



Anglo-Chinese School (Primary)

END-OF-YEAR EXAMINATION 2009  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
PAPER 2 (BOOKLET A)  
PRIMARY FIVE

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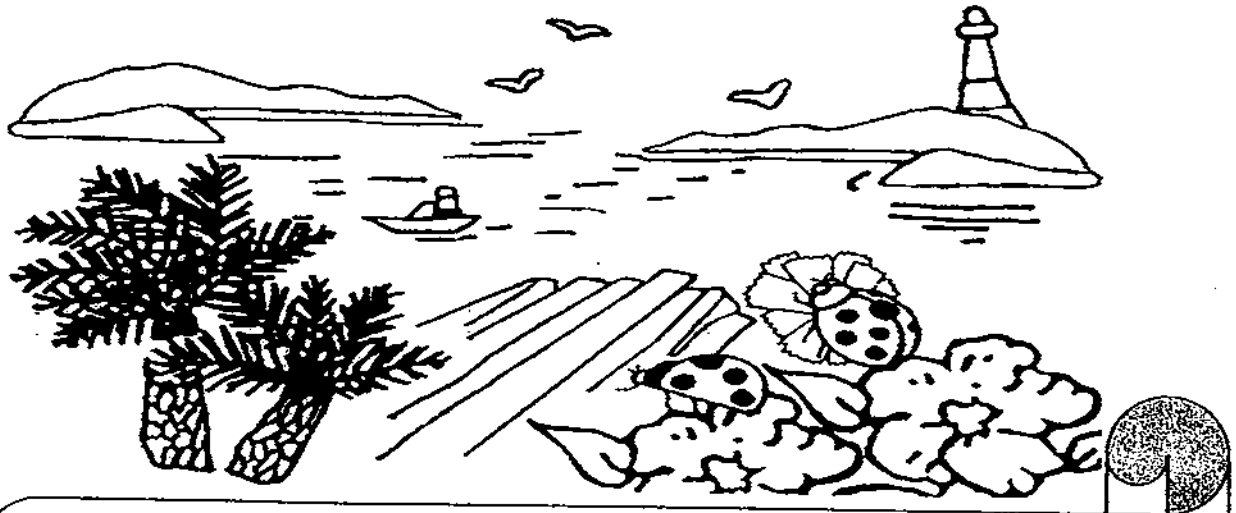
**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

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Study the contents page of the newsletter below and then answer the questions that follow it.

Issue 37, January 2009

# Wonders of Nature



**TREETOP WALK** Go for a relaxing morning or evening stroll along the first Treetop Trail - the first of its kind in South-east Asia. The free-standing suspension bridge connects the two highest points at MacRitchie Reservoir. A stunning view of plants and animals awaits you. *Page 6*

**SUNGEI BULOH WETLAND RESERVE** At Singapore's only wetland reserve, come dressed in your boots and explore the mangrove swamps, fresh water ponds and watch the many species of migratory birds in their natural environment. *Page 9*

**LABRADOR SEASHORE** This rocky sea-cliff and seashore is an excellent place for recreation (cycling), education (school excursions) and scientific research (formation of rocks). *Page 15*

**CHEK JAWA** This is Singapore's richest ecosystem cum nature attraction. It is a hotspot for environmental conservation. It also has a boardwalk and the 21-metre high Jejawi Tower. *Page 19*

For each question from 1 to 5, four options are given. Choose the correct answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.  
(5 marks)

1. The newsletter is promoting \_\_\_\_\_
  - (1) nature attractions
  - (2) scientific research
  - (3) outdoor adventure
  - (4) nature conservation
  
2. Which of the following is **not** highlighted in Issue 37 of the newsletter?
  - (1) Treetop Walk
  - (2) Labrador Seashore
  - (3) Prunus Nature Trail
  - (4) Chek Jawa Boardwalk
  
3. A group of retirees would most likely go \_\_\_\_\_ for a leisurely evening outing.
  - (1) to Chek Jawa
  - (2) on the Treetop Walk
  - (3) to the Labrador Seashore
  - (4) to the Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve
  
4. I would make a trip to the Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) cycle
  - (2) swim
  - (3) bird-watch
  - (4) study rock formations
  
5. The readers of the newsletter are **unlikely** to be \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) teachers
  - (2) nature enthusiasts
  - (3) avid photographers
  - (4) cyber games players

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. I really do not know \_\_\_\_\_ to tell him the news.
- (1) how
  - (2) why
  - (3) who
  - (4) what
7. Mike said, "If I \_\_\_\_\_ a wealthy man, I would travel around the world in luxury."
- (1) am
  - (2) was
  - (3) are
  - (4) were
8. When you leave, please close the door \_\_\_\_\_ you.
- (1) with
  - (2) beside
  - (3) behind
  - (4) in front of
9. Mr Ang \_\_\_\_\_ breakfast when he realised he was out of coffee.
- (1) prepare
  - (2) prepares
  - (3) had prepared
  - (4) was preparing
10. Larry could not travel with his family \_\_\_\_\_ of his tight schedule.
- (1) instead
  - (2) in spite
  - (3) despite
  - (4) because

11. The traffic police officer asked the truck driver to \_\_\_\_\_ as he did not stop at the zebra crossing.
- (1) pull off
  - (2) pull out
  - (3) pull over
  - (4) pull away
12. Samuel borrowed some money from Aaron and \_\_\_\_\_ yesterday. He promised to return us the money next week.
- (1) I
  - (2) me
  - (3) we
  - (4) them

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)

At night, I thought about Mr Burke, who could scare just about anybody I know, even my father (13) It seemed perfectly sensible to cheat. It did not even seem bad when I thought of my parents' constant reminders about honesty.

I had never been a wonderful kid that everybody in the world loved and thought was great (14) like Nick. I had a bad temper and I argued a lot. Sometimes I could be mean. Now lying on the floor of my room, I began to think that probably I had been bad all along. It just took this Maths test to clinch it. I was brave enough to do it, wasn't I (15) I would probably never tell the truth again.

Adapted from *Family Secrets* by Susan Shreve

13. (1) [ - ] dash  
(2) [ . ] comma  
(3) [ . ] full stop  
(4) [ ; ] semi-colon
14. (1) [ . ] comma  
(2) [ ; ] semi-colon  
(3) [ ? ] question mark  
(4) [ ! ] exclamation mark
15. (1) [ . ] comma  
(2) [ . ] full-stop  
(3) [ ; ] semi-colon  
(4) [ ? ] question mark

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. The robbers had to \_\_\_\_\_ a plan so that they could escape easily from the bank unnoticed.
- (1) devise
  - (2) deport
  - (3) decant
  - (4) deceive
17. Once the King was \_\_\_\_\_, his ashes were scattered over the sea as he had wished.
- (1) buried
  - (2) expelled
  - (3) cremated
  - (4) incinerated
18. I gave him the \_\_\_\_\_ after our heated argument.
- (1) green horn
  - (2) wet blanket
  - (3) sticky fingers
  - (4) cold shoulder
19. The meat is overcooked. It is as tough as \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) skin
  - (2) wood
  - (3) rubber
  - (4) leather
20. The \_\_\_\_\_ millionaire made a generous donation to an orphanage in Vietnam.
- (1) pompous
  - (2) ambitious
  - (3) benevolent
  - (4) malevolent

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)

An elderly old lady was going down in a lift in a hotel in New York when it stopped at one of the floors. When the doors opened, three men entered. She thought one of them was **vaguely** familiar, but she was not at all impressed by the other two who were large and grim-looking. One of them **muttered** to her, "Hit the ground, Grandma!" Being in New York, she did her best to fall flat on the floor. However, the three men burst out laughing. They helped her up and **explained** that because she was nearest to the lift buttons, all they wanted her to do was to 'hit' the button marked 'Ground'. They dusted her down and she went on her way, a little **shaky**. That day, she went to check out of the hotel. To her surprise, her bill had been **paid in full!** There was also a note for her and it read, 'Sorry to have scared you. I hope this makes up for it.' The signature was that of the film actor, Eddie Murphy.

Adapted from *100 Favourite After-Dinner Stories from the Famous*

21. (1) clearly  
(2) slightly  
(3) distinctly  
(4) generally
22. (1) shouted  
(2) babbled  
(3) mumbled  
(4) whispered
23. (1) clarified  
(2) illustrated  
(3) recounted  
(4) described



24. (1) sturdy  
(2) unruffled  
(3) unnerved  
(4) composed

25. (1) settled  
(2) declined  
(3) cancelled  
(4) discounted

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow it.

I had bought my motorbike soon after I was sixteen. It was a second-hand Ariel 500cc and it cost me twenty-two pounds. It was a wonderful big powerful machine and when I rode upon it, it gave me an amazing feeling of winged majesty and of independence that I had never known before. Wherever I wished to go, my mighty Ariel would take me.

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Up to then, I had either had to walk or cycle or buy a ticket for a bus or a train and it was a slow business. However, now all I had to do was sling one leg over the saddle, kick the starter and away I went. I got the same feeling a few years later when I flew single-seater fighter planes in the war. Anyway, my plan now was to enliven the last term at Repton by secretly taking my motorbike with me. Thus, on the first day of that summer term, I rode it one hundred and fifty miles from our house in Kent to the village of Wilmington, which is about three miles from Repton. There I left it with a friendly garage owner together with my helmet, goggles and wind jacket. Then I walked the rest of the way to school with my little suitcase.

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Sunday afternoons were the only times we were free throughout the school week and most boys went for long walks in the countryside. However, I took no long Sunday afternoon walks during my last term. My walks took me only as far as the garage in Wilmington where my lovely motorbike was hidden. There I put on my disguise - my helmet, goggles and wind jacket - and went cruising in a state of absolute bliss through the highways and byways of Derbyshire. The greatest thrill of all was to ride at least once every Sunday afternoon right through the middle of Repton village, sailing past the pompous prefects and the masters in their gowns.

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I felt pretty safe with my big goggles covering half of my face, although I will admit that on one famous occasion, I got a twist in my stomach when I found myself motoring within a couple of yards of the terrifying figure of the headmaster, Dr Geoffrey Fisher himself, as he strode towards the chapel. He glared at me as I rode past, but I did not think that it would have entered his brainy head for one moment that I was a member of the school. I was quite sure that if I had ever been caught, that same headmaster would have thrashed me within an inch of my life and would probably have expelled me. That was what made it so exciting. I never told anyone, not even my best friend, where I went on my Sunday walks. I had learnt even at that tender age that there are no secrets unless you keep them to yourself, and this was the greatest secret I had ever had to keep in my life so far.

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Adapted from *The Roald Dahl Treasury* by Roald Dahl

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. Owning a motorbike meant that the writer no longer had to \_\_\_\_\_
- (1) fly his fighter plane
  - (2) feel a great sense of freedom
  - (3) travel without being recognised
  - (4) put up with slow modes of transport
27. The writer had to travel to Repton because he \_\_\_\_\_ there.
- (1) studied
  - (2) had a family
  - (3) owned a garage
  - (4) kept his motorbike
28. The writer managed to avoid being caught riding by \_\_\_\_\_
- (1) going for long Sunday walks
  - (2) walking from Kent to Wilmington
  - (3) not keeping his motorbike in Repton
  - (4) donning a disguise whenever he was in school
29. That summer the writer planned to \_\_\_\_\_
- (1) ride from Kent to Repton
  - (2) make his last term exciting
  - (3) show off his motorbikes to his classmates
  - (4) make an appearance in front of the chapel
30. One of the most thrilling parts of the writer's riding experience was \_\_\_\_\_
- (1) not going for Sunday walks
  - (2) keeping the secret from his best friend
  - (3) ensuring no expulsion when discovered
  - (4) riding past the headmaster unrecognised



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3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Answer all questions.

	Mark	Grade
<b>1. Composition</b>	55	
<b>2. Language Use &amp; Comprehension</b>	95	
2.1 OAS (Booklet A)	30	
2.2 Grammar Cloze	10	
2.3 Editing (Spelling & Grammar)	10	
2.4 Comprehension Cloze	15	
2.5 Synthesis & Transformation	10	
2.6 Comprehension	20	
<b>3. Listening Comprehension</b>	20	
<b>4. Oral Communication</b>	30	
<b>Total</b>	<b>200</b>	

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.**

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(A) a	(D) down	(G) off	(K) their	(N) then
(B) and	(E) for	(H) on	(L) them	(P) will
(C) are	(F) in	(J) onto	(M) there	(Q) with

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"Wonder what mystery Dad is working on now?" Joe Hardy asked. His brother Frank looked eagerly (31) \_\_\_\_\_ the platform of the Bayport railroad station.

"It must be a very important case, the way Dad dashed (32) \_\_\_\_\_ to Detroit. We'll know (33) \_\_\_\_\_ a few minutes." Joe looked at his watch impatiently. "Train's late." Both boys were wondering, too, about a certain surprise (34) \_\_\_\_\_ father had hinted might be ready for them upon his return.

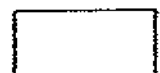
Waiting (35) \_\_\_\_\_ Frank and Joe for Mr. Harry's arrival was their best friend, Chet Morton. "Your dad's cases are always exciting and dangerous," the plump, ruddy-faced boy remarked. "Do you think he (36) \_\_\_\_\_ give you a chance to help out on this one?"

"We sure hope so," Joe replied eagerly.

"Well, if I know you fellows," Chet went (37) \_\_\_\_\_, "You'll get mixed in the mystery somehow (38) \_\_\_\_\_ so will I, sooner or later. (39) \_\_\_\_\_ goes my peaceful summer vacation!"

Frank and Joe chuckled, knowing that Chet, despite his desire (40) \_\_\_\_\_ taking things easy and avoiding risks, would stick by them through any danger.

Adapted by *The Secret of The Old Mill* by Franklin W. Dixon



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

Tioman Island is a small island 32 kilometres from the east coast of Peninsular

(41)

Malaysia in the state of Pahang. It is **aproximatly** 39 kilometres long and 12

(42)

kilometres wide. It had eight main villages. The largest village is Kampung Tekek

(43)

at the north. Most of ~~the~~ densely forested island is still not occupied by humans. The

(44)

island is **seroundeded** by many coral reefs. Many scuba divers find Tioman Island a

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diving **paredice**.

(46)

The beaches of Tioman Island are very beautiful and it is used as the setting for the 1958 movie, 'South Pacific'. In the 1970s, TIME magazine

(47)

selected Tioman for one of the world's most beautiful islands.

According to legend, Tioman Island is the resting place of a beautiful dragon

(48)

princess. When flying to China to visit her prince in Singapore, this beautiful maiden

(49)

stopped to seek shelter in the **kristal** clear waters of the South China Sea. Attracted by the charms of the place, she decided to **discontinue** her journey. By taking the

(50)

form of an island, she promised to offer shelter and comfort to passing travelers.

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

The Beggar sits at the foot of the staircase connecting the lower and upper floor of the market. He is an old man, with one very twisted leg. He moves around with the \_\_\_\_\_ of a wooden crutch.  
(51)

Every morning at around nine, he hobbles to his familiar position at the foot of the stairs. I do not know where he lives. I do not even know if he has a \_\_\_\_\_ to stay. Perhaps he just sleeps wherever he can find  
(52)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(53)

He wears filthy clothes and it is obvious that it must have been months or more since he had a wash. He smells and \_\_\_\_\_ horrible.  
(54)

He must have had a very hard \_\_\_\_\_ for he never smiles.  
(55)

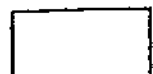
All he does is sit quietly on the floor with his head down and a trembling hand \_\_\_\_\_ an old tin cup. Most people that pass by do not \_\_\_\_\_  
(56) (57)

notice his presence. Those who do, are usually moved to toss a coin or two into his cup. Even I, a student with little money, have put coins into his cup. What else can I do for such an unfortunate man who \_\_\_\_\_ on the  
(58)

kindness of people for his living?

Unfortunately, there are some people who \_\_\_\_\_ curse  
(59)

him. There was a time when I saw a well-dressed lady scold him because she \_\_\_\_\_ and nearly fell onto the floor after bumping into him. It  
(60)



was her fault really for not \_\_\_\_\_ the beggar sitting at the foot of

(61)

the stairs. She \_\_\_\_\_ scolding him for quite a while. However, the

(62)

poor old man did not argue. He just lowered his head and \_\_\_\_\_

(63)

quiet.

As far as I \_\_\_\_\_, the beggar is still at his usual

(64)

position at the foot of the stairs. Who knows how long he has to keep doing this.

Perhaps one day the authorities will come and \_\_\_\_\_ him in an old

(65)

folk's home. I pray for this everyday.

Adapted from *The Beggar*, author unknown





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. You are not allowed to eat and drink on the train.

Eating \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

67. Leonard was very upset over the loss of his mobile phone. He refused to have dinner.

\_\_\_\_\_ so \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_

68. He was so lazy. He did not pass his examinations.

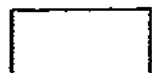
As a result \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

69. Liverpool Football Club is the league champion this year. They had a potent attacking side.

\_\_\_\_\_ due  
\_\_\_\_\_

70. Marie said, "Ivan, shut down the computer first. Only then, do you switch off the power supply!"

Marie told Ivan \_\_\_\_\_  
before \_\_\_\_\_



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Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

"What do you mean you're moving to London?" I shrieked, staring at my mother in horror.

We were sitting at our dining room table, which was lit by fourteen taper candles. Sadie loved eating by candlelight as she thought that it was fabulously glamorous. Personally, I think it has more to do with how she thinks candlelight is flattering to her aging skin. I was chewing the inedible tofu-and-lima-bean pie my mother had made and mostly thinking about the short story I had been working on before dinner.

It was about a teenage girl who wakes up one morning to discover that overnight, while she slept, she sprouted a beautiful set of wings. She is torn between the glory of being able to fly, and fear that she will be seen as a freak. I liked writing about the sensation of flying, and the beautiful swishing noise her white-feathered wings made as she soared through the air.

However, at Sadie's startling announcement, I dropped my fork with a loud clatter, all thoughts of my short story driven from my mind.

"Miranda, why do you always have to be so dramatic?" Sadie replied, pursing her lips and rolling her eyes heavenward. "I'm not moving to London. I'm just going to live there for a bit."

"I'm not being dramatic," I said, stung.

If anything, my mother is the one of the most dramatic people I know. Then again, Sadie is a romance novelist, so she comes by it naturally. She publishes under the pen name **Delia De La Courte**. This is about the dumbest pseudonym I have ever heard of, although her legions of fans think she is just wonderful. She gets a tonne of e-mail telling her so.

"I can't move to England. School starts next week," I said, reeling at this news.

"I know. That's why I'm going alone," Sadie said. It took a moment for this to sink in. I spent the time gazing at Sadie, my mouth opening and closing silently.

"What? You mean you're deserting me?" I finally sputtered.

"Oh, sweetie, I'm not deserting you." Another eye roll. "I'm just going to stay in London long enough to research and write my next book. It shouldn't take longer than six months. A year at the most," Sadie said without a care in the world, spooning the revolting pie into her mouth.

"Six months to a year?" I repeated. I shook my head, not understanding.  
 "But... but... what about me?" 35  
 This came out in a pathetic little bleat, but I could not help it. How could  
 Sadie leave me?  
 "You'll be fine, darling, really. The time will go by so fast, you'll hardly even  
 miss me," Sadie said. 40  
Adapted from *Geek High* by Piper Banks

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. State clearly how Sadie is related to Miranda.

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72. What were two ways in which Miranda reacted to Sadie's announcement?

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73. What word in the second paragraph tells us that Miranda did not like the food she was eating?

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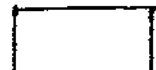
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74. State in your own words what Miranda felt was the real reason Sadie preferred to eat by candlelight.

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75. Explain fully why the teenaged girl in Miranda's short story was not feeling total joy at having "sprouted a beautiful set of wings" (Line 10).

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76. In your own words, state what Miranda liked writing about in her short story.

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77. What was Sadie's 'startling announcement' (Line 14)?

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78. What two actions of Sadie show that she disapproved of Miranda's reaction to her announcement?

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79. What six word phrase in the passage has the same meaning as the word "unconcerned"?

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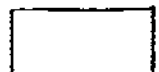
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80. Based on your reading of the passage, what do you think will be Miranda's occupation when she grows up? Give a reason for your answer.

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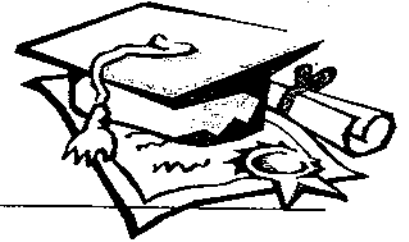


# ANSWER SHEET

**EXAM PAPER 2009**

**SCHOOL : ACS PRIMARY  
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**TERM : SA2**



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41)approximately    42)has    43)in    44)surrounded    45)paradise

46)was    47)of    48)while    49)crystal    50)travellers

51)help    52)place    53)shelter    54)looks    55)life

56)holding    57)ever    58)depends    59)even    60)tripped

61)noticing    62)was    63)remained    64)know    65)put

66)Eating and drinking is not allowed on the train.

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69)Liver pool Football Club is the league champion this year due to their potent attacking side.

70)Marie told Ivan to shut down the computer before switching off the power supply.

**71)Sadie is the mother of Miranda.**

**72)The two ways are `shrieked and dropped her fork`.**

**73)The word is `inedible`.**

**74)Sadie prefers to eat by candle light because she things that the candle light makes her look better and makes her skin look younger.**

**75)The teenaged girl in Miranda's short story was not feeling total joy because she was torn between the glory of having the ability to fly, and feared that she would be seen as a freak.**

**76)She liked writing about the sensation of flying and the sounds of the character soared through the air.**

**77)She was going to English for Six months to a year.**

**78)The two actions are pursing her lips and rolling her eyes heaven ward.**

**79)The phrase is `Without a care in the world`.**

**80)She will be a novelist. She likes writing short stories.**