my parents for some help, I saw that they were equally amused, but definitely not coming to my rescue. Shaking my head, I quickly scraped the plate clean and made sure that I ate every bit of food left. From the corner of my eye, I saw Grandma nodding her head in approval, and could not help but smile.

Grandma had lots of old wives' tales\* and funny stories which she often shared with me. Sometimes, I would cheekily try to convince her that her beliefs did not make sense, and I always ended up getting a light hit on my palm. Getting my palm ready, I said, "Grandma, look at Mum's plate. There are grains of rice all over! How come Dad doesn't have a single pimple on his face?" On hearing that, my parents started laughing uncontrollably! Even my grandmother could not hide her grin. She sighed, again, and threw her hands up in the air, giving up on trying to impart wisdom to her mischlevous grandchild.

\*In case you're wondering...

Old wives' tales are common beliefs that are not based on facts and are usually untrue. They are often used to discourage unwanted behaviour, usually in children.

So, have your grandparents used old wives' tales to encourage you to be good?

For each question from 21 to 28, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (8 marks)

- 21. Based on the flyer, which of the following is true of the writing competition?
  - The entries should be about funny incidents.
  - (2) The deadline for submissions is 27 November 2016.
  - (3) Participants will only know if they have won by checking the website.
  - (4) The writing competition is targeted at anyone who has grandparents.
- 22. In the second paragraph of the excerpt, the word 'beliefs' refers to
  - (1) wisdom
  - (2) comments
  - (3) funny stories
  - (4) old wives' tales
- 23. Why are dialogues included in the excerpt of the story? They are included to
  - show conflicts only
  - (2) add life to the characters
  - (3) elaborate on what old wives' tales are
  - (4) highlight the importance of having characters
- 24. According to the excerpt, Mei Mei got her palm ready because \_\_\_\_\_.
  - her parents would hit her for being mischievous
  - (2) her grandmother would hit her for not finishing her food
  - (3) she already knew how her parents would react to what she was going to say next
  - (4) she already knew how her grandmother would react to what she was going to say next

- 25. Look at the last paragraph of the flyer. Why is an asterisk used?
  - (1) It is used to make the flyer more attractive in design.
  - It is used to give more information about the phrase used.
  - (2) (3) It is used to bring our attention to the explanation of a fact.
  - It is used to remind the participants of the topic for the writing (4) competition.
- 26. Old wives' tales are usually used to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) impart knowledge to children
  - (2) teach children to become wiser
  - pass on customs and traditions (3)
  - (4) get children to stop their undesirable habits
- 27. Based on the flyer, which of the following is not true?
  - (1) The excerpt is about a humorous incident.
  - (2) Entries can be submitted at the website, www.gd2016.com.
  - Drinks ordered cannot be paid for using the dining vouchers won. (3)
  - (4) Participants must limit the number of words they use in their entries.

28. What is the main aim of the flyer? Its main aim is to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) support a local author
- (2) encourage participation in the writing competition
- (3) teach grandchildren how to celebrate Grandparents' Day
- provide detailed information about the writing competition (4)

### GO ON TO BOOKLET B



## CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION TWO 2016 PRIMARY SIX ENGLISH LANGUAGE

### PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

## BOOKLET B

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

Class: Primary Six \_\_\_\_\_

22 August 2016

52 Questions (67 Marks) ComponentsMarksBooklet A28Booklet B67TOTAL95

Parent's Signature:\_\_\_\_\_

Total Time for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

Write your answers in this booklet.

This booklet consists of 8 printed pages excluding the cover page.

There are 10 blanks, numbered 29 to 38, 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. (10 marks)

A) about	(D) but	(G) of	(K) this	(N) what
(B) and	(E) from	(H) than	(L) to	(P) when
(C) are	(F) is	(J) then	(M) under	(Q) with

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

The idea of fair play is integral to sports and is commonly seen as a necessary ethos for competitive sports to survive and flourish.

Thus, it is important for everyone involved in sports – from parents and spectators (32) \_\_\_\_\_\_ athletes, officials and coaches – to do more (33) \_\_\_\_\_\_ just play by the rules; they should follow the principles of fair play. They should honour their opponents, be respectful spectators, refrain (34) \_\_\_\_\_\_ cheating and show some care and compassion for others. These are important qualities of the sporting spirit. Playing by the written rules is mandatory and respecting the unwritten ones (35) \_\_\_\_\_\_ a must.

Fair play is important and it does not develop automatically (36) \_\_\_\_\_\_ people participate in sports. In fact, research indicates that the longer a young person participates in very competitive sports, the less he is able to make sensible choices. Positive behaviours need to be learnt and constantly reinforced.

In many parts of the world, learning fair play and ethical behaviours are important educational goals, not just in sports, (37) \_\_\_\_\_\_ also in school. Many people who work (38) \_\_\_\_\_\_ children are convinced that they would become better adults if they learn to play fair. Everyone will then be a champion in his or her own way.

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes. (12 marks)

After dinner, we started chatting while waiting for the campfire to begin. Dusk was
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squirrel appeared and made their way up a tree stump that stretched out towards the sky.
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Further up, it leap to another tree and repeated the stant. It then continued its performance
with another spectacular leap that won our admiration.
As the squirrel disappeared from our sight, we let out a <u>disapointid</u> groan. "You can
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see it again tomorrow if you like. It's a daily affair," the leader of the squad anounsed.
Soon, we were seated around the campfire, sharing stories and jokes and we broke
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implawsible stories. It became inevitable to include a few ghost stories into our fabrications.
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Our imaginations were rife with all kinds of possibility. and we were more than willing to be
amused and scared by our stories. Finally, Ali brought out his guitar and we had a singing
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sasion which lasted late into the night. Finally, it was time to hit the sack.

### Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

#### (15 marks)

Tornadoes are nature's most violent storms. Spawned from powerful thunderstorms, tornadoes can (51) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ fatalities and devastate a neighbourhood in seconds. Some tornadoes are clearly (52) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ while rain or nearby low-hanging clouds conceal others. About a thousand of them (53) \_\_\_\_\_\_ reported worldwide in a year.

Tornadoes come in different (54) \_\_\_\_\_\_ and sizes. Some may appear as wide funnel-shaped clouds while others as thin rope-like swirls stretching (55) \_\_\_\_\_\_ the ground to the sky. The duration of tornadoes and the distance they (56) \_\_\_\_\_\_ often vary. Most last less than ten minutes and travel up to five or ten kilometres (57) \_\_\_\_\_\_ disappearing. In extreme cases, however, they can (58) \_\_\_\_\_\_ several hours and cross distances over 150 kilometres!

The costflest and deadliest (59) \_\_\_\_\_\_ ever recorded was in Bangladesh in 1989. In just a matter of minutes, the horrific twister (60) \_\_\_\_\_\_ the lives of 1,300 people and left 12,000 others injured. The buildings were completely (61) \_\_\_\_\_ and 80,000 were left homeless.

There were many reasons for the high death count. Some survivors accused the government of (62) \_\_\_\_\_\_ to provide emergency assistance and chided the local hospital staff for turning away victims.

Another (63) \_\_\_\_\_\_ was the poor housing construction in Bangladesh. Sometimes, a strong gust of wind might knock over a home and kill the residents inside. This was also why the vast majority of homes hit by the tornado were levelled.

The formation of a tornado is so complex that scientists still do not completely understand it. Furthermore, the unpredictability of tornadoes (64) \_\_\_\_\_\_ them difficult and dangerous to study. To date, no one knows when a tornado will strike. It can strike when one (65) \_\_\_\_\_\_ expects it. Thus, it is important to heed all warnings and seek cover immediately.

Much about tornadoes remains a mystery. Scientists are still uncovering the secrets behind this incredible force of nature. For each of the questions from 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in <u>one</u> sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s). (10 marks)

66. The boys could not solve the problem. They tried very hard.

	No matter
5	I do not want to hear white lies. I want to know the truth.
	prefer
	"Did you see my wallet on this table yesterday?" Nicholas asked his sister.
	Nicholas asked his sister
1 1071	Si Ming could not participate in the competition. I took his place and participated the competition.
	in place of
•	Mr Lim was angry with his son because he was rude. Mr Lim stormed off.

## Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

I boarded a chartered plane together with my mother, sister and forty-two other passengers. While flying over the mountains, the plane encountered turbulence. Losing altitude drastically, the pilots lost control of the plane and it collided with an unknown mountain peak. During the collision, the wing and tail were separated from the fuselage of the plane and the remnants of the fuselage slid down a mountain 5 slope before coming to a complete stop. The impact of the final crash claimed the lives of a few passengers instantly, including my mother.

Lying on the draughty floor of the aeroplane, there was no way to warm myself. However, the cold was not my only concern. There was also a throbbing pain in my head. I found out later that I had been unconscious for three days. Looking around, I saw that many passengers had survived the collision, including my sister.

Hoping to be rescued, we waited in the open, as opposed to waiting in the plane, even though it was a freezing minus 37 degree Celsius. At night, we slept side by side to keep ourselves warm and melted snow into water by using metal from the seats. We knew our food could only last us for about a week and we clung 15 to the hope that we would be rescued before it ran out.

We later heard that search parties from three countries tried looking for the missing aircraft. However, the aircraft was white and blended in with the snow, making it inconspicuous from the sky. Some survivors tried to use several sticks of lipstick recovered from the luggage to write 'SOS' on the roof of the aircraft, but abandoned the effort after it became apparent that the letters would not be recognisable from the air.

Six days after the crash, our hope was dashed when we found out via our radio transistor that the rescue effort had been aborted. Due to extreme desperation and hunger, we searched the belongings of the corpses. The corpses were already rotting and giving out the odour of decomposition. Their garments were stuck to their bodies and I had to force myself to touch their rotting flesh as I silently begged for their forgiveness while searching through their pockets. I found some bars of chocolate while the others managed to find packets of food. Even with the extra food found, our food stock dwindled quickly. 30

Some survivors became insistent that our only way of survival would be to climb over the mountains ourselves and search for help. The crash site was an awful place, soaked in urine and smelling of death, but to me it suddenly felt safe, warm and familiar. I wanted to stay there but I knew that my sister would succumb to her injuries within a few days if we were not rescued. Thus, together with two other friends, Canessa and Vizintín, I decided to walk through the icy wilderness for help. Carrying two big bottles of rain water and a few bars of chocolate, the three of us who were novice climbers started our journey. If we had known anything about climbing, we would have realised that we were already doomed. The mountain we were about to challenge was one with slopes so steep and difficult that it would test a team of expert climbers. Luckily, we knew nothing: **our ignorance provided our only chance**. We endured exhaustion and starvation and by the fifth day after we had set off, we were in grave danger. We realised that the hike was going to take more time than we had originally planned for and we were running out of food. Finally, to stretch the supplies we had, we decided that Vizintín would go back to the crash site while the two of us who were fitter waded through the sledge of uncertainties for several more days. It was an agonising process, inching up the mountain. Finally, the slope fell away flat and we had reached the top. To our horror, we found nothing. Crestfallen, we were about to give up hope 50

when I spotted a valley at the base of the mountain. Canessa frowned. "It's too far," he said. "We'll never make it."

"We may be walking to our deaths," I said, "but I would rather walk to meet my death than wait for it to come to me." Canessa nodded in agreement and we started making our way down the mountain.

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Eventually, we made our way to the bottom of the mountain and were helped by a Chilean farmer who called the police for help. I then guided the rescue team via a helicopter to the crash site. The rescue team was shocked by the sight in front of them. It was soaked in urine, filled with the smell of death and littered with ragged bits of human bone and gristle.

Finally, after enduring nineteen brutal days, the world found out that there were sixteen survivors who had cheated death despite the odds.

Adapted from https://www.theguardian.com/books/2006/may/18/extract.features11

71. Based on the first paragraph, fill in the blanks in the table below. [2m]

	Cause	Effect
i)	The pilots could not control the plane.	
ii)		The plane lost altitude.

72. How would waiting in the open be a better option in the rescue of the survivors? [2m]

73. Why was the rescue effort unsuccessful? [2m]

74. Choose one word from paragraph 5 which has a similar meaning to each word below. [2m]

i)	called off	
ii)	diminished	
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75. What does the author mean by 'our ignorance provided our only chance' in lines 41 and 42? [2m]

76. Explain why the team was in 'grave danger in line 44. [2m]

77. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the story. [1m]

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The inexperienced climbers descended from the mountain.

\_\_\_\_\_ Vizintin went back to the crash site.

The inexperienced climbers reached the top of the mountain.

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78. Based on the story, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

Statement	True / False	Reason
The author's sister was the sole reason for him venturing into the icy wilderness.		
The survivors gave up using lipsticks to write on the roof of the aircraft as that was not going to work.		
Vizintín was sent back to the crash site to look for more food for Canessa and the author.		

79. What does the word 'it' in line 59 refer to? [1m]

- 80. In lines 61 and 62 the author mentioned "there were sixteen survivors who had cheated death despite the odds".
  - (i) What did the author mean by 'cheated death'? [1m]

(ii) What were the 'odds' they had to face? [2m]

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## CONTACT :

## Booklet A

Q 1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
4	2	1	1	1	3	2	4	2	1

Q 11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
3	1	1	1	4	4	3	3	3	2

Q 21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
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# Booklet B

Q29	Q30	Q 31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
М	G	A	L	Н	E	F	Р	D	Q

Q39)	descending	Q43)	stunt	Q47)	spun
Q40)	silhouette	Q44)	disappointed	Q48)	implausible
Q41)	its	Q45)	announced	Q49)	possibilities
Q42)	leapt	Q46)	laughter	Q50)	session

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Q51)	cause	Q56)	travel	Q61)	destroyed
Q52)	visible	Q57)	before	Q62)	failing
Q53)	were	Q58)	last	Q63)	factor
Q54)	shapes	Q59)	tornado	Q64)	make
Q55)	from	Q60)	claimed	Q65)	least

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Q66)	No matter how hard the boys tried, they could not solve the problem.
Q67)	I prefer hearing the truth to white lies.
Q68)	Nicholas asked his sister if she had seen his wallet on that table the previous day.
Q69)	I participated in the competition in place of Si Ming.
Q70)	Enraged by the fact that his son was rude, Mr Lim stormed off.

## Q71

	Cause	Effect
i)	The pilots could not control the plane.	The plane collided into an unknown mountain.
ii)	The plane encountered turbulence.	The plane lost altitude.

Q72)	The survivors would be more easily spotted by the search parties.	
Q73)	The aircraft was white and blended in with the snow and rescuers would not notice the plane but would notice the survivors if they were waiting in the open.	
Q74)	i) Aborted ii) dwindled	
Q75)	They were willing to climb the mountain instead of giving up as they did not know that the mountain was extremely challenging with its steep slopes.	
Q76)	They realised that the hike was going to take more time and there was insufficient food.	
Q77)	3, 1, 2	

		the sister would succumb to her injuries if they
i)	True	The author knew his sister would succumb to her injuries if they
		were not rescued.
ii)	True	The survivors abandoned the effort of using lipsticks to write an
	muo	OSS on the roof of the aircraft.
iii)	False	She was sent back to the crash site so as to stretch the supplies
		for Canessa and the author.

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	is a to take more time and there was
Q79)	They realised that the hike was going to take more time and there was
	insufficient food.
Q80)	i) They managed to avoid death.
	ii) The "odds" were the bad weather and the lack of food.