



Anglo-Chinese School (Primary)

MID-YEAR EXAMINATION 2013  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
PAPER 2 (BOOKLET A)  
PRIMARY FIVE

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (     )     Class: Primary 5 \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 9 May 2013 Thursday






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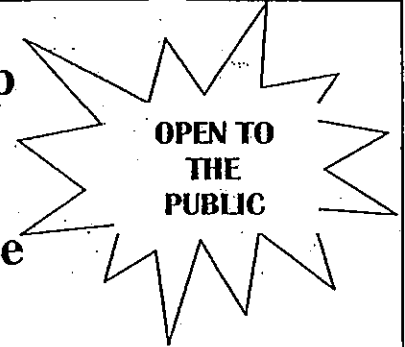
Study the advertisement below and then answer the questions that follow it.

<p><i>Now I'm Reading!</i> (\$10)</p> 	<p><i>The Cat in the Hat Walks Back</i> (\$7)</p> 	<p><i>The Big Counting Book</i> (\$5)</p> 	<p><i>A Book of Shapes</i> (\$5)</p> 	<p><i>My First Alphabet Book</i> (\$5)</p> 
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## The Little BOOKShop

offers

### 'Return to School' Sale



**VENUE:** #01-01 The Clubhouse, Sun Park Condominium

**DATE:** 13-25 June 2013 (June school holidays)

**TIME:** Mon-Tues (5.00p.m. - 9.00p.m.)







Wed, Thurs, Fri (12.00p.m. - 3.00p.m., 5.00p.m. - 9.00p.m.)

Sat (2.00p.m. - 6.00p.m.)

Check out specially-priced story books

For 3- to 6-year-olds

Special price for the '*Now I'm Reading*' series – a step-by-step reading programme guide

<p><i>Daisy's Perfect Day Out</i> (\$12)</p> 	<p><i>I Know My Colours</i> (\$5)</p> 	<p><i>The Penguins' Holiday</i> (\$11)</p> 	<p><i>Wild, Wild West Adventure</i> (\$11)</p> 	<p><i>The Big Octopus Race</i> (\$12)</p>  
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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). (5 marks)

1. The bookshop is located \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) at a park
- (2) near a school
- (3) in a community club
- (4) within a condominium

2. The books available in the bookshop are targeted at \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) adults
- (2) parents
- (3) teenagers
- (4) young children

3. Who would most likely read "Now I'm Reading" series of books?

- (1) avid readers of all ages
- (2) pupils who are in primary school
- (3) residents of Sun Park condominium
- (4) children who have just started to learn how to read

4. The book sale is only held \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) on weekdays
- (2) on weekends
- (3) during the June holidays
- (4) in the entire month of June

5. Which one of the statements is true?

- (1) The books are suitable for 4-year-olds.
- (2) One can visit the bookshop on 26 June 2013.
- (3) School books are sold at a discount during the sale.
- (4) The sale is open only to residents of Sun Park condominium.

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 had \_\_\_\_\_ time left so I could not complete the remaining questions in the English test.

- (1) few
- (2) less
- (3) little
- (4) much

7. Neither Thomas nor the girls \_\_\_\_\_ at the canteen this morning.

- (1) is
- (2) are
- (3) was
- (4) were

8. Taylor exclaimed as he pointed at the red sports car across the road, "\_\_\_\_\_ is my dream car!"

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

9. Maria has been playing the piano \_\_\_\_\_ she was three years old.

- (1) at
- (2) for
- (3) since
- (4) when

10. The boy \_\_\_\_\_ father is a lawyer is very arrogant.

- (1) who
- (2) which
- (3) whom
- (4) whose

11. Mother goes to the market every morning, \_\_\_\_\_ she?

- (1) has
- (2) does
- (3) hasn't
- (4) doesn't

12. The boys were still eating even though the bell had \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) ring
- (2) rang
- (3) rung
- (4) rings

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)

Paula's alarm clock rang. With a groan, she crawled out of bed and dragged herself to the bathroom.

"Aren't you early, Paula (13) her mother asked.

"I have to be in school early today," Paula grumbled.

"Well, maybe you can help me with the household chores instead since it's the weekend (14) her mother said with a wink.

"It's Saturday?" Paula asked feeling confused <sup>(15)</sup> ~~and~~ "I must be so tired."

She went back to bed, glad that she could finally take a break from a long and busy week at school.

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| 13. | (1) | [ , ] | comma and inverted commas            |
|     | (2) | [ . ] | full stop and inverted commas        |
|     | (3) | [ ? ] | question mark and inverted commas    |
|     | (4) | [ ! ] | exclamation mark and inverted commas |
| 14. | (1) | [ . ] | full stop                            |
|     | (2) | [ , ] | comma and inverted commas            |
|     | (3) | [ . ] | full stop and inverted commas        |
|     | (4) | [ ? ] | question mark and inverted commas    |
| 15. | (1) | [ , ] | comma                                |
|     | (2) | [ . ] | full stop                            |
|     | (3) | [ ? ] | question mark                        |
|     | (4) | [ ! ] | exclamation 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. Faizal realised his mistake and was \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) hurtful
- (2) resentful
- (3) mournful
- (4) remorseful

17. The injured victim \_\_\_\_\_ along the pavement and finally collapsed on the ground.

- (1) sashayed
- (2) staggered
- (3) sauntered
- (4) scampered

18. Due to the spread of the influenza virus, more than ten workers \_\_\_\_\_ sick today.

- (1) called in
- (2) called on
- (3) called up
- (4) called away

19. The twins are like peas in a pod. They \_\_\_\_\_ each other.

- (1) adore
- (2) match
- (3) favour
- (4) resemble

20. The old man was \_\_\_\_\_ from the house as he could not pay the rent.

- (1) ousted
- (2) evicted
- (3) expelled
- (4) banished

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)

Every bite of a juicy apple delivers vital nutrients and other food

(21)

compounds that curb appetite and nourish the heart. Chief among them is

fibre, specifically soluble fibre. All forms of roughage are good for you, but

(22)

soluble fibre is critical for controlling blood sugar. It slows down digestion,

(23)

which means the sugar in an apple – and it has plenty – is absorbed

slowly; eating one barely increases your blood sugar levels.

(24)

Apples also have an antioxidant called quercetin. This very potent

(25)

compound may lower the risk of asthma, heart disease, and possibly even

some forms of cancer.

*Adapted from Reader's Digest*

21. (1) powerful  
(2) essential  
(3) significant  
(4) fundamental
22. (1) precisely  
(2) definitely  
(3) accurately  
(4) particularly



23. (1) fatal  
(2) crucial  
(3) severe  
(4) hazardous

24. (1) faintly  
(2) merely  
(3) scarcely  
(4) exceptionally

25. (1) lethal  
(2) sturdy  
(3) effective  
(4) competent

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

Bears and humans have an ugly history. In the 1800s, an estimated 50,000 grizzlies roamed from California to America's Great Plains. Since then, people have shot, poisoned and trapped bears until only some 1200 remain in small pockets in the states of Wyoming, Idaho, Washington and Montana. For their part, bears typically kill two to three people a year, a low number considering the thousands of human-bear encounters. Still, many campers lie wide-eyed and wrapped in fear every night. 5

Charlie wanted to change all that. This unlikely peacemaker was a soft-spoken 62-year-old with unruly silver hair, large glasses and a toothy smile. Born on a Canadian ranch, Charlie questioned for years the way humans dealt with bears, which was to shoot first before determining if it was hostile. He wanted to prove that grizzlies and humans could co-exist without bloodshed. 10

Charlie told me about what happened. He was resting deep in a British Columbia forest when a female grizzly began stepping across the log he was sitting on. The bear moved closer, one metre, half a metre, and then centimetres away. She edged so close that Charlie could hear her breathe and feel her warmth. Charlie knew he was experiencing something that could change his life forever, if only he could stay still. He did. For long moments, man and bear stared at each other, centimetres apart. 15

Then, the grizzly did something unexpected - she reached out her paws and touched him. That proved to him that bears were not bloodthirsty killers. Could he prove this to others? 20

One evening, Charlie took me to a nearby river. We counted sixty-three bears along the river. Later on, we spotted Biscuit, a bear Charlie rescued ten years ago from hunters, fishing just up the shore. We watched her eat five fish. By the sixth, we had come close enough to see the crimson of blood on her muzzle but we were too close - there was no time to move between the boulders as she lumbered our way. 25

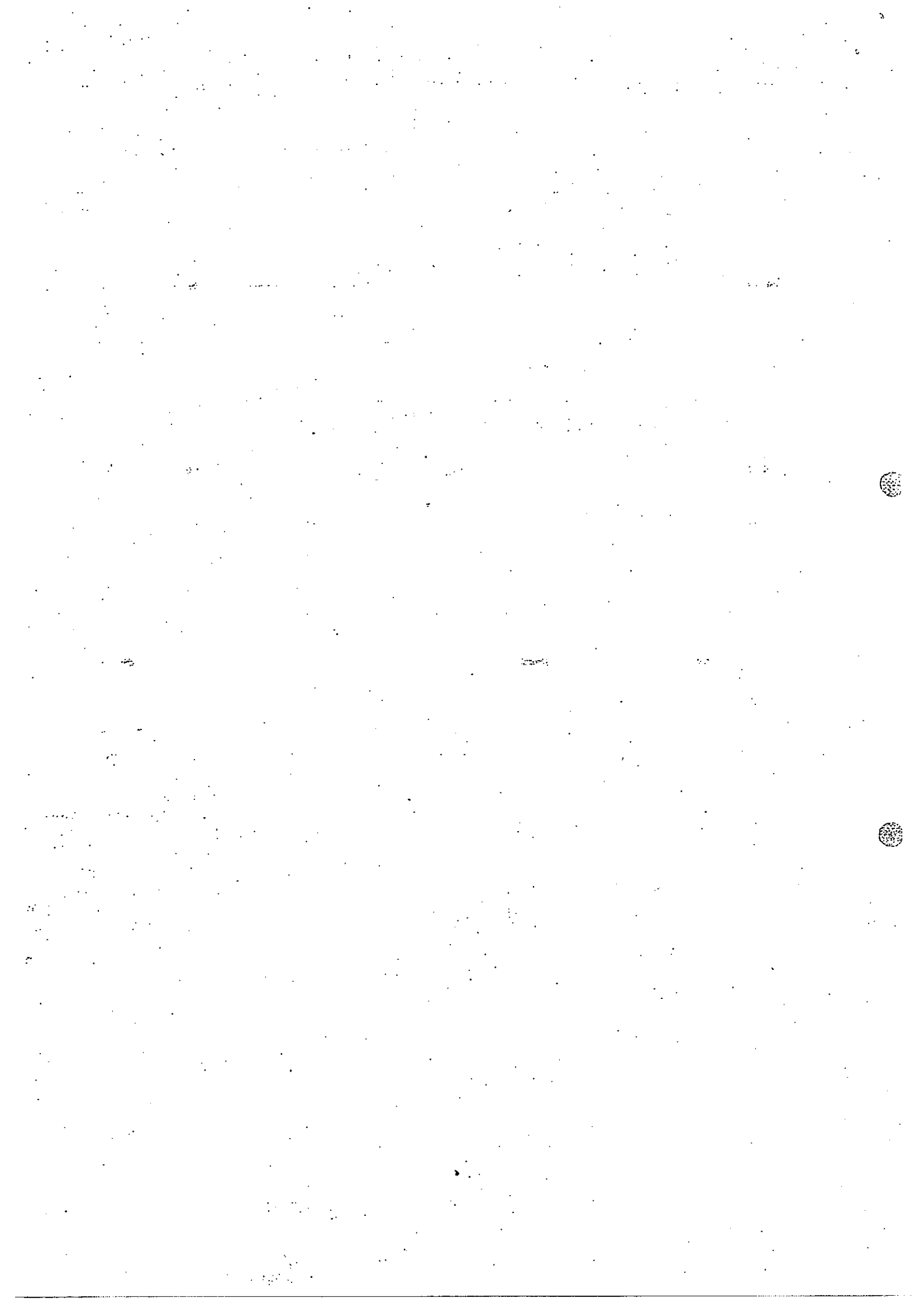
In just a few steps, she was there, so close I felt the brush of fur against my leg. I froze. Her huge head swung in my direction and I felt the surprisingly soft touch of her nose against my arm. There was a quiet 'woof' as she inhaled to catch my scent and then she turned and pounced back into the lake fishing for another salmon.

My heart was pounding so wildly in my chest that I could barely look. When I did, Charlie was smiling. 30

Adapted from *Reader's Digest*

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26. Bears and humans have an ugly history because \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) people are hostile towards the bears
  - (2) only 1200 bears remain in the plains
  - (3) campers lie awake in fear every night
  - (4) an estimated 50,000 grizzlies roamed the plains
27. Why was Charlie described as a "peacemaker"?
- (1) He knew what to do in an attack.
  - (2) He managed to make peace with only one bear.
  - (3) He strongly believed that all bears are harmless.
  - (4) He wanted humans and bears to co-exist without bloodshed.
28. In line 17, Charlie did not move because he \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) was paralysed
  - (2) was afraid of the bear
  - (3) wanted to hear the bear breathe
  - (4) wanted to know what the bear would do
29. Why was Charlie convinced that bears were not bloodthirsty killers?
- (1) He could tell from the bear's stare.
  - (2) Bears could touch without harming.
  - (3) Bears could come closer towards him.
  - (4) He could hear bears breathing near him.
30. Which of the following statements is true?
- (1) Biscuit was hunted ten years ago.
  - (2) Biscuit made the author smile with joy.
  - (3) Biscuit did not notice the author and Charlie.
  - (4) Biscuit took a quick sniff to catch Charlie's scent.





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1. Composition	55	
2. Language Use & Comprehension	95	
2.1 OAS (Booklet A)	30	
OE (Booklet B)	65	
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	
3. Listening Comprehension	20	
4. Oral Communication	30	
Total	200	

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) are | (D) from | (G) into | (K) off | (N) up   |
| (B) at  | (E) if   | (H) is   | (L) to  | (P) were |
| (C) by  | (F)      | (J) of   | (M) the | (Q) was  |
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Are aliens attacking the Sea of Japan? These gigantic blobs are unwelcome visitors \_\_\_\_\_ another place. Called Nomura's jellyfish, the wiggly, pinkish giants (31) can weigh \_\_\_\_\_ to 204 kilogrammes. Each can be as heavy as a male lion and (32) they gather \_\_\_\_\_ the millions. (33)

The supsize sea creatures normally found \_\_\_\_\_ the coasts of China (34) and North and South Korea occasionally drift east into the Sea of Japan \_\_\_\_\_ (35) feed on tiny organisms called plankton. Now, one hundred times \_\_\_\_\_ (36) usual number of jellyfish are invading Japanese waters and local fishermen are feeling as \_\_\_\_\_ they are under siege. (37)

No one knows for sure what \_\_\_\_\_ causing this jellyfish traffic jam. It is (38) possible that oceans heated by global warming \_\_\_\_\_ creating the perfect (39) jellyfish breeding ground. For now, all the fishermen can do is design special nets to try to keep the jellies out. Some of them hope to turn the catastrophe \_\_\_\_\_ (40) cash by selling jellyfish snacks.

Adapted from *Giant Jellyfish* by Ruth A. Musgrave

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

Bathing has been around for a long time because people have always had a

(41)

**deezaire** to get clean. Even before soap was invented, people would wash themselves

(42)

(43)

through streams or rivers. However, the water only washed away dirt. It can not

(44)

dissolve the oily residue and grime that built in over time.

The first people to write about using soap to bathe were the Egyptians. They

made soap from animal and vegetable oils. The mixture worked relatively well for

(45)

cleaning and for treating skin **deezeezes**. However, there is an earlier record of soap-

making. Researchers have found small amounts of a soap-like material in clay jars from

(46)

the ruins of the **ainsheant** city of Babylon. Writing on the outside of the jars says that

the material was made by boiling animal fats with ashes.

(47)

The Greeks **prefured** not to use soap to clean themselves. Instead, they would

(48)

scrub their skin with blocks of clay, sand, pumice and ashes to removed dirt and grime.

(49)

They would then anoint themselves with oil, and scrape it away. The Greeks did using

soap, but only to wash their clothes in the stream.

(50)

We had come a long way since the days of the Egyptians. Today, finding a bar of soap is as easy as going to the store. We have got it easy these days because of good chemistry!

*Adapted from Soap Stories from Celebrating Chemistry*



Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

As Paul Horton rolls his wheelchair around his home, his six-year-old golden retriever, Yogi, trails closely behind him. Horton was paralyzed \_\_\_\_\_ (51) the waist down two years ago in a cycling accident. Horton and Yogi \_\_\_\_\_ (52) always been buddies, but now there is an unbreakable bond due to the accident.

One morning, Horton climbed \_\_\_\_\_ (53) his mountain bike, and took off through his neighbourhood. Yogi came \_\_\_\_\_ (54), as he had every morning for nearly three years, trotting happily beside his master. The route wound through hilly roads to a narrow, forested trail. Shortly after turning around to \_\_\_\_\_ (55) home, Horton jumped the curb \_\_\_\_\_ (56) somehow did not get enough height and the bike's front wheel \_\_\_\_\_ (57) the curb and twisted sharply. Horton, who was not wearing a \_\_\_\_\_ (58), slammed headfirst onto the pavement. He was knocked unconscious. When he came to, he \_\_\_\_\_ (59) himself lying crumpled on the ground.

By Horton's side was Yogi, anxious to \_\_\_\_\_ (60) the trip home. As Horton tried to rise, he realized he could not feel anything below his chest. Horton whispered, "Go home. Go get Shearon." Shearon was Horton wife. Horton watched as Yogi \_\_\_\_\_ (61) for home.

Two of Horton's neighbours were on a walk in the area when they

\_\_\_\_\_ Yogi running loose down the street. He darted towards them  
(62)  
and then away, seeming to beg for \_\_\_\_\_ attention. When they  
(63)  
followed, Yogi dashed off, leading them somewhere. Yogi bounded towards Horton.  
They were right behind him, saw Horton's condition and called for help. Horton  
was rushed to a hospital \_\_\_\_\_ surgeons did what they could to mend  
(64)  
his damaged spine.

Horton has regained some \_\_\_\_\_ in his arms and hands and he is  
(65)  
able to move around the house on a wheelchair. "He's my watchdog and hero,"  
says Horton.

Adapted from *A Truly Golden Retriever* - Reader's Digest

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 Pour the flour and yeast into the mixing bowl. After that, stir in a cup of milk.

\_\_\_\_\_ after  
\_\_\_\_\_

67 Paul had to feed his family. Paul had to work overtime on most nights.

In order to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

68 The stadium was filled with spectators even though it was raining heavily during the rugby match this afternoon.

\_\_\_\_\_ in spite of \_\_\_\_\_

69 Your fever will not come down if you do not take your medicine.

Unless \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

70 Tom is a caring son. He is also generous towards his parents.

Not only \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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"Our last moments of freedom," Lloyd muttered. He glowered round at the battered walls of the playroom, at the motorbike posters peeling off the wallpaper and Harvey's model aeroplanes neatly arranged on top of the bookcase. "She'll be putting up picture of flowers and ballet dancers when she comes, I bet." He sulked, kicking at the furniture. "Mum instructed us to take care of her," he added. "What does she expect us to do? Hold her hand and tell her bedtime stories?" 5

Harvey, curled in his chair, impassively went on reading *The Aeromodeller*.

"Harvey!" Lloyd hit him crossly on the shoulder. "Why don't you say something?"

Harvey looked up and grinned. That only made Lloyd angrier. "Don't you realise how awful it'll be to have a girl come to live here?" 10

Harvey said mildly, "Mum has always wanted to take in someone else's child to look after."

"I thought she meant a baby," Lloyd spluttered. "That would have been fine. Just a bit of screaming at night but a girl! A horrible girl, as old as me! She'll never be out of our hair. We'll have to take her to school with us! We'll have to behave all the time! It'll be like having a spy in the house." 15

Meanwhile, Miss Wilberforce was driving Dinah to meet her new foster family. "They're such a nice, normal family," Miss Wilberforce said encouragingly. "I'm sure you'll like living with them, Dinah. Lloyd and Harvey are very sensible and ordinary." 20

Dinah stared expressionlessly into the distance. Miss Wilberforce acknowledged that it was difficult for Dinah to change schools, what more live with two boys for the first time. Dinah remained silent. Miss Wilberforce sighed.

Finally, they arrived at the Hunters' house. Dinah climbed out of the car and stood stiffly on the pavement. Then, the two of them marched up the front path of the Hunters' house and Miss Wilberforce rang the doorbell. 25

The door opened. Mrs Hunter held out her arms and gave Dinah a friendly hug and kiss. Dinah's body stayed quite stiff. Mrs Hunter greeted her warmly and ushered her into the living room.

"Here they are," Mrs Hunter said proudly. "Lloyd's the big one and Harvey's the little one." Dinah looked them up and down. Lloyd was taller than she was, with a mop of wild hair and an arrogant look. Harvey was plump and cheerful. She held out a cold, rigid hand and greeted them unenthusiastically. 30

Lloyd stared down at her hand but he did not take it. She gazed awkwardly at the two of them and they gazed back. 35

Mrs Hunter said briskly, "I'm sure you'll get on better without a lot of grown-ups breathing down your necks. Why don't you boys take Dinah into the playroom? Then you can get to know each other properly. Off you go."

Up in the playroom, the silence was awkward. "Go on then," Lloyd prodded her. "Say something. Tell us about yourself."

40

Dinah drew a breath. "My name is Dinah Glass. I'm eleven. My mother and father died when I was one. I've lived in the Children's Home for ten years." Her mouth snapped shut again.

Adapted from *The Demon Headmaster* by Gillian Cross

**ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.**

71 Which word in paragraph 1 suggests that Lloyd was sulking?

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72 Give 2 reasons why Lloyd is apprehensive about Dinah coming to live with them in paragraph 1.

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73 Explain clearly why Lloyd hit Harvey on the shoulder (line 8).

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74 Explain fully what "that" in line <sup>10</sup> refers to.

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75 Why did Harvey think that Lloyd should not be so upset with Dinah coming to live with them?

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76 What exactly does "She'll never be out of our hair?" (lines 15-16) mean?

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77 What two actions tell you that Dinah was worried about living with a new family (lines 21-23)?

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78 State two ways how Mrs Hunter tried to make Dinah feel welcomed in the house?

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79 Quote a sentence from lines 30-33 that suggests that Dinah was least interested in meeting the boys.

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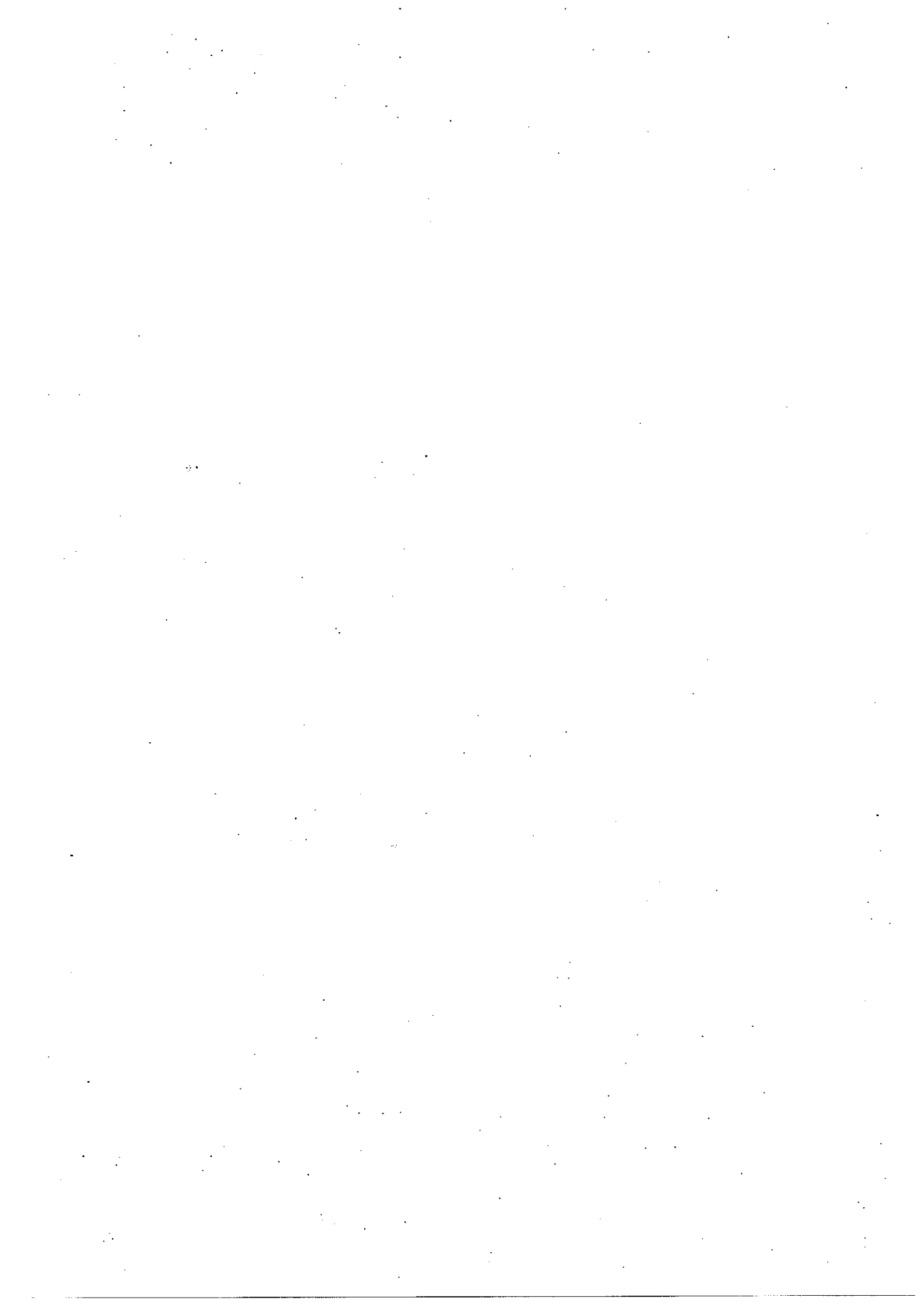
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80 Explain clearly what the phrase "breathing down your necks" (line 37) means.

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# ANSWER SHEET

**EXAM PAPER 2013**

**SCHOOL : ACS**

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**TERM : SA1**

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- 41)desire      42)in      43)could      44)up      45)diseases  
46)ancient      47)preferred      48)remove      49)use      50)have  
51)from      52)have      53)on      54)along      55)get  
56)but      57)hit      58)helmet      59)found      60)continue  
61)left      62)saw      63)their      64)where      65)movement

66)Stir in a cup of milk after pouring the flour and yeast into the mixing bowl.

67)In order to feed his family Paul had to work overtime on most nights.

68)The stadium was filled with spectators in spite of the heavy rain during the rugby match this afternoon.

- 69)Unless you take your medicine, your fever will not come down.
- 70)Not only is Tom a caring son, but he is also generous towards his parent.
- 71)The word is "glowered".
- 72)They will lose their freedom and she may put up pictures of flower and ballet dancers.
- 73)He was annoyed that despite the fact Lloyd was upset with Dinah coming to live with them. Harvey did not seem bothered at all and continued reading his book.
- 74)It refers to Harvey looking up and grinning.
- 75)Mother had always wanted to look after someone else child so he should expected this to happen.
- 76)It means that Dinah will always be in their way.
- 77)She stared without expression and always remained silent when Mrs Wilberforce spoke to her.
- 78)She held out her arms and gave Dinah a friendly hug and kiss.
- 79)The sentence is "She held out a cold, rigid hand and greeted them unenthusiastically.
- 80)It means watching someone and making them feel awkward.