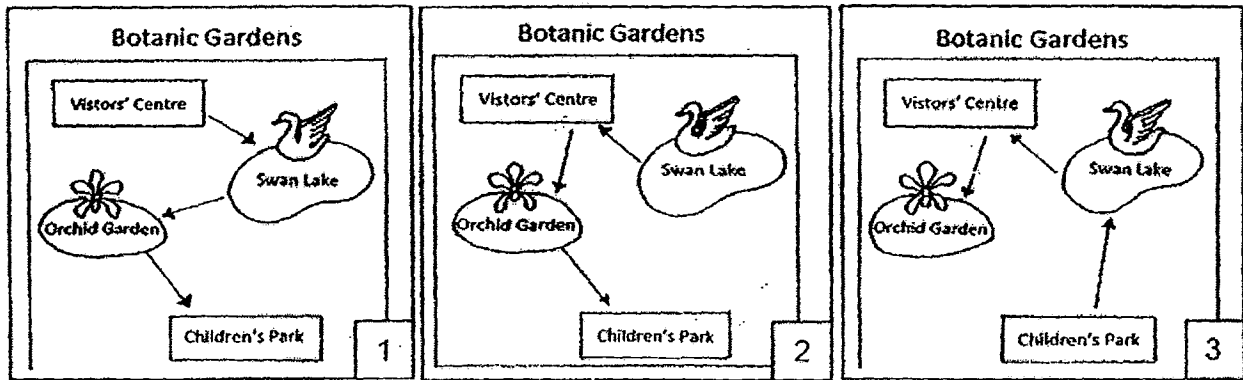


Text 2

Q3. Which picture shows what Mag will be doing on Saturday? ① ② ③

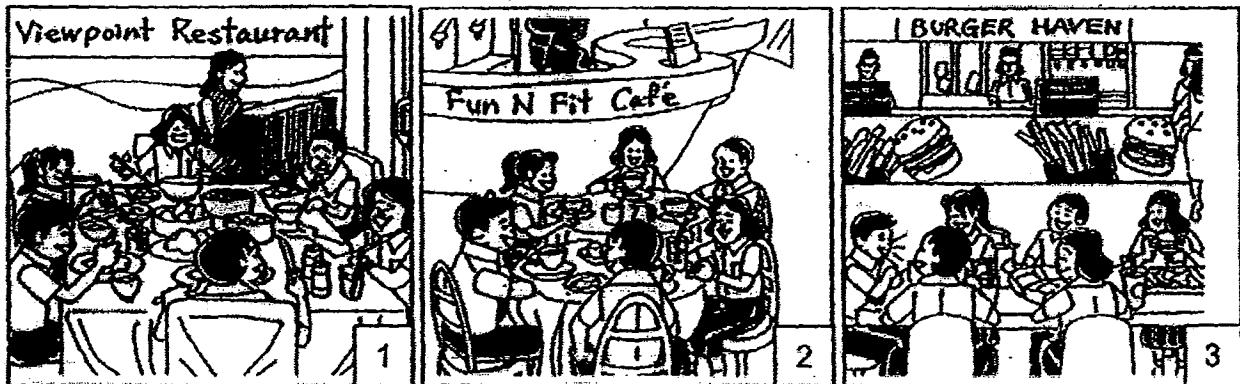


Q4. Which one of the following shows the route Mag will be taking? ① ② ③



Text 3

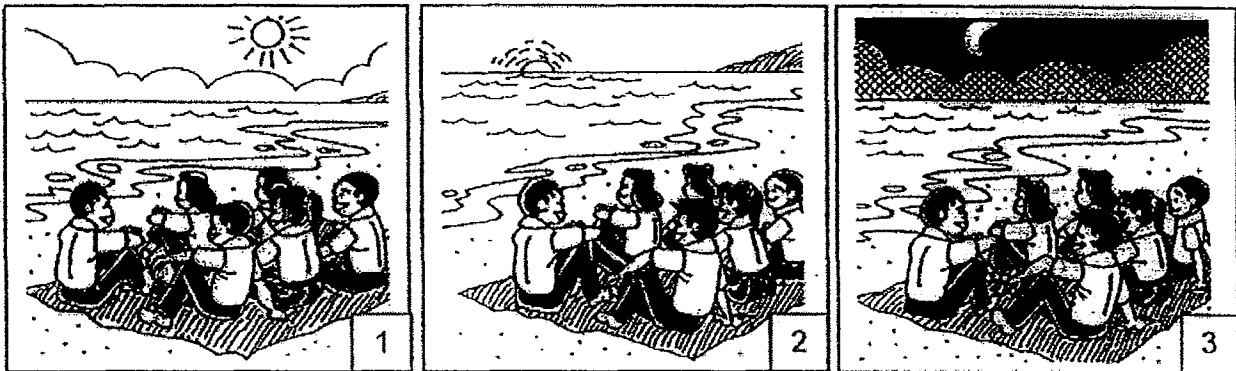
Q5. Which picture shows where the Nature Club members will be meeting in the morning? ① ② ③



Q6. What will the Nature Club members be doing after lunch?.. ① ② ③



Q7. When will the Nature Club members be at Coastal Beach? ① ② ③



Text 4

Q8. Why was Christopher anxious to get to the concert hall on time? ① ② ③

- (1) He had to pick his son up for a concert.
- (2) His son was making his stage debut.
- (3) His wife would be annoyed with him.

Q9. Why did Christopher go to the office that morning? ① ② ③

- (1) He had to fix faulty equipment.
- (2) He had to meet an engineer there.
- (3) He was supposed to work that Sunday.

Text 5

Q10. Why was Joe looking for his Harry Potter books?..... ① ② ③

- (1) He wanted to discuss the story with his classmate.
- (2) He wanted to take them to school.
- (3) He wanted to read them again.

Q11. How has the Harry Potter series affected J. K. Rowling's life?..... ① ② ③

- (1) Made her extremely wealthy.
- (2) Led her to learn many languages.
- (3) Improved her command of English.

Q12. What does Joe want to do when he grows up?..... ① ② ③

- (1) To write books.
- (2) To act in movies.
- (3) To teach English.

Text 6

Q13. When did Tom first think of becoming a pilot? ① ② ③

- (1) when he first saw a Singapore Airlines plane
- (2) when he started to enjoy flying kites
- (3) when he was very young

Q14. Why would Tom rush out of his house? ① ② ③

- (1) To look at kites.
- (2) To look at birds.
- (3) To look at helicopters.

Q15. What did Tom do that could harm his eyes? ① ② ③

- (1) going to bed late
- (2) looking up at the sky too often
- (3) having insufficient light when reading

Q16. What kind of parent do you think Tom's mother is? ① ② ③

- (1) She is an understanding parent.
- (2) She is an unreasonable parent.
- (3) She is an uncompromising parent.

Text 7

Q17. What was the symbolism of eggs in Egyptian mythology?.. ① ② ③

- (1) fertility and rebirth
- (2) resurrection
- (3) fertility

Q18. What were used to decorate the first Easter eggs? ① ② ③

- (1) cardboard and satin
- (2) vegetable dyes and charcoal
- (3) precious stones and chocolates

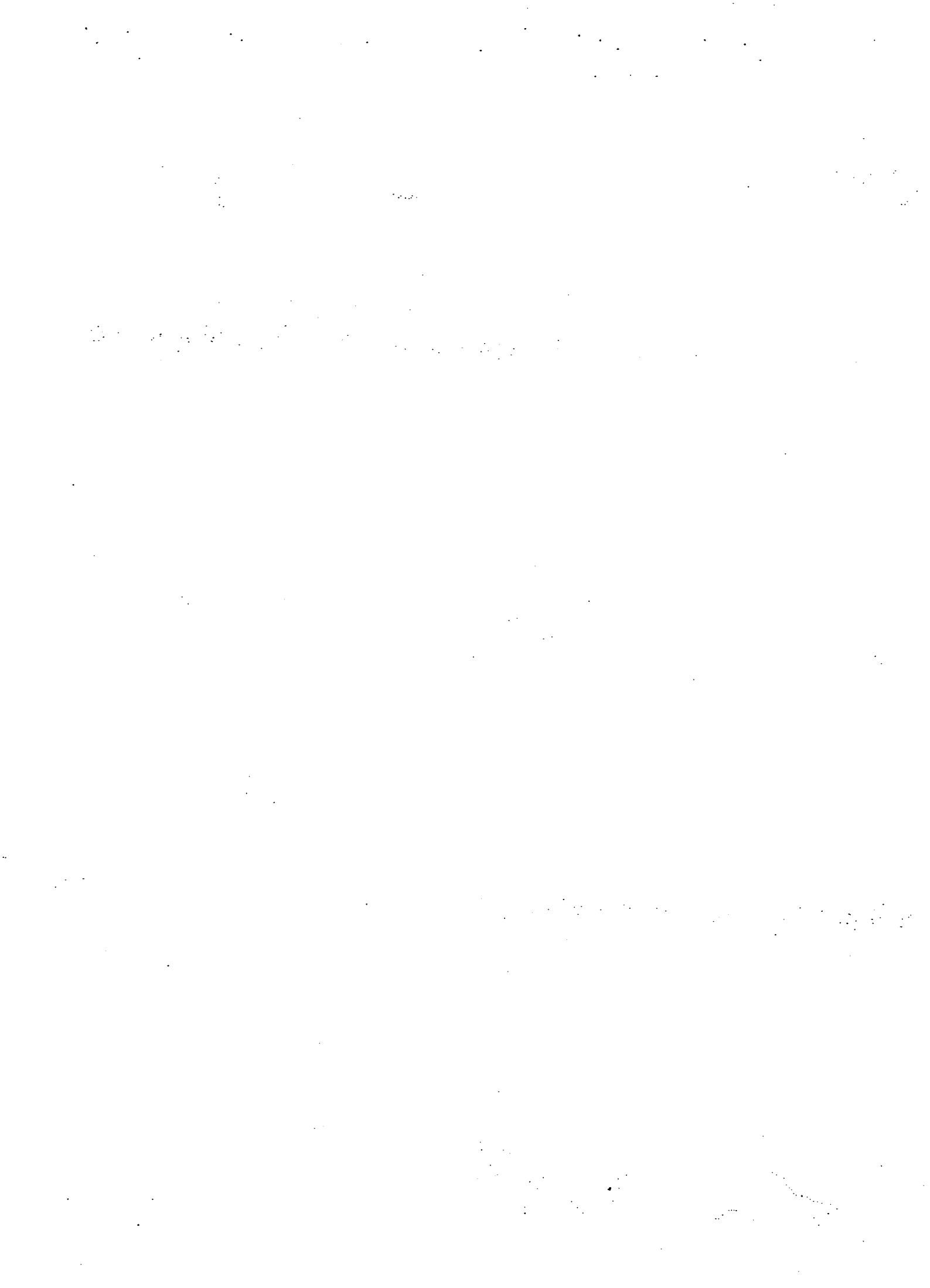
Q19. Why are the eggs that were decorated with jewels on display in museums?..... ① ② ③

- (1) They are of artistic value.
- (2) They are very expensive.
- (3) They are no longer produced today.

Q20. When were chocolate Easter eggs first made? ① ② ③

- (1) In the seventeenth century.
- (2) In the eighteenth century.
- (3) In the nineteenth century

--- End of Exam ---





PRIMARY 6 MID-YEAR EXAMINATION 2015

Name : _____

Date: 12 May 2015

Class : Primary 6

Time: 8.00 a.m. – 9.10 a.m.

Duration: 1 hour 10 minutes

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 1

SITUATIONAL WRITING (15 Marks)

CONTINUOUS WRITING (40 Marks)

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Write your answers on the answer sheet and foolscap provided.

Part 1: Situational Writing (15 marks)

1. Read the pamphlet below.



Opening promotion*

**15% discount on all
programmes**

30 May – 30 June 2015

**Sign up with
Healthy Gym
today!**



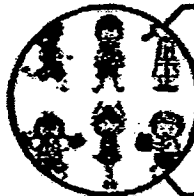
Awards

Healthy Gym has won the Singapore Parents' Choice Award again for the fifth time!



Special Programme

Healthy Gym has arranged a special programme to help children from 6 months to 10 years of age develop physically and socially.



Classes

There are over 100 locations in more than 30 countries offering weekly one hour classes that incorporate music, dance, games, gymnastics and sports.

Healthy Gym @ Bukit Batok
Block 68, Bukit Batok Central
#01-76B, Singapore 223368

Healthy Gym @ Bedok (New outlet*)
2 Bedok North Road
#01-60, Singapore 445150

Your Task

You received a pamphlet promoting the opening of Healthy Gym.

Write an email to your cousin, Alice, suggesting that she enrol her toddler in the programme conducted by Healthy Gym.

You are to refer to the pamphlet on page 2 for your email.

In your email, include the following information:

- purpose of writing to your cousin
- the objective of the special programme
- two details of the opening promotion
- how often the classes are held
- one reason why your cousin should sign her child up with Healthy Gym

You may reorder the points. You should write in complete sentences.

Part 2: Continuous Writing (40 marks)

2. Write a composition of at least 150 words about **honesty**.

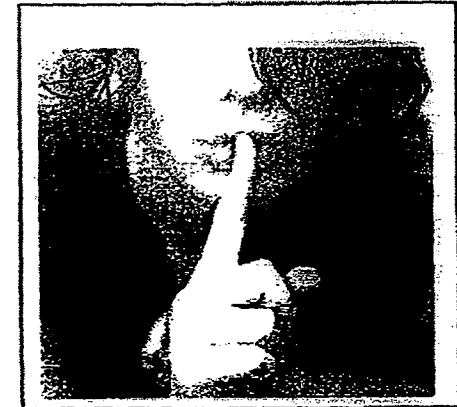
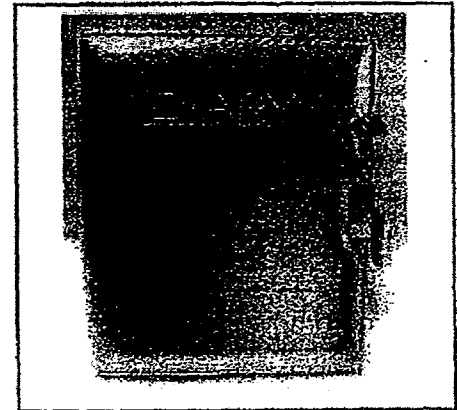
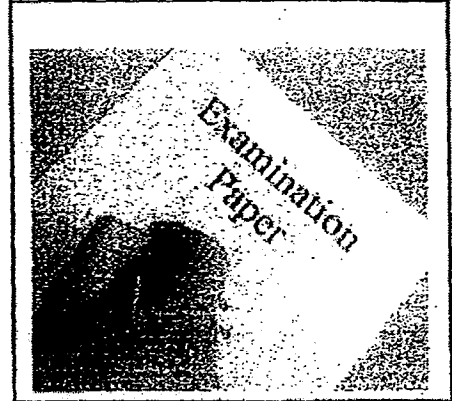
The pictures are provided to help you think about this topic.

Your composition should be based on one or more of these pictures.

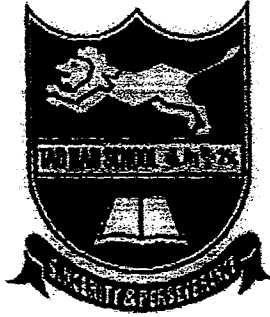
Consider the following points when you plan your composition:

- What was the honest act?
- Why was it an honest act?

You may use the points in any order and include other relevant points as well.



End of Paper



PRIMARY 6 MID-YEAR EXAMINATION 2015

Name: _____

Date: 12 May 2015

Class: Primary 6

Time: 10.30 a.m. – 12.20 p.m.

Duration: 1 hour 50 minutes

Parent's signature: _____

Marks: _____ / 95

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2 (BOOKLET A)

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Write your name, class and register number.
2. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
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4. Answer all questions.
5. Shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

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

1. The villagers who live on this island are used to _____ in the sweltering heat.

- (1) work
- (2) worked
- (3) working
- (4) be working

2. If John is late for school again, the discipline master _____ him severely.

- (1) punished
- (2) will punish
- (3) would punish
- (4) would have punished

3. Ali _____ his sculpture last Friday but he has not submitted it for the art competition yet.

- (1) completed
- (2) completes
- (3) had completed
- (4) was completing

4. Mrs D'Cruz decided to buy tickets for a cruise to Bali _____ the spur of the moment.

- (1) at
- (2) in
- (3) by
- (4) on

5. _____ having a sprained ankle, Weiming did not drop out of the badminton tournament.

- (1) While
- (2) Despite
- (3) Without
- (4) Besides

6. Mr Mohan told the plumber not to begin work on the broken pipe _____ he had put on his rubber gloves.

- (1) yet
- (2) until
- (3) wherever
- (4) whenever

7. By this time next week, the workers _____ painting my house.

- (1) will finish
- (2) would finish
- (3) will have finished
- (4) would have finished

8. _____ of the competitors (was) given a certificate of participation.

- (1) All
- (2) Most
- (3) Each
- (4) Every

9. Grandmother was very upset that none of her children showed _____ interest in her collection of rare stamps.

- (1) little
- (2) most
- (3) much
- (4) several

10. George forgot to walk the dog today, _____ he?

- (1) didn't
- (2) hasn't
- (3) hadn't
- (4) doesn't

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

11. The secretary was accused of _____ the company's funds.
- (1) cheating
 - (2) extorting
 - (3) swindling
 - (4) embezzling
12. Jane could not _____ the temptation to buy the beautiful necklace that was being sold at an incredible discount.
- (1) resist
 - (2) retract
 - (3) restrict
 - (4) restrain
13. In his address to the graduating students, the guest-of-honour recalled his own school days with much _____.
- (1) fantasy
 - (2) nostalgia
 - (3) compassion
 - (4) consideration
14. Mrs Tan tends to belittle others; thus, she is not well-liked by her co-workers because they think that she is very _____.
- (1) pretentious
 - (2) authoritative
 - (3) manipulative
 - (4) condescending
15. Many people are _____ daily from that famous restaurant because of its limited seating capacity.
- (1) turned in
 - (2) turned out
 - (3) turned away
 - (4) turned down

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. (5 marks)

Native to Africa and South Asia, rhinoceroses are tremendously huge and powerful animals. Strangely enough, although they are herbivores, rhinoceroses have made a name for being savage. In actual fact, they only charge at their attacker with great fury if they are wounded, which makes them no different from other animals.

Sadly, these great beasts are being killed by humans for their horns. Some people use these horns for ornamental purposes, while others grind up the horns and then consume them, believing that the horns have healing properties. Hence, causing these majestic animals to be critically endangered.

Adapted from <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rhinoceros>

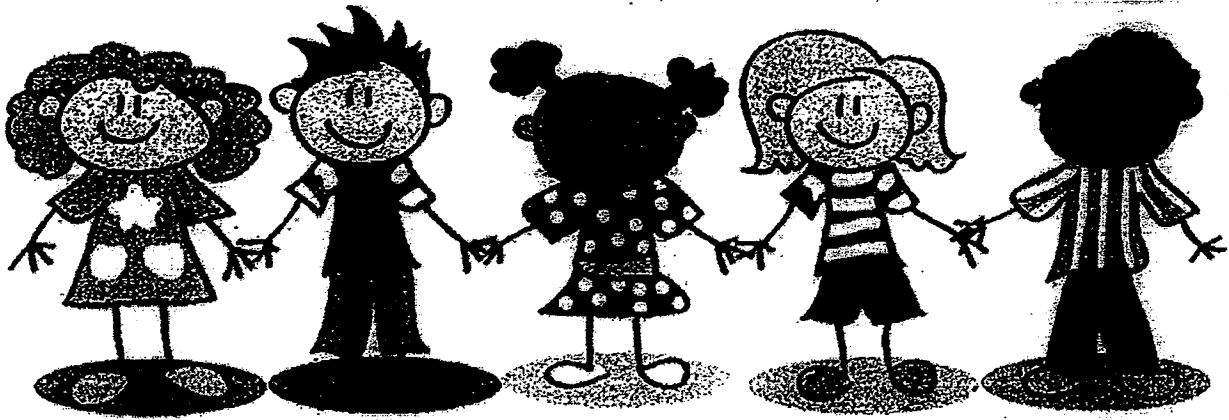
16. (1) burly
(2) mighty
(3) colossal
(4) aggressive
17. (1) a status
(2) a reputation
(3) an influence
(4) an achievement
18. (1) cruelty
(2) ferocity
(3) hostility
(4) intensity
19. (1) attractive
(2) distinctive
(3) decorative
(4) noticeable
20. (1) medicinal
(2) corrective
(3) beneficial
(4) restorative

Study this flyer carefully and then answer questions 21 to 28.



**Embracing Children.
Inspiring Lives.**

Children's Home Society (CHS) is a non-profit organisation with a mission to nurture and protect disadvantaged children between the ages of 4 and 12 years. These children require our help because their parents are unable to care for them. Within our premises, we take care of their physical, emotional and social well-being so as to nurture them into happy and responsible members of the community. Our total running costs are \$500,000 per year.



We are raising funds so that we can continue to help needy children! Come join us for some learning fun at Learning Fest 2015! All proceeds from this charity event will go to CHS!

See you on 30 May 2015!

LEARNING FEST 2015

@ CHS (38 Marine Road)

For all ages

Paper Craft Workshop

Jump-start your creativity with recyclable items! Turn coffee filters into glass flowers! Transform cardboard tubes into cute cottages! Many ideas to be shared using paper, plastic and old drink cans!

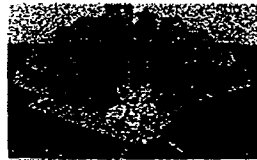
Time: 9.30 to 10.30 a.m.

Cost: \$15

Venue: Room 1

Conducted by:

Craftworks



Food Photography

Interested in learning about food photography? We will teach you some tips and tricks that will make the food in your photos look simply irresistible!

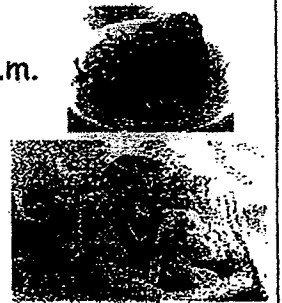
Time: 9.00 to 11.30 a.m.

Cost: \$30

Venue: Room 2

Conducted by:

CoolStyle Studio



* Please bring your own digital camera.

Parent-Child Activity

Be Your Own Chef!

Bond with your child! Learn how to make pizza dough and delicious toppings to accompany it!

Time: 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. or
2 to 4.30 p.m.

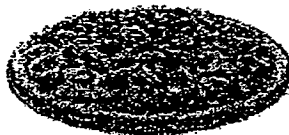
Cost: \$50 per pair

Venue: Kitchen 1

Conducted by:

The Cooking School

*Child's age: 4 - 12 years old



Balloon Art



Do magic with balloons! Learn to shape them into a bird, a horse, a flower or a sword! Let your imagination take flight!

Time: 11.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Cost: \$20 per person

Venue: Meeting Room

Conducted by: Balloon Academy

*Child must be at least 8 years old

Parent-Child Activity

For each question from 21 to 28, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (8 marks)

21. Children's Home Society aims to help _____.

- (1) parents of disadvantaged children
- (2) parents to teach their children better
- (3) children whose parents who are illiterate
- (4) children with emotional and social problems

22. Learning Fest 2015 will take place at _____.

- (1) CoolStyle Studio
- (2) Balloon Academy
- (3) The Cooking School
- (4) Children's Home Society

23. Which of the following statements is true?

- (1) Children cannot attend the workshops without their parents.
- (2) All the workshops are conducted by Children's Home Society.
- (3) It is essential to bring a camera to the photography workshop.
- (4) The fees indicated for each workshop are for one person only.

24. Learning Fest 2015 is planned by _____ organiser(s).

- (1) 1
- (2) 2
- (3) 5
- (4) 4

25. Mr Chia would like to attend Learning Fest 2015 with his teenage daughter. They can register for _____.

- (1) only the paper craft workshop
- (2) only the balloon art workshop
- (3) the paper craft workshop and the balloon art workshop
- (4) the paper craft workshop and the pizza-making workshop

26. Mdm Yati would like some ideas for an art activity using plastic egg trays for her son's upcoming birthday party. The most suitable workshop for her would be _____.

- (1) Balloon Art
- (2) Food Photography
- (3) Be Your Own Chef
- (4) Paper Craft Workshop

27. Many exclamation marks are used in this flyer to _____.

- (1) show how simple it is to raise funds
- (2) demonstrate how easy the workshops are
- (3) motivate people to participate in Learning Fest 2015
- (4) draw people's attention to the disadvantaged children

28. The main purpose of Learning Fest 2015 is to _____.

- (1) raise \$500,000
- (2) promote family bonding
- (3) increase contributions to CHS
- (4) nurture responsible members of the community

(Go on to Booklet B)





PRIMARY 6 MID-YEAR EXAMINATION 2015

Name: _____

Date: 12 May 2015

Class: Primary 6

Time: 10.30 a.m. – 12.20 p.m.

Duration: 1 hour 50 minutes.

Parent's signature: _____

Marks: / 95

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2 (BOOKLET B)

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Write your name, class and register number.
2. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Answer all questions.
5. Write all your answers in this booklet.

There are 10 blanks, numbered 29 to 38, 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) about	(D) for	(G) other	(K) this	(N) who
(B) but	(E) if	(H) ought	(L) to	(P)whom
(C) as	(F) one	(J) should	(M) when	(Q) with

Sumei and Joseph had both decided to run for the position of class president. This was a prestigious title, _____ the class president had an important job. (29)
The job included helping to organise community involvement projects, field trips and social gatherings for the class.

Sumei had been campaigning hard for several weeks already. She really wanted to be elected class president. She had delivered a speech telling the class _____ the goals she hoped to accomplish _____ she won. She (30) (31)
planned to organise a funfair to raise money for the homeless. She also wanted to recycle aluminium cans _____ get money to pay for new shelves in the school library. (32)
Indeed, Sumei had been working very hard for _____ position. (33)

On the _____ hand, Joseph had not done much campaigning. He (34)
figured that he had many friends _____ would vote for him. Instead of preparing (35)
a speech, he threw a pool party at his condominium. Like Sumei, Joseph believed that the class had to work to raise money, _____ he felt that any money raised (36)
_____ be used for their class. Why give the money to someone else when they (37)
could use the money to pay for food and drinks for themselves? The results came _____ no surprise. When the votes were tallied and the election results were (38)
announced, Sumei was the clear winner!

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

Do you know that a photocopy of your identity card (IC) can be passed off as the

(39)

(40)

real thing? Mr Peter Kong find this out the hard way. Aproximatly one week ago, Mr Kong

(41)

ricieved a notice from the National Library Board (NLB) for three overdue items. Mr Kong

(42)

ranted, "It is shocked! I haven't borrowed a book from the library in ages!"

The NLB informed him that the books had been checked out in his name using his

(43)

(44)

IC. Mr Kong claimed that that was ridikulus and that he could prove his inocense. He

(45)

(46)

produced his passport that indicates that he had been out of the country when that three

(47)

books were borrowed. Mr Kong did, yet, recall submitting a photocopy of his IC for a lucky

draw. The NLB's spokesperson said that they were investigating the matter and could

(48)

(49)

follow up with Mr Kong. She said, "The authoreties will not hesitate to refer any cases to

(50)

the police for apropriate actions to be taken."

In the meantime, Mr Kong has decided that he will never participate in a lucky draw

ever again. "The previous lucky draw was very unlucky for me!" he fumed.

In the old days, people used the sun, wind, smoke and salt to dry fish and store them for later use. This was advantageous especially during the long _____ months, when it would be too cold to go out to _____ fish. These traditional methods of preserving fish are called 'curing'. Today, with the widespread _____ of refrigerators, freezers and chemical preservatives, fish is prepared using these traditional methods only for a special flavour and not out of necessity, as was the case in the past.

Dried fish is a common _____ in European, South American as well as Asian cooking. 'Bombay duck', which is a small, dried, sea fish, is utilised generally in Indian cuisine. In Japan, fish is dried and _____ into fish stock, which is used in several _____ of Japanese soups.

Long ago, fish was also smoked over wood fires. _____ adds flavour and colour to the fish. The smoked fish are then _____ open and gutted; after which they are _____ on hooks over the smoke. Unfortunately, these days, unscrupulous fishermen use colour dyes on unsmoked fish to achieve the colour of smoked fish. This is because colouring the fish takes only a _____ of the time it takes to actually smoke a fish and is also much cheaper.

Some kinds of fish are cold-smoked at low _____ and remain raw. Therefore, they need to be cooked _____ they are eaten. Hot-smoked fish are smoked at _____ temperatures which also browns the flesh of the fish; so this kind of fish is ready-to-eat _____ cooking.

Salted fish, which is fish that has been dried with salt, was carried by early nomadic people as they went about _____ business. In some parts of Europe, it is said that there are 365 different ways of cooking salted fish – one for every day of the year.

For each of the questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the words(s) provided. Your answers 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. The police took on the dangerous mission.

The dangerous mission _____

67. Samad was negligent. As a result, the valuable jewellery was stolen.

Due to Samad's _____

68. Both Ali and Bala are not avid readers.

Neither _____

69. Kenny asked me, "Are you going to class now?"
If was

Kenny asked me _____

70. I like to watch television. I like to play computer games even more.

I prefer _____

Lying under the stars on the hard stone bench in the deserted park, I remained awake and alert. I refused to fall asleep. I had heard stories of how a skilful thief could stealthily cut a hole in your bag and rob you blind, even if you were clutching your bag in your sleep. You could sleep soundly through his attack only to discover, at the first flush of daylight, that you had lost everything. With that thought running through my mind, I regretted leaving the cocooned haven of my home, but just as quickly, I recalled why I was out there in the first place. 72. 5

All these years, my parents had never voiced an outright objection to my ambition of playing the guitar for a living. However last night, my father conveyed to me, with a grim finality, that I was to forget my dreams of becoming a musician. He and my mother had decided that I should concentrate on my studies so that I could become a doctor or an engineer. I was not to litter my time away on my useless guitar. When I protested against this unreasonable demand, my father delivered his ultimatum – that it was my studies that I had to devote my attention to and nothing else. After I got over my initial shock, I made up my mind to leave the house, with my haversack in one hand and guitar in the other. 10

Now as I recollected our resentful exchanges from earlier that night, my blood grew as cold as the chilly night air, and I began to shiver uncontrollably. My father and I had never had a dispute before. Both of us were mild-mannered by nature. It was then that I realised that I had not fully registered a particular memory from the argument that I had just had with him – his awkwardness as he was revealing his rigid plans for my future. The cues were subtle but they were there – from his strained voice to how he could not quite look me in the eye. It seemed as if he was afraid of something, and now I comprehended what it was. 15 20

He knew that I would hate him for saying what he had said, but he had no choice. After all, I was the eldest child in the family and my two younger siblings were more than twelve years my junior. I was aware of my responsibility to support the family once my father retired from his job. A guitarist would barely be able to support himself, what more the entire family? 25

My father knew how much I loved music. After all, it was he who had sent me for drum and guitar lessons. He wanted me to be cultured, to show an appreciation for the finer things in life, which he had never had the good fortune of being exposed to when he was young. Being a man of few words, he must have found it excruciatingly difficult to tell me to forget my music. The ultimatum that he had issued was more a plea of understanding than an unfair limitation. I chided myself for forgetting all the sacrifices which my parents had made for me – how they logged and toiled at work just to provide me with luxuries like music lessons. I had been too self-centred and hasty. I looked at my watch. It was 5.05 a.m. I had been out the entire night. Strapping on my haversack and my guitar, I made my way home. 30

My mother was huddled on the couch, her shoulders heaving from her uncontrollable sobbing. My father was standing next to her, looking too distraught to be of any help. When they heard me enter the room, they looked at me without the slightest hint of accusation, tears of relief flowing down their cheeks. My father hugged me tightly and cried out, "I'm sorry, Son!" 35

Unable to hold back my guilt-ridden sorrow, I embraced my father and bawled, "No, Papa! I'm the one who should be sorry!" 40

Outside, the sun started peeping out from under her inky black star-studded blanket, full of promise of a brand new day...

71. Choose words from paragraphs 1 and 2 which have similar meanings to the words below. [3m]

desolate	
sanctuary	
squander	

72. Why was the writer afraid to fall asleep? [2m]

73. Explain clearly how the writer ended up on the bench in the park. [2m]

74. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the passage. [1m]

_____ The writer left home.

_____ The writer's father sent the writer for guitar lessons.

_____ The writer's father told him to focus only his schoolwork.

75. Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

	True / False	Reason
The writer and his father quarrelled frequently.		
The writer's father was the sole breadwinner of the family.		
The writer was the only child.		

76. Which three-word phrase from paragraph 3 tells you that the writer's father had a calm demeanour? [1m]

77. What were the 'cues' (line 19) that gave the writer the impression that his father felt awkward? [2m]

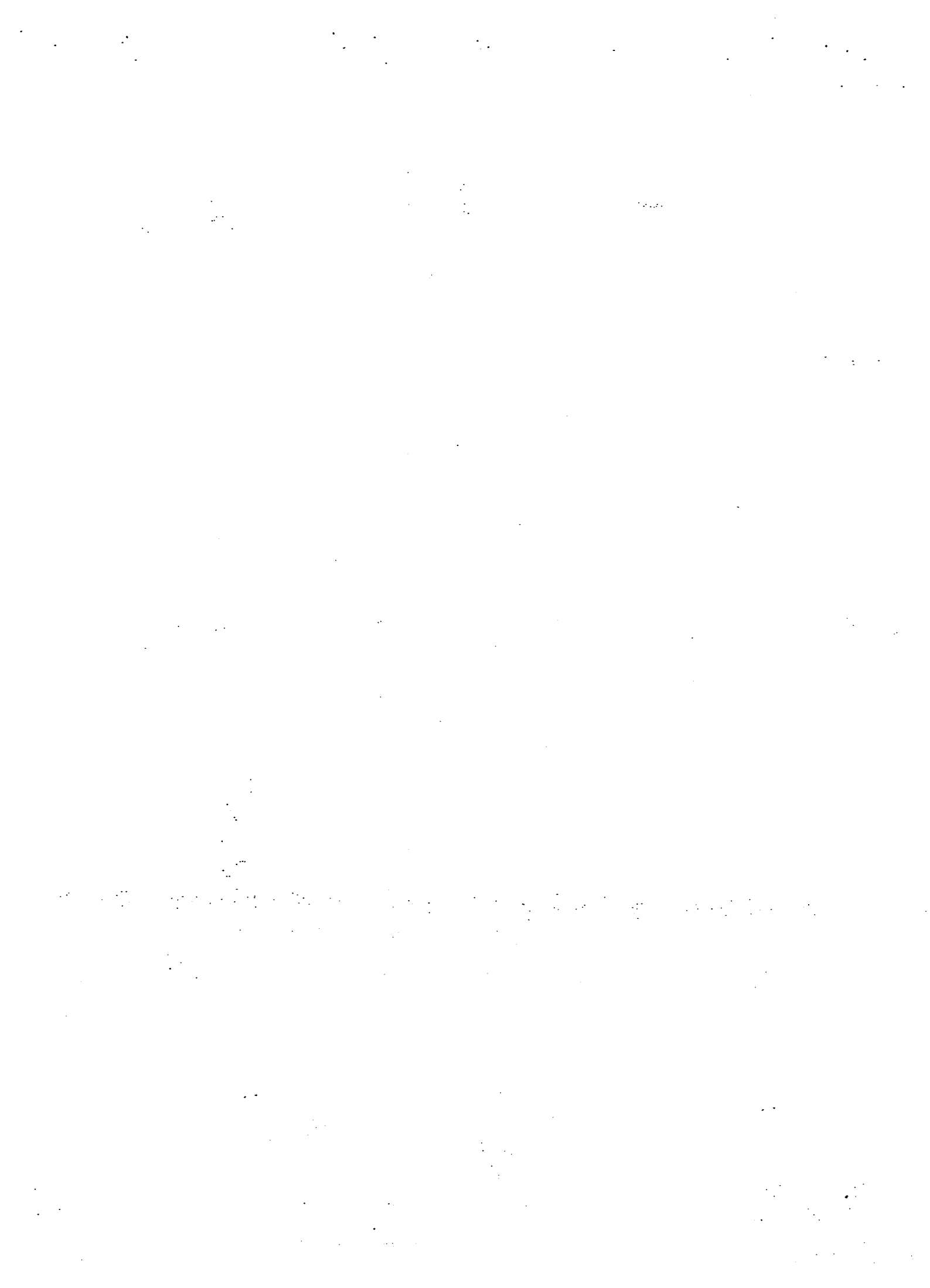
78. What did the writer decide to do in the end? Give a reason for your answer. [2m]

79. The table below shows the problems faced by the writer's father and their solutions. Fill in the blanks using information from the story. [2m]

Problem	Solution
The writer's father wanted to give his son what he did not have as a child.	He sent the writer for _____ and _____ lessons.
The writer's father was afraid that the family would have no money to live on after he retired.	The writer's father wanted _____ _____ _____

80. Give two reasons to show that the writer's parents had forgiven him. [2m]

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EXAM PAPER 2015

SCHOOL : TAO NAN

SUBJECT : P6 ENGLISH

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

- 39)found 40)Approximately 41)received 42)shocking
43)ridiculous 44)innocence 45)indicated 46)those
47)however 48)would 49)authorities 50)appropriate
51)winter 52)buy/hunt/catch 53)use/usage 54)ingredient
55)added 56)types 57)it 58)cut 59)hung 60)fraction
61)temperature 62)before 63)high 64)without 65)their
66)The dangerous mission was taken on by the police.
67)Due to Samad's negligence, the valuable jewellery was stolen.
68)Neither Ali nor Bala is avid reader.

69) Kenny asked me if I was going to class then.

70) I prefer playing computer games to watching television.

71) deserted

haven

fritter

72) He was afraid of being robbed.

73) The previous night, the writer's father conveyed to him that he was to forget his dreams of becoming a musician and the writer protested but to no avail and then got over an initial shock and left the house.

74) 3, 1, 2

75) False / His father and him never had a dispute before.

True / The writer would have to earn money for the family after his father retired.

False / The writer had two siblings.

76) mild-mannered by nature

77) The 'cues' were the strained voice from the writer's father and his father not looking at him.

78) The writer decided to go home, He realized that his parents had made many sacrifices for him.

79) guitar / drum

The writer's father wanted the writer to concentrate on his studies so that he could become a doctor or an engineer instead of being a musician.

80) There were tears of relief flowing down their cheeks and they apologized to the writer.