



De La Salle School



St Anthony's Primary School



SJI Junior



St. Stephen's School

**CHRISTIAN BROTHERS' SCHOOLS
PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION
2015
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY 6
BOOKLET A**

NAME : _____ ()

CLASS : ST _____ 6

**28 Questions
28 Marks**

Total Time for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

Instructions to candidates

Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

Shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

This booklet consists of 9 printed pages.

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

1 The prefect saw the naughty pupil _____ the bottle into the school pond.

- (1) threw
- (2) throw
- (3) throws
- (4) thrown

2 Mr Lee hardly eats at fast-food restaurants, _____ he?

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

3 The athlete decided to continue running _____ his fall as he did not want to disappoint his team.

- 1) since
- 2) due to
- 3) despite
- 4) because of

4 "You should be ashamed of _____ for making fun of the handicapped boy," Mr Tan scolded his children.

- 1) yourself
- 2) ourselves
- 3) yourselves
- 4) themselves

5 Mdm Fatimah _____ her lunch before she attended the meeting.

- 1) has
- 2) has had
- 3) had had
- 4) is having

- 6 Reuben has very _____ time left to revise for the examinations.
- 1) few
 - 2) little
 - 3) less
 - 4) fewer
- 7 The plans to steal the jewel _____ abandoned when the thief realised that the security guard was patrolling the area.
- 1) is
 - 2) are
 - 3) was
 - 4) were
- 8 We will meet _____ your convenience.
- 1) at
 - 2) in
 - 3) by
 - 4) on
- 9 _____ that it would rain so heavily, David would have stayed at home.
- 1) To know
 - 2) Knowing
 - 3) Did he know
 - 4) Had he known
- 10 I was _____ the impression that you were not interested in going for the camp.
- 1) at
 - 2) with
 - 3) over
 - 4) under

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

- 11 Nadya had promised to keep the secret and refused to _____ it to anyone.
- 1) relate
 - 2) unveil
 - 3) impart
 - 4) divulge
- 12 The class decided to _____ the school's recycling challenge as we wanted to do our part for the environment.
- 1) take up
 - 2) take off
 - 3) take out
 - 4) take over
- 13 Children are more _____ to getting Hand-Foot-Mouth Disease than adults.
- 1) prone
 - 2) allergic
 - 3) sensitive
 - 4) responsive
- 14 Tom and Kylie should _____ and forget about the misunderstanding.
- 1) sit on the fence
 - 2) bury the hatchet
 - 3) have the last laugh
 - 4) be in the same boat
- 15 The results of the laboratory tests were _____ as there were not enough samples taken.
- 1) incoherent
 - 2) inconclusive
 - 3) incompatible
 - 4) inconsiderate

For each question from 16 to 20, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(5 marks)

Matt's father was concerned. Matt had developed many bad habits and he decided to teach him a lesson. He took him for a stroll through a garden. (16)

Stopping abruptly, he asked Matt to pull out a tiny plant growing there which he did easily. His father then pointed to a larger bush. Matt struggled but eventually managed to pull it out. (17)
(18)

"How about this?" asked the father, indicating a mango tree. Matt eyed his father in disbelief and tried to pull it out but all his efforts were in vain. "It's impossible," Matt complained. (19)
(20)

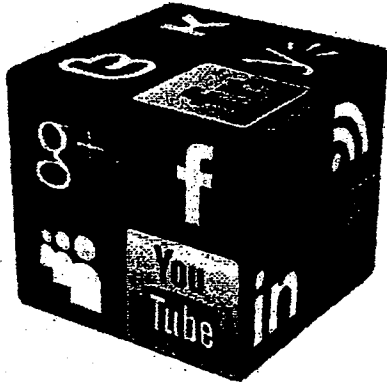
"So it is with bad habits," explained his father. "When they are young, it is easy to pull them out but when they take hold, they cannot be uprooted."

(Adapted from <http://www.moralstories.org/the-wise-old-man/>)

- 16 (1) manifested
(2) produced
(3) acquired
(4) learnt
- 17 (1) haul
(2) remove
(3) withdraw
(4) eradicate
- 18 1) gently
2) briskly
3) leisurely
4) effortlessly
- 19 1) incredulously
2) inquisitively
3) curiously
4) jokingly
- 20 1) futile
2) frugal
3) inefficient
4) incapable

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

'I AM CYBERSMART' EXHIBITION 2015



Join us at this inaugural event at the newly opened Moontec Town

6 – 8 November 2015
Hall 3, 9am to 3pm

(Guest speaker's appearance on 7 November at 1pm)

Are you safe in the online world?
Do you know what danger is lurking out there in the cyber world?
Do you know how to keep yourself safe from such dangers?

Find out at this exciting event especially for children and youths aged between 10-18 years. Parents are welcome too! The event will include a special appearance by guest speaker, Mr. Marc Iceberg, CEO and founder of the world's social media giant FacePalm!

- Register at www.iamcybersmart.org.sg by 1 November 2015
- Only registered participants will receive an event goodie bag
- It is recommended that children between the ages of 10 and 14 be accompanied by an adult
- Schedule and details of the event can be found on our official website
- For further queries, please contact us at 61234567



Organised by Cyber Smart Inc.

A message from the organisers...

Today, we use many different devices to go online to keep in touch with friends and family, take pictures, do our homework, do research, find out the latest news, and even shop. However, are you aware of the dangers lurking online? Here are two true stories taken from the news recently...

“14 year-old boy” was actually adult male in mid-40s

“He told me during our online chat that he was 14 and studied at a school next to mine. He knew the school I studied in because he had seen my school name on my personal profile. We had chatted online for six months before we arranged to meet at the nearby MRT station. When this middle-aged man approached me and called my name, I got a shock. He asked me to join him for a drink at MacDonalds but I refused and ran off. Luckily, a teacher from my school was on her way home and I ran to her and told her what had happened. The man ran off when my teacher walked towards him. I didn't expect him to lie to me as he seemed very nice online. - “Laura”, 12 (not her real name)

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“She knew so much about me it was scary! Then I realised...”

“This pretty lady approached me after my CCA and called my name. I had never met her before but she seemed rather nice. She claimed to be a distant relative who lived in Malaysia. We even had the same surname! She asked me how the different members of my family were and even asked about my pet dog. She then offered to send me home. She was so nice that I accepted until I saw a man in the driver's seat of the car she led me to. I felt uncomfortable and quickly came up with an excuse and walked away. When I got home, I realised that all the things the lady had spoken to me about were things I had posted online - “Jane”, 12 (not her real name)

These are just two of many similar encounters with online predators. Thankfully, 'Laura' and 'Jane' managed to get out of the situation and stayed safe. But others may not be so fortunate.

So how do we stay safe and manage the kind of information that goes online? Sign up and join us at the first-ever 'I Am Cyber Smart' Exhibition now to find out!

For each question from 21 to 28, 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. (8 marks)

21. Based on the flyer, which of the following is true of the "I Am Cybersmart" Exhibition 2015?
- (1) It is the first time that the event is being held.
 - (2) Mr Marc Iceberg will speak on all three days of the event.
 - (3) Anyone who attends the event will receive a free goodie bag.
 - (4) Children aged between 10 and 14 must be accompanied by a parent.
22. According to Laura's account, why did the man run away?
- (1) The man had lied to her.
 - (2) Laura's teacher was approaching him.
 - (3) Laura refused to go along with him for a drink.
 - (4) Laura ran to her teacher to tell her what had happened.
23. According to Jane's account, which of the following caused Jane to feel a sense of discomfort?
- (1) The lady claimed to be a distant relative.
 - (2) The lady shared the same surname as Jane.
 - (3) The lady asked about her family and her pet dog.
 - (4) The lady took her to a car where Jane saw the driver.
24. From both Laura's and Jane's encounters, what is not true about the strangers who approached them?
- (1) They tried to get the targeted victims to go somewhere else with them.
 - (2) They will try to be nice to the victims before or during their meeting.
 - (3) They got the details of their targeted victims online.
 - (4) They target victims of the opposite gender.
25. At the end of the organiser's message, who do the "others" refer to?
- (1) Laura and Jane
 - (2) the teacher and the driver
 - (3) targeted victims of other encounters
 - (4) the strangers who approached Laura and Jane

26. Why are the real names of the targeted victims not used in the articles?
- (1) to show that the stories are fictitious
 - (2) to protect the identities of the victims
 - (3) to protect the identities of the strangers
 - (4) to show that the organisers do not really know their names
27. What is the main purpose of the flyer?
- (1) to share the encounters of Laura and Jane
 - (2) to draw more people to go to the newly opened Moontec Town
 - (3) to attract participants for the 'I Am Cybersmart' Exhibition 2015
 - (4) to provide the schedule of the 'I Am Cybersmart' Exhibition 2015
28. What is the organiser's intention of sharing Laura's and Jane's encounters?
- (1) to show readers how to handle such situations if they encounter them
 - (2) to remind readers not to post personal information about themselves online
 - (3) to alert readers that more people are becoming victims of online predators
 - (4) to warn readers that online dangers are a real threat and that we should learn how to protect ourselves from them



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**CHRISTIAN BROTHERS' SCHOOLS
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ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY 6
BOOKLET B**

NAME : _____ ()

CLASS : ST _____ 6

**52 Questions
67 Marks**

Total Time for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

Instructions to candidates

Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
Follow all instructions carefully.
Answer all questions.
Write your answers in this booklet.

Booklet	Marks	
	Possible	Actual
A	28	
B	67	
Total	95	

This booklet consists of 9 printed pages.

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) after	(D) from	(G) in	(K) the	(N) were
(B) and	(E) had	(H) into	(L) their	(P) who
(C) before	(F) have	(J) of	(M) was	(Q) which

One of Singapore's biggest fires occurred in Bukit Ho Swee on 25 May 1961.

The fire razed a large area of land consisting of a school, shops, factories, wooden and attap houses, leaving some 16,000 kampong dwellers homeless

_____ four dead.

(29)

The fire started _____ the afternoon and began spreading. A

(30)

combination of factors such as strong winds, oil and petrol from nearby warehouses

intensified the fire _____ a raging inferno. Firefighters and policemen

(31)

_____ were on leave were recalled and troops _____ the

(32)

(33)

Singapore Military Forces and the British army were deployed.

Access to the fire-stricken areas _____ hampered by the

(34)

congested layout of the housing settlements and the throngs of people who

_____ gathered. The congestion slowed down the efforts

(35)

_____ the firefighters.

(36)

Despite _____ valiant efforts of the firefighters, the fire continued

(37)

to spread and razed more buildings _____ finally being extinguished.

(38)

The cause of the fire remains unknown.

(Adapted from Singapore Infopedia)

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

Bringing a pet into your home should never be an impulsive decision. But, if

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after careful consideration, you decided that your family is ready to experience the

joy that only a pet can bring, where should you get one from?

(40)

There are quite a lot of options open to you this days, but a shelter should

always be your first port of call. Not only do they have a wide variety of breeds,

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included purebreds, they have more than just puppies and kittens. They also have

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beautiful cats and dogs from young adolessons right through to elderly ones. This

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puts shelters in the ideal position to match every family's rekwirements and find the

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(45)

right pet for your cercumstences. You can depend in responsible shelters to assess

(46)

the animals' health and behaviour in order to making the best adoption matches

(47)

possible. Shelter adoption counsellors are also knowlegable about animals and

(48)

know the specific animals in his care.

(49)

So the next time you walk past a pet shop, resist the tamptasion to buy that

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gorjeous kitten or puppy in the window. There are thousands of cats and dogs

waiting for their second chance in shelters every day.

(Adapted from <http://www.animalaid.org.au/>)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

My tooth hurt through the night. Without painkillers, I had to bear with the _____ and could not fall _____ because of it. The _____ (51) next morning, although I had put on my uniform in _____ (52) for school, I was very sure I could not go as the pain had _____ (53). My mother (54) said I had to see the dentist. I was horrified. It would be my first _____ to a dentist. (55)

Later, at the dental clinic, I found out that I was going to be the first _____ (56) for the day as there was no one else at the waiting area. The receptionist recorded my _____ (57) on a card as I was a new patient and told me to wait as the dentist had not _____ (58) at the clinic yet.

Together with my mother who had _____ (59) me, we waited patiently. Soon, a young gentleman walked in and cheerfully _____ (60) all of us before entering another room. Five minutes later, the receptionist called my name, ushered me into the room and sat me on the dentist's chair.

The young man, whom I realised was the dentist, saw that I was tense and attempted to _____ (61) my fears by saying some reassuring words. This helped me _____ (62) a little. He then asked me to open my mouth and started to _____ (63) the offending tooth. He said that the tooth had to be extracted. I nodded in reply. He gave me an injection and miraculously, all the pain _____ (64). The anaesthetic worked very quickly and _____ (65) I knew it, the dentist told me that I could go. I looked at him questioningly and he explained that he had already extracted the tooth. I did not even feel a thing! The visit to the dentist was not that bad after all.

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 Simon would rather play tennis than swim.

_____ prefers _____

67 I will complete my homework no matter how tired I might be.

Regardless of _____

68 John decided to study overseas. He discussed it with his parents for a long time.

After much _____

69 "Do you know that the Minister visited our school yesterday?" asked Afiq.

Afiq asked me _____

70 Bala completed his Science challenge task. He leapt for joy.

Upon the _____

Read the passage and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

17-year-old Ashley Yong saved up for her senior prom* but, ultimately used the money on something else entirely. Instead, the Chicago teen spent the money she saved up for one glamorous night on things that would make a lasting difference for the homeless people in her community. After seeing how much difference the money she saved could make, she now has even bigger plans in the works to help even more people!

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Ashley knew that her father was not going to pay for her prom since he had always frowned on such events which he described as extravagant. Besides, her family was not very well-to-do and the money could be used for more meaningful things. Ashley had always borne a grudge and lamented about how unfortunate she was to be in such a position. However, she was determined to go to the prom and began saving on her own for the high-cost event that, on average, costs prom-goers in the United States about a thousand dollars. But after spending hours online looking for hair, makeup, and dress ideas, she had a revelation – “After a while, I realised that I was too consumed in figuring out how to make one night the best night of my life.”

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So Ashley took a look at those less fortunate around her, and realised that her savings could make a big difference for homeless people in her community. She spent nearly all of her savings on items like socks, food and toothbrushes, packed them in boxes, and distributed them in person the evening after the prom. Ashley said that she was initially sad seeing pictures of her friends at the prom without her, but seeing the looks on people's faces as they opened her boxes of donations changed everything. “Their smiles said it all, and my heart burst with happiness. It was the best night of my life!” Ashley recalled. “As my dad and I drove away from the children excitedly rummaging through the boxes, I started crying. I told my dad I could not believe how blessed we really were.”

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Although most of her classmates were supportive, a few were critical, arguing that she did it for attention. Ashley's response was that they were right – she did do it for attention but not for herself. She filmed her project because she wanted to raise awareness of local homelessness and show people how easy it was to help. “I'm a high schooler with no job, car or really anything I own to sustain myself. Giving isn't hard, and it most definitely is not impossible,” she observed. She then added, “I might not have had the opportunity to dress myself up nor have any memories of the prom but I know that I've helped others and that has made me a better person. And I want to do more!”

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Ashley now plans to repeat her efforts on a larger scale, using funds from an online campaign, which has already raised over \$1,400. She also hopes in future to create a non-profit group dedicated to helping homeless people. She said, “It is the experiences you gain when you volunteer actively and meet different people that make you a better person. I hope that more people will get involved but not by just putting money into a cup.”

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(Adapted from 'A Mighty Girl', FB featured article)

* a senior prom is a dinner and dance event usually held for graduating students to celebrate together

Do not write in this space.

71 Give two reasons why Ashley's father would not pay for her to attend the senior prom. [2m]

1. _____
2. _____

72 Which word in paragraph 2 tells us that Ashley was obsessed with making herself look good for the prom? [1m]

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

- _____ Ashley decided to use the money she saved for the homeless
- _____ Ashley was unhappy that her family was not well-to-do.
- _____ Ashley searched online for ideas on how to dress.

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

Statement	True/False	Reason
Ashley went to the senior prom.		
The homeless people were happy to receive the donated items.		
Ashley will not be doing any more of such projects.		

Score:

Do not write
in this space.

75 What are two items that Ashley bought for the homeless people? [1m]

and

76 The table below compares Ashley's thoughts in the past with the present. Fill in the blanks using information from the story. [3m]

	Past	Present
The best night of Ashley's life	Attending the senior prom	
Ashley's reaction about her circumstances		She told her father how blessed she was
Who Ashley was concerned about	Herself	

77 What does 'that' in Line 35 refer to? [1m]

Score:

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in this space.

78 According to Ashley, what are **two** advantages and **two** disadvantages of her not going to the senior prom. [4m]

Advantages

1. _____

2. _____

Disadvantages

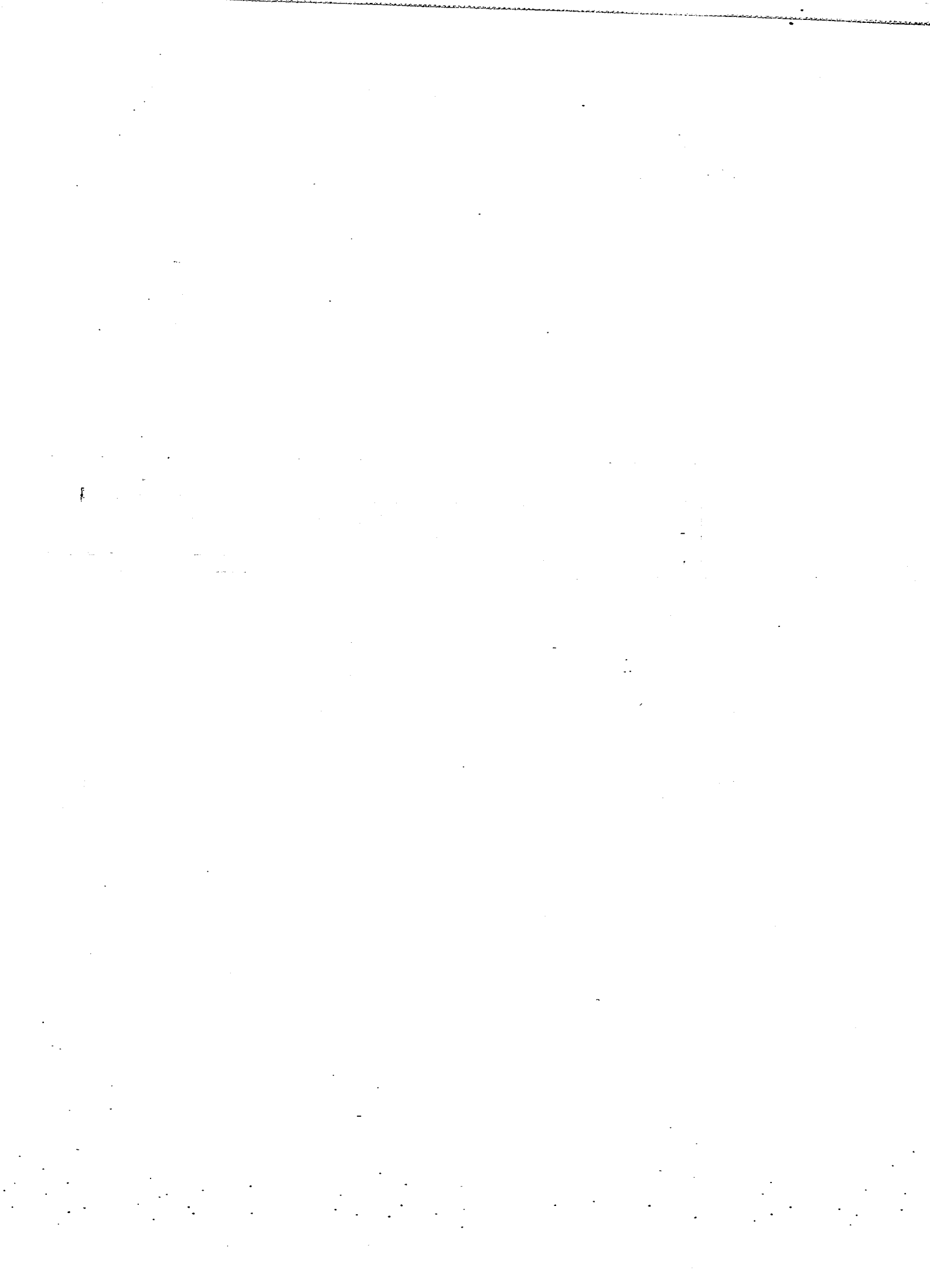
1. _____

2. _____

79 Explain clearly what Ashley meant when she said "I hope that more people will get involved but not by just putting money into a cup" (lines 40-41). [2m]

80 Would you be supportive or critical of Ashley's actions? Support your answer with information from the passage. [2m]

END OF PAPER



EXAM PAPER 2015
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4	1	1	2	2	3	2	4	1	1
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PAPER 2 : BOOKLET B

Q 29	Q 30	Q 31	Q 32	Q 33	Q 34	Q 35	Q 36	Q 37	Q 38
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 Q51 pain Q52 asleep Q53 preparation Q54 worsened Q55 trip Q56 patient Q57 particulars Q58 arrived
 Q59 accompanied Q60 acknowledged Q61 ease Q62 relax Q63 examine Q64 vanished Q65 before

- Q66. Simon prefers playing tennis to swimming.
 Q67. Regardless of how tired I might be, I will complete my homework.
 Q68. After much discussion with his parents, John decided to study overseas.
 Q69. Afiq asked me if I knew that the Minster had visited our school the previous day.
 Q70. Upon the completion of his Science challenge task, Bala leapt for joy.
 Q71. 1. He described the senior prom as extravagant.
 Q71. 2. The family was not well to do.
 Q72. The word is "consumed"
 Q73. 1 - Ashley was unhappy that her family was not well - to - do.
 Q73. 2 - Ashley searched online for idea on how to dress.
 Q73. 3 - Ashley decided to use the money she saved for the homeless.
 Q74. FALSE - Ashley was initially sad seeing pictures of her friends at the prom without her.
 Q74. TRUE - The children excitedly rummaged through the boxes.
 Q74. FALSE - Ashley now plans to repeat her efforts on a larger scale.
 Q75. Food and toothbrushes.
 Q76. Present - Helping the homeless people.
 Q76. Past - She lamented
 Q76. Present - Others
 Q77. It refers to helping others.
 Q78. Advantages - 1. She gets to help others. 2. She has become a better person.
 Q78. Disadvantages - 1. She did not have the opportunity to dress up.
 Q78. Disadvantages - 2. She will not have memories of the prom.
 Q79. She meant that this would be a good experience that will make you a better person.
 Q80. I would be supportive, she helped those less fortunate than herself.

THE END