



## 2018 PRIMARY 5 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

Date: 8 May 2018

Class: Primary 5 ( )

Time: 10.30 a.m. – 12.20 p.m.

Duration: 1 hour 50 minutes

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## ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2 (BOOKLET A)

### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

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

1. Whenever Thomas is bored he \_\_\_\_\_ aloud.

- (1) sing
- (2) sang
- (3) sung
- (4) sings

2. "\_\_\_\_\_ you show me the way to the general office, please?" the visitor asked the prefect.

- (1) Must
- (2) Might
- (3) Could
- (4) Should

3. By this time tomorrow we \_\_\_\_\_ on the beach. I can't wait!

- (1) would relax
- (2) were relaxing
- (3) will be relaxing
- (4) would be relaxing

4. \_\_\_\_\_ Mei Ling submits her project, she will not be given a grade.

- (1) Yet
- (2) Lest
- (3) Unless
- (4) Despite

5. Please lend me your pen as mine \_\_\_\_\_ out of ink.

- (1) run
- (2) runs
- (3) has run
- (4) had run

6. The unreasonable cashier demanded that my sister \_\_\_\_\_ her receipt in an hour's time.

- (1) bring
- (2) brings
- (3) brought
- (4) has brought

7. The lifeguard helped to rescue the drowning boy, \_\_\_\_\_ he?

- (1) did
- (2) does
- (3) didn't
- (4) doesn't

8. "Winter clothing for our holidays \_\_\_\_\_ a must-bring item," Mum reminded us.

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

9. The phone \_\_\_\_\_ for a while before someone answered it.

- (1) rung
- (2) has rung
- (3) has been ringing
- (4) had been ringing

10. The durian fruit is the inspiration \_\_\_\_\_ the design of this theatre.

- (1) in
- (2) to
- (3) by
- (4) for

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

11. "Why did you waste food? Do you know that there are many starving children in other countries?" \_\_\_\_\_ my mother in anger.

- (1) claimed
- (2) advised
- (3) reasoned
- (4) exclaimed

12. Look up the \_\_\_\_\_ in order to assemble the bookshelf.

- (1) guide
- (2) menu
- (3) manual
- (4) pamphlet

13. The concert has been \_\_\_\_\_ until next month as the singer has a throat infection.

- (1) put on
- (2) put off
- (3) put out
- (4) put away

14. The loyal soldier refused to \_\_\_\_\_ the secret location of his camp.

- (1) divulge
- (2) release
- (3) unleash
- (4) announce

15. Kendra \_\_\_\_\_ the photographs of her missing dog on the posters to ensure that they would be big enough for all to see.

- (1) adjusted
- (2) enlarged
- (3) expanded
- (4) sharpened

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.

After more than a year, police arrested a bird trafficker who was responsible for smuggling thousands of African Grey parrots into the country. Most of the parrots had been transported under very severe conditions. Smugglers wrapped them with paper or stuffed them into plastic bottles. It was discovered that more than half of the parrots did not survive the long trip to Singapore. As the smugglers were connected with traders all over the world, after every seizure, police had to find a new place to keep the parrots so that they could be nursed back to health. Hopefully, the saved birds will be released back to the wild soon.

*Adapted from [www.parrotsdailynews.com](http://www.parrotsdailynews.com)*

16. (1) strict  
(2) harsh  
(3) vicious  
(4) awkward
17. (1) put  
(2) placed  
(3) loaded  
(4) crammed
18. (1) proved  
(2) revealed  
(3) confirmed  
(4) uncovered
19. (1) trek  
(2) tour  
(3) voyage  
(4) journey
20. (1) locally  
(2) globally  
(3) nationally  
(4) universally

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

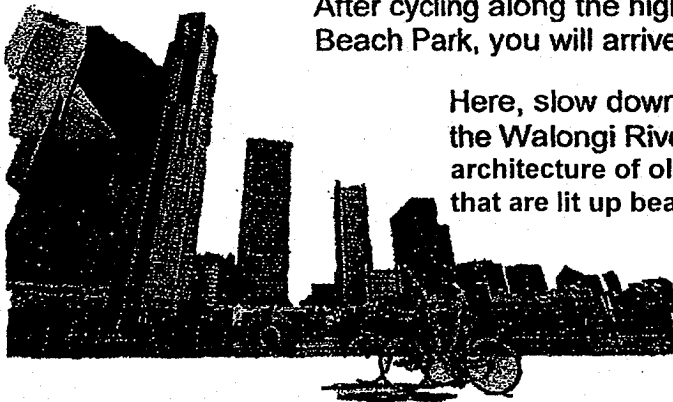
## **FIT! Cycling Club**

**We believe in Friends, Independence and Travel!**

### **Suggested Route 1: Along the Walongi River**

After cycling along the highway of Grange Coast Road and North Beach Park, you will arrive at the bank of the Walongi River.

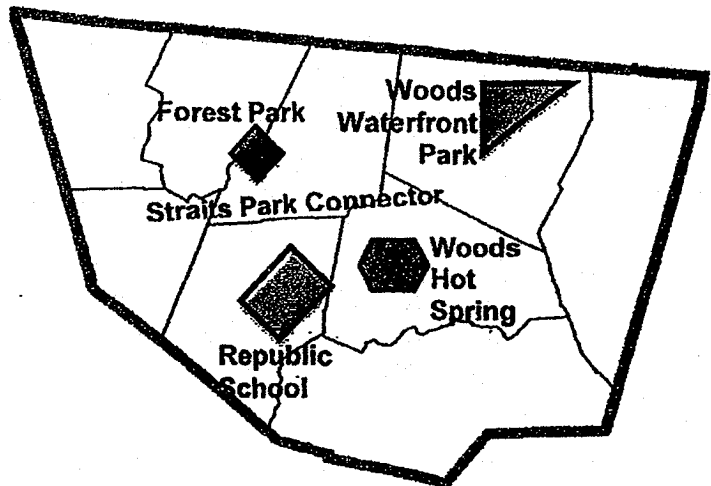
Here, slow down to take in the spectacular sights along the Walongi River. Bedazzled by the unique architecture of old shophouses and modern buildings that are lit up beautifully when the sun sets.



### **Suggested Route 2: Around the Northern Loop**

Take this relaxing ride through the Straits Park Connector to Woods Waterfront Park. You should also check out the new Forest Park once construction is completed.

Stop at the nearby sprawling Republic School for a break. After a drink at the canteen, head out to the newly-opened Woods Hot Spring where you could soak your legs in pails of warm spring water.



## **Feedback Works!**

Should you come across any safety issues, please email us your concerns.

The club is delighted that the authorities have already acted on our previous feedback to replace drain covers along cycling pathways for the safety of cyclists. With these new covers, we no longer have to avoid the dangerous gaps on the drain covers.

## Why cycle?






Cycling is a cheap and good form of exercise. When you cycle, you exercise almost all your muscles. The repeated movement of the legs strengthens the muscles in your lower back. Steering and pedalling the bicycle develop your coordination skills.

**Other health benefits of regular cycling include:**

- strengthened bones
- decreased body fat levels
- improved posture and coordination
- improved mental and physical health

Studies have found that children who cycle regularly:

-  are fit and healthy
-  are more focussed in their learning
-  are better at managing their stress level



## DID YOU KNOW?

- ✓ Cycling is the second most popular outdoor activity.
- ✓ More than 100 million bicycles are manufactured each year.
- ✓ There are over 1 billion bicycles around the world.
- ✓ The longest bicycle can sit 35 people – that is more than 20 metres long!
- ✓ You can fit 15 bicycles in the same space that one car occupies.
- ✓ There are twice as many bicycles as cars in the world.

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

21. Why is the word FIT written in entirely capital letters in "FIT! Cycling Club"?

- (1) It is followed by an exclamation mark.
- (2) It is to show that the word is part of a name.
- (3) It is formed from the first letters of other words.
- (4) It is to show that the word refers to health benefits related to cycling.

22. The main aim of the cycling club is to encourage people to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) slow down and enjoy the scenery
- (2) explore different parts of the country
- (3) make friends and discover new places
- (4) participate in a popular outdoor activity

23. What is the highlight of Suggested Route 1?

- (1) Watching the sunset
- (2) Cycling along the highway
- (3) Slowing down along the river bank
- (4) Admiring the buildings along the river bank

24. According to the leaflet, which of the following is **not** a stopover landmark of the Northern Loop Route?

- (1) Forest Park
- (2) Republic School
- (3) Woods Hot Spring
- (4) Woods Waterfront Park

25. According to the leaflet, cyclists can enjoy pleasant and safe rides if they \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) help to replace drain covers
- (2) look out for gaps in drain covers
- (3) inform the club of any safety hazards
- (4) insist that the club act promptly on all feedback



26. From the leaflet, what is one advantage of taking up cycling as a form of exercise?

- (1) It improves pedalling skills.
- (2) It exercises all your muscles.
- (3) It develops coordination skills.
- (4) It improves movement of the legs.

27. Some of the information in this leaflet is factual; others are made up. Which of the following information is made up?

- (1) Children who cycle often can concentrate better.
- (2) Cycling is a good and inexpensive form of exercise.
- (3) Cycling improves both your physical and mental health.
- (4) Cyclists no longer have to worry about gaps on the drain covers.

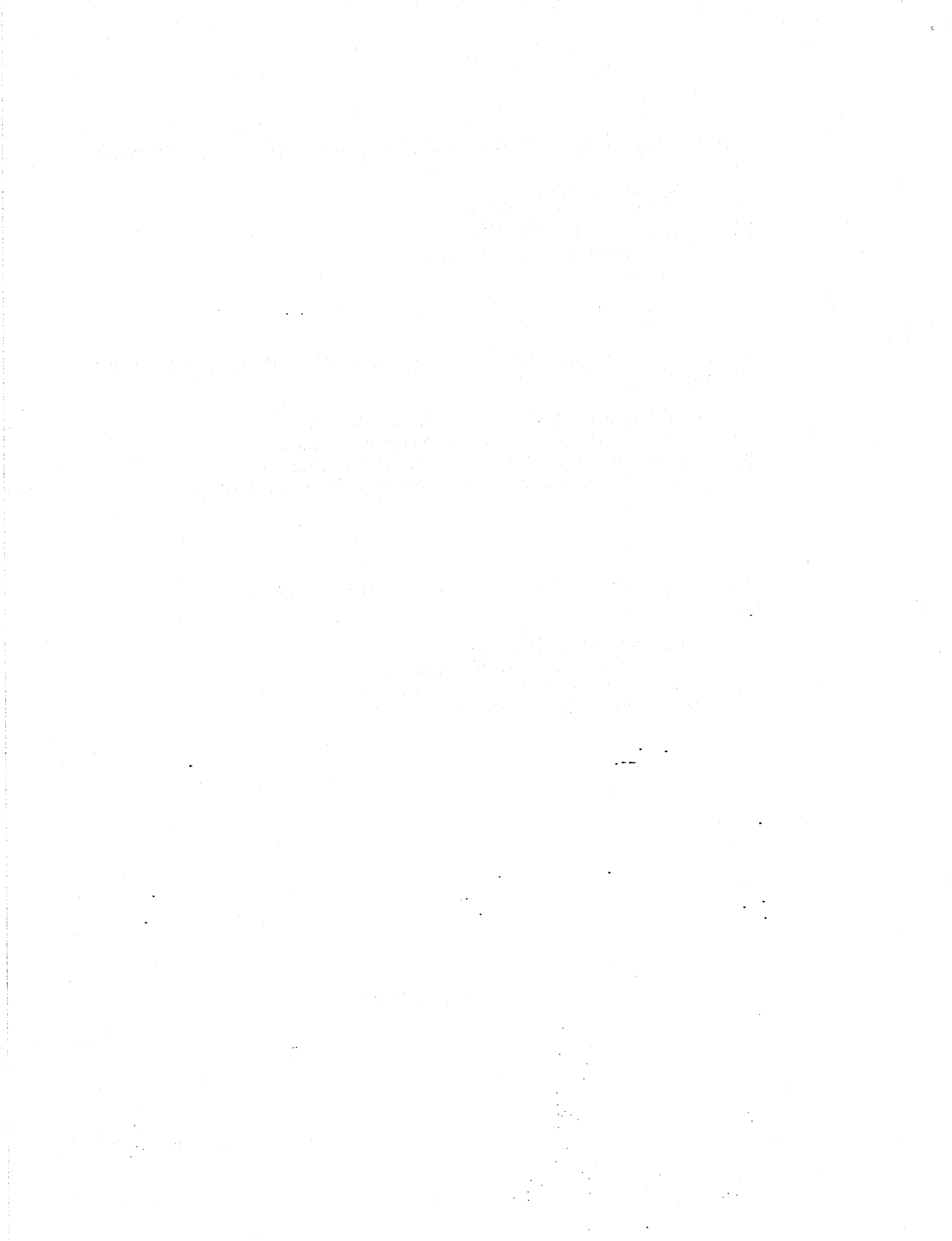
28. We know that cycling is a popular mode of transport because

\_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) there are many health benefits
- (2) the longest bicycle can sit 35 people
- (3) many bicycles are manufactured each year
- (4) there are more bicycles than cars in the world

End of Booklet A

Go on to 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.**

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(A) an	(D) can	(G) have	(K) of	(N) their
(B) and	(E) could	(H) her	(L) off	(P) towards
(C) but	(F) did	(J) in	(M) the	(Q) would

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Serena opened her report book. "Grade A for Mathematics!" she screamed \_\_\_\_\_ delight. She had always been weak in the subject and this was \_\_\_\_\_ improvement! As a reward, Serena's parents gave \_\_\_\_\_ approval for her to go camping with her friends. That \_\_\_\_\_ be the first time she would be spending a night away from home. Serena felt grown-up \_\_\_\_\_ independent.

Saturday dawned. A taxi was waiting for Serena at the front gate. "\_\_\_\_\_ you pack your toothbrush and towels?" her mother asked as they walked \_\_\_\_\_ the taxi

"Yes, I have. I \_\_\_\_\_ take care of myself," Serena reassured her. She placed her bags in \_\_\_\_\_ boot, boarded the taxi and with a final wave, was \_\_\_\_\_ to the camp. Serena was going to enjoy her reward for the hours of hard work that she had put into improving her Mathematics.

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

Time spent in a bookstore can be most delightful. You might be either  
(39)  (40)   
seeking shelter of a sudden downpour, choosing a gift for someone and browsing  
(41)   
through magazines and books beside cosy reading spots. You might also  
(42)   
discover a great new read and possissbly chance upon a book whose title is  
(43)   
captevatting. Whatever your reason is, you would probably very quickly become  
(44)   
oblivous to your surroundings. This is because a bookstore, unlike many other  
(45)  (46)   
places, provided you the opportunity to escape the realaity of everyday life.  
(47)   
You can wander around to your heart's content, approaching the friendly staff  
(48)   
for assistance when nescesary or pick up a book which has an attractive cover  
(49)   
though you may end up on a rather boring book. In an ideal bookstore, you can  
be spoilt for choice - ranging from a great selection of titles with a mix of old  
(50)   
favorittes to bestsellers. It is really impossible to regret visiting a bookstore.

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

It all began with the headline: "Strange Creature Sighted in Lake". The article aroused the \_\_\_\_\_ of readers resulting in many people rushing to offer their \_\_\_\_\_ of what the sighting actually was. These explanations varied greatly \_\_\_\_\_ one account to the next. Some reasoned that the strange sighting was simply a \_\_\_\_\_ of giant eels swimming too close to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the water. Others thought it was just a \_\_\_\_\_ of floating wood. The more widely-held belief was that a dinosaur had somehow \_\_\_\_\_ the disaster that killed the rest of the dinosaurs and was now living at the bottom of the lake. Believers of this theory affectionately \_\_\_\_\_ their monster "Nessie".

The most intriguing explanation for the sighting must be the one \_\_\_\_\_ forth by Neil Clark, a well-known journalist. Clark noted that a \_\_\_\_\_ had come to the town in 1933. \_\_\_\_\_ to him, Nessie was no more than a circus elephant that had managed to \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_ without anyone realising it. It could have made \_\_\_\_\_ way to the lake and gone for a swim. \_\_\_\_\_ the bulk of the elephant's body was submerged, people could only see parts of its back and head \_\_\_\_\_ water. This image gave people the wrong impression that these were the humps of the creature.

*Adapted from "Is the Loch Ness Monster Dead?"*

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. David enjoys singing. He does not enjoy dancing.

\_\_\_\_\_ would rather  
\_\_\_\_\_

67. We were eager to get to the front of the line. We pushed one another.

In our \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

68. Miss Lee said, "I'll come home by eight."

Miss Lee said that \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

69. You will get a discount. You have to be in your uniform.

\_\_\_\_\_ provided that  
\_\_\_\_\_

70. The project will be completed soon. We can hand in the project to our teacher.

Upon the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Read this passage and answer Questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

Greg was worried. Dark clouds were gathering in the distance. He figured that there was just enough time to plant another row of seeds on his farm before returning home for dinner. As he dropped the last seed at the end of the row, he checked the sky again.

A greyish-black cloud of about a kilometre wide loomed ahead. Beneath it hung 5  
a funnel-shaped form, pointing towards the earth. All of a sudden, the trees in the distance disappeared quickly as if they were being sucked up by a vacuum cleaner.

Greg saw the mighty cloud. As it was closing in on him like a predator would on its prey, he darted towards his tractor. There was no time to lose. Greg sped towards the row of trees in front of him, dived headfirst through a hole in the wire fence and 10  
clung tightly to the nearest tree trunk. There was a strange, threatening silence. He could hear only the pounding of his heart. Then, there was an explosive sound and he felt a heavy blow on his back. He dug his face quickly into the ground as the violent storm swept over him.

When the spinning of the raging wind and the roaring sounds had stopped, 15  
Greg raised his head slowly. He was sprawled on the ground. Dazed, Greg stood up. He shook his head in disbelief. Something was wrong. Had he been confused about his directions? Where was the barn? Where were the chicken houses? However, all he saw was a mountain of wreckage. Uprooted trees lay haphazardly on the ground, their roots hanging limp. Almost everything lay in disorganised heaps from 20  
as far as he could see.

Fearfully, he looked into the distance for his house. Miraculously, only parts of the roof were dangling from the trees that were still standing. Where was his family? He scrambled closer to where his home was. He prayed hard that nothing had happened to his family. 25

Earlier that morning, Greg's wife, Emily, had not turned on the radio. She had not heard the tornado warnings. By the time she had finished baking a cake and some cookies, it was almost lunchtime. While waiting for her cookies to cool, she noticed that it was raining. Suddenly, a deafening crash startled her. The house shuddered violently, causing the kitchen windows to pop out from their frame. 30

"Joel! Quick! Run down to the basement!" Emily shouted. Mother and son dashed to the basement and crouched beneath the wooden stairs. Instinctively, Emily pushed Joe down flat and held him tightly for what seemed like hours. Finally, the wind stopped.

"Mum, that was quick thinking on your part. Otherwise, I would have been lifted 35  
by the tornado," said Joe appreciatively.

Emily forced a weak smile and replied, "Thank goodness it's all over. I hope your dad comes home safe and sound."

*Adapted from "Tornado" by Helen Rezat*



71. where was Greg before the tornado struck? [1m]

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72. What did Greg do which showed that he felt no real fear when he first saw the clouds gathering in the distance? [1m]

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73. What did the writer compare the tornado to? [1m]

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74. Choose words from paragraph 3 which have the same meanings to the words below. [3m]

great	
beating	
without delay	

75. Which two words from lines 15 to 18 describe the storm as a very fierce one? [2m]

	and	
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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 passage. [1m]

\_\_\_\_\_ Emily was waiting for her cookies to cool.

\_\_\_\_\_ Greg's family stayed in the basement.

\_\_\_\_\_ The radio broadcast warnings about an impending tornado.

77. 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
it (line 5)	
violent storm (line 14)	
that (line 35)	

78. 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
Greg was hit by the tornado.		
At first, Greg could not tell where he was after the tornado had hit the farm.		
Greg's house was completely destroyed.		

79. What made Emily say "Thank goodness it's all over." (line 37)? [2m]
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80. The table below shows the actions taken by the characters and their corresponding reasons. Complete the table with answers from the passage. [3m]

<b>Action</b>	<b>Reason</b>
Greg darted towards his tractor.	
Emily had not heard the tornado warnings.	
	Greg wanted to anchor himself to the ground so that he would not be sucked into the tornado.

End of Paper

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Booklet A

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

Booklet B

Q 29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
J	A	N	Q	B	F	P	D	M	L
Q39)	from	Q43)	captivating		Q47)	approach			
Q40)	or	Q44)	oblivious		Q48)	necessary			
Q41)	in / at	Q45)	provides		Q49)	with			
Q42)	possibly	Q46)	reality		Q50)	favourites			

Q51)	imagination	Q56)	piece	Q61)	According
Q52)	opinions	Q57)	survived	Q62)	escape
Q53)	from	Q58)	called	Q63)	its
Q54)	school	Q59)	put	Q64)	When
Q55)	surface	Q60)	circus	Q65)	above
Q66)	David would rather sing than dance.				
Q67)	In our eagerness to get to the front of the line, we pushed one another.				
Q68)	Miss Lee said that she would go home by eight.				
Q69)	You will get a discount provided that you are in your uniform.				

Q70)	Upon the completion of the project, we can hand it in to our teacher.	
Q71)	Greg was on his farm.	
Q72)	He planted another row of seeds.	
Q73)	Vacuum clear.	
Q74)	great ---- mighty beating ---- pounding without delay --- quickly	
Q75)	raging and roaring	
Q76)	2 , 3 , 1	
Q77)	(line 5) --- The greyish-black cloud of about a kilometre wide. (line 14) – The tornado. (line 35) – Emily pushing Joe down flat and holding him tightly.	
Q78)	True / A heavy blow hit Greg's back. True / He was confused about his direction. False / Only parts of the roof and the kitchen window were destroyed.	
Q79)	Joe telling Emily that that was quick thinking on her part, if not he would have been lifted by the tornado.	
Q80)		The tornado was closing on him like a predator would on its prey.
		Emily had not turned on the radio.
	He clung tightly to the nearest tree trunk.	