



**CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
MID-YEAR EXAMINATION 2014
PRIMARY FIVE
ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)
BOOKLET A**

Name: _____ (

Class: Primary Five _____

19 May 2014

28 Questions
(28 Marks)

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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

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Answer all questions.

This booklet consists of 10 printed pages excluding the cover page.

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. John saw Ali _____ the pages from the library book.

- (1) tear
- (2) tore
- (3) tears
- (4) is tearing

2. The director called _____ the meeting as his flight had been delayed

- (1) on
- (2) up
- (3) off
- (4) back

3. "Doesn't Dave _____ any manners? Why is he acting like a spoilt brat?" asked Mr Tan.

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

4. _____ the rabbit was running very fast, the boy managed to catch it.

- (1) Despite
- (2) Owing to
- (3) Although
- (4) In spite of

5. One of the boys _____ injured during the game last week. He has not recovered yet.

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

6. Neither my parents nor I _____ going to attend the party next week.
- (1) is
 - (2) am
 - (3) are
 - (4) was
7. Ken _____ an Air Force pilot if his mother had not objected to him pursuing his dream.
- (1) will become
 - (2) would become
 - (3) will have become
 - (4) would have become
8. John hardly ever went overseas when he was in primary school, _____ he?
- (1) did
 - (2) does
 - (3) don't
 - (4) didn't
9. The woman _____ you met at the supermarket is my mother.
- (1) who
 - (2) which
 - (3) whom
 - (4) whose
10. Miss Foong has been working in the DDS Bank _____ 2008.
- (1) of
 - (2) for
 - (3) since
 - (4) when

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. When the patient in the hospital turned violent, it took four male nurses to _____ him so that he would not harm others.
- (1) retain
 - (2) rectify
 - (3) restrict
 - (4) restrain
12. In Robotics Club, you learn how to make an _____ object obey your voice commands and move accordingly.
- (1) inset
 - (2) inborn
 - (3) induced
 - (4) inanimate
13. The python _____ across the room and hid under the cabinet.
- (1) ambled
 - (2) crawled
 - (3) scurried
 - (4) slithered
14. The pictures are _____ to this article. They really help the readers to visualise and have a better understanding of the content.
- (1) commentary
 - (2) contradictory
 - (3) complimentary
 - (4) complementary
15. John _____ through the open window into the garden in search of his sister while playing hide-and-seek.
- (1) peered
 - (2) beamed
 - (3) squinted
 - (4) glowered

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

Squirty was already up and about when I reached her den. I had been hoping to quietly film her (16) looking after any cubs she might have had this year. Instead, she greeted me with a soft “mmm, mmm, mmm” appeasement call. I took off my backpack, which contained a (17) rather large quantity of camera devices, and brought out the grapes I was carrying as a treat for her.

However, Squirty was not impressed. I have known this black, female bear for 17 years – I first met her when she was seven weeks old – and she sees me as a member of the clan. Yet I am not (18) free from her wrath. Bears lay down rules when they form alliances and social contracts, and punish those who break them. In Squirty’s eyes, I had done just that.

She must have believed that there was something more exciting to eat in my backpack, and made a move for it. I was leaning against a tree on a steep incline, so Squirty had the advantage. She grabbed the straps of the backpack and pulled. I held on and shook the backpack, hoping to (19) retrieve my photographic equipment – it was worth \$4,000. One of the cameras fell to the ground. Then Squirty started making aggressive “huh, huh, huh” sounds and I knew I had to (20) give up. I did not want to aggravate her further.

Adapted from: *Tales from the Bush*, BBC Wildlife, Dec 2013

16. (1) curing
(2) nursing
(3) treating
(4) fostering

17. (1) compact
(2) bountiful
(3) considerable
(4) astronomical

18. (1) spared
(2) liberated
(3) released
(4) disengaged

19. (1) recall
(2) recover
(3) replenish
(4) repossess

20. (1) yield
(2) resign
(3) abandon
(4) renounce

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Study the following flyer and then answer questions 21 to 28.



PROJECT BUILD & BLESS

Have you made a difference?

Many homes in the Philippines were destroyed by the recent typhoon and earthquake. Volunteer to help the people rebuild their homes.



PROJECT BUILD & BLESS

1 to 21 June 2014

Bohol Island, Philippines

\$500 per participant



To find out more about our project and how you can contribute, attend our roadshow held from 1 to 14 March, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily, at Marshall Hall, Moontec Convention Centre,

A free pre-trip health-screening test will be available at the roadshow for anyone who signs up on the spot.

Alternatively, sign up online at www.bnb.sg and go for a free pre-trip health-screening test at selected clinics.

Organised by:



Reach Out
Community Services



AP Health Organisation

The following reflection was written by Anna Goh,
a Project Build & Bless participant in 2013.



Last June, I gave in to the nudging of friends and participated in Project Build & Bless. My friends have been involved in such projects for years.

I knew that they were meaningful, but I was unwilling to give up the comforts of my home for people I did not know. I was willing to donate some money like I always did but had no desire to be physically involved. I asked myself: what difference would it make? Even if I was not there helping, someone else would be.

However, life often does not turn out as planned. I lost my job of eight years and was depressed. I could not seem to find a new job and was constantly whining about how unfair life was, and how much I had to suffer. When my friends encouraged me to join them for the project again, I finally agreed. I did so, as I could not help myself and simply wanted to be of service to others.

The month that followed that decision will always be vivid in my mind. The smiles on the faces of the children we were teaching, the genuine happiness and generosity of the people whom we had labelled poor and needy, the lessons in life that we never thought we would pick up from those "less fortunate" than us...

In truth, the people whom I thought we were showing kindness and bringing blessings to helped me appreciate life and see things in a different light. The experience was one of the best things that had ever happened to me.

"You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you."

~ John Bunyan



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. Based on the flyer, which one of the following is not true about Project Build & Bless?

- (1) Volunteers will receive a free health check.
- (2) The project will take place in the month of June.
- (3) The project will require volunteers to build schools.
- (4) Volunteers will have to pay to participate in the project.

22. To find out more about the project, interested parties can _____.

- (1) visit the website www.bnb.sg
- (2) attend a roadshow held in March
- (3) visit Bohol Island in the Philippines
- (4) contact Reach Out Community Services

23. The word "they" in the second paragraph of Anna's reflection refers to _____.

- (1) Anna's friends
- (2) the comforts of Anna's home
- (3) the victims in the Philippines
- (4) projects like Project Build & Bless

24. Which one of the following can be said about Anna?
She had _____.

- (1) some compassionate friends
- (2) just started working in a new job
- (3) never donated to a charitable organisation
- (4) taken part in projects like Project Build & Bless before 2013

25. What eventually prompted Anna to sign up for Project Build & Bless?
She _____.

- (1) had time to spare
- (2) had heard about how meaningful the project was
- (3) wanted to learn some lessons in life from the less fortunate
- (4) wanted to help the victims of the Philippines' natural disaster

26. Which one of the following statements describes Anna's opinion after she had participated in Project Build & Bless?

She _____.

- (1) could make a difference by donating more money
- (2) could learn more about life from the poor and needy
- (3) would need to be fit and strong to make a difference
- (4) would have to bear with uncomfortable living conditions

27. The most likely reason that Anna's reflection was included in the flyer is to _____.

- (1) attract volunteers by sharing a participant's positive experience
- (2) let people know more about the project by sharing the victims' tragic stories
- (3) show appreciation for Anna's kindness by sharing about the difference she had made
- (4) change what people thought of the poor and needy by sharing about how happy and generous they were

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

- (1) educate people about rebuilding their homes
- (2) encourage people to get involved in voluntary work
- (3) inform volunteers of the need to go for health screening
- (4) tell volunteers that they have made a difference in the lives of others



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BOOKLET B

Name: _____ ()

Class: Primary Five _____

19 May 2014

52 Questions
(67 Marks)

Components	Marks
Booklet A	28
Booklet B	67
TOTAL	95

Parent's
Signature: _____

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

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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 in order to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) a	(D) but	(G) its	(K) of	(N) there
(B) as	(E) however	(H) like	(L) the	(P) where
(C) because	(F) instead	(J) more	(M) their	(Q) with

The average life expectancy of an ant is 45-60 days. Ants use (29) _____ antennae not only for touch (30) _____ also for their sense of smell. The ant has a pair of large, strong jaws. The jaws open and shut sideways (31) _____ a pair of scissors. Adult ants cannot chew and swallow solid food, so they swallow the juice which they squeeze from pieces of food (32) _____. They discard the dry part that is left over. The ant has two compound eyes, each made up (33) _____ many smaller eyes.

The abdomen of an ant contains two stomachs. One stomach holds the food for itself while the second stomach is for food to be shared (34) _____ other ants. Like all insects, the outside of the ant's body is covered with a hard armour which is called (35) _____ exoskeleton. Ants have four distinct growing stages: the egg, larva, pupa and adult. Biologists classify ants (36) _____ a special group of wasps. (37) _____ are over 10000 known species of ants. Each ant colony has one or (38) _____ queens. Queen ants are reproductive female ants in an ant colony and have one of the longest life-spans of any known insect – up to 30 years!

Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box. (12 marks)

Have you ever wondered just how much work goes into the copy of the
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newspaper that arrives at your doorstep every morning? Indeed the speed in which
yesterday's news, and even news received via the internet in the wee hours of the
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morning, become's print is simply **amasing!** The editor of a newspaper makes sure that
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the paper js ready to be **publeashed** by looking over the draft before it is sent for
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printing. He also pens his **opeenien** in the editorial on certain issues. However, before
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he gets the final draft, it is the sub-editor who correct the language mistakes made. Why
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then, you might asked, are there still errors and misprints? Often, the time taken to
correct the write-ups from the journalists or the e-mailed reports from the overseas
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politikle correspondents is so short that these cannot be avoided. After the draft has
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been editing, it will be sent for printing. Once the newspapers are ready, the main
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distributors will deliver it to the newsagents or newspaper vendors and they will in turn
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make sure that their **supseribars** get them in time for their early morning reading. Now
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you know how tough it was to get that copy of newspaper to you on time. Let us all be
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payshent when that newspaper arrives a little late at our doorstep.

Fill in the blanks with the most suitable answer. (15 marks)

While the earliest known historical records of Singapore are shrouded in the mists of time, a third-century account describes it as *Temasek* or Sea Town where the first settlements were established between AD1298 (51) _____ 1299.

During the 14th century, this small island earned a new name. (52) _____ to a legend, Sang Nila Utama, a prince from Palembang, was out on a hunting trip when he (53) _____ sight of an animal he had never seen before. Taking it to be a good sign, he named the island where the (54) _____ had been spotted *Singapura*, also known as Lion City. The small (55) _____ was ruled by the five ancient kings.

Strategically (56) _____ at the tip of the Malay Peninsula, the natural meeting point of sea routes, the island (57) _____ as a flourishing trading post for a wide variety of sea vessels including Chinese junks, Indian vessels and Portuguese battleships.

The next important period in the history of (58) _____ was during the 19th century when modern Singapore was founded. At this time, Singapore was already an (59) _____ and coming trading post along the Malacca Straits. It was at that time when Great Britain started to see the need (60) _____ a port of call in the region. In particular, British traders needed a (61) _____ location as a base for the merchant fleet of their growing empire.

Sir Stamford Raffles landed in Singapore (62) _____ 29 January 1819 after surveying the neighbouring islands. Recognising the great potential of the island, he signed a treaty with the local rulers and established Singapore as a (63) _____ station. Soon, the island's policy of free trade attracted traders and merchants from all over the globe.

(64) _____ 1832, Singapore became the centre of government for the Straits Settlements. With the opening of the Suez Canal in 1869 and the introduction of the steamship, Singapore's importance as a centre of the expanding trade between the East and West (65) _____ tremendously between 1873 and 1913. Its prosperity attracted immigrants from around the region:

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. I covered my eyes quickly. I did not want the fine sand particles to affect my eyesight.

_____ so that

67. Jeffrey seemed to be losing the match. He refused to give up the fight.

_____ although

68. "Where is the noise coming from?" Sunil asked Bala.

Sunil asked _____

69. Sean had injured his ankle but managed to complete the race.

_____ in spite of

70. The car is washed ~~by~~ Jennifer every day

Jennifer _____

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80. (20 marks)

The truck driver was enjoying his meal at a local restaurant and happened to look towards the door when it opened. That was probably the only reason he ever paid attention to the old lady who came in. She was quite ordinary-looking, a little bent, with wisps of white hair under her hat.

He bit into his hamburger and expected the lady to disappear into one of the booths quietly. **What happened next caught him by surprise.** There was the sound of running footsteps. Soon, the owner and the waitresses hurried from behind the counter to meet the old lady.

"Mrs Cosby!" they shouted. The old lady smiled and greeted them all, "Susan, Bob, Alyssa, Carmen, good to see you all." "Very good, indeed, Mrs Cosby!" Bob, the owner said. "Now, let me take your coat," he continued. The truck driver watched with interest. **This was something he had never seen before.** He had never seen an owner of a restaurant help anyone out of his or her coat before and he had been driving across the country for quite a few years.

"I shall bring you a little soup first. Then you can decide what it is you wish to eat this time," Alyssa smiled and returned to the kitchen. "Let me tidy up your table," Susan said.

Out of sheer curiosity, the truck driver waited, watching in awe at how the waitresses **did everything in their power** to make the old lady really enjoy her meal. When she was finished, Bob refused to take any payment from her. He escorted her to the door and stood there, waving as long as it took her to reach the corner and turn out of sight. Then he turned and realised that the truck driver had been observing him.

"Would you like to listen to a story?" he said as he sat down across the driver. "You know how every school seems to have a class that everyone thinks will never graduate? Trouble makers, that was what we were," Bob smiled as he looked in the direction of the waitresses. He continued, "None of our teachers stayed for long. One morning, a new teacher walked in yet again. We looked at Mrs Cosby and gave her

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<p>maybe a week. She looked too soft to be able to handle us. Although we gave her a hard time, she never lost her temper, no matter what we did. Then one day, something happened."</p>	30
<p>He reminisced, "She opened her briefcase and took out a bunch of papers. We feared the worst – a test. But no, it was something that totally surprised us. She asked each one of us to come to the front of the class, one by one, and gave us each a paper. In each paper, she had written what we had been good at during the last month."</p>	35
<p>"Mrs Cosby did that every month from then on. Her positive attitude transformed our class. We did not want to hurt her feelings anymore and actually started to study. On the day of our graduation, Mrs Cosby hugged each and every one of us, and told us with tears in her eyes how proud she was of us."</p>	40
<p>"She had turned a bunch of misfits into people who could achieve great things – because we believed in ourselves and went on to fulfil our dreams. Maybe, now you understand why that old lady deserves all the respect we can give her," Bob concluded.</p>	
<p><i>(Adapted from Reader's Digest June 2007)</i></p>	

71. Which 3-word phrase in paragraph 1 tells us that the truck driver was not paying any special attention to the old lady when she first walked in? [1m]

72. "What happened next caught him by surprise." (line 6). Why was the truck driver surprised? [2m]

73. What does the word 'This' in line 12 refer to? [2m]

74. What does the phrase 'did everything in their power' in line 19 tell you about how the waitresses felt about Mrs Cosby? [1m]

75. Choose words from paragraphs 5 and 6 which have similar meanings to the words below. Write only one word in each box. [3m]

amazement
followed
gentle

76. Which two-word phrase in paragraph 6 suggests that the class had seen many teachers come and go? [1m]

77. Why was there a change in behaviour of the pupils towards Mrs Cosby after a few months? [2m]

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

_____ Bob narrated his story to the truck driver.

_____ Alyssa offered to bring Mrs Cosby soup from the kitchen.

_____ The truck driver was enjoying his meal at the restaurant.

79. Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [4m]

Statement	True/False	Reason
Mrs Cosby did not manage to change Bob's class for the better.		
Mrs Cosby gave a personal note to every pupil highlighting an area for improvement.		
Mrs Cosby was well respected by Bob.		
Mrs Cosby's pupils became successful in life.		

80. Do you think Mrs Cosby truly cared for her pupils?
Support your answer with 2 evidences from the passage. [3m]

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 SUBJECT : ENGLISH
 TERM : SA1

Q1	1	Q21	3	Q41	published	Q61	suitable
Q2	3	Q22	2	Q42	opinion	Q62	on
Q3	3	Q23	4	Q43	corrects	Q63	trading
Q4	3	Q24	1	Q44	ask	Q64	In
Q5	3	Q25	4	Q45	political	Q65	increased
Q6	2	Q26	2	Q46	edited		
Q7	4	Q27	1	Q47	them		
Q8	1	Q28	2	Q48	subscribers		
Q9	3	Q29	M	Q49	is		
Q10	3	Q30	D	Q50	patient		
Q11	4	Q31	H	Q51	and		
Q12	4	Q32	F	Q52	According		
Q13	4	Q33	K	Q53	caught		
Q14	4	Q34	Q	Q54	animals		
Q15	1	Q35	L	Q55	island		
Q16	2	Q36	B	Q56	positioned		
Q17	3	Q37	N	Q57	served		
Q18	1	Q38	J	Q58	Singapore		
Q19	2	Q39	at	Q59	up		
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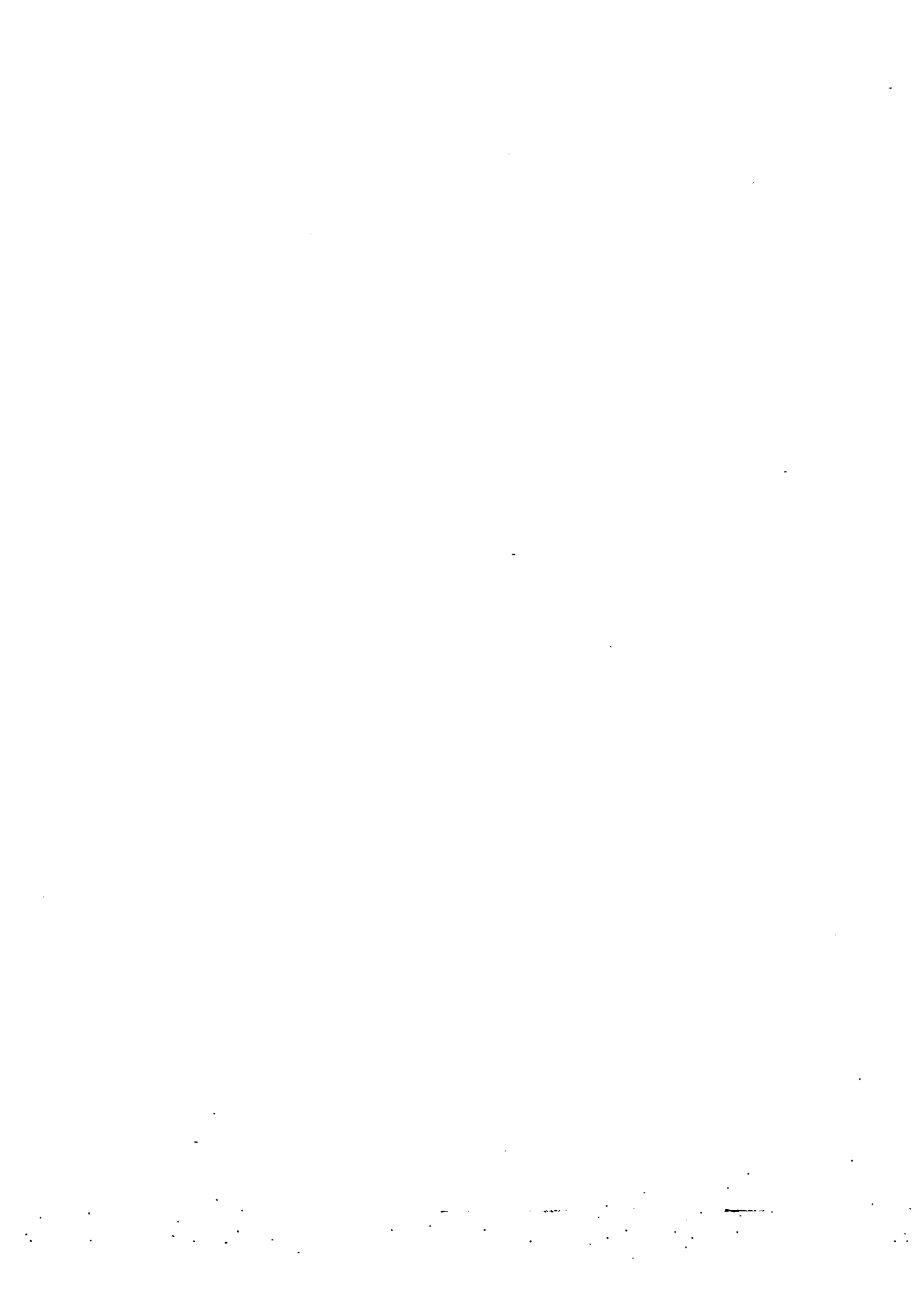
Q72 The truck driver expected the old lady to disappear into one of the booths quietly, instead the owner and waitresses hurried from behind the counter to meet her and even helped her out of her coat.

Q73 It refers to the owner of the restaurant helping the old lady out of her coat.

Q74 It shows that they liked her and respected her.

Q75 awe, escorted, soft

Q76 yet again



Q77 The students did not want to hurt Mrs Cosby's feelings any more and realised that she cared for them through her actions no matter what they did.

Q78 3, 2, 1

Q79 False Mrs Cosby turned a bunch of misfits, the people in Bob's class, into people who could achieve great things.

False Mrs Cosby gave a personal note to every student highlighting what the students were doing well during the month.

True Bob helped Mrs Cosby out of her coat and was polite to her when he escorted her out of the restaurant by waving until she turned out of sight and he refused to accept payment from Mrs Cosby.

True Her pupils believed in themselves and went on to fulfil their dreams.

Q80 Yes, she did. She was very patient with her class even though they gave her a hard time and encouraged them by giving them personal notes if their strength.

