

SINGAPORE CHINESE GIRLS' SCHOOL
FIRST SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2018
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY FIVE

Name: _____ () Date: 19 April 2018

Class: Primary 5 SY / C / G / SE / P

Parent's Signature:

	Marks Obtained	Highest Possible Marks
Part 1		15
Part 2		40
Sub-total		55

PAPER 1
(WRITING)

Total Time : 1 hour 10 minutes

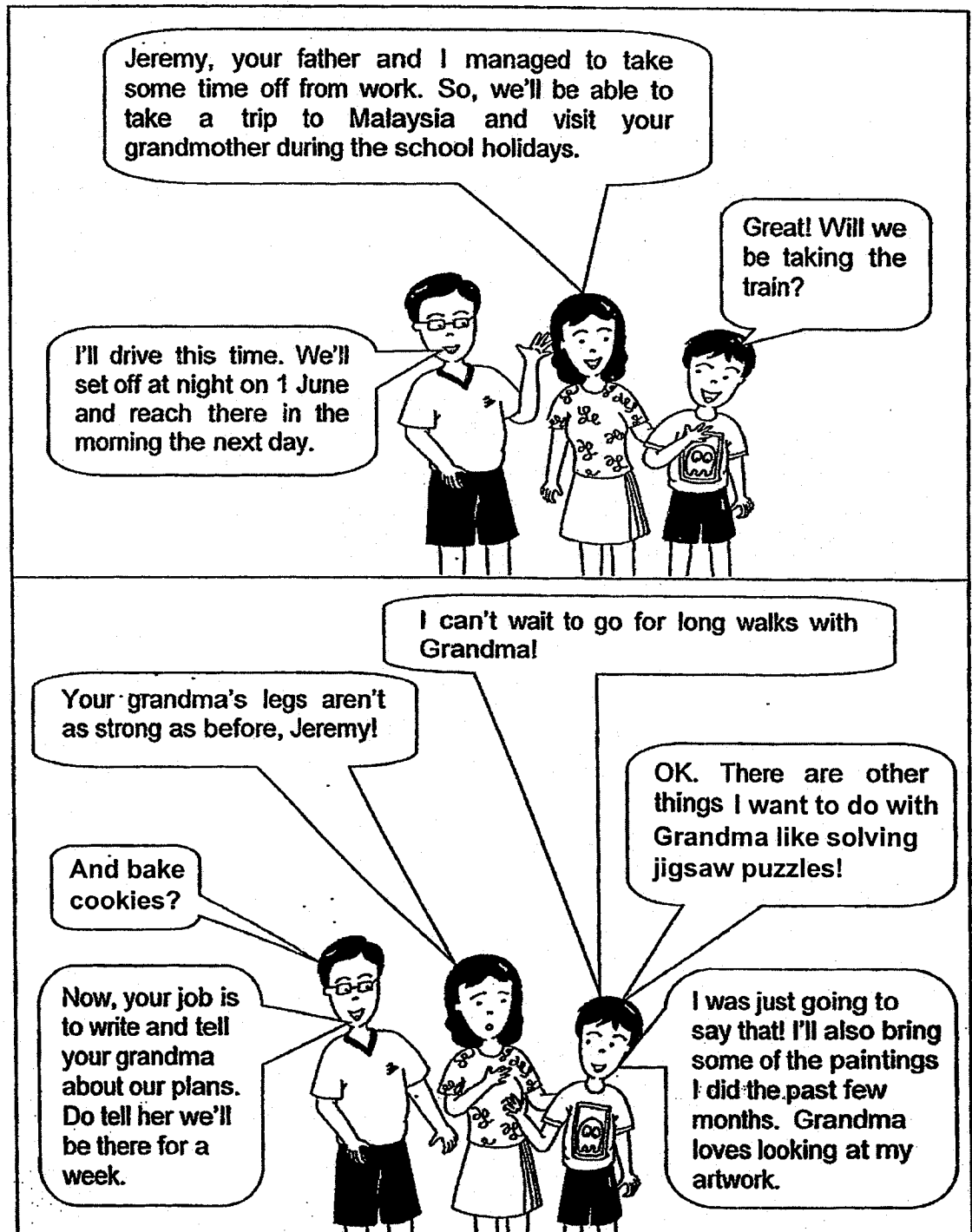
Total Marks : 55 marks

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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- 2 Answer all questions.

Part 1: Situational Writing (15 Marks)

- 1** The pictures below show Jeremy and his parents discussing plans for the upcoming school holidays. Study the pictures carefully.



Your Task

Imagine you are Jeremy.

Write a letter to your grandmother to tell her of your family's plan to visit her during the upcoming school holidays.

You are to refer to the pictures and information on page 1 for your letter.

In your letter, include the following key information:

- when your family is arriving
- how long your family will stay
- how your family will get to her place
- what two things you are looking forward to doing with Grandma during the school holidays
- what you want to show her

You may reorder the points. Remember to write in complete sentences.

Part 2: Continuous Writing (40 marks)

- 2** Write a composition of at least 150 words about being alert.

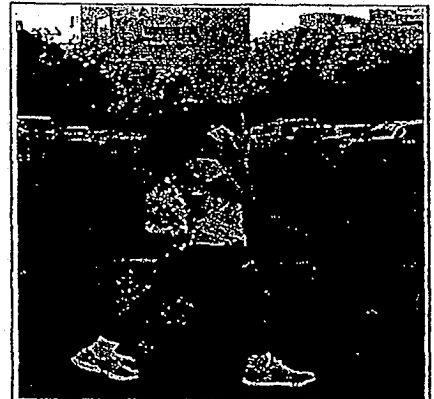
The pictures are provided to help you think about this topic.

Your composition should be based on one or more of these pictures.

Consider the following points when you plan your composition.

- Who was / were alert?
- How did the person(s) demonstrate alertness?

You may use the points in any order and include other relevant points as well.



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Name: _____ () Date: 7 May 2018

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**ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
(BOOKLET A)**

Total time for Booklets A and B: 1 h 50 min

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- 1 Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
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- 3 Answer all questions.
- 4 Shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

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

1 "Stop that burly man!" the frail old lady shouted. "He _____ my purse!"

- (1) steal
- (2) steals
- (3) has stolen
- (4) was stealing

2 I caught a glimpse of the iguana when it _____ in the sun two hours ago.

- (1) lie
- (2) lay
- (3) lies
- (4) lain

3 If you want to impress your mother, you have to be a cut _____ the rest.

- (1) over
- (2) above
- (3) under
- (4) across

4 The famous naturalist devoted her entire life _____ the study of plants in Africa.

- (1) to
- (2) with
- (3) from
- (4) between

5 At the Honours Day ceremony, we watched our principal _____ the certificates to the proud recipients.

- (1) present
- (2) presents
- (3) presented
- (4) was presenting

6 _____ the pain in her right leg, Penny was unable to complete the marathon.

- (1) Since
- (2) Despite
- (3) Owing to
- (4) Regardless of

7 The price of goods usually _____ up before each festive season.

- (1) go
- (2) goes
- (3) went
- (4) had gone

8 _____ of the work had already been completed so our help was not needed.

- (1) Few
- (2) Little
- (3) Many
- (4) Much

9 Mother is leaving for Japan tomorrow, _____ she?

- (1) isn't
- (2) won't
- (3) wasn't
- (4) shouldn't

10 "Don't stand on ceremony," Mrs Low said to us. "Do make _____ comfortable."

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

For each question from 11 to 15, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

- 11 We do not hear about his good work among the poor as he _____ all publicity.
- (1) shuns
 - (2) misses
 - (3) ignores
 - (4) embraces
- 12 The chairperson started the meeting by presenting an _____ of the present situation.
- (1) overture
 - (2) overview
 - (3) overtone
 - (4) oversight
- 13 At first, the Town Council refused to enlarge the playground. However, this decision was _____ revised.
- (1) singularly
 - (2) substantially
 - (3) successively
 - (4) subsequently
- 14 I moved out of the house because I could not stand my _____ sister.
- (1) overruling
 - (2) overbearing
 - (3) overpowering
 - (4) overwhelming
- 15 They did not _____ each other the first time they met.
- (1) take to
 - (2) take for
 - (3) take over
 - (4) take round

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)

The spitting spider is found all over the world. It is tiny – only four to six millimetres long – and has a novel way of catching food. When it gets close enough to its prey, often a fly, the spider raises its head. It fires two streams of sticky gum from the tiny holes above its fangs, shaking its head from side to side so that the gum forms a zigzag pattern. The prey is glued to the ground. The menacing spider then closes in on it and gives a fatal poisonous bite. Once the fly is dead, the spider removes the threads of sticky silk from it before starting to eat. The spitting spider consumes its meal on the spot rather than taking the prey back to its lair like other types of spiders.

Adapted from <https://www.creepycrawlies.info/spitting-spider.htm>

- 16 (1) artificial
(2) unusual
(3) exciting
(4) exaggerated
- 17 (1) pours
(2) ejects
(3) ignites
(4) thrusts
- 18 (1) head
(2) victim
(3) spider
(4) nuisance
- 19 (1) anxious
(2) defensive
(3) threatening
(4) condemned
- 20 (1) fabric
(2) pattern
(3) strands
(4) particles

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



Old Town

Bringing Street Food Back

In a food paradise like Singapore, restaurants, cafes, coffeeshops and hawker centres are a dime a dozen. Yet, Mr and Mrs Roland Tan missed the ambience of eating at roadside stalls. They shared fond memories of the simple and comforting local fare served along the old food streets near their childhood homes. The couple had already established two successful restaurants, so when they founded the Old Town Food Street, the purpose was not to make profits.

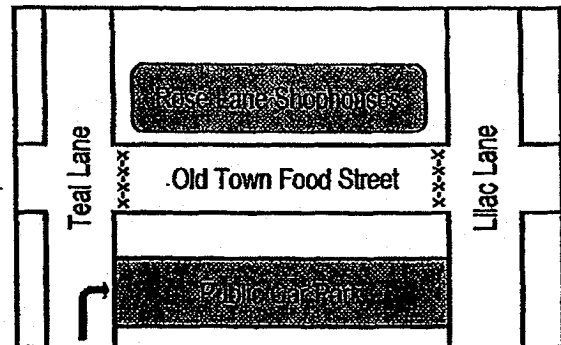
"We wanted to give the people from our generation the chance to take a walk down memory lane and savour local delights prepared from makeshift carts, just like the good old days," Mr Tan said.

"Our grandchildren love local food, but they could never understand why we loved eating by the roadside so much," Mrs Tan added with a chuckle. "So, we wanted to give the younger generation a glimpse of their heritage."

Not surprisingly, the Old Town Food Street has become popular with locals and tourists of all ages. On top of a wide range of local delights, it offers a truly Singaporean dining experience.

Getting There

The Old Town Food Street is located in the heart of Singapore's city centre. It stretches between Teal Lane and Lilac Lane, right in front of the Rose Lane Shophouses. The street is closed to traffic. A public car park is accessible from Teal Lane only.



Awards:



Tourists' Choice
2017 & 2018



Food Excellence
2015, 2016, 2017 & 2018

Food Street

Planning For Your Visit



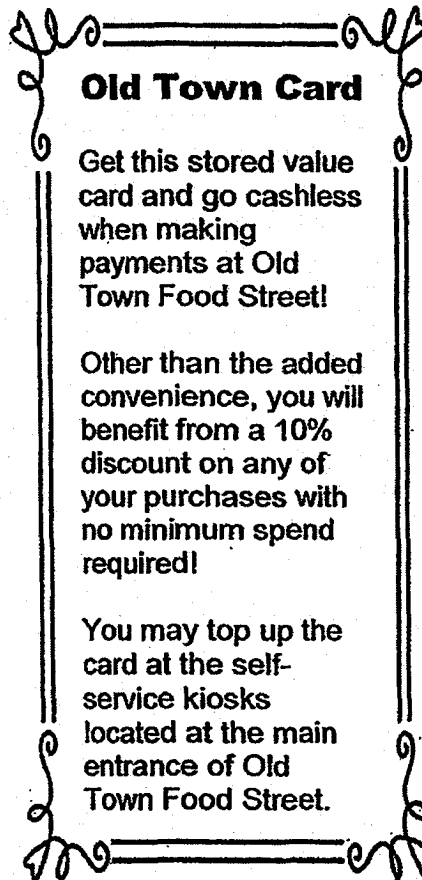
**Food Street Signature
Rickshaw Noodles**
Open 7 a.m. – 9 p.m.
daily



Laksa
Open 11 a.m. – 9 p.m.
daily except Tuesdays



Nasi Lemak & Satay
Open 7 a.m. – 9 p.m.
daily except Fridays
**Satay only available
from 5 p.m. onwards*



Old Town Card

Get this stored value card and go cashless when making payments at Old Town Food Street!

Other than the added convenience, you will benefit from a 10% discount on any of your purchases with no minimum spend required!

You may top up the card at the self-service kiosks located at the main entrance of Old Town Food Street.



Desserts
Open 12 nn – 9 p.m.
daily except Mondays



Traditional Breakfast
Open 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.
daily

**Promotion sets only
available until 10 a.m.*



Chicken Rice
Open 11 a.m. – 9 p.m.
daily except Thursdays



Roti Prata
Open 7 a.m. – 9 p.m.
daily except Fridays

For each question from 21 to 28, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (8 marks)

- 21 Mr and Mrs Roland did not set up the Old Town Food Street to _____.
- (1) reminisce about the past
 - (2) give others a chance to relive memories
 - (3) show people how to operate makeshift carts
 - (4) help young people understand Singapore's history better
- 22 In the third paragraph of 'Bringing Street Food Back', 'their heritage' refers to _____.
- (1) the younger generation's dining experience
 - (2) Mrs Tan's grandchildren's love for local food
 - (3) traditions passed down to the younger generation
 - (4) the food street that Mrs Tan's grandchildren will inherit
- 23 Look at the section 'Bringing Street Food Back'. What is expressed by the phrase 'not surprisingly' in the first line of the last paragraph?
- (1) There were no surprises along the Old Town Food Street.
 - (2) The Old Town Food Street turned out to be an instant success.
 - (3) Locals and tourists did not think they would like the Old Town Food Street.
 - (4) It was expected that people would enjoy going to the Old Town Food Street.
- 24 If Mrs Ang wants to go to the Old Town Food Street by car, she can _____.
- (1) park along Lilac Lane
 - (2) park at the Rose Lane Shophouses
 - (3) enter a public car park from Teal Lane
 - (4) use either Teal Lane or Lilac Lane to get to a public car park

- 25 What is the purpose of the capital letters used in 'Tourists' Choice' and 'Food Excellence'?
- (1) to make the words more visible
 - (2) to name the recipients of the two awards
 - (3) to show that the words make up the titles of awards
 - (4) to emphasise that the Old Town Food Street is popular with tourists
- 26 Which of the following statements about the Old Town Card is true?
- (1) It cannot be used to pay for promotion sets.
 - (2) Not all the Old Town Food Street's stalls accept it.
 - (3) There is only one self-service kiosk for topping it up.
 - (4) Its users pay less for what they buy at the Old Town Food Street.
- 27 Judy went to the Old Town Food Street at 4 p.m. on a Monday. Which dish would she not be able to try?
- (1) Satay
 - (2) Laksa
 - (3) Chicken Rice
 - (4) Rickshaw Noodles
- 28 What is the main aim of the flyer?
- (1) to promote a stored value card
 - (2) to provide directions for tourists
 - (3) to give information on a dining spot
 - (4) to announce the results for two awards

(Go on to booklet B)

SINGAPORE CHINESE GIRLS' SCHOOL

FIRST SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2018

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PRIMARY FIVE

Name: _____ ()

Date: 7 May 2018

Class: Primary 5 SY / C / G / SE / P

Parent's Signature: _____

	Marks Obtained	Highest Possible Marks
Booklet A		28
Booklet B		67
Sub-total		95

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

BOOKLET B

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
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3. Answer all questions.
4. Write all your answers in this booklet.

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) a	(D) at	(G) by	(K) have	(N) the
(B) against	(E) before	(H) for	(L) in	(P) to
(C) around	(F) between	(J) had	(M) or	(Q) while

Children seem to spend endless hours on smartphones, games consoles and computers these days. There has been a massive rise _____ the globe in short-sightedness or myopia. According to a study _____ the Joan Cooney Centre, young children spend an average of 2 hours and 7 minutes a day with screen media. Even babies are being primed for screen time, despite recommendations from the American Academy of Paediatrics _____ any exposure before the age of two.

(31) The main factor seems to be a lack of exposure _____ direct sunlight. Children who study intensively and use smartphones, computer games _____ tablets have less opportunity to go outdoors and are less exposed to natural light. Children _____ East Asian countries are being pushed with very intensive education from _____ very young age and spend a lot of time indoors. These children seem to be _____ more risk of developing short-sightedness.

When someone is short-sighted, the eyes have grown slightly too long. This means that light rays focus just in front of the retina, at the back of the eye, so distant objects will appear blurred but close objects are seen clearly. _____ levels of myopia are likely to continue to rise, the hope is that researchers will find ways to reduce its progression.

Dr Dahlmann says, "What we need to look at, in terms of research and development, are ways of modifying the impact that these activities _____ on their visual development." It is important that children try to reduce screen time.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/health-42238691>

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

Have you seen young people on their OFO bikes and e-scooters? Power-assisted
(39)
bicycles and personal mobilitee devices (PMD) have been making the news recently. There
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were about 90 accidents involve these devices in the first half of the year. The majority
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of these accidents take place on the roads.

(42)
The Land Transport Authority (LTA) is stepping up its anforcement efforts and has
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issued advisories for unsafe riding. The ministry will continue to komplement these
efforts with public education and outreach programmes. There will be stiff penalties for
(44) (45)
ofenses such as reckless riding. The LTA will work towards tracking cases for errant
(46)
users. It will regulatory the types of devices permitted and the behaviour of device users.

(47)
Recently, an e-scooter rider suffers head injuries in an accident with a double
(48)
decker bus. The authorities are determining to put measures in place to keep the public
safe. The penalty for first-time offenders will be increased from \$100 to \$300 and
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reculsitrant offenders will have to pay \$500. Their PMDs will also be impounded in the
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korse of investigations. These will prevent riders from riding recklessly.

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Robotics technology has just become more advanced. Nadine started _____ (51) as a receptionist at Nanyang Technological University (NTU) last year. Nadine's circle of friends has been limited _____ (52) students, staff and visitors at NTU. Now, she is stepping out into the real _____ (53) and making her public debut at the ArtScience museum's latest exhibition. From a distance, _____ (54) about her appearance seems unusual. It is _____ (55) closer inspection that doubts set in.

Nadine is an "intelligent" robot _____ (56) of autonomous behaviour. For a machine, her looks and behaviour are remarkably natural. She can _____ (57) people and human emotions and make associations using her knowledge database.

The famous born-in-Singapore robot is one of the _____ (58) in HUMAN+: The Future of our Species, a thought-provoking exhibition. Nadine will not just be carrying conversations with curious museumgoers. You might see her offering _____ (59) a glass of water. While Nadine _____ (60) visitors, creator Professor Nadia Thalmann and her team will be working on the robot's new articulated hand. They will also be _____ (61) Charlie, Nadine's robot brother. People will be able to see how Charlie is made over the months _____ (62) Nadine will be learning to grasp things.

For now, both robots offer a _____ (63) into future possibilities in the realm of robotics. Their creator imagines a future in which socially adept future Nadines could serve at restaurants _____ (64) assist patients with dementia.

Professor Thalmann pointed out that it will take years before these robots even _____ (65) close to being human. The exhibition also explores ethical issues and questions surrounding the predominance of science, technology, computers, and robotics in daily life. Will robots take over our lives?

Adapted from <https://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/lifestyle/singapore-robot-nadine>

For each of the following questions, 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(s). (10 marks)

- 66 The mountaineering team persevered. They scaled the summit despite the challenging conditions.

Owing to their _____

- 67 Kate could not mask her disappointment. Lisa could not mask her disappointment either.

Neither _____

- 68 "Are you taking us to the Science Centre?" the twins asked their father.

The twins asked _____

- 69 Joe agreed to accommodate her demands. He should have indicated his displeasure.

Instead of _____

- 70 We will have dinner at the new restaurant. We will do so provided you finish your homework.

If _____

Read this passage and answer the questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

Mrs Khoo had worn it only twice – once at a banquet given by a sultan and again, at the wedding of her nephew.

She would talk about its history. It had come down to her from her mother who had acquired it from her own mother. Its origin had been traced far enough. It could be ascertained that the first possessor of the jade pendant was a concubine of a Vietnamese emperor of the seventeenth century. 5

Mrs Khoo had decided that her daughter, Lian Kim, would inherit the jade pendant. She would not wait for her death to hand over the jewel – when Lian Kim got married, the gift would be hers.

She showed the pendant to Ah Soh, a widowed relative who made cakes and puddings for sale in the streets. Ah Soh was all gratitude when she was given the pleasure of looking at the jewel. She was full of praises and breathless with the effort of pleasing a rich relative. Mrs Khoo had allowed her and her daughter to live in a room at the back of the great house, to eat the food left on the great table and to benefit by the old clothes. 10 15

Suddenly, Ah Soh's daughter ambled in. On seeing the jewel, she crowed with childish delight, snatched it and pranced round the room, shrilly parading it on her chest. The terror of her mother who had quickly glanced up to see the look of displeasure on the face of Mrs Khoo, was itself terrifying to behold. She shrieked at the girl, snatched the jewel back, laid it reverently back in its case and began hitting her erring daughter as vehemently as she could. 20

As Lian Kim's wedding was approaching, Mrs Khoo had to make a difficult decision after making a quick calculation of the cost of her daughter's wedding. The jade pendant had to go. The interested party was a very wealthy lady who wanted absolute secrecy in the entire proceeding. Her offer moreover was generous. With the matter settled, Mrs Khoo was happy again, and bustled about with the grand wedding preparations. At least one Minister and three Members of Parliament were expected to be present, together with numerous business tycoons. 25 30

As she stood waiting for the guests, her gaze swept briefly over the heads in that large, resplendent, chandeliered room, and rested on a spot in the far corner. She could easily pick out Ah Soh, decently dressed for once, sitting with her daughter and some relatives. Mrs Khoo wondered why the gaze, of many in the room, was fixed on the child – people were staring at her, and also whispering loudly, urgently, among themselves. The whispering and staring spread outwards in widening ripples of mounting excitement and tension. 35

Mrs Khoo made her way towards this focus of tremulous attention, and she too stared – not at the face but at the jewel that rested awkwardly on the flat child-like chest. The jade pendant! The girl crowed with pleasure, and her mother, who sat very near to her holding her hand affectionately, was nodding to the faces crowding in upon them, and the frightened look was gone forever from her eyes. "How could she do that to me?" Mrs Khoo stared, in fear and incredulity. 40

Modified from 'The Jade Pendant'

71 What does "it" in paragraph 1 refer to? [1m]

72 List the two occasions in which Mrs Khoo wore the jade pendant. [2m]

(a) _____

(b) _____

73 How were the jade pendant and the royalty connected? [1m]

74 Ah Soh's daughter grabbed the jade pendant. Give three pieces of evidence to show how Ah Soh tried to please Mrs Khoo. [3m]

(i) _____

(ii) _____

(iii) _____

75 Choose words in the passage from paragraphs 2 to 5 which have similar meanings to the words below. Write each word in the appropriate box. [3m]

owner	
frightening	
respectfully	

- 76 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
Mrs Khoo inherited the jade pendant.		
Ah Soh was afraid of Mrs Khoo.		
The cost of Lian Kim's wedding was within her mother's means.		

- 77 Which two of the following words correctly describe how Mrs Khoo felt in lines 31-33? Put a tick ✓ in the box beside each of your answers.

[2m]

content

puzzled

curious

proud

grateful

shocked

- 78 Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the passage.

[1m]

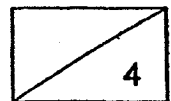
_____ Ah Soh's daughter took the pendant without asking.

_____ Mrs Khoo showed the pendant to her relative.

_____ Ah Soh punished her daughter for handling the pendant in a reckless manner.

- 79 Explain clearly what Mrs Khoo meant when she said "How could she do that to me?" in lines 40-41? [2m]

- 80 Why do you think the wealthy woman who bought the pendant wanted to remain anonymous? [2m]



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Booklet A

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

Booklet B

Q 29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
C	G	B	P	M	L	A	D	Q	K
Q39)	mobility		Q43)	complement		Q47)	suffered		
Q40)	involving		Q44)	offences		Q48)	determined		
Q41)	took		Q45)	against		Q49)	recalcitrant		
Q42)	enforcement		Q46)	regulate		Q50)	course		

Q51)	working	Q56)	capable	Q61)	making
Q52)	to	Q57)	understand	Q62)	and
Q53)	world	Q58)	robots	Q63)	peek
Q54)	something	Q59)	you	Q64)	or
Q55)	on	Q60)	entertains	Q65)	come
Q66)	Owing to their perseverance, the mountaineering team scaled the summit despite the challenging conditions.				
Q67)	Neither Kate nor Lisa could mask her disappointment.				
Q68)	The twins asked their father if he was taking them to the Science Centre.				

Q69)	Instead of agreeing to accommodate her demands, Joe should have indicated his displeasure.
Q70)	If you finish your homework, we will have dinner at the new restaurant.
Q71)	It refers to the jade pendant.
Q72)	(a) at a banquet given by a sultan (b) at the wedding of her nephew
Q73)	The first possessor of the jade pendant was a concubine of a Vietnamese emperor of the seventeenth century.
Q74)	(i) hit her erring daughter (ii) snatched the jewel back (iii) began scolding her daughter
Q75)	owner – possessor frightening – terrifying respectfully – reverently
Q76)	True – The pendant had come down to her from her mother. True – Ah Soh was terrified to see the look of displeasure on Mrs Khoo's face when his daughter snatched the pendant.
Q77)	curious, puzzled
Q78)	2, 1, 3
Q79)	Mrs Khoo felt betrayed that Ah Soh was tricking her the whole time.
Q80)	The wealthy woman was Ah Soh. Mrs Khoo would not have sold the pendant to her if she knew it was Ah Soh.