



NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL
2018 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1
PRIMARY 5

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
Paper 2

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Class: Pr. 5 _____

Date: 7 May 2018

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

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

1. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
2. Follow all instructions carefully.
3. Answer all questions carefully.
4. For Booklet A, shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

Booklet A

Section A – Grammar MCQ (10 x 1 mark)

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

1. Angela pinched her nose _____ when the smell of garbage floated through the window.
- (1) disgust
(2) disgusted
(3) disgusting
(4) disgustedly ()
2. Jason could not figure out how the magicians were able to pull _____ the amazing illusions.
- (1) off
(2) over
(3) down
(4) through ()
3. Neither Tim nor his siblings _____ going to the family dinner tommorow.
- (1) is
(2) are
(3) was
(4) were ()
4. Sammy is arrogant and disliked by his classmates. _____, the teachers love him and find him pleasant.
- (1) Therefore
(2) Otherwise
(3) Furthermore
(4) Nevertheless ()
5. Maggie _____ in the library for the last hour when the fire alarm suddenly went off.
- (1) revised
(2) had revised
(3) had been revising
(4) has been revising ()

6. The prefect made a note in his book as he watched Guohua _____ the school gate after assembly had ended.

- (1) enter
- (2) enters
- (3) entered
- (4) had entered

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7. Every evening, each of us _____ a night snack before we are sent to bed.

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

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8. Mdm Yong _____ exercises in the park on weekends. She will not go there as it is crowded during the weekends.

- (1) rarely
- (2) never
- (3) usually
- (4) sometimes

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9. John was in a terrible traffic accident. He _____ have stopped at the red light to avoid it.

- (1) must
- (2) might
- (3) would
- (4) should

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10. When we visited Mr Lim during Chinese New Year, he told us to make _____ at home.

- (1) myself
- (2) ourselves
- (3) yourselves
- (4) themselves

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Section B – Vocabulary MCQ (5 x 1 mark)

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

11. Thomson Garden Primary School's football team were _____ after losing by five goals to Hua Zhang Primary School's football team over the weekend.

(1) disturbed
(2) distracted
(3) disappointed
(4) disinterested

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12. After the intense training, the runners were so _____ that they wolfed down every scrap of food placed in front of them.

(1) parched
(2) famished
(3) weakened
(4) exhausted

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13. If you are not feeling well, you may be _____ from vigorous physical activity.

(1) relieved
(2) deterred
(3) removed
(4) exempted

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14. Melissa was really stubborn. Even after the monitor ordered her to stop disturbing her classmates, she still refused to _____.

(1) react
(2) agree
(3) commit
(4) comply

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15. We will _____ in our effort to make this performance a success. Rehearsals will be held daily.

(1) make a beeline for it
(2) stir up a hornet's nest
(3) leave no stone unturned
(4) kill two birds with one stone

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Section C – Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

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

Scientists have found that people who do well in life are full of determination.

Unfortunately, the significance of determination to children's development has been largely (16) ignored. Children are not taught enough about determination. If we want children to become successful in life, more time should be spent on developing this essential quality. It is one of (17) the critical ingredients in children's character which we must nurture.

Determination is a quality that is existent (18) in our nature and is something that we are born with. It would be such a waste if we do not help our children develop it. Studies also reveal that children who are driven (19) and enjoy learning from a young age perform better in school. Teachers find that these children often take the initiative to learn on their own. They are more willing to make mistakes and do not give up easily.

As these children grow up, they actively (20) seek out challenges. They spend a lot of effort trying things out again and again, even when they are not required to. They are determined to learn more and do more, eventually finding success in whatever they do.

Adapted from: <https://qz.com/1160024/highly-motivated-kids-have-a-greater-advantage-in-life-than-kids-with-a-high-iq/>

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| 16. | (1) greatly
(2) possibly
(3) obviously
(4) impressively | () |
| 17. | (1) only
(2) useful
(3) important
(4) consistent | () |
| 18. | (1) living
(2) current
(3) present
(4) happening | () |
| 19. | (1) inspired
(2) motivated
(3) stimulated
(4) encouraged | () |

20. (1) forcefully
(2) voluntarily
(3) consciously
(4) enthusiastically

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Section D – Visual Text Comprehension (8 x 1 mark)

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

Jubilee West Club (JWC) presents

Delightful DECember!

*DEC stands for "Do Enriching Courses"

How are you going to spend your school holidays? Come join us at JWC and we have got activities that will keep you engaged during your December school holidays! Have fun learning new skills!

Rock Climbing Challenge

- ♦ For ages 7 to 16
- ♦ 8 lessons
- ♦ Every Tuesday & Thursday
- ♦ 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- ♦ \$5 per person
- ♦ Venue: JWC's Indoor Rock Wall (Level 3)
- ♦ Conducted by



Pottery Fun

- ♦ For ages 11 to 16
- ♦ 8 lessons
- ♦ Every Monday & Wednesday
- ♦ 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- ♦ \$3 per person
- ♦ Venue: JWC's Recreation Zone (Basement Art Labs)
- ♦ Conducted by teacher volunteers



All equipment and material for the courses will be provided at no additional cost!

TRAILS



- ♦ Chinatown Trail (\$3 per person)
 - ♦ Every Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- ♦ Mount Faber Nature Trail (\$1 per person)
 - ♦ Every Thursday, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

(For ages 7 to 16. Participants below 10 yrs old must be accompanied by a least 1 parent / guardian)



All trails are led by experienced guides from Singapore Hikers & Walkers

Registration closes on 15 October 2018. Visit JWC General Office to register and make payment.

For queries regarding the activities in Delightful DECember, please call us at 6111 2222. Email us at ds@jwc.com.sg for details about future programmes.

Visit our website at www.ds.com.sg if you have general enquiries about JWC.

Activity Descriptions

♦ **Rock Climbing Challenge**

Rock climbing is an activity in which climbers climb up, down or across natural rock formations or artificial rock walls. The goal is to reach the top of a natural or artificial rock wall without falling. Rock climbing is a physically and mentally demanding activity that develops a climber's strength, endurance and balance.

To ensure that participants learn safely, proper climbing techniques are taught and special equipment is used. This course is suitable for participants without previous experience in rock climbing.

♦ **Pottery Fun**

Pottery is generally considered to be containers made from clay. "Pot" is a term used for any kind of container. The word "pot" comes from the Old English word, "potian", which means "to push". Hence, pottery is a skill where an artist pushes and forms clay into pots or other structures.

Learn how to operate a specialised potter's wheel to mould containers and pots, as well as cartoon characters or fantasy figurines. Develop your fine motor skills and patience. Learn an interesting new skill and make something with your very own hands in this course!

♦ **Chinatown Trail**

Find out how Chinese immigrants contributed to the shaping of Singapore. Chinatown is an estate located largely in the central region of Singapore. Sir Stamford Raffles allocated the whole area west of the Singapore River to form a Chinese settlement. Let Singapore Hikers & Walkers lead you in exploring Chinatown – Singapore's largest Historic District.

Learn about Chinese culture, clothing, food and history on this unique walking trail beginning from Maxwell Road to Keong Saik Street. At the end of this activity, a sumptuous dinner at Chinatown awaits.

♦ **Mount Faber Nature Trail**

Mount Faber is located in the Bukit Merah area in the central region of Singapore. Standing at 106 metres above sea level, it was originally known as Telok Blangah Hill. It was renamed Mount Faber in July 1845 after Charles Edward Faber. Singapore Hikers & Walkers, who are experts in all things regarding Mount Faber, will share more about its history and lead you in exploring the unique flora and fauna as you hike with them in this activity.

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.

21. The main purpose of 'Delightful DECember' is to _____ during the school holidays
- (1) teach participants new artistic skills like pottery
 - (2) encourage participants to take part in outdoor activities
 - (3) provide participants with interesting activities at affordable prices
 - (4) promote Jubilee West Club as an enrichment centre for various activities ()
22. Why are the first three letters of the word 'DECember' written in capital letters?
- (1) It is to show the shortened form of December.
 - (2) The letters 'DEC' are formed from the first letters of other words.
 - (3) The letters are found in the word that is followed by an exclamation mark.
 - (4) It is to highlight that the activities are held during the December school holidays. ()
23. Which one of the following statements about 'Delightful DECember' is correct?
- (1) All the activities are run by JWC staff.
 - (2) 'Pottery Fun' is the most affordable activity.
 - (3) The indoor courses are conducted on JWC premises.
 - (4) Children are to bring their own equipment and materials for the courses. ()
24. Meng wishes to take part in both outdoor and indoor activities without having to miss his swimming lessons on Wednesdays. What activities can he sign up for?
- (1) 'Pottery Fun' and 'Chinatown Trail'
 - (2) 'Pottery Fun' and 'Rock Climbing Challenge'
 - (3) 'Rock Climbing Challenge' and 'Chinatown Trail'
 - (4) 'Rock Climbing Challenge' and 'Mount Faber Trail' ()
25. 'Rock Climbing Challenge' is different from 'Pottery Fun' due to the fact that 'Rock Climbing Challenge' _____.
- (1) develops fine motor skills in participants
 - (2) develops physical endurance in participants
 - (3) is an activity that involves the use of equipment
 - (4) requires participants to have tried rock climbing at least once before ()

26. Which of the following statements in the 'Activity Descriptions' is not true?

- (1) The word "pot" originally means "to push"
- (2) Rock Climbing is an activity that teaches safety skills.
- (3) Chinatown Trail introduces Chinese culture and food to the participants.
- (4) The guides from Singapore Hikers & Walkers are knowledgeable about Mount Faber. ()

27. Mr Robertson wishes to find out more about the food served at the end of 'Chinatown Trail' as he has food allergies. He should _____.

- (1) visit JWC in person
- (2) send an email to JWC
- (3) explore the JWC website
- (4) make a phone call to JWC ()

28. Some of the information in this flyer are factual while others are opinions. Which one of the following information is an opinion?

- (1) Pottery is an interesting new skill which develops patience.
- (2) Rock climbing can be done on natural or artificial rock surfaces.
- (3) Mount Faber Trail used to be known as Telok Blangah Hill before 1845.
- (4) Chinatown began as a Chinese settlement west of the Singapore River. ()



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Booklet B

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Section E – Grammar Cloze (10 x 1 mark)

There are 10 blanks, numbered 29 to 38, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable answer 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.

Each word can be used only ONCE.

(A) but	(D) may	(G) on	(K) then	(N) up
(B) can	(E) most	(H) so	(L) to	(P) where
(C) for	(F) of	(J) than	(M) until	(Q) which

Many objects in space, such as stars and clouds of gas and dust, emit radio waves.

This form _____ energy can pass through barriers that visible light cannot. As
(29)

an astronomer explained, "You _____ not be able to see very far in front of you
(30)

on a hazy day but your mobile phone and radio can still receive signals broadcast from

miles away." Radio waves allow astronomers to learn a lot about the universe. In space,

clouds of dust block visible light _____ not radio waves.
(31)

Radio waves are one of the _____ promising ways to detect extra-
(32)

terrestrial life or aliens. Humans are highly intelligent life forms and our technology from

television _____ mobile phones produces a lot of radio waves. Looking
(33)

_____ waves elsewhere in the universe could help scientists find alien
(34)

civilisations.

To detect radio waves, a radio telescope is used. A radio telescope is a gigantic dish-shaped structure which acts like a huge antenna to pick up signals from outer space.

The largest radio telescope in the world, _____ is in China, took five years to
(35)
build and cost a whopping 180 million dollars. It takes _____ an area about the
(36)
size of thirty football fields. The radio telescope has to be that big _____ as to
(37)
collect more radio waves from faraway sources.

With such technology, we may be closer _____ ever to finding intelligent
(38)
life beyond our home planet. When that happens, world leaders will come together to send
a response to alien beings on behalf of humanity.

Adapted from Alien-hunting Telescope, ScienceWorld, Vol 73, No.9, March 6, 2017

Section F – Editing for Spelling & Grammar (12 x 1 mark)

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

Each year, up to forty percent of all food produced in Australia ends up as food

(39)

waste. Every day, thousands of food retailers thrown out perfectly good unsold food.

(40)

The financial losses and the volume of food that are ultimately wasted are calossel.

With a growing population in need of more food, the Australians are in search

(41)

for solutions to solve the problem. Instead of producing more food, they are now

(42)

exploring ways in which they can use what they have more eficiantly.

Monica Davis, a 20-year-old student, hit upon the idea of connecting retail

(43)

stores with the public in real time to solve this dawnting problem. At the end of each

day, retailers would snap photos of their leftover food and post them to a mobile

(44)

application called Rumbi along with a heavy reduced price. Buyers looking for good

(45)

bargains can select from an asortment of unsold food and purchase them on the

application.

(46)

The retailers gain a small profit for their unsold food when people in need can

also have a good meal at a discount. In addition, the volume of organic waste going to

(47)

(48)

the landfill are massively reduced. That is a triple win sichuation for everybody.

As a result of her brilliant solution, Monica Davis won the Young Innovator of

(49)

the Year award. Along with this recognising, she has also received funding of about

(50)

\$20,000 to ekspend her operations. May we see the use of Ruml in Singapore to

reduce our problem of food wastage too!

Adapted from Why Didn't I Think of That?!, Reader's Digest June 2017

Section G – Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Oddy was woken by something scratching against the hut. He got up on his _____ and walked towards the door. He opened the door, hoping that it
(51)
was not a bear. It was daylight outside and a fox was _____ at him from
(52)
the snow. Oddy was struck by the fox's attempt at making eye contact with him.

When the fox saw that Oddy was watching, it retreated a little and then stopped. It
took two _____ back towards Oddy before turning away. It then looked
(53)
back at Oddy again as _____ it was inviting him to follow.
(54)

It was not every day that one got to follow a fox. So Oddy did. It moved
_____ of the boy across the snow. Whenever Oddy slowed down at a
(55)
difficult terrain, the fox would simply _____ patiently for him until Oddy
(56)
caught up with it again, and then it would scurry forward into the snow. The journey was
tedious but Oddy pressed on.

Oddy followed the fox to a place where a dead pine tree stood
_____ like a sore thumb among the other green trees. It was here that the
(57)
fox stopped. A mournful bellow greeted _____
(58)

The dead tree had a jagged hole in its trunk, the kind of hole that bees sometimes
inhabit and fill _____ honeycomb. An enormous brown bear had its front
(59)
paw _____ in the hole of the tree. However much it tried to, the bear could
(60)

not move its paw. Looking miserable, it gave _____ deep grumpy bellow.
(61)

Warily, Oddy walked towards the tree.

The bear fixed its gaze upon Oddy. Calmly, Oddy said, "I can't outrun you, so if you want to _____ me, you'll find me easy prey. But I'm going to help you
(62)

anyway," Oddy unhooked his axe from his belt and walked around the tree. With clean

blows, he swung the blade of his axe against the tree. The wood was hard, but he kept

swinging. Soon, he came _____ to cutting through the tree. He took a
(63)

deep breath and swung the axe _____ last time. The tree tipped and
(64)

_____ away from the bear. The bear blinked and pulled its paw from the
(65)

hole in the pine tree. The paw was dripping with honey. Oddy smiled.

Adapted from Odd and the frost giants by Neil Gaiman

Section H – Synthesis and 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. Andy was bragging about his exam results. Andy realised that all his friends did better than he did.

_____ until

67. Mrs Tan stopped the quarrel between the boys. She did not want to let it escalate into a fight.

_____ in order not to

68. The key to the safe was duplicated by the manager as he needed a spare.

The manager _____

69. "How are you feeling today?" Mr Quek asked Mary.

Mr Quek asked Mary _____

70. Nelson confessed everything to the police. He was arrested.

After making a full _____

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Section I – Comprehension Open-ended (20 marks)

Read this passage and answer questions 71 to 80.

Sea Robin rocked and pitched in the waves. Damien was clambering across the deck when a huge wave crashed against the *Sea Robin*, knocking him off the boat and into the ocean. He screamed, "Help!"

On board the *Sea Robin*, Mike heard the cry and saw Damien far out at sea. He swung quickly into action and transmitted a distress call to the Coast Guard. A helicopter was dispatched in a matter of minutes. There was a sense of urgency as the rescuers knew from experience that most people would not survive in such rough conditions for more than a few hours.

Wave after wave slammed Damien hard and forced him under the surface. Again and again he fought his way back up. Without a life jacket, Damien was fighting to stay afloat in the increasingly violent sea. Fighting back the rising sense of panic, he removed his shirt, shoes and pants. That rid him of extra weight and he started swimming in the direction the *Sea Robin* had gone. As lightning began flashing all around him, he envisioned someone going to his home and telling his wife and children that he had been lost at sea. "No way! I can't let them down," he told himself. The thought helped push him on.

After more than an hour of swimming, Damien was exhausted. As a huge wave swelled and lifted him up, he could hardly believe his eyes: the *Sea Robin* was just a few metres away! As the boat neared, Damien could see Mike looking out tensely at him. Mike threw a life jacket and a rope to him. Hugging the life jacket close to his chest like a float, Damien then held tightly onto the rope. Relieved, he felt himself being pulled towards the side of the boat.

Mike hauled Damien onto the boat and knew immediately there was something wrong with Damien. Damien collapsed in pain as his muscles contracted wildly. Mike knew that Damien was in danger of heart failure and needed medical treatment critically. Alarmed, Mike radioed for a rescue basket to hoist Damien to the helicopter which he could see approaching.

The choppy sea now posed another problem. The helicopter could not land the basket within reach of Mike's outstretched hands. The high waves and constant rocking motion made landing with precision difficult. To make matters worse, the helicopter was using up its fuel too quickly by having to fight against the fierce winds to remain hovering above the *Sea Robin*.

With just five minutes of fuel left before the helicopter had to make its return trip, the rescuers finally managed to land the basket directly on the boat. Seeing Damien's condition, Mike wasted no time in securing Damien in the basket. In one smooth action, the rescuers in the helicopter hoisted it off the boat and into the helicopter urgently before speeding off towards the mainland.

71. State two reasons why it was difficult for Damien to stay afloat in the sea. (2m)

72. What motivated Damien to swim towards the *Sea Robin* despite the rough conditions of the sea? (1m)

73. Based on information from lines 17 – 27, fill in the blanks in the following table. The first one has been done for you. (3m)

Damien's feeling / state	Cause for the feeling / state
exhausted	having swum for more than an hour
surprised	
relieved	
in pain	

74. Which two words from lines 17 – 27 show that Mike was anxious about Damien? The words are found in two separate sentences. (2m)

and

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
Damien was knocked into the ocean because the <i>Sea Robin</i> crashed.		
The rescuers acted quickly.		
Damien put on the life jacket that was thrown to him.		

76. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the passage. (1m)

_____ Mike reached out for the basket.

_____ Damien removed his heavy clothes and shoes.

_____ The helicopter arrived.

77. Based on the information from lines 28 – 32, fill in the blanks in the following table. (2m)

Environmental conditions	How the helicopter was affected
high waves rocking the boat constantly	
winds blowing with great force	

78. 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
boat (line 2)	<i>Sea Robin</i>
cry (line 4)	
that (line 12)	
it (line 36)	

79. Give **two** reasons why the helicopter had to get to the mainland as soon as possible. (2m)

(1) _____

(2) _____

80. Which four-word phrase from lines 33 – 37 tells us that the removal of Damien from the boat to the helicopter was done without difficulty? (1m)

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Booklet A

Q 1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
4	1	2	4	3	1	1	2	4	2
Q 11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
3	2	4	4	3	1	3	3	2	4
Q 21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28		
3	2	3	4	2	2	4	1		

Booklet B

Q 29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
F	D	A	E	L	C	Q	N	H	J
Q39)	throw	Q43)	daunting	Q47)	is				
Q40)	colossal	Q44)	heavily	Q48)	situation				
Q41)	of	Q45)	assortment	Q49)	recognition				
Q42)	efficiently	Q46)	while	Q50)	expand				

Q51)	feet	Q56)	wait	Q61)	another
Q52)	staring	Q57)	out	Q62)	eat
Q53)	steps	Q58)	them	Q63)	close
Q54)	if	Q59)	with	Q64)	one
Q55)	ahead	Q60)	stuck	Q65)	fell
Q66)	Andy was bragging about his exam results until he realised that all his friends did better than he did.				
Q67)	Mrs Tan stopped the quarrel between the boys in order not to let it escalate into a fight.				
Q68)	The manager duplicated the key to the safe as he needed a spare.				

Q69)	Mr Quek asked Mary how she was feeling that day.
Q70)	After making a full confession to the police, Nelson was arrested.
Q71)	Wave after wave slammed Damien hard , forced him under the surface and with out a life jacket, Damien was fighting to stay afloat in the increasingly violent sea.
Q72)	Damien envisioned continue going to his home and telling his wife and children that he had been lost at sea. Not wanting to let them down, the thought helped to push him on.
Q73)	surprised --- The sea Robin was just a few metres away. relieved --- He felt himself being pulled towards the side of the boat. in pain --- His muscles contracted wildly.
Q74)	tensely and Alarmed
Q75)	False / Damien was knocked into the sea because a huge wave crashed into sea Robin. True / There was a sense of urgency as the rescuers knew from experience that most people would not survive in such rough conditions for more than a few hours. False / Damien hugged the life jacket close to his chest like a float.
Q76)	3 , 1 , 2
Q77)	the helicopter could not land the basket with precision on the boat. the helicopter was using up its fuel too quickly
Q78)	(line 4) --- Damien screaming for help (line 12) --- Damien removing his shirt, shoes and pants (line 36) --- the basket that Damien was in
Q79)	1)The helicopter has only five minutes of fuel left before the helicopter had to make its return trip. 2)Damien was in danger of heart failure and needed medical treatment critically.
Q80)	In one smooth action.