

End Of Term Examination

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One day after school, I needed to inform Miss Lai that I had collected all English homework for her to mark, so I went to the staffroom but nobody was there except me. Just as I was about to leave, I noticed a piece of paper on the floor. I picked it up, and saw the words ‘END OF TERM EXAMINATION’ at the top of the page. I turned it over and found out it was actually the question paper of the coming English exam. Quickly, I looked around to make sure there was no one looking. Then, I took the paper with me and left at once.

After returning home, I ran to my bedroom immediately and gazed at the paper to memorize all the contents. At night, I still could not stop memorizing it even though I thought I had remembered all of it. My mum yelled, ‘Alex! It’s 3 a.m.! Why aren’t you sleeping?’ from room to room. I rolled my eyes and banged the door and the entire room shook like an earthquake. I heard the footsteps ‘Tak Tak Tak...’ outside my room and the door opened when I saw my mum. She knitted her brows like an angry tiger and glared at me. ‘Do you want to die?’ roared my mum. I was frightened to death, so I decided to turn off the light and sleep.

‘Ding Dong Ding Dong ...’ The bell rang in the classroom. ‘All the students must use a pen to complete the tasks. If you do not follow the instruction, marks will be deducted. You can start now,’ said Miss Lai.

On the day of the exam, I was extremely excited as I knew I could finish all the tasks flawlessly with the help of the answer keys. Therefore, I finished all the questions in ten minutes.

A week later, Ms Lai returned the paper to us. Miss Lai complimented, 'Please give Alex a big round of applause! He did very well in the exam!'

'You scored 100 marks! Congratulations! Keep it up!' Miss Lai smiled to me. I jumped up out of excitement.

Just like what we usually do, we checked the paper together but it was just the beginning of my nightmare. Jack pointed out the mistakes of the answer keys. 'I am so disappointed with this kind of silly mistakes on the answer key,' sighed Jack. Hayden laughed loudly, 'Haha! This is so funny!' while the whole class giggled after Hayden.

During recess, Ms Lai came to see me and glared at me angrily. She found out that I had cheated in the exam. She called my mum and I got zero mark in the exam due to my misbehaviour of cheating. My whole body was shaking as I was so scared that my parents would punish me. When I got home, my mum folded her arms and stared at me. 'You are grounded! Miss Lai has told me everything about what you have done!'

After being scolded by my mum for an hour, I slept on my bed and cried. I regret cheating in the exam and learnt a lesson that I should be honest and fair to the other classmates. I had made a terrible decision. I am not going to do this sort of terrible thing anymore in future.