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PRIMARY 6**

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**TOTAL DURATION FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 h 50 min**

## **BOOKLET B**

**Instructions to Pupils:**

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Read the questions and follow all the instructions carefully.
3. This booklet consists of 52 questions (Questions 29 to 80).
4. Answer **ALL** the questions and write all the answers in this booklet.

	<b>Maximum</b>	<b>Marks Obtained</b>
<b>Booklet A</b>	<b>28</b>	
<b>Booklet B</b>	<b>67</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>95</b>	

<b>Component</b>	<b>Question Numbers</b>	<b>Marks Obtained</b>
<b>Grammar &amp; Vocabulary</b>	<b>29 -50</b>	
	<b>66 - 70</b>	
<b>Comprehension Cloze</b>	<b>51 - 65</b>	
<b>Comprehension Open-ended</b>	<b>71 - 80</b>	

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.**

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|------------|---------|----------|-----------|---------|
| (A) a      | (D) who | (G) from | (K) more  | (N) out |
| (B) most   | (E) off | (H) at   | (L) whom  | (P) of  |
| (C) before | (F) the | (J) by   | (M) after | (Q) in  |

The Great Wall of China is a symbol of national pride. It is so eye-catching that it inspired a myth that the Great Wall of China is visible (29) \_\_\_\_\_ the moon.

Now, one part of the Great Wall is even (30) \_\_\_\_\_ visible but for very wrong reasons. Recently, Chinese officials repaired this part of the Great Wall (31) \_\_\_\_\_ simply applying a white substance on top of the crumbling stones. Photographs showed the 700-year-old stretch of wall looking just like (32) \_\_\_\_\_ concrete skateboarding lane dumped in the wilderness.

Repairs to the two-kilometre section of the wall which were undertaken two years ago came to attention only (33) \_\_\_\_\_ a local newspaper described what had been done in the name of presentation

Mr Liu, (34) \_\_\_\_\_ drew public attention to the shoddy work, said officials commissioned the repairs because they were worried for the safety of tourists walking on top of it. However, in their haste, they had wiped (35) \_\_\_\_\_ the rugged features that people had come to treasure.

According to the report, construction of that section of the wall started (36) \_\_\_\_\_ 1381. It was part of the Ming dynasty emperors' efforts to ward (37) \_\_\_\_\_ nomads from the north who were attacking China.

City dwellers who come to marvel (38) \_\_\_\_\_ the isolated section of the wall in Suizhong Province leave disappointed, wondering why they had bothered to travel so far to see a strip of concrete.

*Adapted from NEW YORK TIMES, 2016*

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes, numbered 39 to 50. (12 marks)

*When I was very young, due to my father's work, my family moved to Muar.*

(39)

*It was a happy time. My father was doing well in his job. We lived comfortable*

(40)

(41)

*with the occassional luxury. Sometimes, we enjoyed British biskits and other*

(42)

(43)

*goodies. ~~Some of my toys~~ was ordered from Robinsons, the fame department*

(44)

*store, which ocuppied a big building in Raffles Place. I had a rocking horse once*

(45)

*but I cut down his tail, thinking it would grow again but it was a big mistake.*

*When I was about six years old, I went to a nearby primary school run by a*

(46)

*Tamil schoolmaster. All I could remember about my lessons was the excitment of*

(47)

*learning my ABC. The whole school envtroment brought joy to my learning.*

(48)

*At home, we spoke only Tamil. In my father's office, he and his colleagues*

*spoke English and I began to pick up some English at school.*

(49)

*One of the earliest events I could recall are going off to school in*

*Singapore. My father took me there by taxi, together with my sisters. My only*

(50)

*recollect of the journey was my first sight of Newton Circus. In those days, it was*

*just a roundabout.*

*Adapted from 50 Stories From My Life by Mr S.R. Nathan*

For each of the questions 51 to 65, fill in each blank with a suitable word. (15 marks)

Lurking in the shallow waters of the beach and inhabiting the depths of the coldest oceans are creeping, crawling sea spiders. Ranging in (51) \_\_\_\_\_ from one millimetre to more than 90 centimetres, these creatures look (52) \_\_\_\_\_ to characters from a science fiction horror movie.

It is easy to have nightmares (53) \_\_\_\_\_ sea spiders crawling all around you but it gets creepier. Sea spiders (54) \_\_\_\_\_ a proboscis, which is a long and flexible tube-like mouth part, on their head for feeding on their prey. These creepy crawlies insert their proboscis (55) \_\_\_\_\_ the soft bodies of invertebrates such as sea sponges. They then suck out the juicy goodness from them. Instead of (56) \_\_\_\_\_, the prey surprisingly survives this gruesome attack. (57) \_\_\_\_\_ such a way of feeding sounds gross, prey like the sea sponges and sea anemones, which are generally larger (58) \_\_\_\_\_ the spider, will not be harmed most of the time.

There are more than 1300 known (59) \_\_\_\_\_ of sea spiders. They can have four, five or six (60) \_\_\_\_\_ of legs. Their bodies are so thin that they do not need a respiratory system. However, their body surface is large enough to allow them to (61) \_\_\_\_\_ by absorbing oxygen through their skin.

Sea spiders are such unusual creatures that scientists are still a little puzzled about how to classify (62) \_\_\_\_\_. They are not considered true spiders or arachnids as they have a segmented exoskeleton (63) \_\_\_\_\_ makes them arthropods just like insects, crabs and spiders. However, other strange body (64) \_\_\_\_\_ such as their proboscis make it difficult for scientists to classify them.

The next time you go to the beach, head down to the rock pools to investigate. You may just (65) \_\_\_\_\_ a little sea spider hidden among the rocks and pebbles in the shallow water, but do not worry. The really big ones only live in the depths of the Antarctic Ocean.

adapted from <http://www.realmonstrousities.com/2011/04/sea-spiders.html>

For each of the questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentences, 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. Mr Lim's nephew won an award in the recent art competition. Mr Lim gave a speech.

\_\_\_\_\_ whose \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

67. Mr Tan told Ali, "You left these storybooks in class yesterday."

Mr Tan \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

68. All the students like the idea for the project. Only Adam does not like the idea.

Every student except \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

69. The monsoon rains arrived early. The villagers were not prepared.

\_\_\_\_\_ for the early  
\_\_\_\_\_

70. Amber took the wallet from the table. The discipline master walked into the room.

No sooner \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

Twelve-year-old Cara Jumper loved spending her summer vacation at her grandparents' house in Swansea, South Carolina. Her sisters, Claire, six, and Emma, five, loved to dangle their legs by the dock which was built around the pond on the property. Her grandfather, Coy Jumper, had bought the land 15 years earlier and had stocked the saltwater pond with bass, bream and catfish.

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Even in winter Coy would visit the pond to feed the fish and check his beaver traps. One January afternoon, he piled Cara and her sisters into his car and took them down to the pond. He and the girls tramped happily through the trees, checking traps. No luck—they were empty.

As the sun melted toward the horizon, the air took on a chill, and the group turned back to head home. However, as Coy walked along the bank, he suddenly slowed down and was unable to put one foot in front of the other. Behind him, Cara noticed that something was wrong. Then she saw Coy stagger and fall backward into the pond's deep water.

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When her grandfather did not surface immediately, Cara jumped in. It was too deep to touch the bottom. With one hand, Cara grabbed the bank. With the other, she reached for her grandfather, making contact in the dark water.

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Coy was limp. He had suffered a stroke the year before. Cara wondered if he was having one again. She wrapped her arm under his chin and pulled his face out of the water. That roused him, but he was still a dead weight, hopelessly heavy as Cara tugged him towards the bank. "I can't get him out," Cara cried to her sisters, who watched from the bank. After several minutes, she managed to manoeuvre Coy towards the bank and pulled him up onto solid ground.

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The winter sun had almost disappeared and they were all shivering. The little girls were scared and crying. Cara knew she would have to get Coy to the car which was 400 metres away. She helped him to his feet. The left side of his body sagged, but by propping his weight on Cara and pushing with his right side, Coy slowly moved forward. "It took a long time," Cara said, to make their way back. 20 metres from the car, Coy fell. From there, he crawled, dragging himself under a gate, to the car. His granddaughters helped him into the passenger's side and Cara got into the driver's seat.

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"I used to sit on my dad's lap and drive," she said. Coy had also let her drive through the fields around the house. Still, she felt nervous, but she turned on the engine calmly and steered them the five kilometres home. "I was trying to get there fast, but I didn't want us to get hurt," Cara said. When she pulled the car into the driveway, her grandmother, Esca, was there to meet them. She had arrived home from work just a few minutes before.

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"Poppa's had a stroke," Cara told her as she walked Coy into the house. It was only then that Esca realised what had happened.

A week after the incident, at the hospital, Esca, choking back her tears said, "I don't dare think of what would have happened to Coy if Cara hadn't been with him that day."

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*Adapted from The Girl Whose Strength Was Beyond Her Years BY MELODY WARNICK*

71. List the two things that Coy would do whenever he went to the saltwater pond. (2m)

(i) \_\_\_\_\_

(ii) \_\_\_\_\_

72. Which six-word phrase in paragraph 3 shows that the temperature had dropped as the sun set? (1m)

73. What made Cara realise that something was wrong with her grandfather as they were making their way to the car? (2m)

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

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer(s) to
they (line 9)	
one (line 19)	
there (line 33)	

75. Why did Cara jump into the pond? (1m)

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

- \_\_\_\_\_ Cara dived into the water and pulled Coy up to a bank
- \_\_\_\_\_ Coy took his grandkids to the saltwater pond
- \_\_\_\_\_ Coy was walking unsteadily as they started making their way to the car.

77. Based on the story, 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
(a) Coy only went to the saltwater pond in summer.		
(b) Cara found the saltwater pond deep.		
(c) Coy was able to slowly make his way to the car all by himself.		
(d) Esca immediately knew that Coy had suffered a stroke when she reached home.		

78. Explain what it means when Coy is referred to as a "dead weight" in line 20? (2m)

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79. From the passage, which two words correctly describe Cara in paragraph 7? (2m)

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<input type="checkbox"/>	cautious
<input type="checkbox"/>	confident

<input type="checkbox"/>	hasty
<input type="checkbox"/>	helpless
<input type="checkbox"/>	alarmed

80. Do you think Coy survived the second stroke? Support your answer with evidence from the passage. (2m)

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Booklet A

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

Booklet B

Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
G	K	J	A	M	D	N	Q	E	H

Q39	comfortably	Q48	colleagues	Q57	Although
Q40	occasional	Q49	was	Q58	than
Q41	biscuits	Q50	recollection	Q59	species
Q42	were	Q51	length	Q60	pairs
Q43	famous	Q52	similar	Q61	breathe
Q44	occupied	Q53	about	Q62	them
Q45	off	Q54	have	Q63	which
Q46	excitement	Q55	into	Q64	parts/structures
Q47	environment	Q56	dying	Q65	find

Q66 Mr Lim whose nephew won an award in the recent art competition gave a speech.

Q67 Mr Tan told Ali he had left those storybooks in class the previous day.

Q68 Every student except Adam likes the idea for the project.

Q69 The villagers were not prepared for the early arrival of the monsoon rains.

Q70 No sooner had Amber taken the wallet from the table than the discipline master walked into the room.

Q71 (i) Coy would visit the pond to feed the fish.

(ii) Coy would check the beaver traps.

Q72 

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Q73 Cara saw her grandfather slow down and was unable to put one foot in front of the other.

Q74

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they (line 9)	The beaver traps
one (line 19)	A stroke
there (line 33)	Coy's home

Q75 Her grandfather had fallen in.

Q76 3 Cara dived into the water and pulled Coy up to a bank.  
1 Coy took his grandkids to the saltwater pond.  
2 Coy was walking unsteadily as they started making their way to the car.

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Q77

Statement	True / False	Reason
(a) Coy only went to the saltwater pond in summer.	True	Coy also went to the saltwater pond in winter to feed his fish.
(b) Cara found the saltwater pond deep.	True	It was too deep for Cara to touch the bottom.
(c) Coy was able to slowly make his way to the car all by himself.	False	Coy had to prop himself against Cara.
(d) Esca immediately knew that Coy had suffered a stroke when she reached home.	False	Cara had to tell Esca that Coy had a stroke before Esca realised what had happened.

Q78 He was heavy and unable to

Q79

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anxious

cautious

confident

Q80 Yes. Coy survived the second stroke. Esca said that if Cara had not helped her grandfather, her grandfather would not have survived.

End

