



**HENRY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
2019 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY SIX
PAPER 2 BOOKLET A**

NAME : _____

CLASS : P6 _____

INDEX NO : _____

28 QUESTIONS

28 MARKS

TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 HOUR 50 MINUTES

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

Shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

Parent's signature: _____

Booklet A : _____ / 28

Booklet B : _____ / 67

TOTAL : _____ / 95

For each question from 1 to 10, 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 Optical Answer Sheet. (10 marks)

1. Ahmad enjoys _____ with his grandmother every weekend.
- (1) interact
 - (2) interacted
 - (3) interacting
 - (4) having interacted ()
2. He is a man _____ opinion I respect.
- (1) who
 - (2) which
 - (3) whom
 - (4) whose ()
3. Last night, an ear-piercing scream _____ by the residents of Ghim Moh.
- (1) was heard
 - (2) was hearing
 - (3) had been heard
 - (4) was being heard ()
4. "There is _____ truth in what he said," Mr Lee nodded in agreement.
- (1) few
 - (2) any
 - (3) some
 - (4) many ()
5. You can go to the playground _____ you finish your homework first.
- (1) unless
 - (2) despite
 - (3) provided
 - (4) even though ()

6. The doctor reminded her patient that their next session is scheduled _____ Monday.

- (1) to
- (2) by
- (3) on
- (4) past

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7. The increase in the number of obesity cases among children _____ a cause for concern last year.

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

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8. "Do look for me _____ you need any help," Ms Tan told her students.

- (1) will
- (2) shall
- (3) would
- (4) should

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9. If Richard _____ to his mother, he would not have lost his wallet.

- (1) listens
- (2) listened
- (3) was listening
- (4) had listened

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10. "She'd won the race, _____ she?" asked Meena.

- (1) has
- (2) had
- (3) hasn't
- (4) hadn't

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For each question from 11 to 15, 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 Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

11. The cashier was suspicious of the _____ of the hundred-dollar note which the stranger was trying to use to pay for his groceries.

(1) reality
(2) validity
(3) authenticity
(4) compatibility

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12. The teacher instructed her students to _____ their answers with those in the answer key after they had finished their practice papers at home.

(1) compute
(2) compare
(3) compose
(4) compress

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13. The choir sang in perfect _____ during the performance and earned a standing ovation from the appreciative audience.

(1) harmony
(2) narration
(3) consensus
(4) steadiness

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14. The director of the company was inconsolable when his multi-million dollar development plan _____ due to a lack of funding.

(1) fell in
(2) fell off
(3) fell out
(4) fell through

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15. Mr Don's vision is very poor but the optician has informed him that it can be _____ if he wears glasses with prescription lenses.

(1) restricted
(2) improved
(3) cushioned
(4) maintained

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

Mr Oh has a passion for driving off-road in Malaysia. During these trips, he tackles muddy gullies and (16) treacherous river crossings regularly. "There is nothing like finally reaching our destination by the banks of a river deep in the jungle and setting up camp for the night," says Mr Oh. Being (17) accustomed to cooking outdoors, everybody in the group will take turns to prepare delicious dinners from scratch. They will then dine and chat under the starry sky coupled with the background of insect calls.

Mr Oh also runs ultra-marathons. His badge of honour includes winning the *Monster Ultra* when he ran the 200km round-island (18) route in 38 hours. Earlier this year, he finished a 100km race in Hong Kong with a (19) cumulative elevation of 4,800m in the mountainous region of Lantau Island - an (20) uphill task for any athlete to accomplish. In preparation for this race, Mr Oh trained by running up the 164m-high Bukit Timah Hill. He added that he had to intensify his training with trail runs in Malaysia too.

Adapted from The Straits Times, Off-road adventurer owns a Landie and a Jeep,
22 July 2016, Story: Sarjeet Singh.

16. (1) deceptive
(2) dangerous
(3) misleading
(4) frightening ()

17. (1) fixed with
(2) familiar with
(3) addicted to
(4) amended to ()

18. (1) trail
(2) alley
(3) access
(4) direction ()

19. (1) uneven
(2) immense
(3) increasing
(4) substantial ()

20. (1) intricate
(2) complex
(3) awkward
(4) demanding ()

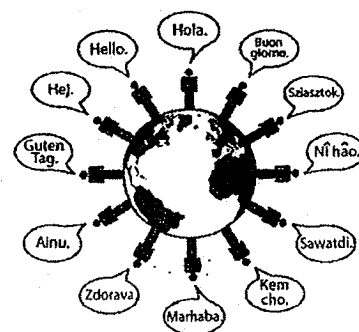
Study this flyer carefully and answer questions 21 to 28.

Language Learning Institute

Speaking a second language each day can really keep the doctor away. Studies have shown the cognitive benefits of learning another language, no matter how old you are. Memory improvement, longer attention span and a reduced risk of age-related cognitive decline are just a few of the known positive effects of speaking two or more languages.

Some **advantages** of learning a new language include:

- **TRAVEL** – Being able to speak the native tongue guarantees a more fruitful experience when you travel
- **WORK** – Being fluent in another language improves your employability, especially if you wish to work abroad
- **CULTURE** – Languages are an important part of a culture and helps you appreciate people and their customs



Language Learning Institute specialises in:

ENGLISH	GERMAN	ITALIAN	KOREAN
CHINESE	SPANISH	FRENCH	JAPANESE

Our courses:

We offer both full-time and part-time courses for all languages. The class size is kept to a maximum of 6 to ensure all students get enough attention from the tutors.

Our centres are located at:

- Bukit Batok
- Punggol
- Eunos
- Bishan

Note: All language courses except Italian language are offered at all centres. Italian language lessons are only available at the Eunos branch which is our main branch. For more information about our Italian Language course, please visit our main branch.

To sign up

- Call 568 7233
- Fill up the registration form and mail it to:
31 Punggol Street 2
Singapore 278031
- Visit <http://language1.com.sg>

Language	English	Chinese	Japanese	Korean	German	Spanish	Italian	French
Level 1 (Beginner)	\$500	\$550	\$600	\$580	\$550	\$500	\$600	\$560
Level 2 (Intermediate)	\$650	\$660	\$640	\$680	\$665	\$655	\$700	\$670
Level 3 (Advanced)	\$750	\$700	\$750	\$750	\$700	\$670	\$800	\$700

All course fees are for 10 lessons. Make-up classes are available should you miss a lesson.

30% OFF COURSE FEES FOR ALL STUDENTS AND SENIOR CITIZENS!

Sign up before 17 July to enjoy these discounted rates!

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL FOR ALL!

Sign up from 11 July to 25 July and enjoy 10% discount off the course fees

SPECIAL PROGRAMMES

At Language Learning Institute, we believe that students have to practise what they have learnt. Here are some trips organised for students with opportunities to interact with the locals.

4D3N Trip to Osaka



Suitable for students who have completed Level 1 Japanese

7D6N Trip to Spain



Suitable for students who have completed Level 3 Spanish

5D4N Trip to Germany



Suitable for students who have completed Level 2 German

MAKING FRIENDS

We have also teamed up with language schools in other countries to form a buddy programme. All students will be assigned a buddy who is a native speaker of the language they are learning. So you can make friends and perfect your learning!

COME JOIN US

Voted "Best Language Institute" for learning a foreign language

More than 95% passing rate for all language tests

Distinguished and experienced teachers

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). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (8 marks)

21. The main purpose of the flyer is to _____.

- (1) list the different types of languages that one can learn
- (2) promote the various languages that the centre specialises in
- (3) inform people of the medical benefits of learning a new language
- (4) encourage people to travel to different countries to learn new languages

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22. Based on the flyer, which is not a reason why learning a new language is useful?

- (1) It increases your chances of getting a job abroad.
- (2) It allows you to better understand the different cultures.
- (3) It qualifies you to instantly get special privileges when travelling.
- (4) It enables you to make connections when you travel to a different country.

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23. Mr Azri wants to sign up to for the Italian language course and has some queries. What should he do?

- (1) Visit the main branch
- (2) Call its Bishan branch
- (3) Mail his queries to the Punggol branch
- (4) Visit the website at <http://languagelearningins.com.sg>

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24. Siti is interested to sign up for a Level 2 class after 25 July. She can only afford to pay \$650 for the course. Which of the following language classes can she choose from?

- (1) Spanish or Italian
- (2) Korean or French
- (3) Chinese or German
- (4) English or Japanese

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25. Which of the following individuals will enjoy the best discount rates on the course fees?

- (1) Mr Lee, a 30-year-old engineer who signed up on 26 July
- (2) Mdm Aisha, a 67-year-old housewife, who signed up on 17 July
- (3) Ravi, a 12-year-old primary school student, who signed up on 21 July
- (4) Cynthia, a 15-year-old international student, who signed up on 16 July

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26. The words '30% off Course Fees for all Students and Senior Citizens 'and 'Early Bird Special for all' are printed in bold to _____.

- (1) attract readers' attention to the special offer
- (2) provide readers with more information about the course fees
- (3) emphasise to readers the importance of signing up for many courses
- (4) inform readers about the special programmes that the centre is offering

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27. Language Learning Institute pairs its students up with other students who can speak the language well because it _____.

- (1) understands that students will only do well when they learn with a buddy
- (2) can help their students get more information about their buddies' countries
- (3) believes that the native speakers can help their students learn the language
- (4) wants to ensure that their students get additional notes from the other students

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28. Amanda is interested to apply for a job in France and would like to learn the language before her job interview. Which of the following will not be a reason for her to sign up with Language Learning Institute?

- (1) She will be taught by teachers who are proficient in the language.
- (2) The Institute has been awarded the best centre to learn another language.
- (3) The Institute has proven that most of its students are able to master the language.
- (4) She will get an opportunity to travel to France to put into practice what she has learnt.

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PAPER 2 BOOKLET B**

Name: _____ () Class: P6 _____

Section	Marks	
Grammar Cloze		10
Editing for Spelling and Grammar		12
Comprehension Cloze		15
Synthesis / Transformation		10
Comprehension Open Ended		20
Total		67

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. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) a	(D) before	(G) during	(K) is	(N) when
(B) about	(E) but	(H) how	(L) onto	(P) where
(C) around	(F) by	(J) however	(M) the	(Q) with

In today's world, people are spending less time in the museum as they get exposed to fast-paced online games, flashy websites and short videos. Research has shown that _____ average user on the Internet spends only fifteen seconds on a website (29) _____ moving to another website. (30)

Visitors are expected to slow down a little when they are in museums full of great artworks, _____, several studies have shown that the average time spent looking at (31) an artwork in a museum is twenty seconds. _____ this short period of time, the (32) visitors are also managing one other thing – taking photographs.

In recent years, museums _____ the world have developed strategies to (33) influence visitors' viewing behaviour. One such strategy _____ celebrating "Slow (34) Art Day". It encourages visitors to take their time to look at just one artwork. By doing so, they are able to notice details. _____ the work which they would otherwise miss (35) _____ just one quick glance. Slow Art supporters believe that with more time spent on (36)

studying the artworks, visitors would be able to have _____ better understanding of
(37)
the artists' ideas and _____ they get their inspiration from to create the work. If
(38)
people simply go around the museum like they are checking things off a list, they are not
viewing art the right way.

Adapted from <https://newsforkids.net/articles>



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

Have you ever wondered if plants can get cancer like animals? Animals unlike plants

(39)

are complex organisms. Each cell in an animal has a uneeque purpose. All parts in the

animal must function in harmony for the animal to survive. An animal cannot live without

(40)

their heart, brain or lungs.

Plants develop in a much more flexible way. As they are unable to move

(41)

(42)

independantly, they have to adapt to their enviroment. As opposed to animals with a fixed

(43)

set of cells and organs, plants evolving as the conditions change. Signals from the leaves,

(44)

stem and roots based on light, tempreture, water and nutrient conditions that the plant is

(45)

exposed to determine if the plant grows deeper roots or large leaves. Radiation and

(46)

damage to DNA in cells can still result in tumours in plants. However, these mutate cells

(47)

are restricted to one part of the plant thanks for their cell wall.

(48)

Since all plant cells have the capacity to create any new cell, such tumours are

(49)

generally not fatal. The plant can adapt around the damaged cells to continue growing.

(50)

This is why new plants can grow by what was once a stem or leaf. In short, plants can

substitute damaged cells or tissues much more easily than animals.

Adapted from <http://www.bbc.com/future/story/20190701-why-plants-survived-chernobyls-deadly-radiation>



Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

An unsolved oceanic mystery, the Bermuda Triangle is an area of the ocean in which many ships and planes have disappeared. The Bermuda Triangle cannot be found on a map as it does not have (51) _____ exact geographic location. Thus, the name, Bermuda Triangle, is given (52) _____ this area that lies in the Atlantic Ocean between the island of Bermuda, Florida and Puerto Rico. Scientists have said that the number of disappearances is not unusually high, even though some of these disappearances have been very strange.

On 5 December 1945, five US Navy Avenger bombers mysteriously vanished (53) _____ a routine training session known as Flight 19. The flight was led (54) _____ Lieutenant Charles Taylor, who kept in contact with the control tower through the radio until nothing could be (55) _____ from him. The rescue plane (56) _____ was sent to search for the survivors of Flight 19 never made it back either. Six planes and twenty-seven men vanished without a (57) _____ or so it seemed. Did the five bombers simply crash into the Atlantic Ocean or did (58) _____ more mysteriously happen? Up till now, it is still a mystery where the planes went.

Several other disappearances have happened since then. One such incident was when three passenger planes which had radioed that "All's well", meaning things (59) _____ fine, vanished. Another was a cargo ship called "The Mary Celeste". It was carrying goods from New York to Italy. However, it was found adrift and deserted. When the abandoned ship was sighted, the personal belongings of the

captain and his (60) _____ were intact. What was baffling was that they were (61) _____ to be four of.

(62) _____ are there so many mysterious disappearances? Over the past centuries, some people have put the (63) _____ on aliens while others think that (64) _____ can be attributed to sea monsters, pirates or a physical force. There is no single theory that can (65) _____ all these incidents of the mysterious disappearances. The ships and planes could have been victims of different circumstances. The Bermuda Triangle is indeed a mystery to many people.

Adapted from <http://www.kidzworld.com> & <http://www.coolkidsfacts.com> - article/bermuda-triangle



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). (10 marks)

66. Jenny is going for the learning journey to the Science Centre. Her classmates are also going for the learning journey.

_____ as well as _____

67. "Will you be going to the ceremony tonight?" Ahmad asked his sister.

Ahmad asked _____

68. Mr Heng's missing briefcase was found. Mr Heng was very relieved.

Much to _____

69. The security guard appeared at the meeting and caught us by surprise.

The sudden _____

70. Raja enjoys reading a book at home. However, he is more interested in taking a stroll in the park.

_____ would rather _____

Read this passage and answer questions 71 – 80.

My greatest ambition was to be a comics artist. My classmates often walked past me, glanced over my shoulders and asked, "Can you make a living out of it?"	
I was the only person in my class who wanted to be a comics artist. The rest, wanted to be astronomers, business tycoons, mathematicians or doctors. They had their heads in the clouds.	5
It was not until Friday night when I completed my first full-length, original six-page comic strip. I did not have any idea what to do with it though. Just doing it made me happy. However, I still read and checked through it sixty times over the weekend before finally pronouncing it 'Not too bad'.	
That would have been the end of it, except I happened to mention to Michael Lazarus, the only classmate who was interested in my ambition that I had drawn a comic strip. He told me that there was a magazine, <i>Boy Magazine</i>, in Sydney I could send it to. So, when I got home, I rolled my comics up in brown paper, addressed it and put it in my schoolbag where I would not forget to mail it. Lazarus had embedded the idea in my mind.	10
I hardly slept all night. What kept me awake was the magazine I was sending my comic to, <i>Boy Magazine</i>. I had never liked it because it had the sneaky policy of printing stories, with only one illustration at the top of the page to trick readers into buying the magazine. Did I want my comics to appear in a magazine which printed mainly stories? An awful prospect!	15
At 2 a.m., I decided no and at 3 a.m., it was a yes. At 4 a.m., it was no again but just before falling asleep, I saw Lazarus' face and he said, 'Publish it!' That decided it.	20
My father was quite the scoffer and would walk past my room every evening and look in to say, "Morris? They sent you the money yet?" When the letter did arrive from <i>Boy Magazine</i>, did he change his tune? Not one bit. "I don't see a cheque," he said. "Show me the letter."	25
It read, "We are very interested in your comic strip and would like you to call Miss Gordon to make an appointment to see the editor."	
"An appointment? If they wanted it, there'd be a cheque," he mocked.	

I called Miss Gordon from a public phone and not from home. I did not want my father around for obvious reasons. "And what day and time will be most convenient for you, Mr. Lurie?" she asked. "Oh, any day at all!" I shouted. "Next Thursday at 10 a.m.?" she asked. "Perfect! I'll be there!" I yelled and hung up with a crash. It had not occurred to me to tell her that I had to take a day off from school to see the editor. I would have to find an excuse to be away for a day from school. I also had to find out how to get to <i>Boy's Magazine</i> by train alone and it was a big worry for my mother unlike my father's concern about receiving the cheque. I had yet another problem. What to wear? My school uniform was out of the question because it just was not right for a business appointment. My only suit was a year old and too short. My father offered to lend me his suit but he was shorter than me and twice my weight. So, I decided to wear my suit after all. Now, as the day of my appointment drew closer, a great question had to be answered. For my father had been right. If all they wanted to do was to buy my comic strip, they would have sent a cheque. So, there must be something else. A full-time job as a comics artist at <i>Boy Magazine</i>! It had to be that! <i>Adapted from My Greatest Ambition by Morris Lurie</i>	30 35 40 45
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71. Pick out a five-word phrase from the second paragraph that tells us that the narrator did not think very highly of his classmates. (1m)

72. Based on lines 1-16, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. (3m)

Statement	True/False	Reason
Everyone was against the narrator about his desire to become a comics artist.		
The narrator's aim of completing his first full-length comic strip was for his own pleasure.		
The narrator was thorough in checking his comic strip.		

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

- _____ The narrator made an appointment to meet with the editor.
- _____ The narrator was convinced by Michael Lazarus to publish his comic strip.
- _____ The narrator made up his mind to mail off his comic strip.

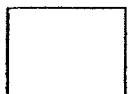


74. Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write the answers in the column on the right. (3m)

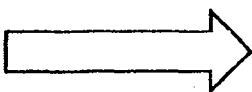
Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer(s) to
the idea (line 14)	
it (line 29)	
her (line 36)	

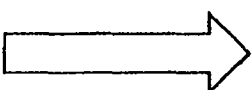
75. Why did the narrator dislike the magazine recommended by Michael Lazarus? (2m)

76. What do you think the narrator meant by saying "...did he change his tune? Not one bit." (line 25)? (2m)



77. After the narrator got off the telephone with Miss Gordon, what were his parents' concerns? (2m)

Father  _____

Mother  _____

78. What were the two problems that the narrator realised he had to deal with after he had set up the appointment with the editor? (2m)

79. Which two of the following words best describe how the narrator felt about his appointment with the editor from lines 35-47? (2m)
DO NOT TICK MORE THAN TWO BOXES.

angry ☐

impatient ☐

discouraged ☐

puzzled ☐

excited ☐

relieved ☐



80. Did the narrator believe that he was being offered a job? Support your answer with evidence from the passage. (2m)

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Booklet A

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

Booklet B

Q 29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
M	D	J	G	C	K	B	Q	A	P
Q39)	unique	Q43)	evolve	Q47)	to				
Q40)	its	Q44)	temperature	Q48)	capacity				
Q41)	independently	Q45)	larger	Q49)	fatal				
Q42)	environment	Q46)	mutated	Q50)	from				

Q51)	an	Q56)	which	Q61)	nowhere
Q52)	to	Q57)	due/ reason	Q62)	Why
Q53)	during	Q58)	something	Q63)	blame
Q54)	by	Q59)	were	Q64)	it
Q55)	heard	Q60)	crew	Q65)	explain
Q66)	Jenny as well as her classmates is going for the learning journey to the Science Centre.				
Q67)	Ahmad asked his sister if she would be going to the ceremony that night.				

Q68)	Much to Mr Heng's relief, his missing briefcase was found.
Q69)	The sudden appearance of the security guard at the meeting caught us by surprise.
Q70)	Raja would rather take a stroll in the park than read a book at home.
Q71)	their heads in the clouds
Q72)	False --- Everyone except Michael Lazarus were against the narrator about his desire to become a comics artist. True --- When the narrator completed his first full-length comic strip, he did not know what to do with it and just was happy with it. True --- The narrator read and checked through the comic strip sixty times over the weekend.
Q73)	3 , 1 , 2
Q74)	the idea (line 14) – the narrator sending his comic strip to 'Boy Magazine' in Sydney. It (line 29) --- the comic strip that the writer had made. her (line 36) --- Miss Gordon
Q75)	The narrator disliked the magazine recommended by Michael Lazarus because it had the sneaky policy of printing stories, with only one illustration at the top of the page to trick readers into buying the magazine. The narrator did not want his comics to appear in a magazine which printed mainly stories.
Q76)	His father did not change his attitude opinion view as he continued to ask about the cheque.
Q77)	Father→receiving the cheque from Boys Magazine. Mother→the narrator getting to Boys Magazine by train, alone.
Q78)	The narrator had to find an excuse to be away for day from school. He also had to find out what to wear for the appointment.
Q79)	excited / puzzled
Q80)	Yes. If Boys Magazine wanted to buy the narrator's comic, they would have sent him a cheque. However they did not and instead asked for

	an appointment with the narrator , so the narrator believed that he was being offered a job.
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