

METHODIST GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)
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MID-YEAR EXAMINATION 2018
PRIMARY 6

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
(BOOKLET A)

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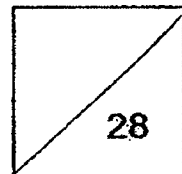
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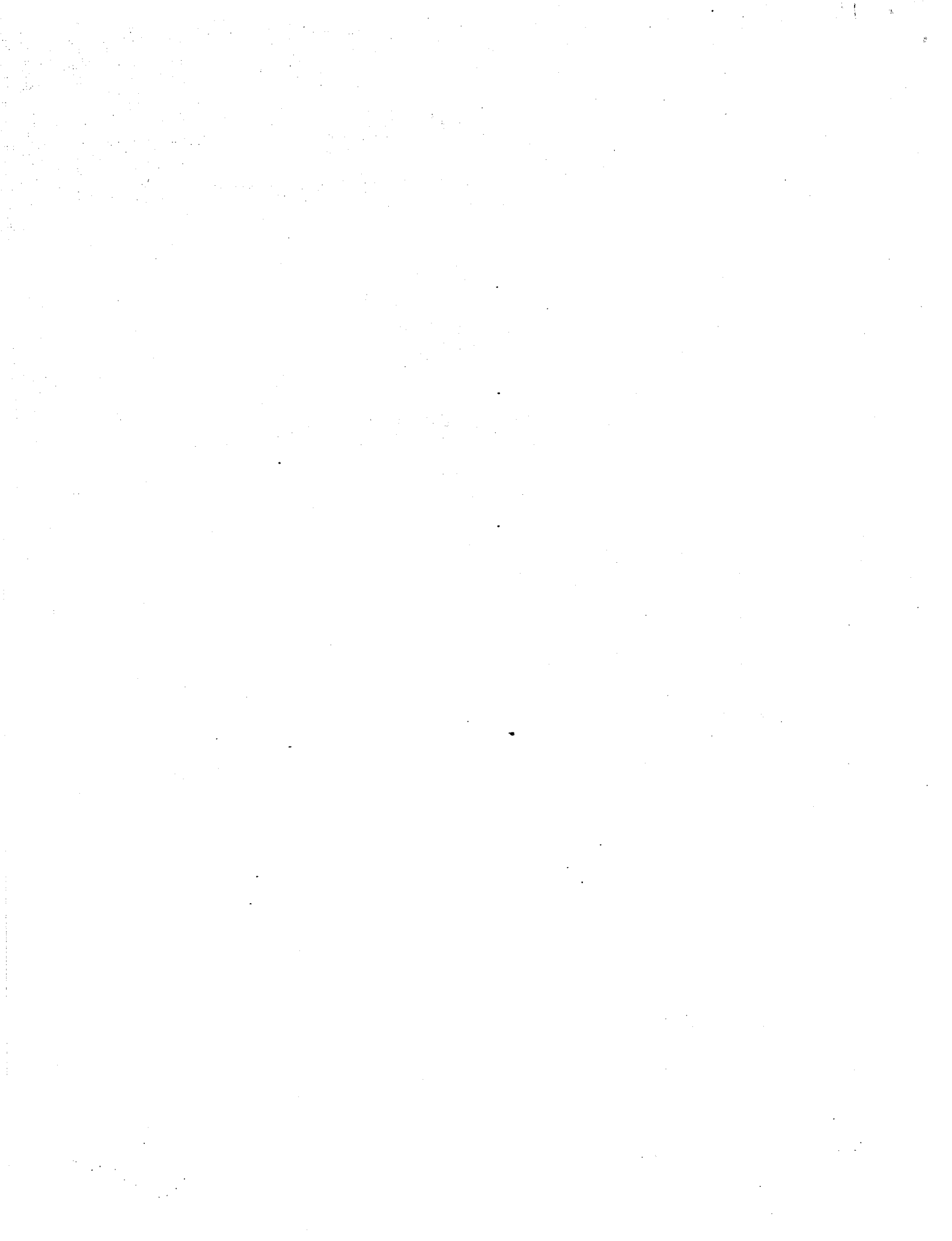
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For each question from 1 to 10, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.
(10 marks)

- 1 The furniture in the bedrooms _____ bought after we renovated the house last year.
- (1) was
 - (2) were
 - (3) would be
 - (4) have been
- 2 During the camp, the children found cooking food _____ a fire in the open a novel experience.
- (1) at
 - (2) on
 - (3) over
 - (4) from
- 3 Raju, _____ brother is a lawyer, has no ambition of being one himself.
- (1) who
 - (2) which
 - (3) whom
 - (4) whose
- 4 Wei Ming caused the girl to cry, _____ he?
- (1) didn't
 - (2) hadn't
 - (3) wasn't
 - (4) couldn't
- 5 Many residents fled their homes when the volcano _____ to erupt.
- (1) threatened
 - (2) is threatening
 - (3) has threatened
 - (4) would be threatening

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- 6 Tom saw the cat _____ over the fence just as he came out of his house.
- (1) jump
 - (2) jumps
 - (3) jumped
 - (4) was jumping
- 7 "Would you mind _____ the window please? It is rather stuffy in here," Mei Ling requested.
- (1) open
 - (2) to open
 - (3) opening
 - (4) could open
- 8 Mr Ahmad _____ in the kampong for forty years before it was demolished for re-development.
- (1) lives
 - (2) has lived
 - (3) had lived
 - (4) has been living
- 9 If I were you, I _____ to the wise old man's advice.
- (1) will listen
 - (2) would listen
 - (3) will be listening
 - (4) would have listened
- 10 _____ has left an unwashed cup on the table. Please take it to the sink.
- (1) No one
 - (2) Anyone
 - (3) Someone
 - (4) Everyone

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

- 11 Jane _____ the stranger's offer of a lift to the bus stop.
- (1) turned up
 - (2) turned off
 - (3) turned over
 - (4) turned down
- 12 Siti was told by the police to describe exactly what had happened and not to _____.
- (1) pay lip service
 - (2) get to the point
 - (3) beat about the bush
 - (4) leave no stone unturned
- 13 The meeting will start _____ at nine o'clock. The chairman expects punctuality from everyone.
- (1) briskly
 - (2) hastily
 - (3) readily
 - (4) promptly
- 14 Mrs Ma _____ and saved on expenses to manage the household bills.
- (1) hoarded
 - (2) scrimped
 - (3) preserved
 - (4) conserved
- 15 We love the refreshing and _____ smell of the sea air.
- (1) pungent
 - (2) fragrant
 - (3) tangy
 - (4) acrid

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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)

When I first stepped into a nursery, I realised that it was very different from a florist shop because it offered numerous varieties of plants, some of which I had never seen before. I enjoyed the first-hand experience of seeing common flowering plants. During this "expedition", I realised nurseries were much bigger and were like farms. As a plant lover, I had fun combing through the vast selection. There were plant enthusiasts of all ages. The sun was sweltering hot, but that did not seem to deter any of them from having a good time.

I did not have a green thumb and was apprehensive that I would not be able to pick the right plant. I started realising that carnivorous plants were not my cup of tea. I finally chose plants that were easy to take care of and could be harvested easily. Contented with my purchases, I finally called it a day and headed home.

Adapted from Ace, Making a Practical Choice

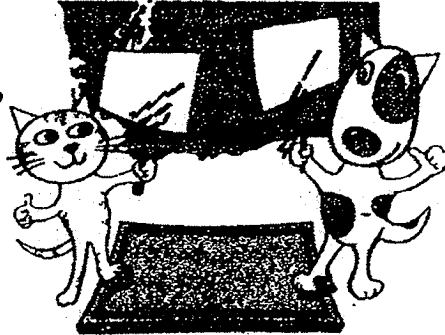
- 16 (1) direct
(2) genuine
(3) in-depth
(4) invaluable
- 17 (1) probing
(2) examining
(3) rummaging
(4) scrutinising
- 18 (1) wear out
(2) rule out
(3) put off
(4) cut off
- 19 (1) tensed
(2) distressed
(3) concerned
(4) disheartened
- 20 (1) aptitude
(2) selection
(3) fondness
(4) preference

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

Furry Friends Animal Shelter Open House

27 May 2018
10 a.m. to 6 p.m.



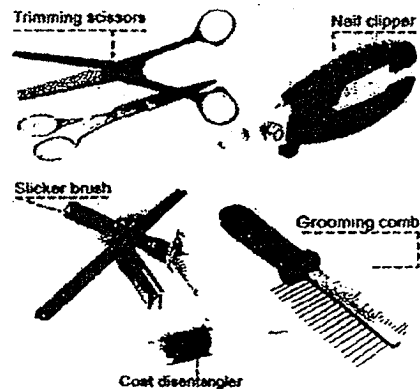
Do you wish to learn more about our animals and what we do at this animal shelter? Good news! We will be holding an open house to let you get to know our animals and us! During the open house, we will also be offering hour-long guided tours of our premises. As you take in the sights and sounds around you, the guides, who are all long-time volunteers, will be able to tell you each of our animals' stories – their lives before and after rescue. You will also find out about this shelter's daily operations.

We can accommodate up to a maximum of 10 visitors per group. Please visit our website to sign up for the guided tours at least a week before the day of our open house. Registration will close on 20 May 2018 by 5 p.m.

If you're thinking about adopting a pet, we would recommend that you bring your whole family along so that all of you have the opportunity to interact with our animals. We believe that our animals and their potential owners must connect and be comfortable with one another even before adoption is considered. We look forward to seeing all of you at our open house!

Free Adoption Starter Kit!

To help you get started, we provide a free kit for every first-time pet owner. Depending on the type of animal you adopt, the kit may include items like bedding, grooming tools, food samples, and pet supplies vouchers!



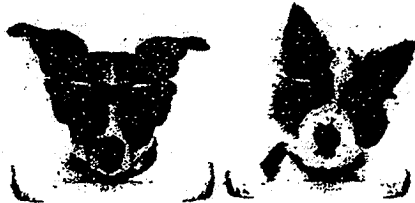
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ADOPT, DON'T BUY!

Every month, Furry Friends Animal Shelter takes in about 20 stray animals and 10 animals from pet owners who want to give up their pets. There are numerous other shelters in Singapore, and the number of animals that needs to be taken care of is increasing at an alarming rate.

When you adopt an animal from a shelter, you are not only giving that animal a second chance. You are also helping shelters save more lives by freeing up space for them to take in more animals.

BECOME A VOLUNTEER!



HELP ANIMALS TODAY...

1. Do you love animals?
2. Are you at least 18 years of age?
3. Can you volunteer on a weekly basis for at least 6 months?
4. Are you comfortable with handling animals?
5. Would you be willing to clean animal enclosures?

If you answered 'Yes!' to all the above questions, **WE NEED YOU!**
You can visit our website to sign up as a volunteer or come by our Volunteers Office during our open house and speak to Vic Lee, our Volunteer Manager.

FURRY FRIENDS ANIMAL SHELTER



Opening hours: 12 p.m. – 4 p.m. on weekdays, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. on weekends

Address: 1001 Maple Road, Singapore 901001

Website: www.furryfriends.sg

Email: contact@furryfriends.sg

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

- 21 Fiona wants to go on the guided tour of the animal shelter. She must _____.
- (1) form a group of 10.
 - (2) sign up before 21 May 2018
 - (3) speak to a long-time volunteer
 - (4) register by 5 p.m. on the day of the open house
- 22 Look at the section "Furry Friends Animal Shelter Open House". What does "one another" in the fourth line of the third paragraph refer to?
- (1) guides and visitors
 - (2) pet owners and their pets
 - (3) potential pet owners and the volunteers
 - (4) the animals in the shelters and those who want to adopt them
- 23 Which of the following statements about the Adoption Starter Kit is correct?
- (1) All the kits are identical.
 - (2) An experienced pet owner will not receive a kit.
 - (3) Some first-time pet owners will have to pay for the kits.
 - (4) Each kit contains vouchers to exchange for food samples.
- 24 Furry Friends Animal Shelter wants to encourage more people to adopt rather than buy animals because _____.
- (1) many pet owners behave irresponsibly
 - (2) there are too many pet owners in Singapore
 - (3) the number of animals being sold is shocking
 - (4) it wants to be able to save more stray animals' lives
- 25 In the section "Become a Volunteer!", the purpose of the list of five questions is to _____.
- (1) arouse readers' interest in adopting animals
 - (2) check whether readers are ready to adopt a pet
 - (3) help readers assess if they are suitable to be a volunteer
 - (4) summarise information that is found on the shelter's website
- 26 Your cousin wants to be a volunteer at Furry Friends Animal Shelter. She should _____.
- (1) sign up online
 - (2) register for a guided tour
 - (3) send an email to Vic Lee
 - (4) call the Volunteers Office

27 According to the flyer, Furry Friends Animal Shelter needs its volunteers to

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- (1) train animals
 - (2) be pet owners
 - (3) report for duties once a week
 - (4) clean the shelter's entire premises

28 Based on the flyer, which of the following is not true?

- (1) The animal shelter is open daily.
- (2) Guided tours will only be available on 27 May 2018.
- (3) Those who wish to sign up for guided tours should visit www.furryfriends.sg.
- (4) Those who attend the open house will have some hands-on experience running the shelter for a day.

End of Booklet A

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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) and	(D) however	(G) of	(K) than	(N) to
(B) for	(E) is	(H) off	(L) then	(P) was
(C) from	(F) its	(J) or	(M) their	(Q) with

The people of Thailand work hard in a very hot climate, so it only makes sense that their biggest party is the world's largest water fight, called Songkran. There is music and dancing but _____ most noticeable feature is undoubtedly water – buckets of it! There seems to be an
(29) endless number of water guns, buckets, bottles, _____ any other container that allows you
(30) to soak a perfect stranger. But there is more to Songkran _____ just an excuse to make
(31) everyone wet in a hot climate.

Songkran is in fact the Thai New Year festival. Songkran _____ once calculated
(32) based on the Solar calendar which varied _____ one year to the next. It could fall on any
(33) day between the 13th of April _____ the 15th of April every year. _____, the
(34) (35) celebrations could last up to six days in the north of the country. Now, it is officially celebrated only on the 13th of April.

Before the New Year celebrations, the Thais will clean their houses to get rid _____
(36) the previous year's bad luck in order to receive good luck in the coming year. They will also prepare ample food and sweets _____ their merry-making and visiting guests.
(37)

Thus, the festival is more than just the throwing of water, it is a time for making resolutions and reconnecting _____ friends and family. Songkran is now celebrated all across the
(38) country and it has become one of the biggest tourist attractions in Thailand. Getting soaked under the scorching heat is refreshingly fun and it is no wonder it is promoted as a major festive attraction.

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

Step up to help a neighbour, or a cause. That was the call of Singapore Cares (SG Cares),

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a nationwide volunteerism movement, that was officialy launched in the second half of the year.

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SG Cares came about after concerned Singaporeans expressing the desire to do more for those who need help.

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SG Cares aims to inspier and support Singaporeans to step forward to help others in

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need. It encourages and supports the efforts in building a more compassionate and inclusiev

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society for all, through everyday acts of coonsiderate, care and volunteerism. Its focus includes

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increasing oppurtoonities for volunteers and building capabilities of volunteers and organisations through training.

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Volunteering, however, are not a priority for young Singaporeans today. Therefore, an

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organisation, Youth Corps Singapore, had running a series of innittatives to promote social

awareness among youngsters. SG Cares hopes to attract volunteers, and match people with the time and interest to meet the social needs.

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SG Cares aims to culteevate a spirit within the community to care for their members.

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It is the members of each community who true understand the needs of their neighbours and

(50)

friends. They are the best people to help make Singapore a more care society. It is in this spirit that we hope to develop a society that volunteers more.

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Candles have been used for more than 5,000 years yet little is known about their origins.

The word 'candle' has its origins from the Latin _____ 'candere', meaning 'to
(51)
glow or shine'. _____ candles were invented, people used oil lamps in which
(52)
a lit wick rested in a container of liquid oil. However, the oil had a tendency to spill. On the
_____ hand, candles use wax as fuel to _____ light. Once the wick of
(53) _____
(54)
a candle is lighted, the _____ from the flame melts the surrounding wax, which is
(55)
then absorbed by the wick. The wick needs to be naturally _____, like a sponge.
(56)
This absorbency is important in a candle because the wick needs to absorb the liquid wax and
move the wax upward while the wick of the candle is _____.
(57)

In the past, candles were not only used to provide light _____ also used as
(58)
_____ method of keeping time. In 1834, inventor Joseph Morgan helped to
(59)
modernise the candle industry by developing a _____ that allowed for the
(60)
continuous production of candles. With the introduction of these machines in the production line,
candles became an affordable item _____ the people.
(61)

With the invention of the light bulb by Thomas Edison in 1879, the candle industry was
_____ affected. At this point, candle-making began to decline, and candles
(62)
became more of a decorative _____
(63)

Today, candle lovers are offered a wide variety of candles to choose _____.
(64)
There is a vast amount of colours, shapes, designs and fragrances. Candles are no
_____ just a source of artificial lighting. Now, they are used for decorative
(65)
purpose as well. Nevertheless, during electrical power failures, candles are still used for
emergency lighting.

Adapted from *History of Candles*

For each of the questions 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 The workers are painting Mr Ng's living room right now.

Mr Ng's living room _____

67 Eliza was creative and confident. The interviewer was impressed with her.

_____ what the interviewer was impressed with.

68 Janna was careless She broke that vase.

_____ due _____

69 We hardly see our neighbour, Mr Lee, in such a good mood.

Seldom _____

70 "Can you help us with our assignment which will be due soon? the boy asked Devi,

The boys asked Devi _____

End of Booklet B

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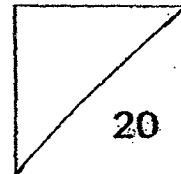
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Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

I kept walking even after the sun had set. The sky was still tinged with gold, but I knew that soon everything would be swallowed up in darkness and I would have to stop searching for my mother and brother.

As if sensing my thoughts, Chnay pointed to an abandoned hut with tom thatching for a roof, and suggested that we sleep there. Without waiting for my answer, he crawled into the shelter and curled up in the corner. When he saw that I was hesitating outside, he beckoned me in impatiently. "Dara, get some sleep," he said. "We will look for your family tomorrow." 5

When I opened my eyes the next morning, Chnay was standing over me, grinning. "Breakfast," he announced and squatting next to me, held out some cold rice on a banana leaf. 10

"Where did you get it?" I asked.

"I took it," he said.

"What do you mean? Who did you take it from?"

With a defiant tilt of his chin, Chnay started eating the rice. "It's a kind of secret sharing, that's all. I just don't bother to tell the people that they're sharing their things with me. Besides, it's not like we can depend on you to find food. You wouldn't dare, would you?" he said. I was about to protest when my stomach rumbled. Chnay was right, I thought. Food was meant to be shared. I reached out and broke off a chunk of the rice for myself. 15 20

That day, Chnay and I wandered around the base camp of General Kung Silor, looking for my family. By late afternoon, we had still found no sign of my family. I was tired and discouraged and hungry. Everything seemed bleak.

It was then that I smelled it – something so wonderful that I was suddenly alert. The aroma of roast chicken – my nose was never wrong. My brother had often teased me about it, saying that I could sniff out our ripening tamarind pods or guava fruits before even the bees got to them. The smell was coming from the cluster of thatched huts across the ditch, where the kitchen for the army officers could be. I nudged Chnay and said, "Let's go take a look, over there." 25

We approached the huts cautiously and peered into the unguarded doorway of a kitchen. Rows of skewered chicken, the skin in a glistening golden brown were roasting. My heart pounded as I stood by the doorway and watched Chnay inch his way toward the closest row of chickens. He swiftly tore two drumsticks off a roasting chicken and flashed me a triumphant grin. 30

"What's going on?" a burly man suddenly appeared and demanded. Startled by the voice, Chnay and I tried to run. However, the man caught me by the wrist and the cook who had dashed out of the kitchen grabbed Chnay's arm. 35

"Who are you?" the man growled, bending down to look at me. I opened my mouth but no sound came out.

"They were trying to steal food, Sir Kung Silor," the cook said. 40

"Stealing food? Who dares to steal from my kitchen?" Kung Silor thundered.

I could tell by the look on Chnay's face that he was frozen with fear. I took a deep breath and managed to say, "I am sorry, sir. But we were hungry."

"That doesn't mean you can steal my food," Kung Silor said sternly. Well, how would we be able to get it without stealing, I thought. To my horror, I realised that I had spoken the thought aloud. 45

Kung Silor looked taken aback, then amused. "You could have asked for it," he said. Impulsively, I took one of the drumsticks from Chnay, then turned to Kung Silor. "So, can we have the drumsticks, please?" I asked. "And can we also have some rice as well?"

Kung Silor studied me with new interest. "You've got spirit, little girl." 50

"My name's Dara," I told him, "And I'm not little."

He laughed. "Anything else you want, Dara?" he asked.

"I would like to work in the kitchen," I said quickly. "In exchange for free meals."

Kung Silor looked at the cook, "Well, you could use her." The cook nodded reluctantly as he released Chnay and stalked back into the kitchen. 55

When we were left to ourselves again, Chnay looked at me in awe. "Kung Silor is right," he said. "You've got spirit."

Adapted from *The Clay Marble* by Minfong Ho

- 71 Pick out a two-word phrase from the second paragraph that tells us Dara was uncertain about entering the hut. [1m]

- 72 What do the words "secret sharing" (lines 15 to 16) tell you how Chnay got the rice he offered Dara? [1m]

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

_____ Chnay went to look for some food.

_____ Chnay and Dara looked for a place to rest for the night.

_____ Chnay and Dara continued their search for Dara's family.

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74 Which two words from lines 21 to 23 show that Dara did not have much hope of finding her family? The words are found in two separate sentences. [2m]

and

75 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(s) to
it (line 24)	
over there (line 29)	
the thought (line 46)	

76 Based on the information from lines 30 to 37 fill in the blanks in the following table. [2m]

How the character felt and what made the character feel that way	How do you know he felt that way
Chnay was extremely pleased because he managed to swiftly tear the drumsticks off the roast chicken.	He _____ _____ _____
Kung Silor was _____ _____ _____ _____	He demanded to know what was going on.

- 77 Explain clearly why Dara took the lead to answer Kung Silor when she saw the expression on Chnay's face. [2m]

- 78 Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

	True / False	Reason
Chnay and Dara were at the thatched huts to look for Dara's family.		
Dara was anxious as Chnay was trying to get the chicken drumsticks.		
The cook was pleased when told that Dara was going to work at the kitchen.		

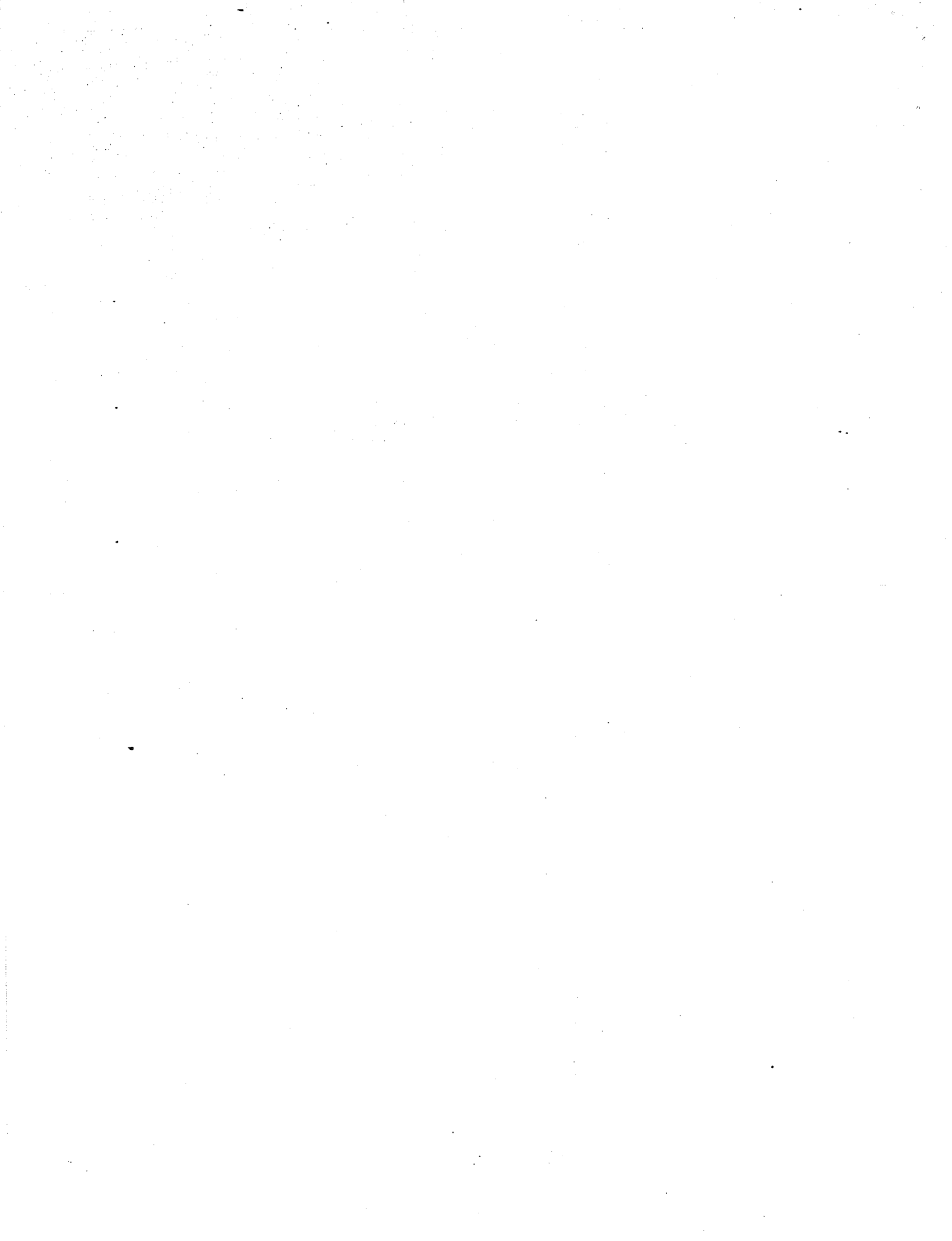
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79 What do you think Kung Silor meant when he told Dara "You've got spirit!" (line 50)? Why did he say that? [2m]

80 Has Chnay's view of Dara's character changed before and after they met Kung Silor? Support your answer with evidence from the passage. [3m]

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EXAM PAPER 2018(P6)

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TERM : SA1

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1	3	4	1	1	1	3	3	2	3
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
4	3	4	2	3	1	2	3	3	4
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
2	4	2	4	3	1	3	4	F	J
Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38		
K	P	C	A	D	G	B	Q		

- 39)officially 40)expressed 41)inspire 42)inclusive
43)consideration 44)opportunities 45)is 46)run
47)initiatives 48)cultivate 49)truly 50)caring 51)word
52)Before 53)other 54)make 55)heat 56)absorbent
57)burning 58)but 59)a 60)machine 61)for
62)badly 63)item 64)from 65)longer

66)Mr Ng's living room is being painted by the workers right now.

67)Eliza's creativity and confidence were what the interviewer was impressed with.

68)Janna broke that vase due to carelessness.

69)Seldom do we see our neighbour, Mr Lee in such a good mood.

70)The boys asked Devi if she could help them with their assignment which would be due soon.

71)Hesitating outside.

72)Chnay had stolen the rice which he offered to Dara.

73)2 , 1 , 3

74)discouraged and bleak

75)(line 24) --- the roast chicken smell of the

(line 29) --- he cluster of thatched huts across the ditch

(line 46) --- how Dara and Chnay would be able to get the chicken without stealing.

76)

	He flashed the writer a triumphant grin.
Kung Silor was furious that Chnay and Dara were in his kitchen without permission.	

77)Dara knew that Chany was too frightened to answer Kung Silor and also knew that Kung Silor expected an answer, so she took a deep breath and took the lead to answer Kung Silor.

78) False --- They were at the thatched huts to look for food.

True --- Dara's heart was pounding as Chnay tried to get the chicken drumsticks.

False --- The cook nodded reluctantly at Kung Silor's suggestion.

79) Kung Silor meant that Dara was courageous. She asked for the drumsticks when he told her to as well as for rice to go with the drumsticks.

80) Dara was timid not brave coward not courageous and would not dare to steal food. Chnay thought Dara was brave had courage daring as she had asked bravely answered spoke up to Kung Silor.

