



**CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**  
**PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION ONE 2016**  
**PRIMARY SIX**  
**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)**  
**BOOKLET A**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

Class: Primary Six \_\_\_\_\_

28 Questions  
(28 Marks)

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

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This booklet consists of 10 printed pages excluding the cover page.

For each question from 1 to 10, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (10 marks)

1. "She'd be delighted to see her excellent results, \_\_\_\_\_?" asked Aisha.

- (1) didn't she
- (2) hadn't she
- (3) couldn't she
- (4) wouldn't she

2. When Kim knocked against the plastic table, Krishna saw it \_\_\_\_\_ over.

- (1) topple
- (2) toppled
- (3) had toppled
- (4) was toppling

3. The two sisters were charged \_\_\_\_\_ conspiracy to sell stolen goods.

- (1) at
- (2) of
- (3) with
- (4) about

4. "Our uncle's habit \_\_\_\_\_ to take us to the park to play a game of soccer every week till my family migrated overseas," said Ryan.

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

5. Mustafa was unhappy that his employers had passed him \_\_\_\_\_ for promotion because he was past sixty.

- (1) up
- (2) off
- (3) away
- (4) down

6. "Never in my life \_\_\_\_\_ so many stars in the sky at the same time!" exclaimed Mrs Tan as she stood gazing at them.

- (1) I had seen
- (2) had I seen
- (3) have I seen
- (4) I have seen

7. Neither Yik Rong nor his siblings \_\_\_\_\_ the answer to that quiz question.

- (1) know
- (2) knows
- (3) known
- (4) are knowing

8. \_\_\_\_\_ some differences in our opinions, Prema and I actually have much in common.

- (1) Lest
- (2) Apart
- (3) Though
- (4) Other than

9. The lady, \_\_\_\_\_ was yelling at the stall owner for giving her the wrong change, is unfortunately my aunt.

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

10. At the upcoming graduation ceremony, all Primary 6 pupils who achieved distinctions \_\_\_\_\_ a miniature replica of the school.

- (1) are given
- (2) will be given
- (3) is to be given
- (4) have been given

For each question from 11 to 15, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

11. Every year, Mr Muthu's apple orchard \_\_\_\_\_ a rich harvest. He makes a lot of money from the sale of the apples due to their premium quality.

- (1) gains
- (2) yields
- (3) obtains
- (4) achieves

12. The contractors were shocked to find the dilapidated building \_\_\_\_\_ with rats.

- (1) infected
- (2) infested
- (3) invaded
- (4) ingested

13. Mrs Wee's words of inspiration and strength not only \_\_\_\_\_ Munshi to continue writing but they also boosted his morale.

- (1) coerced
- (2) triggered
- (3) motivated
- (4) developed

14. The plan to kidnap the rich businessman \_\_\_\_\_ because of poor planning on the part of the kidnappers.

- (1) fell in
- (2) fell off
- (3) fell out
- (4) fell through

15. The teachers were appalled at the \_\_\_\_\_ of the boy to have vandalised the walls in the hall during school hours.

- (1) ability
- (2) brutality
- (3) audacity
- (4) immorality

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)

Theresa was a huge fan of all things Korean. She followed all the Korean drama serials (16) religiously and listened only to Korean contemporary songs. She also knew most of her favourite Korean artistes' bio-data by heart. It was thus not surprising that when the Korean pop star, popularly known as 'Wind', was scheduled to come to town, Theresa was among the first to know.

For the next two weeks, Theresa (17) incessantly begged Nadiah her best friend to accompany her to receive Wind at the airport. Nadiah, though a Korean pop fan, was not as excited as Theresa about Wind's arrival. She followed a Korean drama serial but that was about it. She hardly knew the other pop stars.

Nadiah had better things to do than wait to receive someone she hardly knew. She could also (18) envision the crowd and was not too thrilled at the (19) prospect of being shoved and nudged by the (20) ardent fans of Wind. However, Theresa was her best friend and she found it increasingly difficult to reject her.

As the date approached, Theresa got extremely excited, making placards to welcome her idol and buying a new camera to capture the moments while Nadiah braced herself for the crowd.

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16. (1) faithfully  
(2) generally  
(3) repeatedly  
(4) obstinately

17. (1) typically  
(2) constantly  
(3) excessively  
(4) occasionally

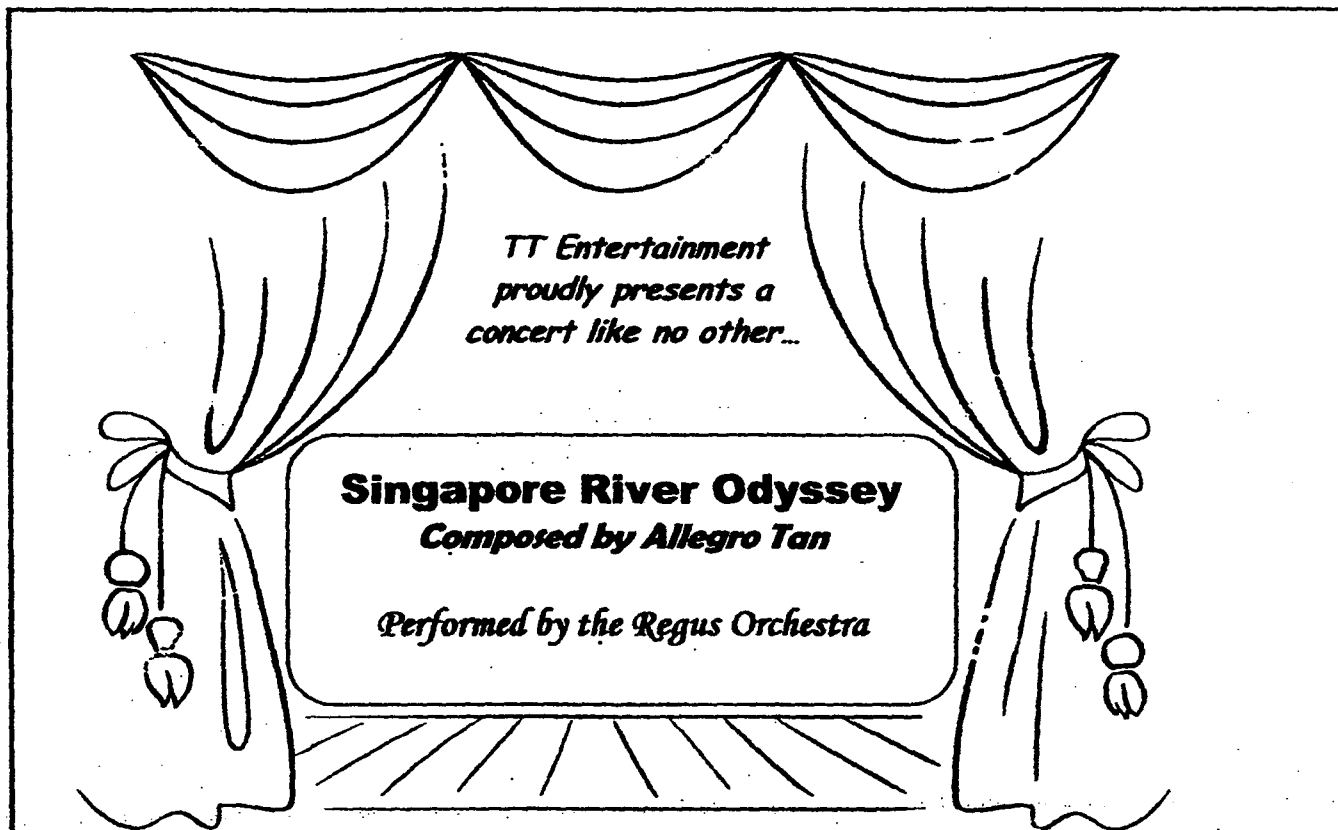
18. (1) ignore  
(2) feature  
(3) anticipate  
(4) comprehend

19. (1) chance  
(2) moment  
(3) likelihood  
(4) impossibility

20. (1) fervent  
(2) dramatic  
(3) impatient  
(4) emotional

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



### **Synopsis**

The Singapore River Odyssey is an orchestral composition by Allegro Tan. This piece of music takes the audience through the vibrant and dynamic growth of our beloved city. First, the slow movement depicts the early days of Singapore as a sleepy fishing village. Then, it picks up pace, symbolising the city's development. Watch out for the **sounds** of chaos as the drums and trombones vividly portray the period of the Japanese Occupation. The composer cleverly completes his masterpiece with joyous melodies, as the nation celebrates her independence.

**Date** : 4 June 2016 (Sat) & 5 June 2016 (Sunday)  
**Time** : 7.30 p.m.  
**Venue** : Eliza Concert Hall



## TICKETING DETAILS

*Tickets exclusively available at Eliza Concert Hall Ticketing Counter*

### **Pricing:**

\$25 (Adult), \$15 (Child 12 & below), \$20 (Senior Citizen 55 & above)

### **Discounts:**

- 20% discount for *Friends of Regus Orchestra*\*
- 10% discount for students\*
- \$10 per ticket for students\* with a minimum purchase of 4 tickets

### **Admission Rules:**

- Tickets must be produced at the entrance for admission.
- Infants in arms or children below the age of 6 shall not be admitted.
- Children 6 years old and above must purchase tickets for admission.

*\*Relevant cards must be produced at the point of entry as proof of eligibility. Patrons who are unable to do so will be required to upgrade their concession tickets to full-price tickets for admission.*

### **About the Composer**

*Allegro Tan completed his degree in music at the City University in 2001, and proceeded to pursue his Masters in Music Teaching at the Ottawa School of Arts. He is an accomplished trombone player and also performed with a jazz band in Ottawa. In 2004, he returned to Singapore after obtaining his Masters degree and is currently a Music Consultant with the International Guild of Music, travelling widely to conduct music master classes. He has been commissioned to compose orchestral music for numerous festivals held around the world.*

### **About the Orchestra**

*The Regus Orchestra was founded in 2005 when a group of friends wanted to carry on their passion in music after they graduated from university. Today, the 50-strong orchestra has members from all walks of life, including working professionals, homemakers and students. Spurred on by their love for music and strong bonds of friendship, they come together to rehearse at least twice a week despite their busy schedules.*

**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) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (8 marks)**

21. What does "sounds" in the synopsis refer to? It refers to the \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) bomb explosions
- (2) orchestra's performance
- (3) playing of the drums and trombones
- (4) commotion during the Japanese Occupation

22. According to the synopsis, why does the Singapore River Odyssey start slow, pick up pace and end with joyous melodies?

- (1) To showcase the skill of the orchestra
- (2) To celebrate Singapore's independence
- (3) To demonstrate how talented the composer is
- (4) To depict the vigorous and dynamic development of Singapore

23. Based on the ticketing details, students will have to \_\_\_\_\_ if they do not have their student cards with them when they attend the performance.

- (1) forgo watching the concert
- (2) buy more tickets for admission
- (3) attend the concert on another day
- (4) pay an additional amount for admission

24. Why do you think children below the age of six are not admitted for the orchestra performance?

- (1) The Regus Orchestra does not have any child participants.
- (2) All children below the age of six are not able to appreciate music.
- (3) The ticket price for children below the age of six is too expensive.
- (4) They may not be able to sit through the performance and might be distracted.

25. Why do you think background information about the orchestra is included in the flyer?

- (1) To show that the orchestra was formed in 2015
- (2) To show that people who are in the orchestra are multi-racial
- (3) To show that the members of the orchestra are talented and spurred by their common passion for music
- (4) To show how dedicated the members of the orchestra were to rehearse despite their busy schedules

26. According to the write-up about the orchestra, what motivates its members to set aside time for practices?

- (1) Their families and friends
- (2) Their work and busy schedules
- (3) Their studies and passion in music
- (4) Their friendship and appreciation of music

27. Based on the flyer, which of the following statements is true?

- (1) The purchase of tickets is restricted to one venue.
- (2) Allegro Tan travels around the world to conduct different orchestras.
- (3) Relevant cards must be shown when purchasing tickets in order to enjoy discounts.
- (4) The Regus Orchestra was started by a group of friends when they were still studying in university.

28. What is the main purpose of the flyer?

- (1) To promote the Regus Orchestra
- (2) To commend Allegro Tan for his composition
- (3) To enlighten the public about an upcoming performance
- (4) To provide the schedule of concerts to be held at Eliza Concert Hall

**END OF BOOKLET A**



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**BOOKLET B**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

Class: Primary Six \_\_\_\_\_

Components	Marks
Booklet A	28
Booklet B	67
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>95</b>

52 Questions  
(67 Marks)

Parent's  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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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 in order to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) about	(D) than	(G) this	(K) what	(N) which
(B) by	(E) then	(H) those	(L) when	(P) who
(C) like.	(F) these	(J) through	(M) where	(Q) with

More young people in Singapore have been seeking help for mental disorders such as depression. However, many people know little about these disorders and are unable to empathise with (29) \_\_\_\_\_ afflicted with them.

To address (30) \_\_\_\_\_ issue, Mr Vishnu, a student in the Applied Drama and Psychology course at Singapore Polytechnic (SP), worked with four classmates to stage an interactive play inspired (31) \_\_\_\_\_ Forum Theatre, titled *in(VISIBLE)*.

"We often find ourselves in a position (32) \_\_\_\_\_ we want to solve problems for people because we are geared that way. However, it might not be (33) \_\_\_\_\_ a person with mental disorder needs. Furthermore, some of the things we say, (34) \_\_\_\_\_ telling them to 'snap out of it', can make them feel unsafe," said Mr Vishnu, 21, (35) \_\_\_\_\_ is in his last year of the course.

Based on research, the group scripted three scenes that depict the daily life and struggles that young people with conditions such as depression and anxiety go through. The audience could (36) \_\_\_\_\_ choose to intervene in the scenarios the second time, replacing a character in the scene to come up with alternative actions that could help improve the situation.

Before the scenes were staged, members in the audience were given a presentation (37) \_\_\_\_\_ mental disorders. They were also taken on a walk (38) \_\_\_\_\_ a gallery filled with words representing the stereotypes that people with mental disorders have to put up with, such as "it's all in your head" and "lazy". "We wanted the participants to understand what it might feel like for them to be told such things," said Mr Vishnu.

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

The National Environment Agency started the "Do the Mozzie Wipeout" campaign in 39.  2013. The campaign aims to promoting awareness of the dengue situation, inspire action to prevent dengue and encourage advocacy by social media and word of mouth. It was 41.  42.  lawnjed at a time when community support was and continues to be fundamentele in 43.  stopping the chain of dengue transmishen. The campaign is also designed to help raise 44.  45.  residents' aware of active cluster areas, through the Dengue Alert System, whose displays 46.  colour-coded banners (yellow, red, or green) to indicate the greveti of the dengue situation. 47.  The colours then signal koresponding preventive measures to take.

For example, red means that there are 10 or more dengue cases in the neighbourhood. Residents should do the 5-step Mozzie Wipeout every alternate day and 48.  apply repelant. They should also spread the message and join the "Do The Mozzie 49.  Wipeout" activities. Many citizens have responded for the call to volunteer their time and 50.  energy in the fight with dengue. Let's aim to eradicate dengue altogether in Singapore.



Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

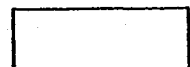
The hippopotamus, a large semi-aquatic mammal, is found in the rivers of Africa. Also (51) \_\_\_\_\_ to as the Common Hippo, it is one of two hippo species that are (52) \_\_\_\_\_ on the African continent with the other being the Pygmy Hippo. Although the Common Hippo remains abundant and widespread throughout its current range, numbers are reportedly (53) \_\_\_\_\_ due to both hunting and habitat loss.

The hippopotamus has several remarkable features. Its huge barrel-shaped body can (54) \_\_\_\_\_ up to five metres in length and weigh more than four tonnes. Its enormous head (55) \_\_\_\_\_ to a third of its total body weight. One of its most distinctive (56) \_\_\_\_\_, the enormous jaw, is able to open up to 150 degrees and (57) \_\_\_\_\_ the large tusks within. Despite its short and stubby legs, it is able to run at remarkable speeds and is (58) \_\_\_\_\_ of reaching 30 km/h when running.

Due to the way that the skin of the (59) \_\_\_\_\_ is made up, it cannot sweat. So, when it comes into (60) \_\_\_\_\_ with air, the skin easily dries up. To combat this, a pink, oily substance is secreted through glands in the skin which is not only thought to prevent sunburn (61) \_\_\_\_\_ also may have anti-bacterial properties that help to keep wounds clean and prevent them from being (62) \_\_\_\_\_ by the dirty water.

The hippopotamus is one of the most feared animals in Africa as both males and females are known to be aggressive. Stories of hippopotamuses (63) \_\_\_\_\_ humans and causing injuries are not unheard of.

Lions and hyenas are the most common (64) \_\_\_\_\_ of the hippopotamus, preying particularly on the young or sick ones. The hippopotamus has also been hunted by people for both its meat and teeth which are made of (65) \_\_\_\_\_. Since the ban on trading elephant ivory, the number of hippopotamuses killed for their teeth made of the same material has risen dramatically.



For each of the questions from 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. "Who is your partner for the project?" Mrs Tay asked David.

Mrs Tay asked David \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

67. I cannot go jogging. I need to buy a pair of shoes this week.

Unless \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

68. The task is too tedious. Brian found it a waste of time embarking on it.

\_\_\_\_\_ to embark on such

\_\_\_\_\_

69. Nathan decided to get help from his teacher because he was unable to solve the problem sum.

Unable to \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

70. Mary frequently quarrelled with her sisters over television programmes.

Mary's frequent \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_





Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

The small plane circled the snow-covered summit of the Alaska Range. The plane soon descended and landed on a flat section of the glacier 7200 feet above sea level. Throughout the spring of 1992, a steady stream of aircraft had been arriving. They were crammed with climbers from around the world. All had come to scale the awesome Mount McKinley, known to mountaineers by its Indian name of Denali, "the tall one".

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As the bright red plane came to a bumpy stop, Tim Warner climbed out. He waved to Chris Combs and Rick Keller. All three men planned to make the first ascent of a ridge on the mountain. It was Tim's idea. However, as they trudged towards the campsite with their gear, Tim announced, "I'm afraid I've got bad news. I took a look at the ridge from the plane. We'll have to ascend steep sections of rock. The likelihood of falling off is high! We'll also have to negotiate a path around a series of ice pillars which look like they may collapse anytime. I think we should take another route."

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Chris and Rick also had a chance to look over the proposed route and they agreed. Being experienced mountaineers, none wanted to take any foolish chances in these mountains. Already it had been the most deadly climbing season in memory in the Alaska Range. Persistent bad weather and multiple accidents had resulted in an all-time high of eleven fatalities on Mount McKinley. It was a grim reminder of the severe demands mountains make on climbers and the ultimate price they pay.

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Fortunately, the surrounding peaks offered over a hundred alternatives. That evening, the three climbers sat around their tents enjoying the area's beauty and discussed their options. They were part of a small village of tents surrounded by majestic peaks. Lording over them was the imposing Denali, rising more than two miles above the surrounding wilderness of rock and ice. It was a beautiful sight in the lingering dusk.

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Ever since Chris was a little boy, he had remembered his mother's advice to always have a plan. Almost instinctively, he opened his copy of the climbing guide for the area. As he glanced through it, his eye fell on one entry. "Look at this. What about Mount Foraker?" he asked. "Somebody created a new route through its South-east ridge about ten years ago." "Yes," said Tim, "I heard about that. It's a long one, probably six days in decent weather. That might be the way."

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"Where is it?" Rick asked. Chris raised his arm and pointed. "There," he said. Raising directly across the glacier from their camp was Foraker, the sixth highest peak in North America. Chris pulled out a pair of binoculars and the three climbing partners took turns examining the mountain in the fading light. The route was known as "Pink Panther" because the group that made the original climb had carried a stuffed panther for good luck.

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It looked to be the right challenge. Although the route required a mile of near vertical climbing, almost the entire massive east face of the mountain was exposed to potential avalanches from hanging glaciers, except for that route. Their decision made, the climbers spent the next day sorting their gear, packing food and preparing for the week-long climb ahead of them. By six o'clock that evening, they were ready.

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71. Why was there a steady stream of aircraft arriving at Alaska Range? [2m]

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72. Based on information from lines 7-12, fill in the blanks in the following table. [2m]

Features of the Ridge	Potential Danger
	The risk of falling off is increased.
Ice pillars	

73. Which 4-word phrase from paragraph three tells you that Chris, Tim and Rick were undertaking their climb at the worst time of the year? [1m]

74. What does "the ultimate price they pay" in line 18 refer to? [2m]

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75. What does the author mean by "the surrounding peaks offered over a hundred alternatives" in line 19? [2m]

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76. Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right. The first one has been done for you. [3m]

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer(s) to
He (line 6)	Tim Warner
the tall one (line 5)	
none (line 14)	
it (line 26)	

77. According to the passage, what was the sixth highest peak in North America? [2m]

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78. 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]

Statement	True / False	Reason
Mount McKinley was the first mountain that Chris, Tim and Rick were planning to climb.		
The sun was setting when the three climbers examined Mount Foraker through their binoculars.		
Chris, Tim and Rick carried the stuffed panther up Mount Foraker.		

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Chris, Tim and Rick spent the evening in tents.

\_\_\_\_\_ Chris, Tim and Rick planned to climb Mount McKinley.

\_\_\_\_\_ Chris, Tim and Rick prepared for their climb on Mount Foraker.

80. Why did the three men consider "Pink Panther" to be the best route to take? [2m]

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**END OF PAPER .**

**EXAM PAPER 2016****LEVEL : PRIMARY 6****SCHOOL : CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL****SUBJECT : ENGLISH****TERM : PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION**

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4	1	3	3	1	3	1	4	1	2
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
2	2	3	4	3	1	2	3	3	1
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28		
3	4	4	4	3	4	1	3		

Q29	Q30	Q31
(H)	(G)	(B)
Q32	Q33	Q34
(M)	(K)	(C)
Q35	Q36	Q37
(P)	(E)	(A)
Q38	Q39	Q40
(J)	promote	through
Q41	Q42	Q43
launched	fundamental	transmission
Q44	Q45	Q46
awareness	which	gravity
Q47	Q48	Q49
corresponding	repellents	to
Q50	Q51	Q52
against	referred	found
Q53	Q54	Q55
decreasing	measure	contributes
Q56	Q57	Q58
features	reveal	capable
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Q62	Q63	Q64
infected	attacking	predators
Q65		
ivory		

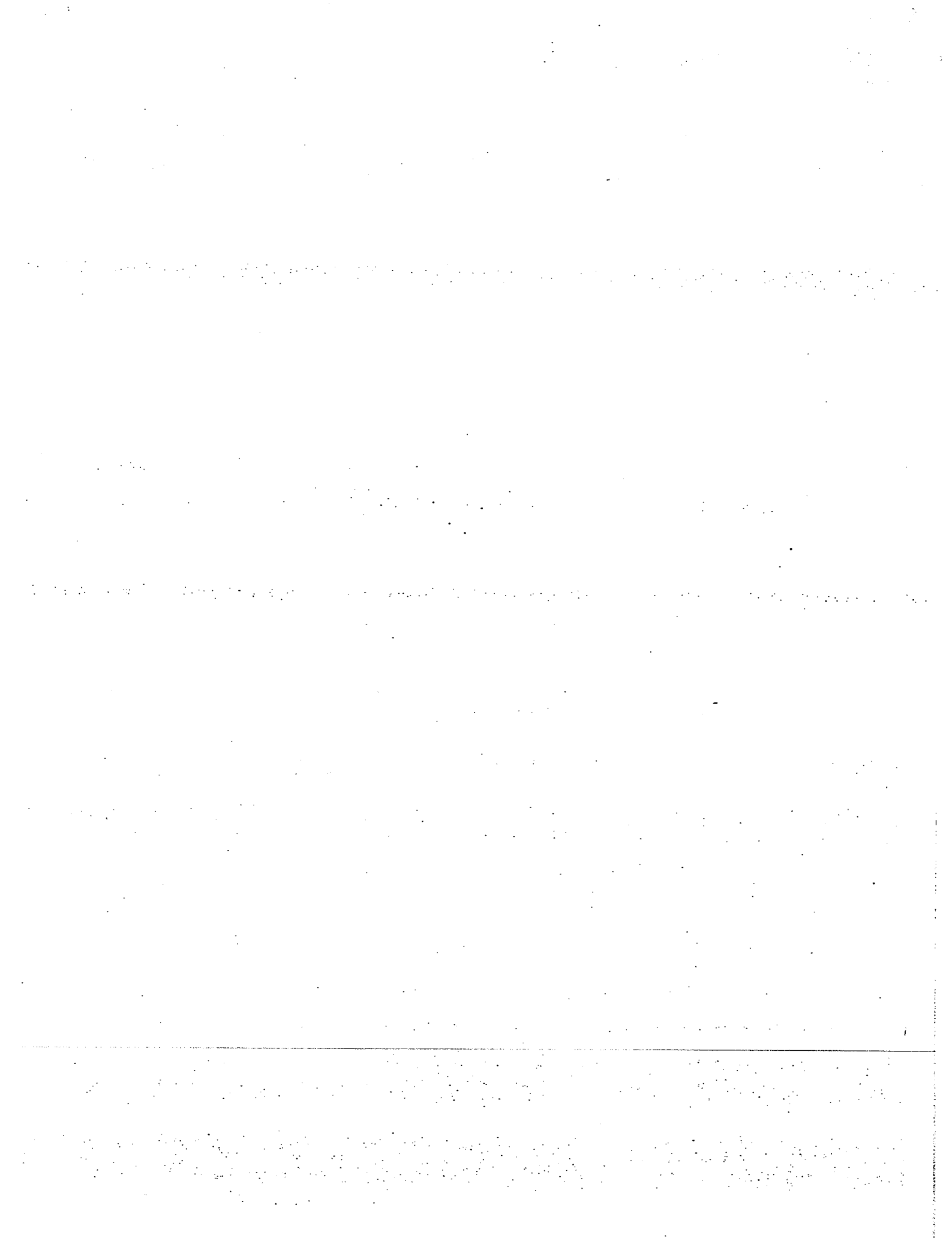
66. Mrs Tay asked David who his partner was for the project.

67. Unless I buy a pair of shoes this week, I cannot go jogging.

68. Brian found it a waste of time to embark on such a tedious task.

69. Unable to solve the problem sum, Nathan decided to get help from his teacher.

70. Mary's frequent quarrels with her sisters were over television programmes.



71. Climbers from all over the world went there to scale Mount Mckinley.

72.

Features of the Ridge	Potential Danger
Steep sections of rock	The risk of falling off is increased.
Ice pillars	They can collapse anytime

73. most deadly climbing season

74. It refers to the death of the climbers.

75. There were several other mountains for them to climb.

76.

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer(s) to
He (line 6)	Tim Warner
The tall one (line 5)	Mount Mckinley
none (line 14)	Chris and Rick
It (line 26)	Climbing guide

77. It was Mount Foraker.

78.

Statement	True/False	Reason
Mount Mckinley was the first Mountain that Chris, Tim and Rick were planning to climb.	False	They were experienced mountaineers.
The sun was setting When the three climbers examined Mount Foraker through their binoculars.	True	They examined the Mountain in the fading sunlight.
Chris, Tim and Rick carried the stuffed panther up Mount Foraker.	False	It was the group that made the original climb that had carried a stuffed panther up Mount Foraker.

79. 2 Chris, Tim and Rick spent the evening in tents.

1 Chris, Tim and Rick planned to climb Mount Mckinley.

3 Chris, Tim and Rick prepared for their climb on Mount Foraker.

80. It was the only route that was not exposed to potential avalanches from hanging glaciers.

