



**NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL
FIRST SEMESTRAL EXAMINATION 2015
ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

PRIMARY 6

PAPER 2: BOOKLET A

TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 h 50 min

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

1. "I am afraid all hope _____ lost. There is no way we can escape now," Ali lamented.

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

2. The heavy rain washed _____ the thick soil that used to cover the open ground.

- (1) over
- (2) back
- (3) away
- (4) down

3. Mr Ahmad, _____ farm we had stayed in during our holiday in Perth, was very hospitable.

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

4. Can this soft and gentle music _____ to lull the baby to sleep?

- (1) help
- (2) helps
- (3) helped
- (4) has helped

5. The boy waited for the nightingale to croon a song but it refused to lift its head and _____

- (1) [^] sing
- (2) sang
- (3) sung
- (4) sings

6. Jason is one of the athletes who _____ in the track and field competition next week.

- (1) participate
- (2) participates
- (3) is participating
- (4) are participating

7. Mr Tan lost his phone at the store and demanded that the manager look _____ the matter immediately.

- (1) at
- (2) for
- (3) out
- (4) into

8. No sooner had Mrs Lim left the house _____ the postman arrived.

- (1) but
- (2) and
- (3) that
- (4) than

9. We will not be able to stay in the classroom during recess _____ the teacher gives us her permission.

- (1) while
- (2) unless
- (3) because
- (4) although

10. The hen had _____ some eggs but the farmer did not collect them.

- (1) lay
- (2) laid
- (3) lain
- (4) lays

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

11. He _____ the question by talking about something that was totally unrelated.

- (1) alerted
- (2) eluded
- (3) averted
- (4) evaded

12. Authorities do not have any plans to _____ the residents from the areas near the forest fires.

- (1) evict
- (2) expel
- (3) eliminate
- (4) evacuate

13. Malcolm takes very good care of his car and will polish it until it _____.

- (1) beamed
- (2) gleamed
- (3) reflected
- (4) shimmered

14. The kitten got itself _____ in the ball of yarn while playing with it.

- (1) inserted
- (2) extracted
- (3) entangled
- (4) integrated

15. After months of hard work to complete his project, Mr Tan was _____ by the vacation he just had.

- (1) relieved
- (2) reassured
- (3) replenished
- (4) rejuvenated

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 (OAS). (5 X 1 marks)

Genetically modified (GM) crops have been part of our diets since the mid-1990s. These are plants that have been modified to thrive in cold environments, resist pests and diseases more effectively, achieve faster growth and become more nutritional. For example, certain types of rice have been engineered so that they provide more of the nutrients needed in countries where rice is a daily staple in their diet.

Although there may be certain benefits for growing GM crops, we are not entirely sure of the side effects. Some scientists have warned that eating food made from these plants may result in inexplicable side effects even though those who harvest these crops claim that the plants they use do not differ significantly from natural varieties. However, there are too many unknowns and potential dangers surrounding food made from genetically modified crops. More research on them needs to be conducted and the results shared with consumers. They have a right to know if the food they purchase is truly safe to eat.

16. (1) ripen
(2) evolve
(3) sprout
(4) flourish

17. (1) habit
(2) supply
(3) tradition
(4) essential

18. (1) hidden
(2) eccentric
(3) unknown
(4) additional

19. (1) drastically
(2) purposely
(3) completely
(4) importantly

20. (1) handled
(2) managed
(3) organized
(4) performed

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Study this flyer carefully and then answer questions 21 to 28. (8 marks)

Another community initiative by Love Connects



To many of us, birthdays are about parties, gifts and cakes. Yet, for children from less fortunate homes, these are luxuries they could only dream about. To make these a reality for these children, a Birthday Gift donation drive will be held. We need as many generous donors as possible!

- New items as well as used items in almost new condition can be sent to the Love Connects Head Office located at 23, Rally Road, Singapore 202101. Only new items should be gift wrapped.
- Monetary donations can be made online at www.loveconnects.org/donations



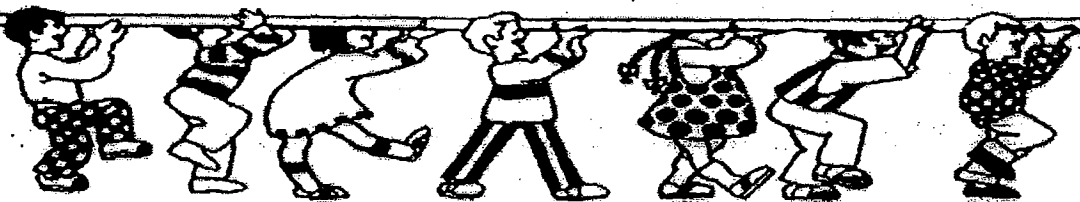
Join us for Birthday Gift's mass birthday celebration!

Date: 23 May 2015

Time: 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Venue: Youth Park

Want to be a volunteer during this mass party? Email Alex at alex@loveconnects.org to register.



For more information, please visit our website at www.loveconnects.org or email your questions to queries@loveconnects.org

Samantha Ong, an 80 year-old retiree, is the Birthday Gift donation drive's oldest volunteer this year. She shares her experience in the hope that more will be drawn to this meaningful cause.

Last year, when my neighbours first told me about the Birthday Gift donation drive, I was rather intrigued. I immediately donated some money. I had not had much experience with charity work so I did some research on this donation drive and discovered that the birthday gift many of the children received was the first toy they had ever received. Donating only cash meant that I had no choice over the toys purchased. I wanted at least a few children to have the joy of receiving new and popular toys and went shopping for twenty of these.

I also decided to volunteer at the Birthday Gift's mass birthday celebration to learn more about the children who will be receiving the gifts. I worked with two other volunteers at a booth to distribute the gift bags. The moment our booth opened, some children ran towards us. The coloured patterns on their T-shirts have faded and their shoes looked worn. They thanked us shyly when we gave them their gift bags. Once they received their gifts, they went to an empty space next to our booth and took out the items in their gift bags. One of them had a gift in a familiar wrapper. I watched in eager anticipation as the boy unwrapped the present to reveal one of the transformer robots I had bought. His face broke into a big smile and he jumped up in joy, squealing in delight! The few hours I spent shopping for gifts brought an indescribable joy not just to children but to me as well. My heartstrings were tugged again when the children's parents came over to thank us, tears glistening in their eyes. One of them said that she had never seen her children so happy and excited. I had given so little, yet it meant so much to them.

Q25

This year, I encouraged my friends and family to donate to this worthy cause. I hope you would do the same so that more children can experience the joy of receiving a gift!



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

21. Based on the flyer, which of the following is true of the donation drive?
- (1) Children will be able to choose the gifts they receive.
 - (2) All gifts must be gift wrapped before they are donated.
 - (3) Donors can donate new and second hand items as gifts.
 - (4) Cash donation can be done at the Love Connects Head Office.
22. If you would like to help at the mass birthday celebration, you should _____.
- (1) email alex@loveconnects.org
 - (2) register in person at the Youth Park
 - (3) register online at www.loveconnects.org
 - (4) email your interest to queries@loveconnects.org
23. According to Samantha Ong's write-up, she decided ^{to} do more than just donating cash because she _____.
- (1) wanted to select the gifts she was donating
 - (2) was told another twenty gifts had to be bought
 - (3) knew that the children wanted transformer toys
 - (4) saw how much the children loved the toys they received
24. How do we know that the parents of the gift recipients were appreciative of what their children had received?
- (1) The adults wanted to present the volunteers with gifts as well.
 - (2) The adults shared that they could only give their children little gifts.
 - (3) The adults jumped for joy as the children were unwrapping the gifts.
 - (4) The adults had tears in their eyes when they thanked the volunteers.
25. The phrase "the same" in the last paragraph of Samantha Ong's write-up refers to _____.
- (1) buying new and popular toys for the donation drive
 - (2) volunteering to help out at the mass birthday celebration
 - (3) allowing more children to receive presents on their birthdays
 - (4) encouraging friends and family to contribute to the donation drive

26. Based on Samantha Ong's write-up, which of the following statements about Samantha Ong is true?

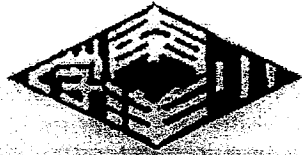
- (1) She had always been involved in volunteer work.
- (2) She was touched by the children's reactions to their gifts.
- (3) She organised the mass birthday celebration with two volunteers.
- (4) She realised the need for more parents to be involved as volunteers.

27. Samantha Ong's write-up was included in the flyer to _____.

- (1) help her reflect on her time as a volunteer
- (2) provide a report on the mass birthday celebration
- (3) encourage more people to be a part of the donation drive
- (4) inform others about the requirements for being a volunteer

28. The main purpose of the flyer is to _____.

- (1) recruit volunteers to wrap donated gifts
- (2) appeal for donations for a charitable cause
- (3) provide information about Love Connections
- (4) encourage parents to take part in the mass birthday celebration



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There are 10 blanks, numbered 29 to 38, in the passage below. From the 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)

Use each WORD once ONLY

A) along	D) between	G) its	K) most	N) with
B) and	E) by	H) it	L) on	P) which
C) before	F) is	J) of	M) through	Q) where

Green sea turtles are the world's largest species of hard-shelled sea turtle. These turtles are found nesting along the coastline _____ more than 80 countries. Green sea turtles spend most of their lives underwater, _____ they can rest for up to five hours at a time _____ coming up for air. When active, they typically alternate between being underwater for a few minutes _____ coming up to the surface to breathe air for a few seconds. Green sea turtles are also known to sunbathe _____ land. Adult green sea turtles eat a primarily plant-based diet consisting of seaweed and sea grass, unlike _____ other sea turtles. Scientists believe these green foods give their fat _____ green color. Green sea turtles travel long distances between their feeding grounds and their nesting sites, _____ recorded distances longer than 2,600 kilometres. They have strong paddlelike flippers that help propel them _____ the water.

Female green sea turtles leave the water in order to lay eggs on the beach and will choose the same nesting spot as where they were born. Newly hatched sea turtles are also at risk of being hunted _____ animals such as birds, crabs, and raccoons as they move from their nests out to the sea. Adult green sea turtles face many threats, primarily from humans, including injuries from boat propellers, being caught in fishing nets, pollution, and poaching.

Marks

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

"Run! Run for your lives! The Japanese soldiers are coming!" shouted one of the
(39)
villagers. The rest of the villages ran franktically. Panic had taken over. Some were
(40) (41)
momanterily rooted to the ground as they freeze in shock. The Japanese had finally
(42)
invaied Singapore!

(43)
The sight of the cold-hearted soldiers marching in well-pressed uniform is a
(44)
nightmare, especially to Chinese families. The Japanese treats their enemies heartlessly
(45)
and mercilessly. Just like the rest, Ah Teck and Ah Mei knowing they had to flee for their
lives. The only problem was Mei-Lin, their one-month daughter. Ah Teck was prepared to
(46)
do something drastic to save his daughter to living in fear.

(47)
"Ah Mei, wrap her and put her in this box. I'd sacrifice my life for my prescious
(48)
princess," wispered Ah Teck as transparent pearls rolled down from his small beady eyes.
(49)
Confused, Ah Mei placed litle Mei Lin in the box. Ah Teck grabbed Ah Mei by the hand and
(50)
running to Yusof's house. Ah Mei placed the box at the doorstep of Yusof's house and
knocked on the door before running away.

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Marks

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Terriers have long been used by farmers to kill rats and other vermins. Not many animals can _____ their ability to hunt down pests. One bull terrier named Jenny Lind was _____ (51) for killing 500 rats in two hours. Cricket, a seven-year-old Jack Russell terrier, has a _____ (52) mission from Jenny. The little dog is expected to find and kill one to three-metre long venomous brown tree snakes. _____ (53)

In its _____ (54) environment, the population of snakes is easily controlled by its predators and other environment factors. However, 50 years ago, a few of the reptiles apparently stowed _____ (55) on a boat to Guam and infested the island, thriving in the hot, humid, predator-free environment.

_____ (56) the time officials realised that the brown tree snake had to be controlled, the snakes had slithered into _____ (57) nook and cranny of Guam, and devoured _____ (57) birds, lizards and eggs of wild and domestic fowl. As a result, terriers were introduced. _____ (56)

The instincts that drive Cricket and other Jack Russell terriers to _____ (59) out and kill such menacing foe lie deep in their bloodline. Terriers are generally brave animals. They are not _____ (60) to go after animals that are more than three _____ (61) their size.

Terriers were called "earthe dogges" _____ (62) to their ability to go underground. In fact, the name "terrier" comes from the Latin word "terra" which _____ (63) earth. They will sometimes stay underground for several days _____ (64) food or water. Once a snake is found, a terrier will _____ (65) no more than 20 seconds to kill the reptile. The terrier grabs the snake behind the neck and shakes it ferociously before dropping it to the ground.

Adapted from "Working like Dogs" from Readers Digest

Marks

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)

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66. Lucas was very sleepy. He finished his homework.

_____ although

67. "Have you eaten the apple pie?" Mary asked her brother.

Mary asked _____

68. Shannon is allergic to peanuts. Jean is allergic to peanuts too.

Both _____

69. Tracy had not seen him for more than ten years. She called her neighbour.

_____ whom _____

70. If you do not have the experience, you will not get the job.

_____ unless

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Marks

"Welcome to the mighty Zambezi!" Tommy greeted the six tourists he was about to lead on a three-hour canoe trip down one of Africa's longest rivers. With him were his canoe paddlers, Ben and Evans. Heading towards the thundering Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe, the group hoped to see elephants, crocodiles and hippopotamuses along the way.

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"We do the paddling and your job is to sit back and relax," Tommy added. Scanning the river, he held on to his revolver in a holster on his belt. "But there are dangers," he warned. "The river's full of crocodiles, so don't trail your hand in the water. It will look like a fish. That's what the crocodile snack on. The next hazard is the hippos," Tommy continued. "Hippos are territorial animals, so we know which areas to avoid. However, a hippo having a bad day might decide to bump your canoe."

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Tommy grinned as his clients gasped. "A big hit could tip you into the water. If it happens, don't panic," he continued. "Hippos won't eat you. They are vegetarians."

Soon, Tommy led the fleet of canoes through a few rocky islands. Tommy's canoe drifted lazily just a paddle's length from the shoreline of an island. Barely 30 metres away was a herd of hippopotamuses, their hides red with secretion that protects them from the sunburn. In a whisper, Tommy explained that a hippopotamus could be five metres high at the shoulders, 14 metres from the snout to tail-tip and can weigh more than 1500 kilogrammes. "That is heavier than my car!" John, one of the tourists commented.

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"Let's move on," Tommy said, dipping his paddle. They passed a mother hippopotamus lying in the water as her calf dozed with its chin on her back. Tommy knew the group must be back at the landing in forty minutes. A truck would take the tourists back to their hotels.

On their way back to the landing, Tommy rapped on his canoe to encourage any hippopotamuses hidden below the water to surface so that the paddlers could avoid them.

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Out of the blue, there was a noise like a thunderclap. A bull hippopotamus hit Evan's canoe, throwing the back of his canoe into the air and sending Evans tumbling out. Tommy whipped around in his seat to see the back end of Evans' canoe on the shoulders of the hippopotamus. Tommy shivered in fear. It was the rogue hippopotamus, which had caused a guide to lose one leg a few weeks ago. The beast opened its huge mouth and submerged abruptly. Evans bobbed up in the water, gasping, as the two passengers John and Grace fought to keep the canoe level. "Hold on, I'm coming!" Tommy yelled, as he paddled towards Evans.

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Left without a paddler, John and Grace worked the water madly with their hands to get out of the hippopotamus' reach. Evans reached for the side of Tommy's canoe. Tommy saw the risk of the canoe being capsized at that angle. "No, come round the back!" he commanded. Balancing his canoe, Tommy extended a hand for Evan to grab. "The hippo won't return," Tommy told himself.

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Adapted from Rage on the River Zambezi by John Dyson

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71. Why did Tommy warn the tourists not to trail their hands in the water? [2m]

72. Which three-word phrase in paragraph 2 shows that Tommy was looking out for potential danger? [1m]

73. Why did Tommy and the paddlers need to avoid the hippopotamuses? [1m]

74. In paragraph 3, why did Tommy ask the tourists not to panic when they gasped? [2m]

75. What does "that" refer to? (line 19)? [1m]

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76. 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]

	True/False	Reason
Tommy rapped on the canoe to distract the hippotamusés.		
Tommy was afraid of the rogue hippopotamus because it caused him to lose his leg.		
John and Grace did not use a paddle to get out of reach of the rogue hippotamus.		

77. Explain clearly why John and Grace were 'left without a paddler'. (line ³⁶34) [2m]

78. Explain clearly why Tommy commanded ^{Evans}Evans to "come round the back" when ~~Evans~~ Evans reached the side of Tommy's canoe. [2m]

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

_____ Tommy explained that a hippopotamus could weigh several tons.

_____ A bull hippopotamus hit the Evans' canoe.

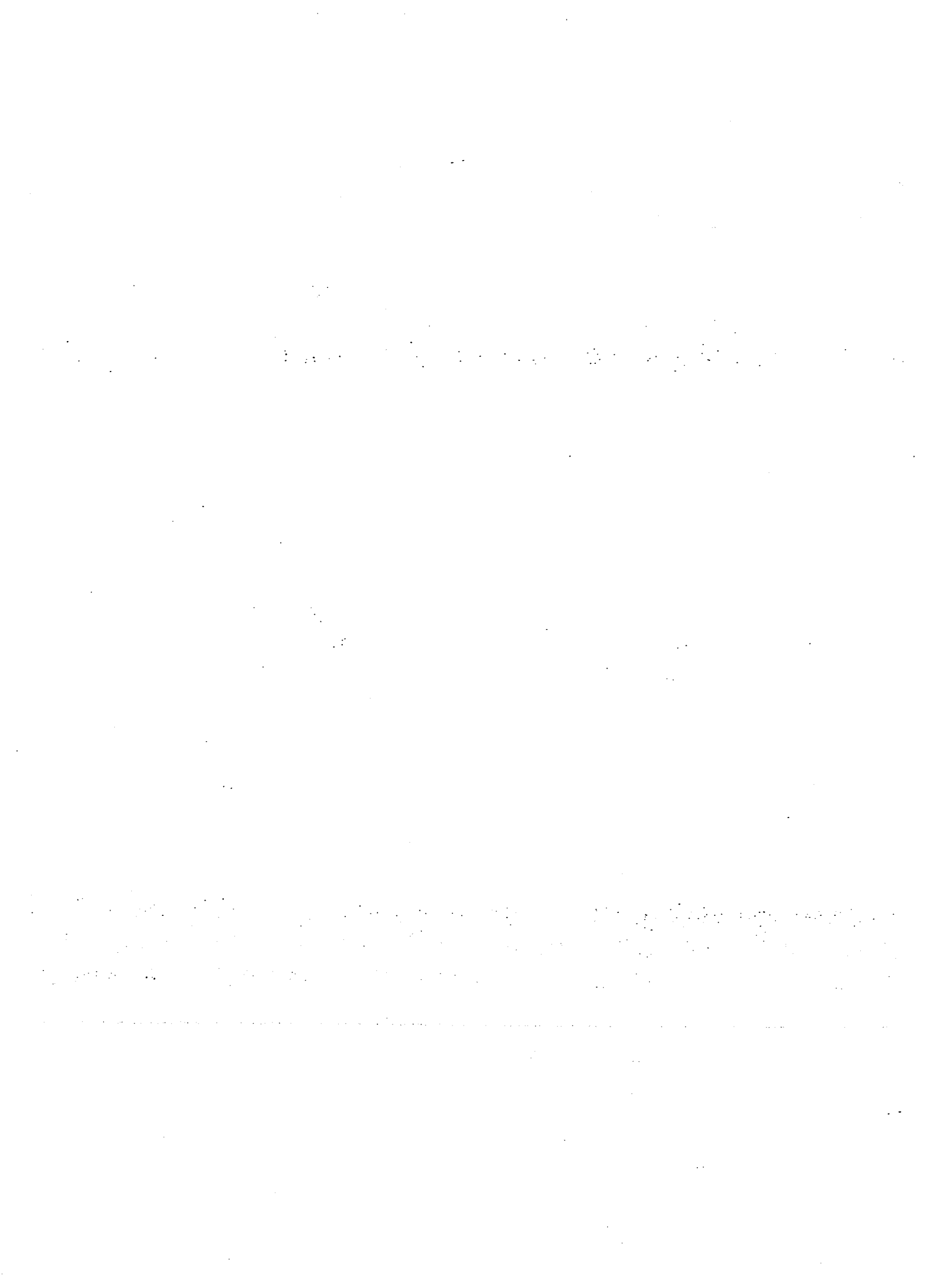
_____ Tommy warned the tourists of the dangers.

80. Find words from paragraph 7 and 8 which have the same meaning as the word(s) in the boxes. Use one word for each box. [3m]

bump	
unexpectedly	
danger	



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TERM : SA1

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
1	3	4	1	1	4	4	4	2	2
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
2	4	4	3	4	4	4	3	1	4
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
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Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38		
C	B	L	K	G	N	M	E		

39)frantically 40)momentarily 41)froze 42)invaded

43)was 44)treated 45)knew 46)from

47)precious 48)whispered 49)little 50)ran

51)have/match/equal/use/surpass 52)known/famed/famous/renowned

53)different 54)natural/native/hostile/harsh 55)away

56)By 57)every 58)many/countless/numerous/the

59)seek/sniff/search/hunt/root 60)afraid 61)times

62)due 63)means 64)without 65)take/need/use/require

66) Lucas finished his homework although he was very sleepy.

67) Mary asked her brother if he had eaten the apple pie.

68) Both Shannon and Jean are allergic to peanuts.

69) Tracy called her neighbour whom she had not seen for more than ten years.

70) You will not get the job unless you have the experience.

71) The river was full of crocodiles, so if the tourists trailed their hands in the water, they would look like fish and the crocodiles would eat them.

72) Scanning the river.

73) The hippopotamuses were territorial animals, so Tommy and the paddlers needed to avoid them.

74) The hippopotamuses were vegetarians, so they would not eat the tourists if the tourists fell into the river.

75) the weight of a hippopotamus

76) False / He rapped on the canoe to encourage any hippopotamuses hidden below the water to surface so the paddles could avoid them.

False / Tommy was afraid of the rogue hippopotamus because it caused another guide to lose a leg.

True / Evans, their paddler had fallen out of their canoe and they had to use their hands to get out of the hippopotamus' reach.

77) A rogue hippopotamus hit their canoe, throwing the back of their canoe into the air and sending Evans, their paddler, tumbling out of the canoe, leaving John and Grace without a paddler.

78) Tommy knew the canoe might capsize if Evans tried to climb onto the canoe from that angle, so he commanded Evans to "come round the back".

79) 2, 3, 1

80) hit

abruptly

risk

