

ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOL (JUNIOR)



SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2 - 2012  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
PRIMARY 5

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

Class : P 5 . ( )

Date : 23 October 2012

BOOKLET A

30 Questions

30 Marks

Total Time For Booklet A and B : 1 hour 50 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- 1 Do not open the booklet until you are told to do so.
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This paper consists of 10 printed pages (inclusive of cover page)



Study the following text and then answer questions 1 to 5.

## **We love Singapore Contest**

The popular TV Programme,  
We Love Singapore, is holding its  
first-ever Student Special!

### **Do you know the answers to these question?**

What is Singapore's National Flower?  
Who is Singapore's first president?  
Where is the Ministry of Education located?  
When was the National Stadium built?  
What is the Nation's current population?



If you have the answers to the questions above,  
you may be the person we are looking for!  
**Come for the audition for the We Love Singapore Contest!**

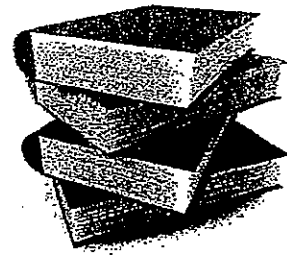
### **Audition Details:**

The audition will be held at Singapore Broadcast  
Centre on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2012 from 9.00am.  
Pick up a form from your school reception now!

The We Love Singapore Contest is open to students  
from the ages of 10 to 18 years old!

For students below 12 years old, please go to  
[www.WeLoveSingapore.com.sg](http://www.WeLoveSingapore.com.sg), get your parents to  
complete the Parental Consent Form and submit it  
during registration.

Be the first 100 to turn up for the auditions to stand a  
chance to win up to \$200 worth of book vouchers!



Vouchers sponsored by  
Singular Bookstore

**All Contestants of the We Love Singapore Contest  
stand a chance to win up to \$5000 worth of cash and prizes!**

**If you think you are up to the challenge, then come and show us what you got!**



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 marks)

1. To be a part of the We Love Singapore Contest, interested parties have to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) attend an audition
- (2) know the answers to all the questions in the poster
- (3) be the person that the contest organizers are looking for
- (4) be the first 100 to show up at the Singapore Broadcast Centre

2. The audition for the We Love Singapore Contest is held at the \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) school reception
- (2) National Stadium
- (3) school auditorium
- (4) Singapore Broadcast Centre

3. Which group of contestants will need parental consent to audition for the contest?

- (1) University Students.
- (2) Secondary School Students.
- (3) Students under the age of 12.
- (4) Students from the ages of 10 to 18.

4. The book vouchers are sponsored by \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) Singular Bookstore
- (2) Ministry of Education
- (3) Singapore Broadcast Centre
- (4) We Love Singapore Contest organizers

5. Ethan is from a local secondary school and was the 20<sup>th</sup> in line on the day of the audition. He \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) will win \$5000 worth of prizes
- (2) stands a chance to win \$200 worth of book vouchers
- (3) will definitely get to be on the We Love Singapore Contest
- (4) will have to get his parents to sign the Parental Consent Form

For each question from 6 to 12, 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.

(7 marks)

6. The pupils from that class \_\_\_\_\_ done extremely well for their PSLE.

- (1) has
- (2) have
- (3) having
- (4) will have

7. The department store \_\_\_\_\_ was closed for renovation last month is open now.

- (1) who
- (2) what
- (3) which
- (4) where

8. When we reached the theatre, there was an usher who showed us \_\_\_\_\_ our seats.

- (1) to
- (2) for
- (3) into
- (4) from

9. \_\_\_\_\_ not feeling well during his examinations, John was still able to achieve excellent results.

- (1) As
- (2) Since
- (3) Despite
- (4) Although

10. Benjamin, together with his classmates, \_\_\_\_\_ to the Discovery Centre.

- (1) will go
- (2) is going
- (3) are going
- (4) have been going

11. Ryan \_\_\_\_\_ collecting GoGos figurines since he was in primary four.

- (1) will be
- (2) will have
- (3) has been
- (4) have been

12. You have seen the Avengers, \_\_\_\_\_ you?

- (1) has
- (2) have
- (3) hasn't
- (4) haven't

For each question from 13 to 15, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(3 marks)

The Lion once gave out information that he was very sick and near death and summoned all the animals in his kingdom to come and hear his last will and testament(13)

So the Goat came to the Lion's cave, and stopped there listening for a long time. Then a Sheep went in, and before she came out, a Calf came up to receive the last wishes of the Lord of the Beasts. But soon the Lion seemed to recover, and he went to the mouth of his cave. Once there, he saw the Fox, who had been waiting outside for some time.

The Lion then asked (14)Why do you not come to pay your respects to me?"

"I beg your Majesty's pardon(15) said the Fox, "but I noticed the track of the animals that have already come to you; and while I see many hoof-marks going in, I see none coming out. Till the animals that have entered your cave come out again I prefer to remain in the open air."

*Adapted from Aesop's Fables*

13. (1) [ , ] comma  
(2) [ . ] full stop  
(3) [ ? ] question mark  
(4) [ ! ] exclamation mark
14. (1) [ . ] full stop  
(2) [ " ] inverted commas  
(3) [ , " ] comma and inverted commas  
(4) [ . " ] full stop and inverted commas
15. (1) [ . ] full stop  
(2) [ " ] inverted commas  
(3) [ , " ] comma and inverted commas  
(4) [ . " ] full stop and inverted commas

For each question from 16 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.

(5 marks)

16. Samuel prefers to eat fried food as he finds that healthy food often tastes \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) bland
- (2) delicious
- (3) appetising
- (4) scrumptious

17. Elliot \_\_\_\_\_ loudly when he fell and broke his arm while running down the corridor.

- (1) said out
- (2) cried out
- (3) laughed out
- (4) chuckled out

18. The \_\_\_\_\_ at the football match cheered with delight when the goal was scored.

- (1) parish
- (2) company
- (3) onlookers
- (4) spectators

19. After the horrific accident, the driver of the vehicle emerged from the wreck, \_\_\_\_\_ but miraculously unhurt.

- (1) elated
- (2) blissful
- (3) shaken
- (4) enraptured

20. Although the pupil was terrified of heights, the instructor managed to \_\_\_\_\_ him to step off the diving platform.

- (1) coax
- (2) pacify
- (3) console
- (4) comfort



For each question from 21 to 25, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(5 marks)

A wolf followed a flock of sheep for a long time and did not attempt to attack and **(21) injure** any of them. The shepherd had at first stood on his guard against the wolf, as one would against an **(22) adversary**, and kept a strict watch over its movements. But when the wolf, day after day, kept in the company of the sheep and did not make the slightest effort to seize them, the shepherd began to look upon it as a **(23) guardian** of his flock rather than as a plotter of evil against it.

One day, the shepherd was **(24) summoned** into the city and he left the sheep on their own, without any charge. The wolf, now that it had the opportunity, fell upon the sheep, and destroyed the greater part of the **(25) flock**. When the shepherd returned to find his flock destroyed, he exclaimed, "I have been rightly served. Why did I trust my sheep to a Wolf?"

*Adapted from Aesop's Fables*

21. (1) aid  
(2) harm  
(3) tackle  
(4) impede
22. (1) ally  
(2) enemy  
(3) intruder  
(4) associate
23. (1) trustee  
(2) teacher  
(3) protector  
(4) concierge
24. (1) sent  
(2) called  
(3) carried  
(4) transported
25. (1) herd  
(2) class  
(3) group  
(4) family

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

From Jesse Owens to Jim Thorpe, and from Mark Spitz to Michael Phelps, the Olympics have long been a source of inspirational, sports feel good stories.

One of those truly inspiring stories happened in the 1992 Summer Olympics in Barcelona. Derek Redmond, a British sprinter, came into the Olympic games as a favourite to win the 400 metres. Feeling he was in the best shape of his life, despite some 8 operations on his Achilles tendons over the past 4 years, he was confident of his abilities. His father, Jim, who was attending the games, had high hopes. Derek and his father were very **tight**. Jim made it to most of Derek's races.

Derek won his heat in the quarter finals and posted the fastest time. In the semis, Derek got off to a good start. As he rounded the first bend in the track, Derek came up limping as his hamstring snapped. Feeling as if he had been shot, Derek came to a halt. His leg would not work properly. Track officials with stretchers approached him, but Derek waved them off.

Derek said in the *The Guardian*, "Everything I had worked for was finished. I hated everybody. I hated the world. I hated hamstrings. I hated it all. I felt so bitter that I was injured again. I told myself I had to finish. I kept hopping round. Then, with 100 metres to go, I felt a hand on my shoulder. It was my old man."

Derek hopped on one leg towards the finish line before his father pushed past security and came to his aid. Leaning on his father, they made it around the track. His father let Derek finish the last steps before the finish line on his own.

As Derek was aided in his race, the official record lists his attempt as "Did Not Finish." However, to the 65,000 fans in attendance, not only did he finish; he showed the true Olympic spirit. The crowd gave Derek and his father a standing ovation.

Over the course of his career, Derek had won many races, but he will always be best remembered for a race that he "did not finish."

Adapted from: <http://www.sportsfeelgoodstories.com>

For each question from 26 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.

(5 marks)

26. Why was Derek Redmond confident of his abilities?

- (1) He was in the best shape of his life.
- (2) His father made it to all of his events.
- (3) His Achilles tendon needed an operation.
- (4) He was the favourite to win the 400 metres track event.

27. In the second paragraph, what does the word tight mean?

- (1) It means Derek and his father had a close relationship.
- (2) It means Derek and his father were not very close to each other.
- (3) It means Derek's father was sure that Derek would win his event.
- (4) It means Derek's father did not feel that Derek would win his event.

28. In the semi-finals of his event, why did Derek stop running suddenly?

- (1) He did not feel well.
- (2) He just had an operation.
- (3) He injured his hamstring while sprinting.
- (4) He wanted to wave the track officials away.

29. Why had Derek felt so bitter and that he hated everything?

- (1) He had lost the race he was in.
- (2) He felt that he did not do as well as he could have.
- (3) His father had not come forward to help him before his injury.
- (4) He had once again suffered another injury to add on to the other injuries he had suffered over the years.

30. From the sixth paragraph, what does it mean when the crowd gave Derek and his father a standing ovation?

- (1) It means that the spectators had jeered at them.
- (2) It means that the spectators had been unhappy.
- (3) It means that the spectators stood up and applauded.
- (4) It means that the spectators had thrown things at them.

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Parent's Signature

**BOOKLET B**

50 Questions

65 Marks

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

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- 1 Do not open the booklet until you are told to do so.
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A	-	<b>30</b>	
B	Grammar Cloze	10	
	Editing for Spelling & Grammar	10	
	Comprehension Cloze	15	
	Synthesis and Transformation	10	
	Comprehension OE	20	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>65</b>	

This paper consists of 9 printed pages (inclusive of cover page)

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40, 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 to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

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

(A) a	(D) for	(G) was	(K) before	(N) of
(B) an	(E) at	(H) were	(L) during	(P) off
(C) and	(F) on	(J) with	(M) later	(Q) by

Oscar Pistorius was born on 22 November 1986 without the fibula, the long, slender bone running along the outside of the leg below the knee joint and down to the ankle, in each (31)\_\_\_\_\_ his legs.

His parents consulted (32)\_\_\_\_\_ some of the leading doctors in the world (33)\_\_\_\_\_ making the decision to have his legs amputated below the knee (34)\_\_\_\_\_ an orthopaedic surgeon.

His parents (35)\_\_\_\_\_ advised by doctors that having the amputation done before Oscar had learnt to walk would be less traumatic (36)\_\_\_\_\_ him and would greatly improve his chances of mobility in later life. Six months (37)\_\_\_\_\_, he received his first pair of prosthetic legs (38)\_\_\_\_\_ within days, he had mastered them.

Supported and encouraged by his sports-mad family, Oscar lived (39)\_\_\_\_\_ active life which led him to become a keen sportsman (40)\_\_\_\_\_ his school years.

Now known as the "Blade Runner" and "the fastest man on no legs", Pistorius became the first double leg amputee ever to participate in the Olympic Games with able-bodied men in the men's 400 metres race on 4 August 2012.

*Adapted from "Oscar Pistorius – official website" and "Wikipedia"*



Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each underlined word for grammar.  
Write the correct word in the relevant box. (10 marks)

A long long time ago, a king had a boulder placed on a roadway.  
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Then he hide himself and watched to see if anyone would remove the  
(42)

huge rock. Some of the King's **welltiest** merchants and courtiers came by  
(43)

and simply walked round it. Many loudly blamed the King for not keeping  
(44)

the roads clear as none did anything about getting the big stone out of  
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the way. Then a peasant came along carrying a **lode** of vegetables. On  
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approaching the boulder, the peasant lay down his burden and tried to  
(47)

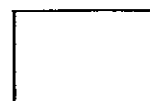
move the stone into the side of the road. After much pushing and  
(48)

straining, he finally **succeded**. As the peasant picked up his vegetables,  
(49)

he noticed a purse **fieng** on the road where the boulder had been. The  
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purse contained many gold coins and a note from the King **indekating**  
that the gold was for the person who removed the boulder from the  
roadway.

Adapted from *The Obstacles in Our Path, Stories of Kindness*



Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Hundreds of years ago, there was a King of Scotland named Robert the Bruce who was brave and wise. The King of England was at war with him and had led a great army into Scotland to (51)\_\_\_\_\_ him out of the land.

Battle (52)\_\_\_\_\_ battle Robert led his brave little army against his (53)\_\_\_\_\_. Finally, they were driven (54)\_\_\_\_\_ flight. At last, the army of Scotland was entirely scattered and King Robert was (55)\_\_\_\_\_ to hide in the woods and in the lonely places among the mountains.

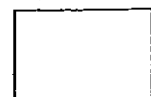
One rainy day, Robert lay in a cave, (56)\_\_\_\_\_ to the rainfall outside the cave entrance. He was tired and felt sick at heart, ready to give up all (57)\_\_\_\_\_. It seemed to him that there was no use for him to try to do anything more.

As he lay thinking, he noticed a spider over his head, getting ready to (58)\_\_\_\_\_ her web. He watched her as she worked slowly and with great care. Six times she tried to throw her thread (59)\_\_\_\_\_ one edge of the cave to another but six times, her thread (60)\_\_\_\_\_ short.

"Poor thing!" said Robert. "You, too, know what it's like to fail six times in a row."

But the spider did not (61)\_\_\_\_\_ hope. With still more care, she got ready to try for the seventh time. Robert almost forgot his own (62)\_\_\_\_\_, as he watched, fascinated. She swung herself out upon the slender line. Would she fail again? No! The thread was carried safely to the cave wall and (63)\_\_\_\_\_ there.

Robert  
"Yes!" cried Bruce, "I, too, will try a seventh time!"



So he arose and called his men together. He told them of his plans and sent them out with hopeful messages to (64)\_\_\_\_\_ the discouraged people. Soon there was an army of brave men around him. A seventh battle was fought and this time, the King of England was forced to (65)\_\_\_\_\_ to England.

*Adapted from Robert the Bruce of Scotland, a legendary Scottish hero*



For each of the questions 66 to 70, 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).  
(10 marks)

66. Burg Restaurant pledged ten cents for every burger it sold. Massey Eatery did the same.

Both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

67. Ryan is going to participate in the OCBC Bike Challenge. Mark will be joining in the event with him.

\_\_\_\_\_ together with \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

68. All of us have agreed to help out at the library. Only Ali has not agreed.

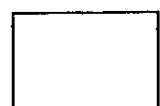
\_\_\_\_\_ except \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

69. Hamidah could have cheese fries for a snack. She could have potato chips too.

\_\_\_\_\_ either \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

70. The news that Singapore had won a bronze medal at the Olympic Games was broadcast. Everyone jumped for joy.

As soon as \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

In the year 1852, it was not a jet plane but a sea-tossed sailing vessel which brought the first valiant missionaries of a little band of nuns from France to journey's end in the Far East after a long weary voyage of six months. It was indeed a miracle that these nuns had made it as the first missionary trip to the East the year before was a failure. The head nun of the party died at sea, another caught brain fever and a third left on reaching Singapore. Only two nuns were left and another party had to be sent. Sister Mathilde was chosen as the Superior of this new party of four Sisters who finally reached Penang on 28 October 1852.

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From their headquarters in France, they set off for Southampton and when they reached Alexandria, they took a boat down the Nile to Cairo and then proceeded to the Suez in caravans. On the sea again, they found it hard to sleep in the tropical climate. The youngest of them, Sister Gregory was Irish and on the day they boarded the "Indostan", she was in a state of excitement. In her imperfect French, she explained that she had seen an immense "beast" hopping all over the cabin. The others dismissed it as "too much sun" but Mother Mathilde noticed that Sister Gregory was convinced as she kept darting her eyes around the cabin which was lit by a small candle. Soon Sister Gregory was on her knees battering something furiously with her slipper while crying in her basic French, "Mother. Not be afraid. Me killed him. Me give him a great whack," before displaying her victim, "an unfortunate cockroach". Sister Gregory was unhappy to realize that her "big black beast" was not rare or dangerous but the whole boat was swarming with it.

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The nuns under Mother Mathilde established a convent in Penang and though they were beset by difficulties on every side – climate, language, customs, poverty, distrust – they set to work with zeal for the glory of God. Two years later, they were asked to set up a convent in Singapore and when they first arrived, they found one bed, two mattresses, two chairs and three stools, a saucepan in which to boil rice and a pot for tea, coffee or curry as the occasion demanded. They also found that there were no doors on their hinges, the kitchen floor was covered with rubble and plaster and the bathroom tiles were nearly all broken. All these drawbacks were waved aside with a smile. Mother Mathilde and her Sisters quickly got to work and within 10 days, they took in orphans, did needlework for the town's ladies to support themselves financially and taught 14 fee-paying children.

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Adapted from "How the Convent Began"

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. Why was the first missionary trip to the Far East a failure?

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72. How many nuns were left waiting for the second <sup>missionary</sup> ~~missing~~ team to arrive in Penang?

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73. Which word in the first paragraph has the same meaning as "courageous"?

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74. Explain why the Sisters found it hard to sleep in the tropical climate?

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75. Why was Sister Gregory, an Irish nun trying to communicate with the other nuns in her "basic French"?

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76. Why was Sister Gregory in a state of excitement when she first saw an "immense beast"?

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77. What convinced Mother Mathilde that Sister Gregory had seen a "beast" when the others dismissed it as "too much sun"?

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78. Which three word phrase in the last paragraph tells us that the nuns faced many challenges when they first set up a convent in Penang?

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79. How did the nuns manage to cook their meals in their impoverished circumstances?

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80. From the last sentence of the passage, what can you infer was the missionary work of the nuns.

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END OF BOOKLET B

# ANSWER SHEET

## EXAM PAPER 2012

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TERM : SA 2

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Paper 1

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15
1	4	3	1	2	2	3	1	3	2	3	4	2	3	4

Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
1	2	4	3	1	2	2	3	2	1	1	1	3	1	3

Paper 2

Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
N	J	K	Q	H	D	M	C	B	L

- 41 hid
- 42 wealthiest
- 43 around
- 44 but
- 45 load
- 46 laid
- 47 to
- 48 succeeded
- 49 lying
- 50 indicating
- 51 drive
- 52 after
- 53 enemies
- 54 itno
- 55 forced
- 56 listening
- 57 hope
- 58 spin
- 59 from
- 60 fell
- 61 lose

# EXAM PAPER 2012

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**Order :**

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- 62 problems  
63 stuck  
64 encourage  
65 retreat
- 66 Both Burg Restaurant and Massey Eatery pledged ten cents for every burger they sold.  
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72 Two.  
73 Valiant.  
74 They were not used to the change in the climate, from a cooler one to a hot and humid one.  
75 She wanted to tell others what she saw.  
76 She thought the 'beast' was rare and dangerous  
77 Mother Mathilde saw Sister Gregory looking cautiously all around the cabin for the 'beast'.  
78 Beset by difficulties.  
79 They have a saucepan to boil rice and a pot for tea, coffee or curry.  
80 They were in the Far East to care for the poor and the orphans and to set up schools.