

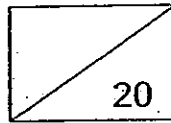
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 FIRST SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2010
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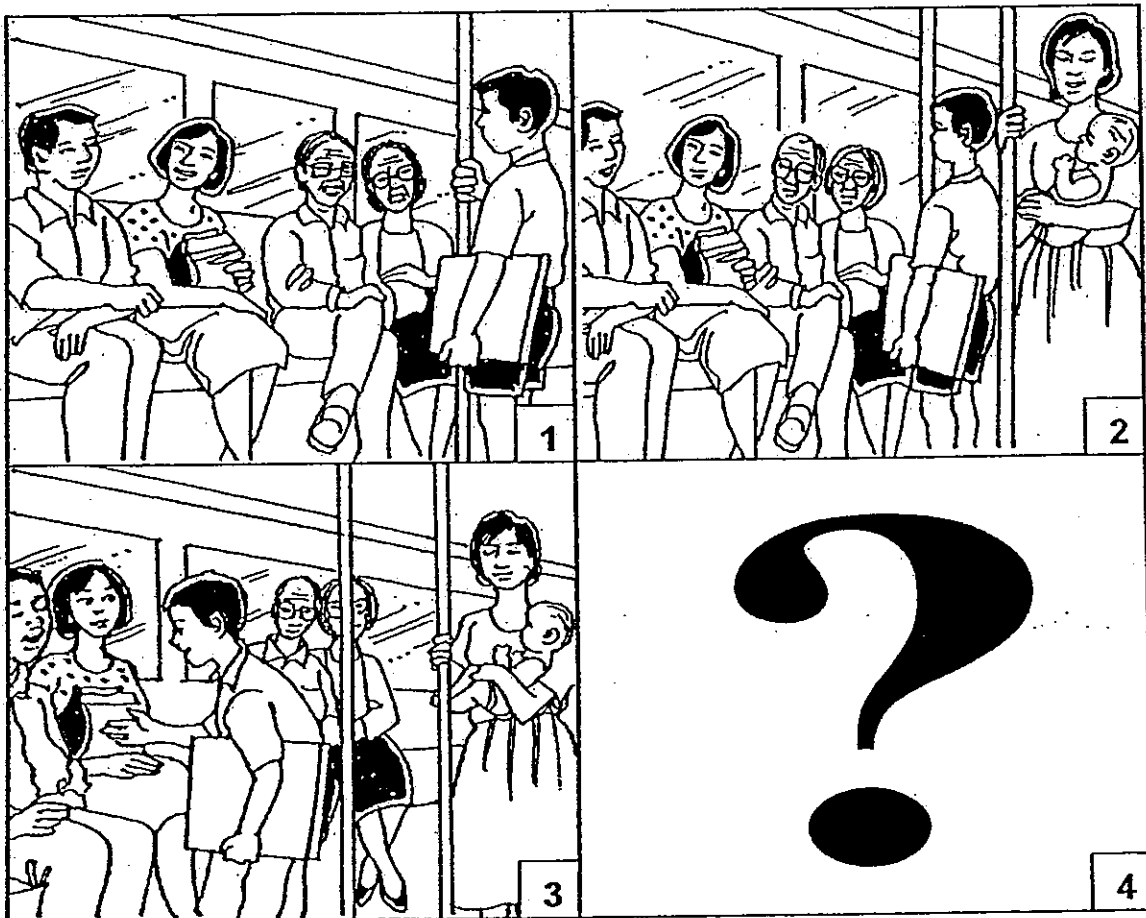


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Composition

Choose either (1) or (2)

- (1) Write a story of at least 120 words based on the pictures below. Give the story your own ending. You may use the words in the box. You are encouraged to include other relevant points to make your composition interesting.



MRT train	deep in conversation	elderly couple
boarded	unconcerned	selfish
approached	asked politely	gave up their seats

- (2) You have had a tiring day and you were sleeping in your room. In the middle of the night, you were woken up by a very loud noise coming from one of the neighbours' houses.

Based on the above situation, write a composition of at least 120 words.

Make use of the following points in your composition:

- how you felt
- what caused the noise
- what you did
- what happened in the end

You may reorder the points. You may also include other relevant points.

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Booklet A

Section A : Grammar (6 marks)

For each question from 1 to 6, 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. Let's _____ all our friends to the party next week.

- (1) invite
- (2) invites
- (3) invited
- (4) inviting

2. In the darkness of the night, I could hear heavy footsteps coming _____ me.

- (1) over
- (2) above
- (3) beside
- (4) towards

3. When I was in the bathroom, I heard someone _____ very loudly.

- (1) sing
- (2) sang
- (3) sung
- (4) is singing

4. The birthday girl blew _____ all the candles on her birthday cake in one puff.
- (1) off
 - (2) out
 - (3) over
 - (4) down
5. Nobody _____ around to help Aunt Salma prepare the dishes for the gathering last Saturday.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
6. "Those boxes near the door are _____. Please do not mix them up with those that belong to my parents," said Janvir to the mover.
- (1) ours
 - (2) mine
 - (3) theirs
 - (4) yours

Section B : Vocabulary (5 marks)

For each question from 7 to 11, 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. The authorities have succeeded in tracking down one of the drug smugglers but his _____ managed to escape.
- (1) victims
 - (2) assassins
 - (3) opponents
 - (4) accomplices

8. When the circus ringmaster _____ a whip, the lion jumped through the fiery rings.
- (1) popped
 - (2) opened
 - (3) clapped
 - (4) cracked
9. Tina _____ a sigh of relief when the Civil Defence officer saved the distressed kitten from the tree.
- (1) yelled
 - (2) gasped
 - (3) heaved
 - (4) exhaled
10. Even during the economic downturn, Mrs Tan spends _____ on expensive furniture and fittings for her dream house.
- (1) wisely
 - (2) lavishly
 - (3) gloriously
 - (4) harmoniously
11. As soon as the villagers heard the _____ news that the earthquake had destroyed their entire village, they broke into tears.
- (1) exciting
 - (2) amusing
 - (3) alarming
 - (4) embarrassing

Section C : Comprehension (5 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Rishi was one of the richest men in town but he could be mistaken for a beggar. People were more likely to rob a rich man than a poor man he thought so he chose to live like a pauper. However, the town people were aware of his wealth. They knew him as the miser and they sniggered whenever he passed by in his worn-out clothes. 5

One day, he exchanged all his wealth for a huge lump of gold. He chose to bury it at a deserted area near an unused well. He was certain that it was the safest place to keep his treasure and he checked on it daily. Before long, the town was whispering about Rishi's frequent mysterious visits to the unused well in the dead of the 10 night. One night, a curious soul discovered the secret of the hidden treasure. Upon digging, he discovered the lump of gold and stole it.

On his next visit to the site, Rishi was astounded when he realised the disaster that had struck him. He began howling with grief and soon a crowd assembled. They watched him grieve the way people would mourn the loss of a 15 dear one until finally a neighbour came forward.

"You want your gold? Pick up a heavy stone and place it in the hole. Imagine that the gold is still lying there and it will do you quite the same service. When the gold was there, you had it not, as you did not make the slightest use of it," said the neighbour to Rishi. 20

Rishi was silenced. The neighbour's reasoning was valid after all.

Adapted from "An Aesop's fable" retold by Brishti Bandyopadhyay

For each question from 12 to 16, 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.

12. How might people mistake Rishi for a beggar?

- (1) Nobody would want to rob him.
- (2) He was asking people for money.
- (3) He walked around wearing worn-out clothes.
- (4) People sniggered at him when he walked past them.

13. Why was Rishi confident that the treasure was safe near the well?

- (1) It was near his house.
- (2) He would guard the treasure day and night.
- (3) He was not sure that his house was a safe place.
- (4) People did not frequent the site since the well was unused.

14. The town people had gathered around Rishi because

- (1) they found out that the treasure was lost
- (2) he was mourning the loss of a dead person
- (3) they wanted to help him find his lost treasure
- (4) they heard his howling and wanted to know the reason for it

15. Rishi was _____ when he realised that his treasure was stolen.

- (1) thrilled
- (2) miserable
- (3) remorseful
- (4) disappointed

16. Why do you think 'Rishi was silenced' (line 21)? He _____

- (1) realised how foolish he had been all this while
- (2) was afraid that the other people would harm him
- (3) was embarrassed that he had caused a commotion
- (4) did not understand what his neighbour was trying to say

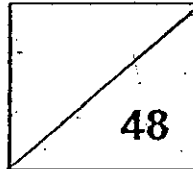
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Booklet B

There are 10 blanks, numbered 17 to 26 in the passage below. Choose the most suitable word for each blank from the list of words given. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank provided. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

(10 marks)

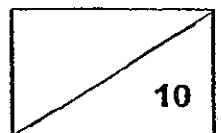
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| (B) that | (E) is | (H) are | (L) its | (P) the |
| (C) than | (F) about | (J) has | (M) then | (Q) or |

Most of us know what bean curd is. It is made into a sweet hot (17) _____ cold drink or into *tofu* and cooked in many different ways.

The soya bean (18) _____ a seed found in pods on short, leafy plants. It is one of the oldest vegetables known (19) _____ humans. It was first cultivated in China many years ago for (20) _____ nutritional value and for medicinal purposes. Today, the soya bean (21) _____ become one of the most important crops in the world.

Soya beans are cheaper forms of protein and they contain more protein (22) _____ meat products. At flour mills, soya beans are ground to make flour. (23) _____ flour is added to bread to improve its taste and make it last longer. Oil (24) _____ is extracted from soya beans is used to make margarine and cooking oil. The benefits (25) _____ soya beans do not stop there. Soya beans are also used for other products such (26) _____ paint, plastics, insecticides and many more. Soya beans are indeed very useful to us.



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

Isa opened his eyes. He realised that his friend, Ernest, had already changed into

(27)

his swimming trunks. It was the second day of their camp at Lake Oahu and they have

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(29)

arranged to go on a swim. Isa hastily changed and went for a refreshing dip in the lake

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with Ernest. After swimming, they went on a nature hyke around the island.

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Isa take photographs of some unusual plants while Ernest collected leaf spesimens.

(33)

(34)

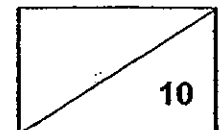
In the evening, they went canoing. While in the water, Ernest sneaked in on Isa and

(35)

splashed water on him. He ritaeliated and soon they were engaged in a water fight.

(36)

There is much fun and laughter. Everyone enjoyed themselves thoroughly.



I frequent Uncle Rajoo's shop once a month. He was the friendly barber in my neighbourhood. He was always very cheerful except on occasions when some (37) _____ boys messed up his magazine rack or tore the magazine pages.

This month, I wanted a change. I wanted my hair to grow a little (38) _____ for the school holidays. I enjoyed styling it with hair cream and even tried to imitate the hairstyles of my favourite football (39) _____. Now, Father has been (40) _____ me for ~~months~~ ^{weeks} to have my hair cut. He said that I looked very (41) _____ with hair covering both my eyes and the sides of my ears. He even (42) _____ to shave my hair off if I did not go to the barber. I reluctantly promised him that I would get it cut (43) _____ school re-opened.

I finally decided to pay Uncle Rajoo a visit one day before school started. When I reached his shop, I saw a long queue. Many people were waiting for their turn. I should have known better. I (44) _____ not coming earlier. I collected a queue number and wandered to the nearby pet shop. (45) _____ it was my turn, Uncle Rajoo fastened a sheet of cloth around my neck, picked up his electric-powered shears and pressed them up, down and sideways with a few deft (46) _____. Next, he used a pair of scissors and a comb. It was all over within ten minutes.

For each of the questions 47 to 50, 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). (8 marks)

47. The meat was still tough. It had been cooked for hours.

Although _____

48. Mrs Fernandez said, "We are going to have a day off this Friday."

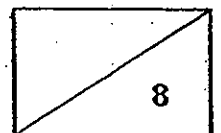
Mrs Fernandez said _____

49. David left for school. He did not bring his wallet.

_____ without _____

50. Rasheed fell and sprained his right ankle. He also broke his collar bone.

When _____



There once lived a proud man, Qi Long, in a state in China. He was the driver of the prime minister of the state. One day, the prime minister decided to visit the town where Qi Long lived with his wife. Some neighbours saw Qi Long drive the prime minister and were excited. One of the neighbours ran to his home and said to his wife, "Quick! See who is driving the prime minister?"

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The wife ran out to see her husband drive the chariot of the prime minister. She saw him drive past her with his head held high up in the air. When Qi Long returned home that evening, he was excited to see his wife's reaction. However, his wife gave him the cold shoulder.

He asked her, "Why are you unhappy?"

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She said, "I'm embarrassed. Look at the prime minister. He sat with great modesty in the chariot. You're but his driver and yet you're so arrogant."

Qi Long reflected on his attitude. He understood that the better a person gets, the more humble he should be. From that day onwards, he promised to change his behaviour. The prime minister noticed the change in him.

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He asked Qi Long, "You seemed a changed man. What happened?"

Qi Long replied, "My wife told me that I should be modest and I agree with her."

The prime minister admired his change in attitude. He took him to the king and said, "Your Honour, my driver is a man of virtue. He has the courage to admit his mistake and has become a better man."

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"Good! For his courage, he should be given an official post," the king said.

Qi Long was made an officer. He discharged his duties with great modesty.

Adapted from "Modesty Pays" by N C Ramaa

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51. Why were the neighbours excited?

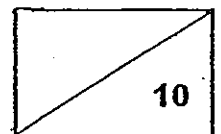
52. How did Qi Long behave while driving the prime minister in his chariot?

53. Which word in the fourth paragraph has the same meaning as 'humility'?

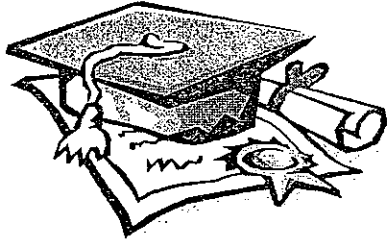
54. Who does the phrase "Your Honour" in line 19 refer to?

55. How did Qi Long benefit from the change in his attitude?

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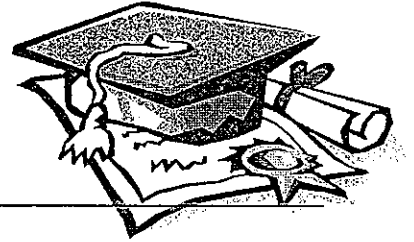


ANSWER SHEET

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1	4	1	2	3	2	4	4	3	2	3	3	4	4	2	1	Q

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26
E	N	L	J	C	P	B	D	A

27)had 28)for 29)refreshing 30)hike 31)took

32)specimens 33)canoeing 34)up 35)retaliated 36)was

37)naughty 38)longer 39)player 40)nagging 41)messy

42)wanted 43)before 44)regretted 45)When 46)strokes

47)Although the meat had been cooked for hours, it was still tough.

48)Mrs Fernandez said that they were going to have a day off that Friday.

49)David left for school without bringing his wallet.

50)When Rasheed fell, he sprained his right ankle and broke his collar bone.

51)The neighbours saw Qi Long drive the prime minister and were excited.

52)He drove the prime minister with his head held up in the air.

53)The word is "modest".

54)The phrase "Your Honour" in line 19 refers to the king.

55)Qi Long was made an official for the change in his attitude.