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Maha Bodhi School  
2007 Preliminary Examination  
English Language (Paper 2)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (    )

Date : 20 August 2007

Class : Pr 6 \_\_\_\_\_

Duration : 1 h 50 min ( Booklets A & B )

**BOOKLET A**

**Section A : Graphic Stimulus Comprehension ( 5 X 1 mark )**  
Study the following text and then answer questions 1 to 5.

**Milford Sound Scenic Cruises**

~~Luxuriant~~ rainforest clings to sheer rock walls with waterfalls. In the foreground stands Mitre Peak, a majestic presence dominating the skyline.

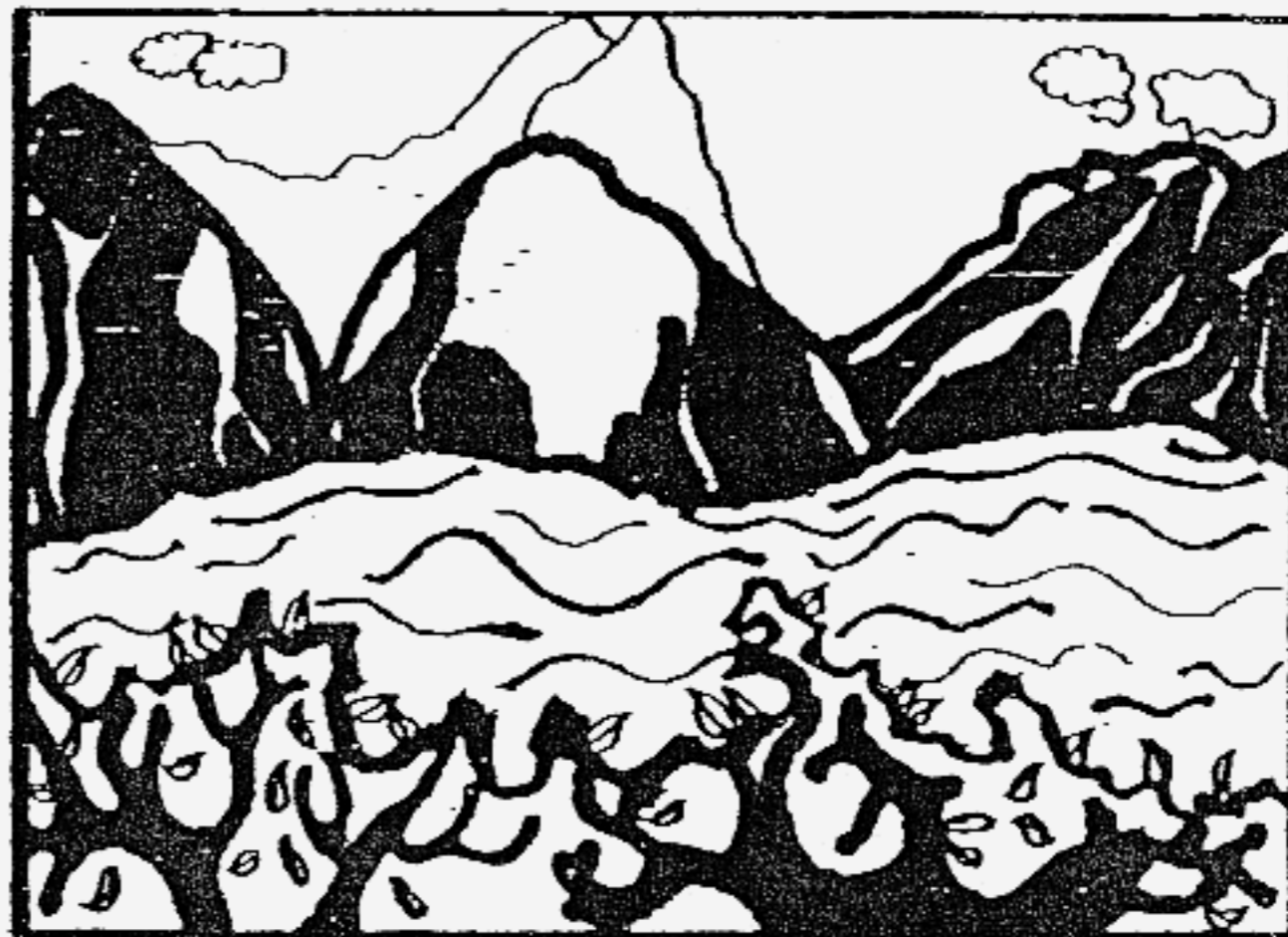
We will take you there, by glass-roofed coach or by twin-engine aircraft, to cruise the fiord in one of our spacious, modern vessels - Milford Sovereign, Milford Monarch and Milford Haven. Keep a lookout for seals basking on the rocks as you cruise magnificent Milford Sound.

**Package includes:**

- Nature guides provide English commentary and interpretation
- Delicious buffet meals
- Goodie Bag

**Optional**

- Underwater Observatory



**What to bring:**

- Walking shoes/boots
- Waterproof jacket
- Woollen sweater/jacket
- Sunscreen/sunglasses
- Insect repellent
- Camera

Mitre Peak - a majestic presence dominating the skyline.

**Departure Schedule**

*Coach/Cruise/Coach*

<b>Te Anau to Milford Pier</b>	All year: 9.50 am daily	Duration: 6h 45 min
	Oct - Apr: 8.00 am daily	Duration: 8h 30 min
<b>Queenstown to Milford Pier</b>	All year: 6.55 am	Duration: 12h 30 min

*Milford Sound Scenic Cruises*

<b>Depart for Milford Sound</b>	All year: 11.00 am & 1.00 pm daily	Duration: 1 h 40 min
	Oct - Apr: 9.00 am & 3.00 pm daily	
	Mid Oct - Mar: 2.00 pm daily	

For each question from 1 to 5, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

1. People visit Milford Sound to see the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) modern vessels
  - (2) beautiful scenery
  - (3) seals basking on the rocks
  - (4) Underwater Observatory
  
2. From the things that the visitors to Milford Sound have to bring along, it can be concluded that \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) the place is pretty cold
  - (2) there is not much walking
  - (3) the weather is fair with no rain
  - (4) the place shields the visitors from the strong sun
  
3. Which one of the following is not part of the package?
  - (1) Buffet meals
  - (2) Commentary in English
  - (3) Underwater Observatory
  - (4) Interpretation by tour guides
  
4. The cruise at Milford Sound takes \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) 1 h 40 min
  - (2) 6 h 45 min
  - (3) 8 h 30 min
  - (4) 12 h 30 min
  
5. The place of interest Milford Sound is a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) sea
  - (2) beach
  - (3) waterfall
  - (4) rainforest

**Section B: Grammar, Punctuation and Vocabulary**

**( 20 x 1 mark )**

For each question from 6 to 12, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

6. All the pupils but John \_\_\_\_\_ for the finals in the archery competition. We feel happy for them.

- (1) qualify
- (2) qualifies
- (3) has qualified
- (4) were qualified

7. The association has decided to put the event \_\_\_\_\_ until December.

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

8. The task was very difficult but Mike was determined to complete it \_\_\_\_\_ tired he was.

- (1) unless
- (2) despite
- (3) however
- (4) even though

9. By the time Mrs Han arrived at the playground, the playful children \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) disperse
- (2) dispersed
- (3) had dispersed
- (4) have dispersed

10. We congratulated Mrs Fan \_\_\_\_\_ the birth of her first born.

- (1) at
- (2) on
- (3) for
- (4) over

11. She whispered to you why she was late, \_\_\_\_\_ she?

- (1) was
- (2) wasn't
- (3) don't
- (4) didn't

12. He helped me \_\_\_\_\_ after my ailing grandmother and I really appreciated his kindness.

- (1) look
- (2) looks
- (3) looked
- (4) looking

For each question from 13 to 15, choose the correct punctuation and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

"I am here to close my savings account (13) the shabbily-dressed man told the manager. "I intend to withdraw \$100 000 from my account (14) The manager looked quizzically at the man.

"Do you want your money in hundred or thousand-dollar notes?" enquired the manager (15) still finding it hard to believe that the man had so much money in his account.

"All in one-dollar coins, please.

The stunned manager could not believe her ears when the man said that.

13. (1) [ , ] comma  
(2) [ . ] full stop  
(3) [ , " ] comma and inverted commas  
(4) [ ! ] exclamation mark and inverted commas

14. (1) [ , ] comma  
(2) [ . ] full stop  
(3) [ , " ] comma and inverted commas  
(4) [ . " ] full stop and inverted commas

15. (1) [ : ] colon  
(2) [ , ] comma  
(3) [ ? ] question mark  
(4) [ ! ] exclamation mark

For each question from 16 to 20, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

16. The pupils are seated according to their heights in the school hall. Not every pupil is happy with this seating \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) capacity
- (2) allowance
- (3) arrangement
- (4) compartment

17. My uncle alleged that a stray dog had \_\_\_\_\_ on the flowers in his garden and damaged them.

- (1) ambled
- (2) trudged
- (3) trampled
- (4) sauntered

18. Though they are competitors on the field, the two soccer players had an \_\_\_\_\_ relationship.

- (1) amiable
- (2) amicable
- (3) agreeable
- (4) aggressive

19. The south island of New Zealand, with its alpine mountains and beautiful lakes, provides \_\_\_\_\_ setting for photo-taking.

- (1) a rural
- (2) a rustic
- (3) an idle
- (4) an idyllic

20. The rooms of the Pan Atlantic Hotel were \_\_\_\_\_ before its fiftieth anniversary so that they looked like the way they were when they were new.

- (1) restored
- (2) regained
- (3) renewed
- (4) refurbished

For each question from 21 to 25, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

The Wolverine and Arctic Fox are carnivores found in the Polar region. With a (21) vast home range of about 1 000 square miles, the Wolverine can cover great distances at a slow trot. It swims well and climbs quickly, often (22) pouncing on prey from a tree. Its eyesight is poor, but its senses of smell and hearing are excellent. Very powerful for its size, the (23) violent Wolverine can drive away even a bear or Mountain Lion. The Arctic Fox is well suited to its subzero habitat – it has a (24) compact body with short legs and ears, dense fur and thick hair on the footpads which (25) protects against the cold and provides traction on ice. Winter fur develops in October. The coat thickens and the new hairs provide camouflage against snow and ice.

21. (1) wide  
(2) hefty  
(3) limited  
(4) narrow
22. (1) grabbing wildly  
(2) swooping swiftly  
(3) leaping suddenly  
(4) attacking eagerly
23. (1) wild  
(2) harsh  
(3) ruthless  
(4) ferocious
24. (1) slim and fit  
(2) slim and tiny  
(3) fit and well-proportioned  
(4) small and well-proportioned
25. (1) defends  
(2) exposes  
(3) insulates  
(4) separates

**Section C: Comprehension MCQ**

**( 5 x 1 mark )**

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

Eldrick "Tiger" Woods is an American professional golfer whose achievements to date rank him among the most successful golfers of all time. Currently the World No. 1, Woods was the highest paid professional athlete in 2005, having earned an estimated US\$87 million from winnings and endorsements.

In 2006, at the age of 30, he won his eleventh and twelfth professional major golf championships and has more wins on the PGA Tour than any other active golfer. He has been awarded PGA Tour Player of the Year a record eight times. He has been named Associated Press Male Athlete of the Year four times. 5

Woods, who is of mixed parentage, was born on December 30, 1975 in California. Woods is also a Buddhist. He said he acquired his faith from his mother and that it helps control both his stubbornness and impatience. 10

Tiger got his nickname from a Vietnamese soldier friend of his father, Vuong Dang Phong, to whom his father had also given the Tiger nickname. Woods became generally known by that name and by the time he had achieved national prominence in junior and amateur golf, he was simply known as "Tiger Woods". 15

Woods was a child prodigy who began to play golf at the age of two. He went on to win the Junior World Championships six times, including four consecutive wins from 1988 to 1991. At the age of 15, he became the youngest ever U.S. Junior Amateur Champion. In 1994, Woods became the youngest ever winner of the U.S. Amateur Championship. Both competitions were held on a national level. It was only in the 1994 Eisenhower Trophy World Amateur Golf Team Championships and 1995 Walker Cup that he was a member of the American team, competing against his international counterparts. 20

Later that year, he enrolled at Stanford University, and won his first collegiate event, the William Tucker Invitational. At Stanford he majored in Economics and was nicknamed "Urkel" by his college team-mates. He left college after two years and turned professional. 25

In November 2003, Woods married Elin Nordegren, a Swedish model. The couple's first child was born on 18 June 2007, just one day after Woods finished in a tie for second position in the 2007 US Open.

Adapted from: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tiger\\_Woods](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tiger_Woods)

For each question from 26 to 30, 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 OAS.

26. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as 'genius'?  
The word is \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) athlete
- (2) prodigy
- (3) amateur
- (4) professional

27. Tiger Woods got his nickname from \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) his college team-mates
- (2) his Vietnamese friends
- (3) a Vietnamese friend of his father
- (4) the numerous championships he had won

28. The word 'it' in line 11 refers to his \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) religion
- (2) perseverance
- (3) mother's wish
- (4) mixed parentage

29. In which one of the following competitions had Tiger Woods represented his own country to play against golfers of other countries?

- (1) 1995 Walker Cup
- (2) William Tucker Invitational
- (3) U.S. Amateur Championship
- (4) U.S. Junior Amateur Champion

30. Why did Tiger Woods quit college?

- He wanted to \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) marry a model
  - (2) endorse products
  - (3) become a golf player to earn money
  - (4) show his college team-mates that he could make it

===== END OF BOOKLET A =====



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

Booklet A ( 30 marks )	
Booklet B ( 65 marks )	
Total ( 95 marks )	

**BOOKLET B**

**Section D: Grammar Cloze ( 10 x 1 mark )**

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

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**EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE**

(A) to	(D) by	(G) onto	(K) since	(N) easily
(B) in	(E) for	(H) back	(L) down	(P) against
(C) at	(F) but	(J) from	(M) barely	(Q) although

Gail's pillow was drenched in sweat from the fever and restless tossing. The pain (31) \_\_\_\_\_ her feet burnt a path up her legs. She squeezed her eyes shut, gritted her teeth and gripped the quilt, holding on (32) \_\_\_\_\_ dear life. Throwing (33) \_\_\_\_\_ the covers, she studied the source of this terrible pain.

Purplish blisters covered her feet and legs, oozing yellow fluid (34) \_\_\_\_\_ the soiled bedsheet. Swollen (35) \_\_\_\_\_ four times their normal size, her feet and legs were hideous.

Gail had begun to fall ill in Seoul, South Korea during the 1988 Summer Olympics. (36) \_\_\_\_\_ she could not define what was wrong, she knew she did not have the energy and drive needed to win. In the quarter-finals of the 100-metre hurdles, she finished fourth, (37) \_\_\_\_\_ qualifying for the next round. In the semi-final race, she finished last with a time of 13.51 seconds, her slowest (38) \_\_\_\_\_ high school. Her poor performance eliminated her (39) \_\_\_\_\_ further competition. Gail's condition swiftly deteriorated. She came (40) \_\_\_\_\_ with a high fever. Her life was hanging by a thread.

(Adapted from *Uncommon Champions* by Marty Kaminsky, 2000)

**Section E: Editing for Spelling and Grammar (10 x 1 mark)**

Correct each word in bold for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box.

How is normal flu spread? Normal flu is mainly spread by large droplets when a person

(41)

sneezes, coughs or even talks. It can also spreads when a person touches the respiratory

(42)

droplets from another person and then touches his own mouth or nose. Thus, it is **advaizable**

to wear a mask when one is down with flu.

(43)

Studies on normal flu show that most healthy adults infected of the virus may be able to

(44)

infect others one day before become sick and for five days after they first develop the

(45)

(46)

**simtens**. After a person has been infected, he will **experiense** what is called the

(47)

"incubation period" which **tipikally** lasts up to four days. Then, the signs of flu appear. People

(48)

with the flu often feel achy and exhausted and may lose their **apetide**.

A flu pandemic occurs when a new flu virus that people have not been exposed to

(49)

before appear. As the virus is new, the human immune system will not have pre-existing

(50)

immunity for it. Hence, it poses greater risks as people who are infected by this new virus may become seriously ill.

**Section F: Comprehension Cloze**  
Fill in the blank with a suitable word.

(15 x 1 mark)

At three, American drummer Tony Royster Jr was already banging the drums at his musician father's jam sessions. "Or I'd be sleeping in guitar cases during the sessions," the 22-year-old drummer said in an (51) \_\_\_\_\_ with a local reporter recently.

The Atlanta native was in (52) \_\_\_\_\_ to perform at the Singapore Drum Fest 2007 (53) \_\_\_\_\_ at the Suntec International Convention and Exhibition Centre. Billed as the first (54) \_\_\_\_\_ drum festival in Asia, it featured a drum performance that (55) \_\_\_\_\_ seven hours every day.

(56) \_\_\_\_\_ Royster, also slated to perform were other celebrated (57) \_\_\_\_\_ and homegrown percussionist Jimmy Lee. However, Royster was undoubtedly one of the festival's major (58) \_\_\_\_\_, performing with his trademark – blazing hand movements and foot speed.

He has been winning major (59) \_\_\_\_\_ since he was 11 and now excels at various musical genres – funk, rock, rhythm and blues as (60) \_\_\_\_\_ as jazz, and has (61) \_\_\_\_\_ with musical greats like Billy Cobham, Sheila E and Branford Marsalis. But for (62) \_\_\_\_\_ who has achieved so much so young, Royster seems unfazed by his (63) \_\_\_\_\_.

"It's great to travel the (64) \_\_\_\_\_ to perform. That's a great perk," he said. "Meeting (65) \_\_\_\_\_ and checking out places like the Night Safari at the Singapore Zoological Gardens, now that's the real pleasure," he added. A musical titan he may be but it is clear that this virtuoso is still young at heart.

(Adapted from *Weekend Today*, 9 – 10 June 2007)

**Section G: Synthesis / Transformation**

**(5 x 2 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).

66. Everyone in the school hall has gone through the medical check-up. Only Nathan has not.

Except \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

67. To win the respect of others, we should be sincere. We should also be trustworthy.

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

68. I will believe you when I see it with my own eyes.

Until \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

69. "Have you returned the story books?" Mrs Lim asked her son.

Mrs Lim asked \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

70. We persuaded Ray not to resign but we could not make him change his mind.

Despite \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Section H: Comprehension (10 x 2 marks)**

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

You are encouraged to use Comprehension Strategies to help you understand the story better.

Uncle Daddy and I were out hiking through the woods, surrounded by pine trees so dense the forest seemed almost gloomy. As we reached the sunny little meadow, we stopped a minute, ~~blinking, letting our eyes get used to the light.~~ He noticed something and stopped to look at some wild blossoms.

"Dandelions," he said and picked one. 5

Back home, Uncle Daddy took a book down from a shelf in his room. It was a ~~gigantic~~ dictionary, the kind one might see in a library. This monster must have weighed at least ~~twenty pounds.~~ It was a foot thick, and it had two thousand and twenty-three pages in it. Those last twenty-three pages really killed me. **I mean, they could have just called it quits at two thousand.** But no! ~~They just had to give you those extra twenty-three pages,~~ as if you did not already have more words than any one person could possibly use. 10

Uncle Daddy opened the dictionary and flipped through the pages until he found 'dandelion'. He put the dandelion blossom into the book, right next to that word.

~~"I'm going to use this dictionary like a memory book,"~~ he explained. "Someday, when you're all grown up, you'll open this book to look up a word and you'll find this stuff and all these little things will remind you of all the fun we've had together." He smiled at me. ~~"And you'll remember me."~~ As if I could forget him. Over my adolescent years, I had to divide my time between my friends, school work and family. However, that did not prevent the dictionary from getting bulkier. 15

Last Christmas, as I was walking home, I thought I could see the smile on Uncle Daddy's wrinkled face as he waved at me from the patio, welcoming me with the warmth and love that I had known all my life. I felt as if time had taken me back to my childhood. When I finally reached the driveway, ~~Mother was standing on the patio alone.~~ Uncle Daddy must have gone to Uncle Sam's house for a chat; it had happened many times before. So my eyes had played tricks on me! I was certain I had seen him smiling at me. With her arms outstretched, ~~Mother welcomed me home but there was an unusual tinge of sadness in her eyes.~~ A wave of uneasiness washed over me, but I brushed it aside instantly. 20

Mother wanted to tell me something, but I had a far more important thing to do. Clutching ~~an exotic-looking flower in my hand,~~ I told her I would be with her in a minute. As soon as I got into the house, I headed for the dictionary in Uncle Daddy's room. I reached for the dictionary on the top shelf. With all its contents, the dictionary was just too much for me to handle. Its sheer mass pushed me off-balance and soon I found myself landing on the floor, groaning in pain. But even that pain could not compare with the anguish I felt when I saw all the contents of the dictionary scattering on the floor all around me. Now I would have to spend the whole afternoon to undo the mess! How frustrating! I could not even imagine how I was going to explain myself if Uncle Daddy chose to appear then. ~~But then later, when I learnt that I would never ever have to do that, I was more depressed than relieved.~~ 25

That afternoon, I took my time to place the items back in the dictionary and with each one that went in there, a teardrop went along with it, in loving memory of my Uncle Daddy. 30

(Adapted from *Uncle Daddy* by Ralph Fletcher)

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE BASED ON THE PASSAGE AND IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. Why did Uncle Daddy and the author have to blink when they emerged from the forest?

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72. In what ways was the dictionary a "monster" to the author (line 7)?

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73. "I mean, they could have just called it quits at two thousand." (Line 9-10). Explain fully what the author meant by that.

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74. How did Uncle Daddy ensure that the author would remember him?

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75. In the sentence, "However, that did not prevent the dictionary from getting bulkier" (line 18 and 19), what can you deduce of the relationship between Uncle Daddy and the author over the years?

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76. What made the author realise that his eyes had played tricks on him?

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77. What was the first hint to the author that something had happened to his family?

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78. Why do you think the author headed straight for Uncle Daddy's room?

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79. Explain fully why the author "was more depressed than relieved" (line 37).

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80. What had actually happened to Uncle Daddy? Quote the phrase in the passage that tells you so.

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===== END OF BOOKLET B =====



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# Maha Bodhi Primary School

## Primary 6 English SA2 (2007)

### Answers Key

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
2	1	3	1	1	1	3	3	3	2
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
4	1	3	4	2	3	3	2	4	1
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
1	3	4	4	3	2	3	1	1	3
Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
in	for	back	onto	to	although	barely	since	from	down

41	spread	46	experience	51	interview	56	Besides	61	performed
42	advisable	47	typically	52	town	57	musicians	62	someone
43	with	48	appetite	53	held	58	highlights	63	achievements
44	becoming	49	appears	54	ever	59	awards	64	world
45	symptoms	50	to	55	lasted	60	well	65	people

66. Except Nathan, everyone in the school hall has gone through the medical checkups.
67. Not only should we be sincere to win the respect of others, but also trustworthy.
68. Until I see it with my own eyes, I will not believe you.
69. Mrs Lim asked her son if had returned the story books.
70. Despite our persuasion, we could not make Ray change his mind.
71. The forest was quite dark and their eyes had already got used to the gloominess, so when they emerged from the forest and into the sunny meadow, their eyes had to adjust to the light.
72. It weighed at least twenty pounds and had two thousand and twenty-three pages.
73. He meant that the dictionary could have ended exactly at two thousand pages and the last twenty-three pages were not necessary.
74. He puts items into the dictionary to remind the author of the fun times they had together.
75. Their relationship between them remained as strong as ever.
76. It was the realization that it was his mother who had been standing on the patio alone.

77. It as the sadness in his mother's eyes.
78. He had found an exotic-looking flower and wanted to put it next to the name of the flower in the dictionary.
79. He was more saddened by Uncle Daddy's death than relieved at not having to put the items back in the dictionary.
80. Uncle Daddy had actually passed away. The phrase is "in loving memory".