



2018 PRIMARY 6 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

Name: _____ ()

Date: 30 July 2018

Class: Primary 6 ()

Time: 10.30 a.m. – 12.20 p.m.

Duration: 1 hour 50 minutes

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2 (BOOKLET A)

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

1. Write your name, class and register number.
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 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) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (10 marks)

1. The players displayed strong sportsmanship _____ they were losing the game.

- (1) until
- (2) despite
- (3) although
- (4) regardless of

2. "You will not be able to concentrate if you are deprived _____ sleep," Mrs Lim told Nurul.

- (1) -of
- (2) on
- (3) for
- (4) with

3. _____ of the participants enjoys the writing camp, which is boring and poorly organised.

- (1) All
- (2) Most
- (3) None
- (4) Some

4. Ali submits late work very often, _____ ?

- (1) is it
- (2) isn't it
- (3) does he
- (4) doesn't he

5. "If Siti _____ me that she was ill, I would not have scolded her," Mr Ahmad retorted.

- (1) told
- (2) tells
- (3) has told
- (4) had told

6. The corn soup that the orphans love _____ sent to the children's home this morning.

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

7. There were many important guests at the event, some of _____ were principals and ministers.

- (1) who
- (2) which
- (3) whom
- (4) whose

8. "I have just had my lunch but the wide array of delectable dishes _____ my mouth water!" Weiming said to his mother.

- (1) make
- (2) made
- (3) is making
- (4) has made

9. "I'm sorry that your daughter _____ such a bad fall," the teacher told the parent.

- (1) has
- (2) had
- (3) have
- (4) having

10. Bernard decided to write down the list of things to do lest he _____.

- (1) forget
- (2) forgot
- (3) forgets
- (4) had forgotten

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) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

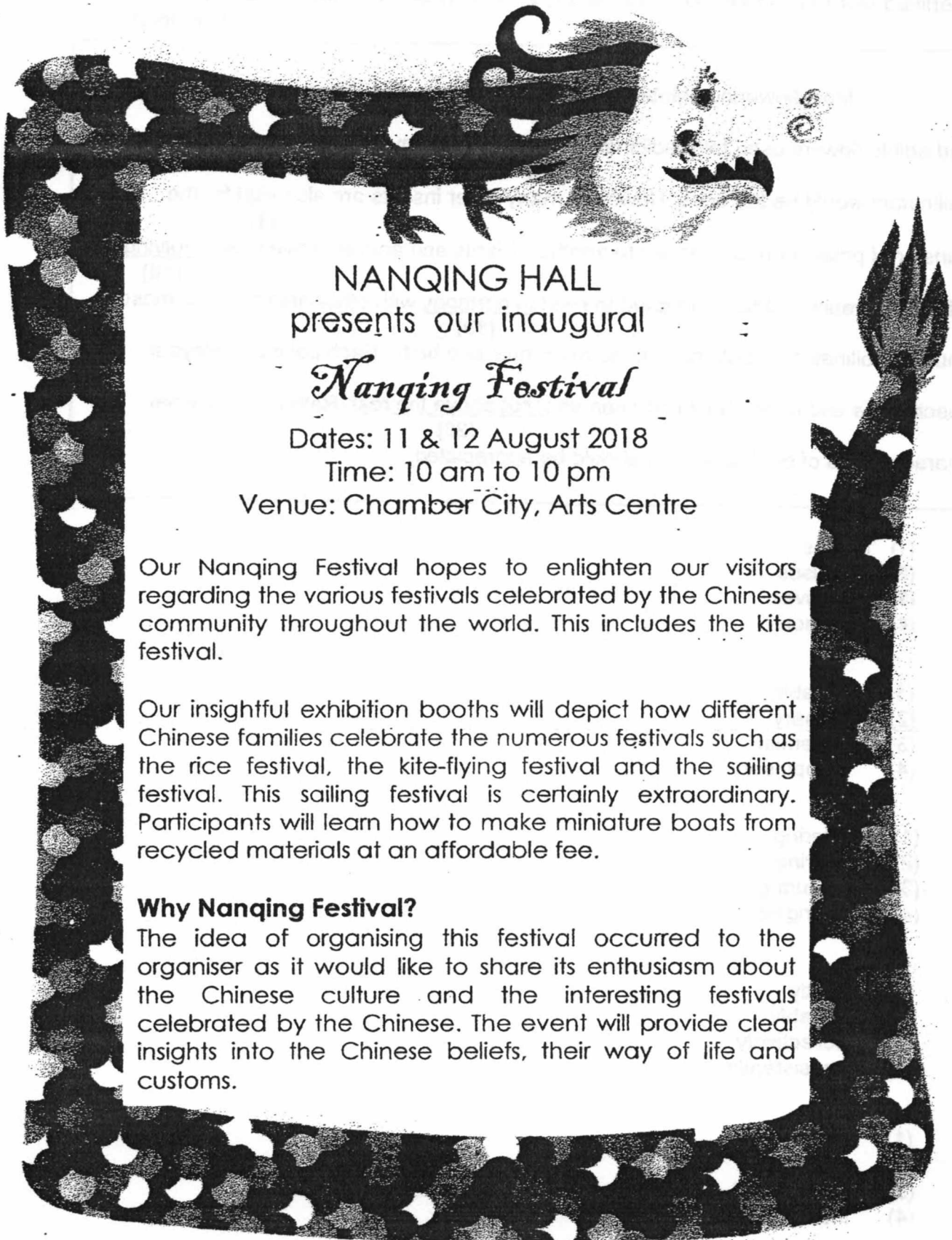
11. The greedy boy could not resist the _____ to bite into the large piece of cake.
- (1) drive
 - (2) instinct
 - (3) chance
 - (4) temptation
12. After the tsunami, the villagers felt tired as a result of _____ rebuilding their homes to start anew.
- (1) warily
 - (2) vigilantly
 - (3) confidently
 - (4) painstakingly
13. Many people told Evelyn that she would not succeed in conquering the mountain, but with her _____ efforts, she finally did.
- (1) steady
 - (2) endless
 - (3) persistent
 - (4) prolonged
14. The two students _____ with each other when they could not see eye to eye while they were working on the project.
- (1) fell in
 - (2) fell off
 - (3) fell out
 - (4) fell through
15. Being _____ towards the environment, the students threw their litter around haphazardly.
- (1) unkind
 - (2) uncaring
 - (3) insensitive
 - (4) inconsiderate

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)

Most flowering plants are pollinated by animals. These include wild flowers and edible flowers used for medicinal purposes. For many of these plants, the main pollinators would be the bees. However, many other insects are also vital for the transfer of pollen from one flower to another. Plants and animals have been evolving for millions of years and have adapted to exist in harmony with other animals. The most unusual pollinators would have to be mammals and birds. Each pollinator plays a specific role and none should be seen as a cut above the rest. Rather, the special characteristics of each pollinator should be appreciated.

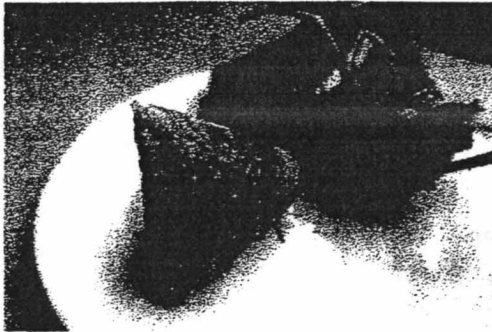
16. (1) aims
(2) causes
(3) motives
(4) reasons
17. (1) suitable
(2) primary
(3) essential
(4) compulsory
18. (1) altering
(2) varying
(3) nurturing
(4) changing
19. (1) jointly
(2) suitably
(3) collectively
(4) consistently
20. (1) mighty
(2) invaluable
(3) exceptional
(4) indispensable

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



EXCITING HIGHLIGHTS!

The activities are free unless otherwise stated.



Booth 1: Make Your Own Dumplings

Learn to make glutinous rice dumplings the traditional way. Stuff, wrap and tie your own dumplings and enjoy them.

Date: 11 & 12 August

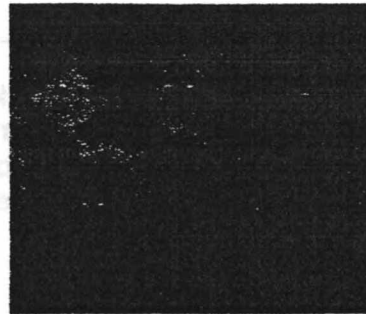
Time: 11.00 am – 6.00 pm

Booth 2: Kite-Making *

Let your imagination soar! Design your very own paper kite from recycled materials, decorated with pictures of dumplings and dragons. Your masterpieces will be on display at Chamber City Hall.

Date: 11 August

Time: 1.00 pm – 4.00 pm



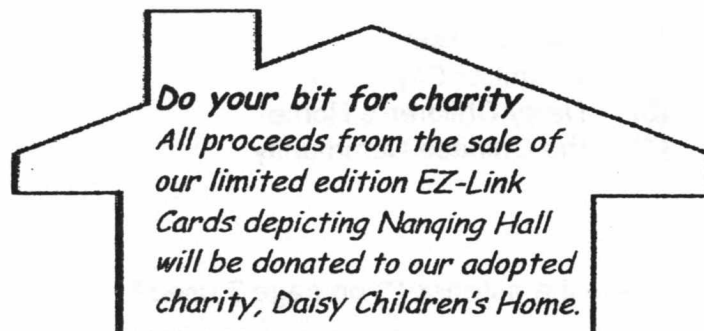
Booth 3: Nanqing Heritage & Food Trail

Learn about the traditions and culture of Nanqing. Embark on this trail to explore special sites in the neighbourhood and sample delicious authentic delights.

Date: 11 August

Time: 10.30 am – 12.00 pm

Registration Fee: \$5.00



*For children between 8 and 12 years old.

Please note that parking is not allowed on the grounds of Nanqing Hall. Visitors are encouraged to take the shuttle bus service from Nanqing MRT Station.

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. (8 marks)

21. Look at the words which are written entirely in capital letters on the poster. Why are these words written in this manner?

- (1) to raise awareness of the festival
- (2) to attract more people to visit the festival
- (3) to make the words stand out on the poster
- (4) to arouse the readers' curiosity about the poster

22. The **main** aim of the festival is to _____.

- (1) let all visitors have a fun-filled day
- (2) raise funds for Daisy Children's Home
- (3) attract the young and old to Nanqing Hall
- (4) enable visitors to have a better understanding of the Chinese culture

23. Look at the section "Why Nanqing Festival?" Which of the following words best describes how the organiser felt about organising the festival?

- (1) proud
- (2) zealous
- (3) dignified
- (4) honoured

24. The whole event is organised by _____.

- (1) Nanqing Hall
- (2) Chamber City
- (3) Daisy Children's Home
- (4) the Chinese Community

25. How is the asterisk (*) on page 7 used?

- (1) to emphasise the importance of being creative
- (2) to link a certain piece of information to an activity
- (3) to draw the readers' attention to a hands-on activity
- (4) to inform participants that their kites will be on display

26. Which of the following statements is true?

- (1) This event has been organised before.
- (2) Charges may apply for selected activities.
- (3) The kite festival is celebrated by every community.
- (4) All activities are held within the grounds of Nanqing Hall.

27. There is more to see than the three booths mentioned on page 7.
The words "_____" tell us so.

- (1) Arts Centre
- (2) Nanqing Festival
- (3) Early Bird Special
- (4) Exciting Highlights

28. Sam loves to cook and likes to find out about the history of places.
Which two activities would you recommend to him?

- (1) Kite Making and Make Your Own Dumplings
- (2) Make Your Own Dumplings and Boat Making
- (3) Nanqing Heritage & Food Trail and Kite Making
- (4) Make Your Own Dumplings and Nanqing Heritage & Food Trail

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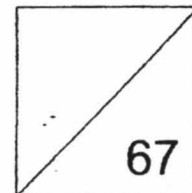
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ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2 (BOOKLET B)



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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) are	(G) for	(K) should	(N) this
(B) about	(E) as	(H) in	(L) so	(P) were
(C) and	(F) because	(J) is	(M) the	(Q) would

Have you heard of the Mariana Trench? _____ you be surprised to find
(29)
that it is a large gap on the seabed and the deepest part of the world's oceans? This
trench is located _____ the Pacific Ocean, an average of 200 km to the east of
(30)
the Mariana Islands. The trench is a crescent-shaped scar embedded in the Earth's crust.
It measures about 2 550 km long _____ 69 km wide on average. Scientists have
(31)
discovered that it reaches _____ depth of nearly 11 km at a small section known
(32)
_____ the Challenger Deep. For comparison, if Mount Everest _____
(33) _____ (34)
dropped into the gap, its peak would still be over 1.6 km underwater.

At the bottom of the gap, the water pressure is so intense that it is more than
1 000 times the usual pressure. At _____ pressure, the density of water
(35)
increases. In addition, there _____ many more interesting details which
(36)
scientists have found out _____ this Mariana Trench. One such detail is the fact
(37)
that the gap is not part of the seafloor closest to the centre of the Earth. This is
_____ the Earth is not a perfect sphere. Still, the Mariana Trench is a source of
(38)
marvel for many.

Adapted from https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mariana_Trench

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

Black cat, Friday the 13th and rabbit's feet. What do these things have in

(39)

common? Are these some ingridents for disasters and bad luck? If that is what you

(40)

have in mind, you are superstitious. There are many theorys to explain why Friday the

(41)

(42)

13th has becoming synonymous with bad luck, yet, no one were completely certain of

(43)

the real reason. Coincidentally, a study do in the United Kingdom last year revealed

(44)

that despite fewer people choose to travel on Friday the 13th, there were

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signfecantly more hospital admissions due to accidents than there were on 'normal'

(46)

(47)

Fridays! Connversly, some superstitions are supposed to bring good luck or happinness.

(48)

According to many folktales, only the left foot of the rabbit are considered lucky,

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and the bearer had to rub it to activade the luck. Coupled with that, some people

(50)

back then beliefed that the rabbit's foot was also a good source of protective magic.

So, now that you know the history, do not scoff at those lucky rabbit feet!

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Singapore's Raffles Hotel will offer a host of new facilities and memorable dining experiences when it completes its ongoing renovation works. Thus, it comes as _____ surprise that the hotel will close its doors for a few months to facilitate the
(51) extensive works. The highly anticipated works are the most extensive _____ 1989.

Once completed, the premises will be equipped _____ new amenities such as a
(52) heated swimming pool, new wedding venues and a gazebo (a small building with open sides in a garden). _____ of the major changes was announced at a press conference
(53)

yesterday. Raffles Hotel will have more new suites. This will raise the hotel's current suite count
(54) _____ 103 to 115. These suites consist of not only one-bedroom suites but
(55) _____ two bedroom suites.

_____ These renovations are designed to keep the hotel _____ to date while
(56) providing a higher level of service. At the same time, careful consideration has been undertaken
(57) to _____ that the hotel retains the famous ambience and what is unique
(58)

_____ Raffles Hotel. Another part of the Raffles Hotel, the Jubilee Hall, will
(59) _____ converted into a 300-guest ballroom in two wonderful _____ of cream
(60) and gold. Adorned with chandeliers and an air-conditioned foyer, it will be given a new
(61) _____ – the Jubilee Ballroom.
(62)

As part of the renovations, the walls on the exterior of the building will undergo rigorous works too. The thick _____ of paint on the exterior of the building has been carefully
(63) scraped off _____ hand to prevent any damage to its facade. By doing so, the hotel
(64) will be as _____ as new after the massive overhaul. Additional updates will be
(65) released periodically as the hotel's restoration works continue.

Adapted from The Straits Times

For each of the questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the words(s) provided. Your answers 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. Tim is being praised by his
~~Tim's friends are praising him~~ for helping the old man.

Tim is _____

67. her was her with excitement that
~~"My father is going to give me a poodle!" John's sister exclaimed excitedly.~~

John's sister exclaimed with _____

68. due to her disappointment
Sally did not buy the piano. ~~She was disappointed with the poor service.~~

_____ due to her

69. Bala broke the vase accidentally. Bala apologised to his mother profusely.

Having _____

70. Your leg was obstructing the aisle I would not have and fall.

Had it not been for your _____

Read this passage and answer Questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

Before the break of dawn, Simon was already standing on the shore watching the sea intensely for any signs of an impending storm. Despite learning from the weather forecast the likelihood of a violent one, it did little to change his mind about embarking on his weekly fishing trip. On lucky days, he would catch enough fish to sell and feed his family for at least a month. Checking for the third time that he had brought with him what he needed, including enough food and water, Simon got onto his boat and sailed into the vast blue sea. Before long, he was anchoring his vessel in the middle of the sea. Satisfied with the spot he cast his net with dexterity, hoping for a good catch. 5

Simon then relaxed on the deck and got ready to eat his first meal of the day. He smiled and watched the sun rising slowly above the horizon. "One can never trust the weather station," he muttered, but he had said it too soon. At that precise moment, there was a sudden streak of lightning, followed by a deafening roar of thunder. As if a wicked wizard had just waved his magic wand, the entire sky was suddenly filled with ominous dark clouds. Then, the heavens opened. Wave after wave rolled up, flooding his boat and sending it rocking violently sideways like an amusement park ride. A sense of foreboding engulfed him but when images of his family flashed across his mind, he knew what he had to do. In double-quick time, he cut off the fishing lines after bailing out as much water as he could out of the boat. When the situation did not improve, he dumped his fishing equipment into the sea. Watching his prized possession sink into the deep water, Simon felt a stabbing pain in his heart. It had taken him half a year to scrimp and save enough money to buy the second-hand gear but given the dire straits that he was in, Simon knew he had no other choice. Eventually, the storm subsided and the waves died down. 10 15 20

Simon looked around him glumly. He seemed to have lost his bearings. To make matters worse, the engine spluttered and died. Cursing under his breath, he yanked on the engine cord. Nothing happened. He yanked again and again until it snapped. In desperation, the poor fisherman scanned the sea but there was nothing, not even the police coast guards. Being many kilometres offshore, the only likely rescue was to be spotted by a boat. That would be difficult. Who would be out at sea in such inclement weather except him? That made Simon regret his earlier stubbornness. 25

Exhausted, Simon huddled in a corner of the boat and soon drifted off to sleep. When he awoke, the sun had already risen. How long had he slept? Had he been away from home for more than a day? Simon had lost track of time. He had drunk the last drop of water and eaten the last morsel of his food, but it did not matter that he was thirsty and famished. He missed his family dearly. The piercing cries of the seagulls which filled the clear blue sky jolted him out of his reverie. Sighing, he stood on the deck, staring out hopefully. Then, he spotted it. He dived overboard and swam towards the island a few metres ahead of him. By the time Simon reached land, he was too weak to stand on his wobbly legs. Fortunately, a kind-hearted man who lived on the island helped him up and contacted his family. Though Simon emerged from the ordeal unscathed, the fateful day remained etched in his mind. Once heedless of the dangers of Mother Nature, he now learnt to be more mindful of his decision. This was his way of making sure he would not relive his nightmare. 30 35 40

Adapted from: The Reader's Digest

71. Which three-word phrase tells you that Simon regularly went out to the sea to fish? [1m]

72. What was the **main** reason for Simon going out to the sea despite the weather report? [1m]

73. What did Simon do to make sure that he was well-prepared for his fishing trip? [1m]

74. 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 to
spot (line 7)	
it (line 11)	
that (line 27)	

75. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the story. [1m]

_____ Simon looked around for the police coast guards.

_____ Simon cut off the fishing lines.

_____ Simon bailed water out of his boat.

76. Give two reasons why the fishing equipment was precious to Simon. [2m]

(1) _____

(2) _____

77. Based on the information from lines 23 - 41, fill in the blanks in the following table. [4m]

How Simon felt	What made Simon feel that way	What Simon did as a result
frustrated	the boat engine spluttered and died	
	being stranded in the sea	scanned the sea to look for any police coast guards
		swam towards the island

78. What was Simon's earlier stubbornness (line 29)? [2m]

79. 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
Simon was a skilful fisherman.		
The cries of the seagulls woke Simon up.		
Simon was preoccupied with not having any food and water.		

80. The incident had changed Simon's attitude towards fishing out in the sea. Explain fully the difference in his attitude before and after the incident. [2m]

EXAM PAPER 2018 (P6)

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Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
3	1	3	4	4	3	2	3	2	3
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
4	4	3	3	4	4	3	4	1	3
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28		
3	4	2	1	2	2	2	4		

Booklet B

Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
Q	H	C	A	E	P	N	D	B	F

Q39	ingredients	Q48	was	Q57	up
Q40	theories	Q49	activate	Q58	ensure
Q41	became	Q50	believed	Q59	to
Q42	is	Q51	no	Q60	be
Q43	done	Q52	since	Q61	shades
Q44	choosing	Q53	with	Q62	name
Q45	significantly	Q54	One	Q63	layer
Q46	conversely	Q55	from	Q64	by
Q47	happiness	Q56	also	Q65	good

- Q66 Tim is being praised by his friends for helping the old man.
- Q67 John's sister exclaimed with excitement that her father was going to give her a poodle
- Q68 Sally did not buy the piano due to her disappointment with the poor service.
- Q69 Having broken the vase accidentally, Bala apologised to his mother profusely.
- Q70 Had it not been for your leg obstructing the aisle, I would not have tripped and fallen.
- Q71 The phrase is 'weekly fishing trip '.
- Q72 Simon wanted to catch enough fish to sell and feed his family.
- Q73 Simon checked three times to make sure he had brought with him what he needed, including enough food and water.
- Q74 spot: The place he was going to fish at.
It: one can never trust the weather station
that: being spotted by a boat

Q75 $3 > 2 > 1$

Q76

- 1: It took him half a year to scrimp and save enough money to buy the second-hand gear.
- 2: He used this prized gear to fish to provide for his family.

Q77

Frustrated	The boat engine spluttered and died	Yanked om the engine cord
Desperate	Being stranded in the sea	Scanned the sea to look for any police coast guards
Hopeless	The possibility of being saved	Swam towards the island

Q78 It was going to the sea despite learning from the weather forecast the likelihood of a violent storm.

Q79

	True / False	Reason
Simon was a skillful fisherman	True	He cast his net with dexterity
The cries of the seagulls woke Simon up.	False	Simon awoke on his own.
Simon was preoccupied with not having any food and water.	False	Simon missed his family.

Q80 Before the incident, Simon would ignore the weather forecasts and go out to the sea. After the incident, he never took the risk to go out to sea if he knew of an impending storm.

