

RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (2)

2018

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Class: P5 _____

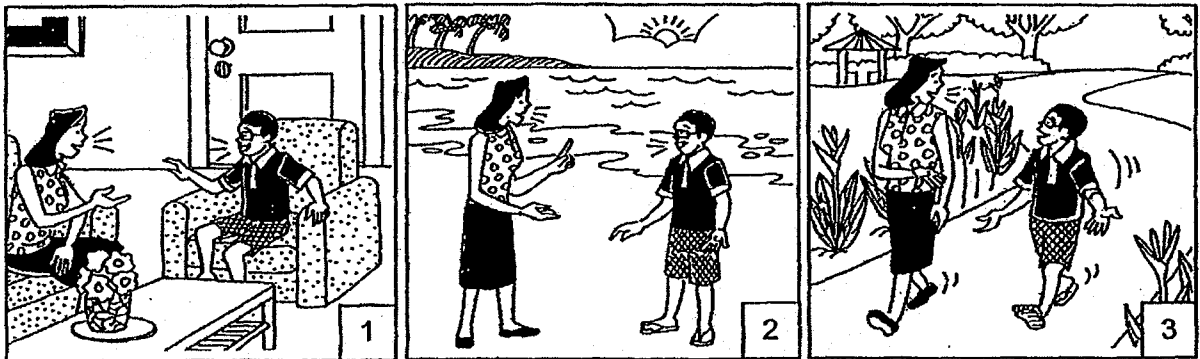
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26 October 2018 English Language Listening Comprehension Duration: 50 min

Shade your answers 1, 2 or 3 on the Optical Answer Sheet.

Text 1

Q1. Which picture shows where the conversation between Peter and Mrs. Tan took place?

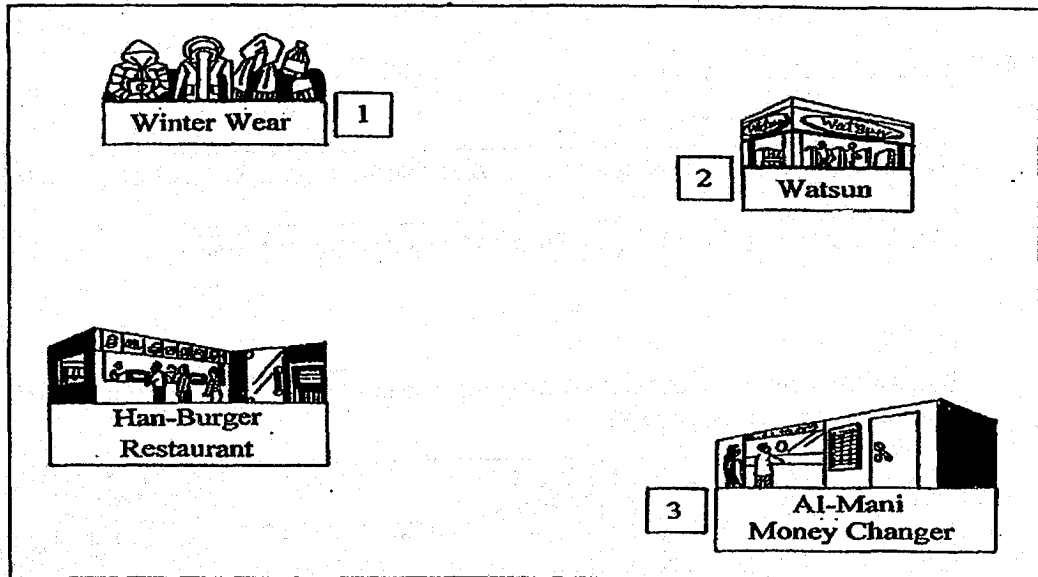


Q2. Which picture shows what Peter and his parents did not do in Phuket?

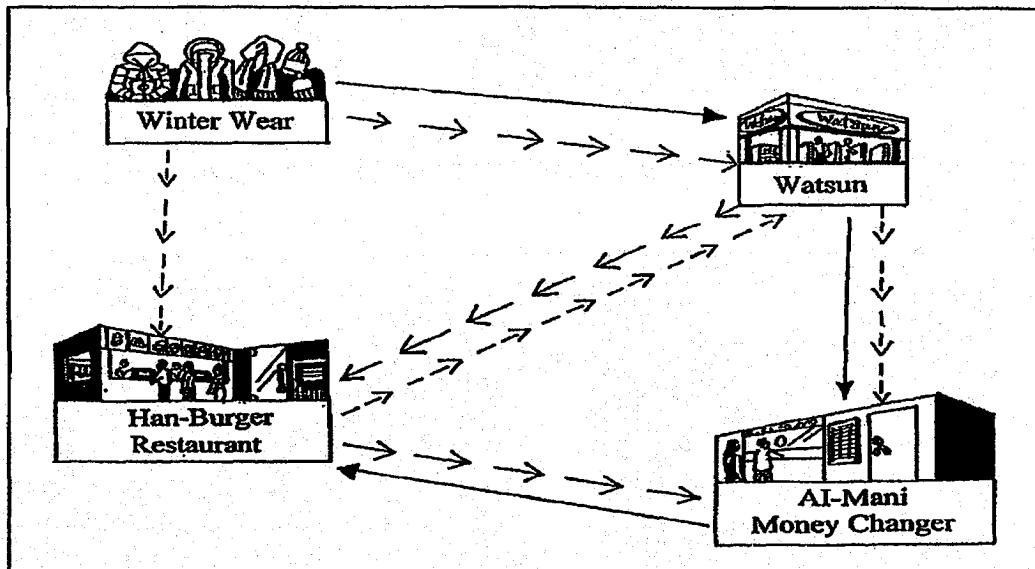


Text 2

Q3. Where can Jamie buy a woollen hat?



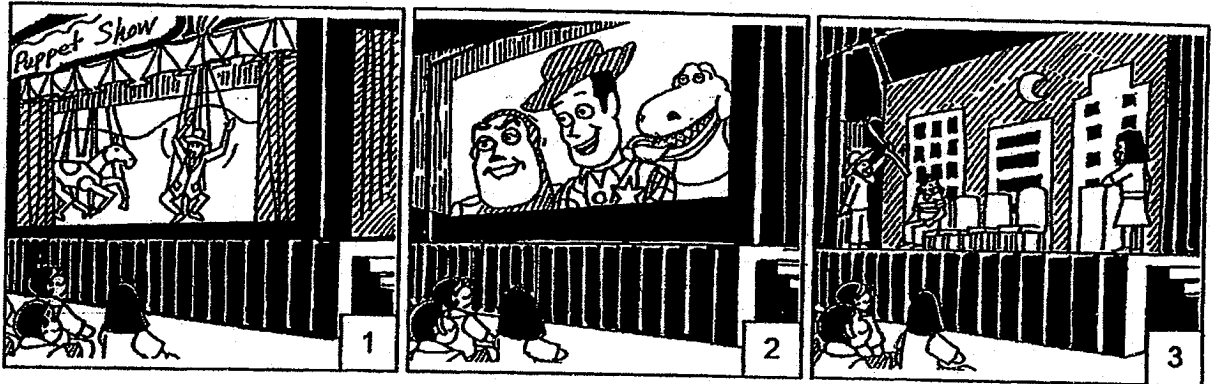
Q4. Which one of the three lines shows the route that Jamie will take ?



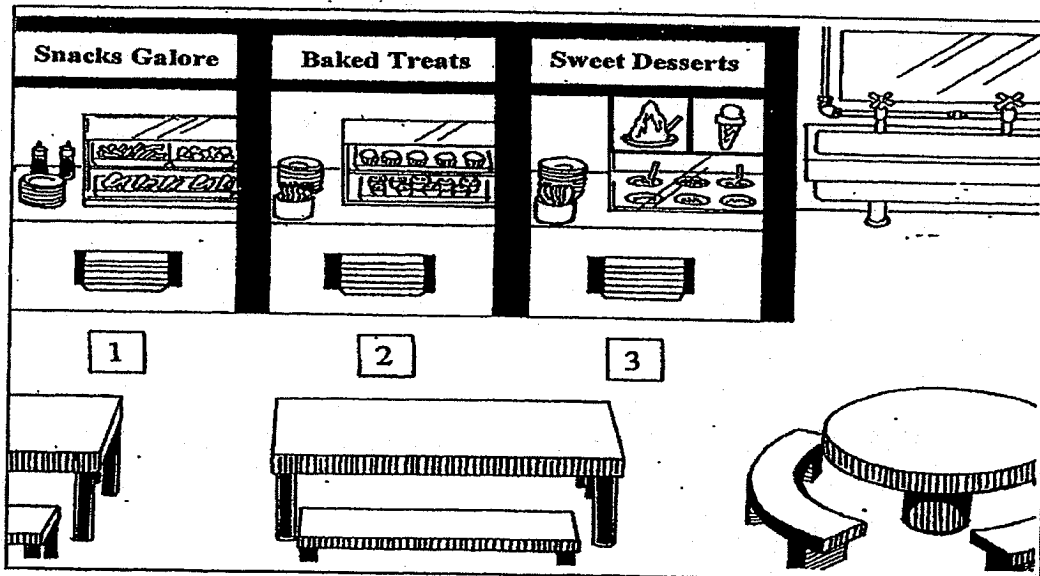
- (1) → → →
 (2) →
 (3) → → →

Text 3

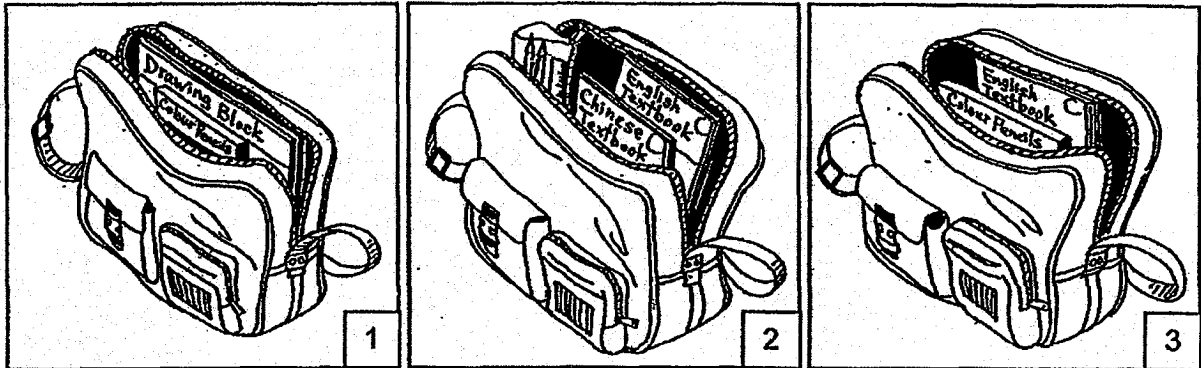
Q5. Which picture shows what the children will be doing in the school hall on Children's Day?



Q6. At which stall will the children be able to buy some chicken wings?



Q7. Which picture shows what some children will have to bring to school on Children's Day?



Text 4

Q8. What is the nurse's main objective of calling Mr. Stevenson?

- (1) to inform him of the new location of the dental clinic
- (2) to remind him to bring along his dental appointment card
- (3) to remind him to turn up for his upcoming dental appointment

Q9. Why would Mr. Stevenson need a longer time with Dr. Lee?

- (1) Mr. Stevenson has a new dental problem.
- (2) Mr. Stevenson needs more advice than usual.
- (3) Dr. Lee will not be at the usual clinic at Woodland Drive.

Text 5

Q10. Where was Joseph Schooling presented with the Dendrobium orchid?

- (1) Botany Centre
- (2) National Park
- (3) Burkill Hall

Q11. Which of the following did not happen for the first time on 3rd 7 August 2016?

- (1) A Singaporean was honoured for winning an Olympic Gold medal.
- (2) A Singapore athlete had an orchid named after him.
- (3) Singapore orchids were named after foreigners.

Q12. Which of the statements is true about Dendrobium Joseph Schooling?

- (1) It has a prominent green lip.
- (2) It has become Singapore's National Flower.
- (3) It will be presented to every Singaporean swimming champion.

Text 6

Q13. Why did Ann walk away from her classmates?

- (1) She was angry that they were boasting.
- (2) She was uncomfortable with the topic of their conversation.
- (3) She did not know enough about Christmas to take part in the conversation.

Q14. Why did Ann crush the note she had written?

- (1) She was feeling upset.
- (2) She did not like what she had written.
- (3) She knew that there was no such person as Santa Claus.

Q15. What important event was Ann looking forward to?

- (1) a wedding
- (2) a school camp
- (3) a Christmas party

Q16. Why did Ann's mother have to work very hard?

- (1) She wanted Ann to be proud of her.
- (2) She was the family's sole bread-winner.
- (3) She wanted to be able to buy an expensive gift for her daughter.

Text 7

Q17. What life-long dream did the Wright brothers share?

- (1) to be pilots
- (2) to build an aircraft
- (3) to visit countries around the world

Q18. What were used in the experiments and testing process?

- (1) gliders and kites
- (2) various kinds of wood
- (3) bicycles and propellers

Q19. What was "Wright Flyer 1"?

- (1) a gasoline-powered aircraft
- (2) an aircraft without an engine
- (3) an aircraft that could fly around the world

Q20. Which one of the following was not one of the things the Wright brothers did?

- (1) running a printing press business
- (2) repairing and selling bicycles
- (3) manufacturing wooden toys

End of Paper

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2018

Your Score Out of 95 marks	
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Name: _____ ()

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22 October 2018 English Language Paper 2 Duration: 1 h 50 min

BOOKLET A

Instructions to Pupils

1. Write your Name, Class and Index No. in the spaces provided above.
2. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Answer all questions.
5. Shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided for questions 1 to 28 only.

Section A: Grammar (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. Eating too many sweets _____ bad for health.

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

2. The actors, together with the rest of the crew, _____ given a treat by their bosses yesterday for their outstanding performance.

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

3. "Has anyone here ever _____ a poem before?" Mrs Tan asked the class.

- (1) write
- (2) wrote
- (3) writes
- (4) written

4. Raj often speaks without thinking so try not to bear a grudge _____ him.

- (1) on
- (2) for
- (3) against
- (4) through

5. It was Mr Lim and not the students who decorated the room all by _____.

- (1) himself
- (2) herself
- (3) ourselves
- (4) themselves

6. Bob _____ in Singapore since eight years ago so he is very familiar with our local cuisines.

- (1) lives
- (2) will live
- (3) was living
- (4) has been living

7. Mother used to go to the market daily, _____ she ?

- (1) did
- (2) does
- (3) didn't
- (4) doesn't

8. _____ the explorers were tired, they did not take a rest.

- (1) If
- (2) Unless
- (3) Because
- (4) Although

9. Research shows that stress _____ health problems.

- (1) cause
- (2) caused
- (3) causes
- (4) causing

10. Neither the students nor the teacher _____ the flight tomorrow.

- (1) is taking
- (2) are taking
- (3) has taken
- (4) have taken

Section B: Vocabulary (5 X 1 mark)

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

11. Mary is an _____ girl who refuses to listen to advice and wants her own way.
- (1) obliging
 - (2) obstinate
 - (3) impetuous
 - (4) impractical
12. John _____ my question by looking away when I asked him why he was absent from school yesterday.
- (1) averted
 - (2) evaded
 - (3) invaded
 - (4) diverted
13. All the _____ from the carnival organised by the pupils will be donated to charity.
- (1) fortune
 - (2) offerings
 - (3) proceeds
 - (4) remuneration
14. The young girl has _____ with her parents after the argument and apologised for her misbehaviour.
- (1) rejoined
 - (2) reformed
 - (3) rekindled
 - (4) reconciled
15. The flowers _____ a sweet fragrance in the night.
- (1) give in
 - (2) give up
 - (3) give off
 - (4) give away

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.

It was just another day at New Delhi Railway Station. Runaways from stern parents or cruel employers, who had caught the first train they could to the Indian capital to escape their unhappy circumstances, arrived from the poorest regions of India.

(16)

These runaways lived at the train station – the ideal place to be anonymous. Travellers were too busy to notice these boys hanging about or sleeping on platforms.

(17)

The boys could have ended up being abducted by unscrupulous middlemen who stalked railway platforms. These unsuspecting children would then be handed over as near-slave labour to the owners of roadside eateries or factories in the city. Some ended up joining criminal gangs. Others were preyed on by drug-sellers to take drugs. Home would become a distant place. These boys gradually forgot about their families and might never go home.

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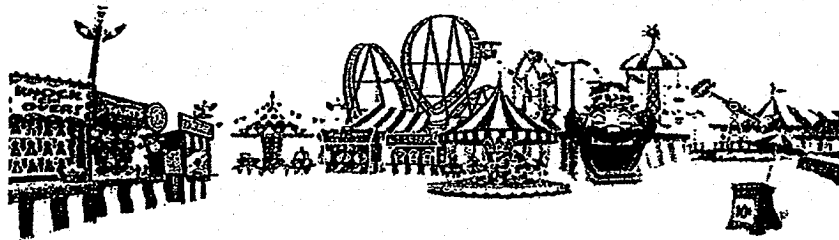
Adapted from The Sunday Times, January 17, 2016, 'India's railway children'

16. (1) incidents
(2) episodes
(3) situations
(4) interventions
17. (1) classic
(2) perfect
(3) seamless
(4) exceptional
18. (1) hiking
(2) loitering
(3) exploring
(4) searching
19. (1) defiant
(2) impulsive
(3) dishonest
(4) suspicious
20. (1) bleak
(2) solitary
(3) faraway
(4) desolate

Section D: Visual Text Comprehension (8 × 1 mark)

Study the flyer below carefully and answer questions 21 to 28.

Voted Asia's No.1 Amusement Park
HAPPY STUDIOS SINGAPORE



Discover for yourself the magic of Happy Studios Singapore that got amusement park goers all over the world voting for us.

Enjoy an **exclusive deal** (for Singaporeans only) to celebrate our **inaugural win**:

Exclusive Deal for Singapore Citizens

Ticket Prices (per pax)

Children (3-12): \$20*

Adults: \$40*

Children below 3 years old need not pay.

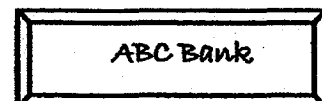
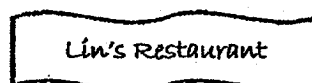
***Each ticket includes a FREE \$10 meal voucher at Lin's Restaurant at Happy Studios Singapore.**

Valid until 3 Nov 2018

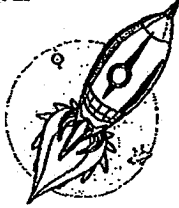
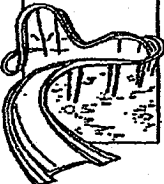
For more information, visit www.happystudios.com.sg.

Tickets for the **exclusive deal** are only available online at www.happystudios.com.sg. Purchase with any ABC Bank credit card to get 10% off ticket prices.

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EXCITING NEW ATTRACTIONS LAUNCHED TO CELEBRATE OUR WIN!

Apollo 12 	Fly away on an adventure through space on a rocket! A ride that hurtles past stars and planets to escape from gun-wielding aliens, be prepared for an unforgettable sensory experience.
Underwater Adventure 	Get up close and personal with more than 200 real sea animals including a variety of stingrays and sharks in a submarine. In this 5 minute ride, revel in the beauty of the underwater world.
Into the Wild 	Climb aboard a safari vehicle that will take you on a thrill-ride through a forest. During the ride, come face-to-face with elephants, monkeys and even tigers!
Boogie Fun 	Hop into our glitzy disco room and bop to popular pop music for 15 minutes – the perfect way to end your day! *No minimum height requirement. *Only available from 8-9 pm.
Slide! 	Be prepared for an adrenaline rush as you zoom down the longest slide in Singapore! *Minimum height requirement is applied.

Terms and Conditions:

- The minimum height requirement is **90 cm** for all rides unless stated otherwise.
- Guests with specific medical conditions should check with staff before entering the attractions.
- Guests holding the ticket for the **exclusive deal** can only enter each attraction **once**.
- Tickets for the **exclusive deal** are **non-refundable** and **non-transferrable**.

For each question from 21 to 28, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

21. Which word in the poster tells us that it is the first time Happy Studios Singapore has been voted Asia's No. 1 Amusement Park?

- (1) proudly
- (2) inaugural
- (3) celebrate
- (4) exclusive

22. The purpose of this poster is to _____.

- (1) promote the amusement park
- (2) encourage the use of ABC Bank credit cards in purchasing the tickets
- (3) educate the public about the magic of the amusement park
- (4) reward everyone for voting Happy Studios Singapore as Asia's top amusement park

23. Tickets for the exclusive deal are only available for _____.

- (1) Singaporeans at Lin's Restaurant
- (2) all children and adults until 3 Nov 2018
- (3) Singaporeans at www.happystudios.com.sg
- (4) all children and adults with the use of any ABC Bank credit card

24. Which one of the following is not a sponsor ?

- (1) ABC Bank
- (2) Happy Studios Singapore
- (3) Lin's Restaurant
- (4) National Tourism Board

25. Descriptions of the new attractions are presented in a table to _____.

- (1) increase ticket sales
- (2) attract viewers to the poster
- (3) rank them according to how fun they are
- (4) present the information in a more organised manner

26. Mrs Tan wants to enjoy an activity with her toddler who does not meet the minimum height requirement for all rides. Which is the most appropriate attraction for them?
- (1) Slide!
 - (2) Apollo 12
 - (3) Boogie Fun
 - (4) Into the Wild
27. Timmy went on the ride "Apollo 12". Which is the most accurate description of his experience?
- (1) exploring the ocean in a submarine
 - (2) gazing at stars and planets in space
 - (3) running away from aliens with guns in space
 - (4) swimming away from sharks in a submarine
28. Which one of the following statements is true?
- (1) Tickets for the exclusive deal can be refunded.
 - (2) Park visitors can go for "Boogie Fun" at 7pm.
 - (3) The attraction "Slide!" is the longest slide in Singapore.
 - (4) Park visitors will explore the forest on elephant rides at "Into the Wild".

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 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.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) above	(D) between	(G) has	(K) many	(N) to
(B) and	(E) but	(H) have	(L) much	(P) was
(C) at	(F) for	(J) is	(M) onto	(Q) when

Some of my earliest memories involve sitting with my father in his study every night when he came home from work. I enjoyed watching him put his personal items away. He would always (29) _____ interesting stories to share with me as he emptied his pockets filled with items like his watch, wallet, comb and car keys.

Father's comb was green. Every night, I looked forward (30) _____ cleaning the comb for him. At five years old, this mundane task brought me (31) _____ joy.

About two years later, Father started his own wholesale business. That (32) _____ when things started to change. He started coming home later (33) _____ less frequently. Over the years, I stopped waiting for him to come home.

Now, I am no longer a child. Father's business (34) _____ also started to expand. Things are better now. Yet the uncomfortable silence (35) _____ us remains.

Just before my birthday last year, Father came home early. As usual, I helped him carry his bags to his study. When I turned to leave, he unexpectedly passed me a comb and asked me to clean it (36) _____ him.

It was a new comb. I did not notice that he had changed it. I punched a few drops of soap (37) _____ an old toothbrush and I brushed the comb with it.

Then I passed the clean comb back to Father. He looked at it and smiled. This time, I noticed that my father had aged. He had wrinkles at the corner of his eyes (38) _____ he smiled. It was the smile of a father who only wanted a better life for his family.

Adapted from <http://www.rdasia.com/true-stories-lifestyle/reader-stories/my-story-evenings-with-dad>

Section F: Editing for Spelling and Grammar (12 × 1 mark)

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

Space exploration is sending people or machines into space to visit other planets and

(39)

objects in space. Just over a century ago, mankind simply did not have the teknology to do so. Since Neil Armstrong took his first step on the moon in 1969, hundreds of satellites

(40)

have been launched onto orbit around the earth. Hundreds of people have also been to

(41)

(42)

space on diffrent types of spacecraft. We have also send machines to investigate objects that are further away in the Solar System.

(43)

Construction of the International Space Station started in 1998 and are still going on today. Many important science experiments that contribute to mankind have been

(44)

accomplished there.

(45)

Apart for the Moon, the most popular place to send unmanned space expeditions is to Mars. Since the year 2000, there have been 10 unmanned expeditions to Mārs,

(46)

include landing machines called rovers to explore the surface.

Some scientists think that creatures might have lived on Mars millions of years

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ago, when Mars is warmer and had more air. NASA sent the rover, Curiosity, to Mars

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in 2012 to look for evidance of life. Although they have not found any, they are going

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to continew looking. In this age of the internet, we are fortunate to be able to acess stunning pictures of Mars taken from space. What a time to live in!

Section G :Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Worry is not only an unpleasant and exhausting emotional state, but also a waste of time.

Think of it this way. Worry is generally directed towards some dreaded future event. The dreaded event will either _____ or it will not. If it occurs, the worrier suffers twice – once from
(51)

the worry and once from the event. If it does not occur, then the worrier suffers from the _____ alone, which is still draining and time-consuming. In other words, the suffering
(52)

_____ by the worry in either case is unnecessary.
(53)

In fact, worry is more _____ just a waste of time. It is also a destructive and
(54)

self-defeating _____ of mind. It robs us of sleep and drains us of energy. Not only
(55)

_____, it clouds our judgement. In the end, this makes us more prone to making
(56)

_____.
(57)

What shall we do when unpleasant events loom? Firstly, we should take a deep _____ and regain some perspective. Things rarely turn out to be as bad as we think.
(58)

We have a _____ to exaggerate the consequences of our mistakes and we also tend
(59)

to exaggerate the awfulness of those consequences. _____, most of the things we
(60)

worry about will seldom happen. Even if the worst does happen, it is rarely as awful as we imagine it to be.

Secondly, we need to _____ up our courage and be brave. We need to
(61)

_____ positive steps to improve our situation and see how we can solve the
(62)

_____. We need to decide that if things nonetheless go _____, we will face the
(63) (64)
consequences calmly.

We all have our failures. We all endure our share of troubles. We all disappoint people now
and again. We need to accept that, show some resilience and keep pressing _____
(65)

Afterall, it is through failure that we learn and grow stronger.

Adapted from The Straits Times, 2012, December 20, 'Don't Worry Be Happy'.

Section H: Transformation / Synthesis (5 x 2 marks)

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).

66. John will be able to finish his work on time if he watches less television.

Unless _____

67. Siti's sunflower won first prize in a competition. It was beautiful.

because of its _____

68. Everybody cheered when they heard the results.

Upon _____

69. The cake is not ready. The snacks are not ready.

Neither _____

nor _____

70. Mrs Tan told the pupils there would be a quiz the next day.

" _____

_____," Mrs Tan told the pupils.

Section I : Comprehension (Open-ended) 20 marks

Read this passage carefully and answer the questions 71 to 80.

The eighth of nine children to an impoverished farming family in the Mekong Delta, Tay Thi shone in school, but her mother demanded that she drop out after primary school and earn money as a live-in housemaid in Ho Chi Minh City. In secondary school, her mother burned her books to try to force her to drop out. However, she borrowed books from friends and continued to excel.

After Tay Thi had graduated from secondary school, she prepared secretly for the university entrance examination. Her mother found out about this when Tay Thi left to take the examination and she screamed, "I hope you fail the exams". Other students arrived at the exam location escorted by doting parents. Tay Thi arrived alone, sobbing. Still, she passed with flying colours.

With no parental subsidy, university seemed unaffordable but Tay Thi saved every penny she could. She had worked during her school vacation - in a factory job by day and in a duck soup restaurant by night until 2 am. Even during Vietnamese New Year celebrations, she worked in the fields for money.

At university, she kept to a meagre food budget of three dollars a week. Malnourished, she sometimes fainted in class. Professors and students discovered that she was starved and penniless, leaving Tay Thi feeling humiliated. "I was so upset about that," she said. In retrospect, it was a turning point because her teachers and classmates responded with kindness and help. Room to Read, an aid group, arranged a scholarship, which gave her a bit more spending money. Therefore, Tay Thi managed to eat enough to keep from fainting in public.

Tay Thi shared a small room with two other young women, all sleeping on the floor next to each other. She set up a small reading light that would not keep the others awake. She studied until midnight and then set her alarm for 4 am to resume studying.

Tay Thi also helped others. First, she encouraged her older brother to return to school, so that he could become a mechanic. When he resisted, she went and registered him as a student, picking his courses and browbeating him until he gave in. Then she coaxed her younger brother to join her in university where he became a freshman. Even her parents had come around, partly because they saw that Tay Thi would soon be an English teacher and the best-paid member of the family.

Tay Thi was applying to teach in her own village school where she wanted to advocate for education. "I would like to change people's thinking. It's a way of helping children in my community," she said.

Adapted from The Straits Times, 2014, May 26, 'One girl's fight against all odds to pursue education'.

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71 Which word in paragraph one shows that Tay Thi's family was poor? (1m)

72 Give two reasons why Tay Thi's mother burnt her books. (2m)

- i. _____
- ii. _____

73 Why did Tay Thi faint in class at times? (1m)

74 What was the "turning point" for Tay Thi in paragraph 4? (2m)

75. 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)

	True/False	Reason
Tay Thi's parents were supportive of her taking the university entrance examination.		
Tay Thi worked long hours during her school vacation to earn money.		
Tay Thi's younger brother was very keen on going to university.		

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

_____ Tay Thi fainted in class.

_____ Tay Thi received a scholarship.

_____ Tay Thi worked during her school vacation.

77. Tay Thi had met with some problems in her life which required her to overcome them. Fill in the blanks in the following table. (3m)

Tay Thi's problem	Tay Thi's solution
Her mother burned her books.	
	She registered her older brother as a student and picked his courses for him.
She needed to study but her roommates needed to sleep.	

78. How was Tay Thi going to help children in her community? (2m)

- 79 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. (3m)

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer(s) to
this (line 6)	
they (line 25)	
best-paid member (line 26)	

- 80 Name one quality which you think Tay Thi had. Support your answer with information from the passage. (2m)

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Booklet A

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

Q 29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
H	N	L	P	B	G	D	F	M	Q
Q39)	technology	Q43)	is	Q47)	was				
Q40)	into	Q44)	accomplished	Q48)	evidence				
Q41)	different	Q45)	from	Q49)	continue				
Q42)	sent	Q46)	including	Q50)	access				

Q51)	happen	Q56)	that	Q61)	pluck
Q52)	worry	Q57)	mistakes	Q62)	take
Q53)	caused	Q58)	breath	Q63)	problem
Q54)	than	Q59)	tendency	Q64)	wrong
Q55)	state	Q60)	However	Q65)	on
Q66)	Unless John watches less television, he will not be able to finish his work on time.				
Q67)	Siti's sunflower won first prize in a competition because of its beauty.				
Q68)	Upon hearing their results, everybody cheered.				

Q69)	Neither the cake nor the snacks are ready.	
Q70)	“There will be a quiz tomorrow”, Mrs Tan told the pupils.	
Q71)	impoverished	
Q72)	i)She wanted her to drop-out. ii)She wanted her to earn money as a live-in household maid.	
Q73)	She was malnourished.	
Q74)	The turning point was the professors and students discovering that Tay Thi was starved and penniless.	
Q75)	False --- When Tay Thi’s mother found out she was taking the university entrance examination, she screamed that she hoped Tay Thi would fail. True --- She worked in a factory job by day and in a duck soup restaurant by night until 2am. False --- Tay Thi’s had to coax him to go to university.	
Q76)	2 , 3 , 1	
Q77)		She borrowed her friends’ books
	He resisted and did not Want to go university.	
		She set up a small reading light.
Q78)	Tay Thi was going to apply to teach in her own village school where she was going to advocate for education.	
Q79)	(line 6).--- The university entrance examination Tay Thi had prepared for secretly. (line 25) --- Tay Thi’s parents (line 26) --- Tay Thi was the person in the family who was paid the most.	
Q80)	Perseverance. She borrowed books from her friend, when her mother burnt all her books.	