

**RED SWASTIKA SCHOOL**  
**2018 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1**  
**ENGLISH LANGUAGE – PAPER 1**  
**SITUATIONAL / CONTINUOUS WRITING**  
**PRIMARY 6**

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Marks : \_\_\_\_\_ / 55

Class : Pr 6 / \_\_\_\_\_ Date : 24 April 2018

Duration : 1 hour 10 minutes Parent's Signature : \_\_\_\_\_

**Instructions to candidates:**

There are TWO parts to this paper – Part 1 and Part 2. Answer both questions.

**Part 1: Situational Writing (15 marks)**



### **Your Task**

Imagine that you are the girl in the pictures.

**Write an email to your friend, Lara, telling her what you can do together when she comes to Singapore.**

You are to refer to the pictures and information on page 1 for your email.

In your email, include the following information:

- how you feel about her visit
- who will receive her at the airport
- where she will be staying during her visit
- what two activities you have decided on doing with her
- what treat you have in store for her

You may reorder the points. Remember to write in complete sentences.

## Part 2: Continuous Writing (40 marks)

Write a composition of at least 150 words about a **memorable occasion**.

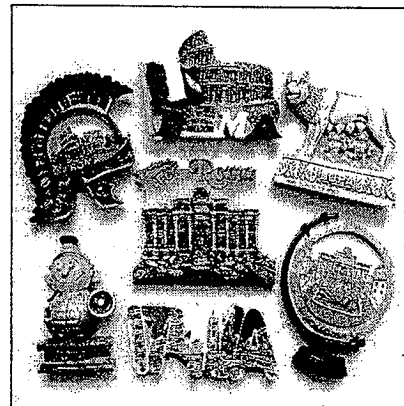
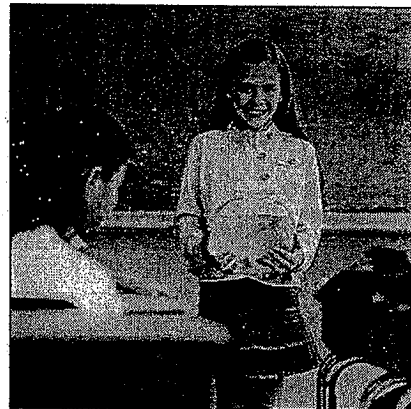
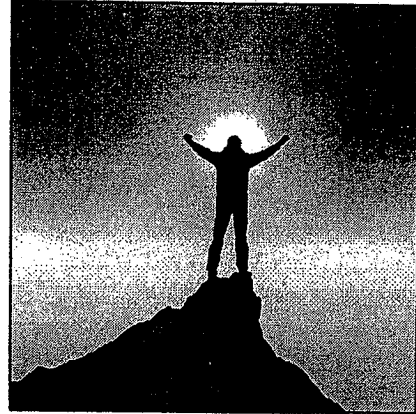
The pictures are provided to help you think about the topic.

Your composition should be based on one or more of these pictures.

Consider the following points when you plan your composition.

- What was the occasion?
- Why was it memorable?

You may use the points in any order and include other relevant points as well.







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**ENGLISH LANGUAGE – PAPER 2**  
**LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION**  
**PRIMARY 6**

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ (     )

Class : Primary 6 / \_\_\_\_\_

Date : 3 May 2018

**BOOKLET A**

28 Questions

28 Marks

Duration of Paper: 1 h 50 min

**Note:**

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Read carefully the instructions given at the beginning of each part of the booklet.
3. Do not waste time. If a question is difficult for you, go on to the next one.
4. Check your answers thoroughly and make sure you attempt every question.
5. In this booklet, you should have the following:
  - a. Page 1 to Page 8
  - b. Questions 1 to 28



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

1 We \_\_\_\_\_ make up for lost time by working doubly hard now or we will not be able to complete the assignment on time.

- (1) may
- (2) shall
- (3) could
- (4) would

2 As search and rescue teams were unable to find her son's body in the sea after a few days, she had \_\_\_\_\_ hope that her son would still be alive.

- (1) any
- (2) few
- (3) little
- (4) much

3 "Have the children \_\_\_\_\_ their food?" my father asked my mother.

- (1) eating
- (2) eaten
- (3) eat
- (4) ate

4 Sally fell in the park yesterday, \_\_\_\_\_ she?

- (1) did
- (2) had
- (3) didn't
- (4) hadn't

5 If I \_\_\_\_\_ an effort to exercise, I would not be this unfit.

- (1) make
- (2) made
- (3) had made
- (4) have made

6 It was still early after returning from our long hike, \_\_\_\_\_ we were all ready to go to bed.

- (1) so
- (2) as
- (3) for
- (4) yet

7 "For students who complete the poems within the hour, Mrs Tan \_\_\_\_\_ bonus points to them," the class monitor announced to the class.

- (1) awards
- (2) awarded
- (3) will award
- (4) had awarded

8 She signed up immediately for the art workshop as she had always been keen \_\_\_\_\_ painting.

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

9 Since I twisted my ankle recently, I will refrain \_\_\_\_\_ participating in the upcoming marathon.

- (1) for
- (2) with
- (3) from
- (4) against

10 Using deceit to achieve your goals \_\_\_\_\_ a definite way to lose respect from others.

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



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

(5 marks)

11 The baby's laughter was so \_\_\_\_\_ that everyone in the room laughed along when they heard him.

- (1) genuine
- (2) hysterical
- (3) boisterous
- (4) contagious

12 While planning for their camping trip, the boys ensured that they had prepared \_\_\_\_\_ food as they did not want to go hungry.

- (1) meagre
- (2) average
- (3) sufficient
- (4) excessive

13 The craftsman carved the ice \_\_\_\_\_, taking extreme care in the minute details of the sculpture.

- (1) exactly
- (2) correctly
- (3) precisely
- (4) meticulously

14 Elgin has an allergy to nuts. He may \_\_\_\_\_ in a rash if he eats them.

- (1) break off
- (2) break out
- (3) break down
- (4) break through

15 To cure my sore throat, my grandmother put together many strange ingredients in a pot of water and made me drink a cup of her \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) creation
- (2) concoction
- (3) composition
- (4) combination

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

Stuart and Sally were sleeping in their lodge. A steady flow of snow was covering its roof.  
(16)

Suddenly, Stuart and Sally were awoken by a thundering deep prolonged sound. They  
(17)  
screamed as the windows, walls and ceiling crashed turbulently around them.  
(18)

Seconds later, when Stuart tried to sit up, he bashed his head against something hard. It  
felt like concrete. With mounting horror, he realised that the building must have caved in and  
(19)  
that he and Sally were boxed in. The space was not big enough for them to move.  
(20)

"Help us!" the two cried pitifully.

*Adapted from Reader's Digest 'Trapped in a frozen tomb'*

- 16 (1) lasting  
(2) durable  
(3) constant  
(4) persistent

- 17 (1) roar  
(2) moan  
(3) groan  
(4) shout

- 18 (1) fiercely  
(2) violently  
(3) savagely  
(4) recklessly

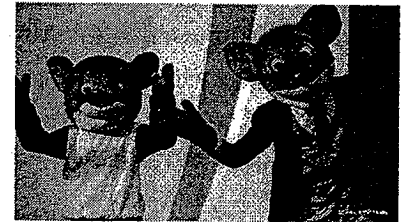
- 19 (1) crashed  
(2) crumbled  
(3) crumpled  
(4) collapsed

- 20 (1) trapped  
(2) cornered  
(3) restrained  
(4) suppressed

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

# FIRST LIVE THEATRE TOUR IN SINGAPORE!

## Geronimo Stilton LIVE ON STAGE



*In the Kingdom of Fantasy*

**24 – 27 May 2018**

**Crest Stars Theatre**

Tickets from \$38 (excludes booking fee)

Online booking : [www.creststars.com.sg](http://www.creststars.com.sg)

Hotline : **6112 4567**

Enjoy a **20% early bird discount**  
from 4 – 13 May 2018!

**OR**

Buy 3 tickets and get **1 free!**  
(offer valid till 18 May 2018)

### Meet and Greet!

(30 minutes before each show)

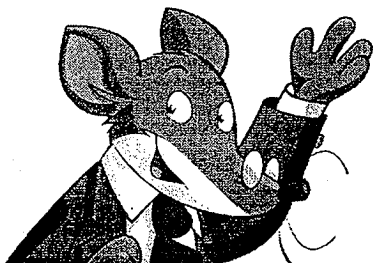
Interact with your favourite book characters! Get healthy and come dance along with Geronimo and Thea Stilton with some Zumba Fitness activities!

Grab your camera and have a picture taken with the characters too!

### Musical Ticket Giveaway

Be the first 50 people to answer 3 simple questions correctly on [www.creststars.com.sg](http://www.creststars.com.sg) and win \*2 tickets each worth \$76.

\*Choice of live show tickets on 26 or 27 May (2.30 p.m.) on a first-come, first-served basis.



### Schools

- | School bookings are available for shows on 24 and 25 May.
- | Bulk discount applicable with purchase.
- | Please email [eduhub@creststars.com.sg](mailto:eduhub@creststars.com.sg)
- | or call 6112 4567 for more information.

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## DIRECTLY FROM EUROPE COMES THIS MULTI-MEDIA PRODUCTION

*An engaging musical featuring a playful mix of live performance and effects!*

Geronimo, the mouse-hero of a popular children's book series, will be coming to life on stage! Children of all ages love this series of books because the stories are replete with humour. They have nail-biting adventures, featuring action set in an age-appropriate and non-violent way. Geronimo Stilton teaches the readers universal values of life like being approachable, the desire to do good, and the commitment to grow and improve oneself. The readers identify themselves with his weaknesses which he shows he is able to overcome through his optimism and with help from his friends.

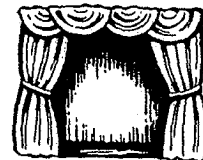


In this book series, the title character is a talking mouse who lives in New Mouse City on Mouse Island. A best-selling author, Geronimo Stilton works as a journalist and editor for the fictional newspaper The Rodent's Gazette.

He has a younger sister named Thea Stilton, a cousin named Trap Stilton, and a favorite little nephew, nine-year-old Benjamin Stilton. Geronimo is a nervous, mild-mannered mouse who would like nothing better than to live a quiet life, but he keeps getting involved in far-away adventures with Thea, Trap, and Benjamin, and sometimes Aunt Sweetfur.

The books are written as though they are autobiographical adventure stories and they have been translated into 35 languages.

### Other Media



#### TV series

An animated series ran for 78 episodes across three seasons, with the series finale airing on February 28, 2017.

#### Theatre

In 2016, Oregon Children's Theatre produced Geronimo Stilton: Mouse in Space, a world-premiere adaptation of Mouse in Space! by John Maclay.

#### Comics / graphic novels

Geronimo Stilton graphic novels have been published since 2009. A line of Thea Stilton graphic novels have been published since 2013.

#### Video games

Sony Computer Entertainment partnered with Virtual Toys and released two video games based on the series for PlayStation Portable on 3 November 2011.



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

21 The main purpose of the flyer is to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) inform people that this production is from Europe
- (2) compliment the values that Geronimo Stilton teaches the children
- (3) promote the Meet and Greet session of the characters in the musical
- (4) attract people to watch a live performance starring Geronimo Stilton and friends

22 Who is the organiser of this event?

- (1) Media Stars
- (2) Dreams Radio
- (3) PKTO Channel
- (4) Crest Stars Theatre

23 Where will the musical be held?

- (1) over the radio
- (2) at the theatre
- (3) on television
- (4) on an online site

24 Why is the phrase 'LIVE ON STAGE' in capital letters?

- (1) to decorate the brochure
- (2) to make the words stand out
- (3) to highlight the title of the performance
- (4) to draw people's attention to the type of production

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

- (1) Bulk discount is available for schools that purchase tickets online.
- (2) 20% early bird discount on tickets will be available till 18 May 2018.
- (3) 50 pairs of tickets can be won by answering questions correctly online.
- (4) Get up close and personal with Geronimo and friends during the Meet-and-Greet session.

26 Children of all ages love reading Geronimo Stilton because \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) the stories are humorous
- (2) they can identify themselves with his weaknesses
- (3) the stories encourage them to have the desire to do good
- (4) they can learn how to develop the commitment to grow and improve oneself

27 Having the books written as though they are autobiographical adventures suggests that the stories \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) teach readers the universal values of life
- (2) are written through the eyes of Geronimo Stilton
- (3) describe the adventures that Geronimo Stilton has with the other characters
- (4) tell us about the relationships that Geronimo Stilton has with the other characters

28 Which other media of Geronimo Stilton was produced between 2010 and 2012?

- (1) video games
- (2) graphic novels
- (3) television series
- (4) theatre performance



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**PRIMARY 6**

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ (     )

Class : Primary 6 / \_\_\_\_\_

Date : 3 May 2018

**BOOKLET B**

52 Questions

67 Marks

In this booklet, you should have the following:

- a. Page 9 to Page 16
- b. Questions 29 to 80

BOOKLET	OBTAINED	POSSIBLE
BOOKLET A		28
BOOKLET B		67
TOTAL		95

Parent's Signature : \_\_\_\_\_





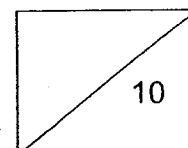
There are 10 blanks, numbered 29 to 38, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

**EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.**

- |           |            |          |          |          |
|-----------|------------|----------|----------|----------|
| (A) about | (D) by     | (G) from | (K) of   | (N) to   |
| (B) and   | (E) during | (H) into | (L) on   | (P) when |
| (C) at    | (F) for    | (J) may  | (M) that | (Q) with |

Are you sleep deprived? On an everyday level, sleepy people make mathematical errors, are unable to stay focussed, \_\_\_\_\_ become cross with their families, friends and colleagues. Less commonly, they make mistakes \_\_\_\_\_ tragic consequences. It is hard to prove how many fatal car accidents are caused by the driver falling asleep \_\_\_\_\_ the wheel. Laboratory experiments have confirmed \_\_\_\_\_ the sleep-deprived mind is actually prone \_\_\_\_\_ 'microsleeps' – lapses of consciousness so brief that the person may not be aware of them.

Generally, children and teenagers need an average of \_\_\_\_\_ ten hours of sleep. The brain keeps an exact account \_\_\_\_\_ how much sleep it is owed. If you get an hour less than a full night's sleep, you carry an hour of sleep debt \_\_\_\_\_ the next day – and your tendency to fall asleep \_\_\_\_\_ the day becomes stronger. Accumulated sleep debt \_\_\_\_\_ result in long-term damage to your health. Hence, you should ensure you have enough sleep in order to stay healthy.



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

*Want to stay healthy? Just walk. While millions of people lose weight each*

(39)

*year, it is mainly the walkers who keep the weight off efortlessly. What makes*

(40)

*these people different is their commit to exercise.*

(41)

*No definitive study has establish exactly how many minutes of walking a day*

(42)

*will do the job. However, researchers usually recomend 45 minutes of walking a*

(43)

*day. For aspiering excercisers who find three quarters of an hour daunting, it*

(44)

*helps to know that breaking out the time into three 15-minute walks works just*

(45)

*as effective.*

(46)

*However, taking up daily walking does not give you the license to eat without*

(47)

*care. As long as you eat a wide variety of nutriscious food, drink lots of water and*

*cut out junk food, walking will do the rest. Take advantage of opportunities to*

(48)

(49)

*socialaiz while walking. Studies have also shown that walking with a friend has the*

(50)

*enormous number of psychological benefits such as feeling least stressed. So start*

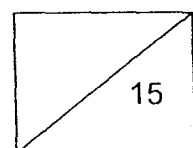
*taking steps to improve your health today!*

Dementia is not a specific disease. It's an overall term that describes a wide \_\_\_\_\_ of symptoms associated with a decline in memory or other thinking skills (51) severe enough to \_\_\_\_\_ a person's ability to perform everyday activities. (52) Alzheimer's disease accounts \_\_\_\_\_ 60 to 80 percent of cases. Vascular dementia, (53) which occurs after a stroke, \_\_\_\_\_ the second most common dementia type. (54) However, there are many other conditions that can mimic symptoms of dementia, including some that are reversible, \_\_\_\_\_ as thyroid problems and vitamin deficiencies. (55)

Dementia is often incorrectly referred to as 'senile dementia', reflecting the formerly widespread but incorrect belief that it affects \_\_\_\_\_ elderly and is a normal part of (56) the process of \_\_\_\_\_. People with dementia may have problems \_\_\_\_\_ (58) short-term memory, keeping track of a purse or wallet, paying bills, planning and preparing meals, remembering appointments or travelling out \_\_\_\_\_ the neighbourhood. (59)

Many dementias are progressive, meaning symptoms start out \_\_\_\_\_ and (60) gradually get worse. If one is experiencing memory difficulties, a doctor will be able to determine the \_\_\_\_\_ and hence detect a treatable condition. (61)

Even if symptoms suggest dementia, early \_\_\_\_\_ allows a person to get the (62) maximum benefit from available treatments that provides an opportunity for \_\_\_\_\_ (63) to volunteer for clinical trials or studies. It also provides time to plan for the future. Most types of dementia \_\_\_\_\_ be cured. However, medication and therapies can be used (64) \_\_\_\_\_ temporarily improve dementia symptoms. The goal of treatment is to slow (65) down the progression of dementia-related impairments and to control behavioural symptoms.



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 Nobody wanted to sweep the dirty classroom floor.

Everybody \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

67 I fell asleep just as I closed my eyes.

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

68 Anna accepted Richard's help. Everyone was surprised by it.

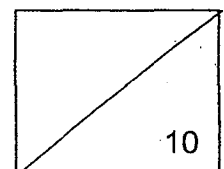
Anna's \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

69 I did not go to school as I was having diarrhoea.

Having \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

70 "Did you place the book back on this shelf?" the librarian asked me.

The librarian asked me \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



The seven teenagers hurried towards the airport gate, bursting with excitement. Italy's national under-16 swimming championship was taking place in Genoa and the boys were going to compete there. They had been flying from city to city for the last month for competitions.

14-year old Marco Sulis looked around for his best friend, Daniel Sedda, and sat next to him. Their coach sat near them. While preparing for take-off, the flight attendant began her safety briefing. Most of the passengers paid no attention but Marco would later remember all her words. He was familiar with **these kinds of briefings**, and besides, the teenager was naturally attentive. 5

During the flight, as earlier instructed, he located the nearest emergency exit and made a mental note of the red handle recessed into the door behind a protective plastic shield. To open the door, one had to remove the plastic and pull the handle. 10

Flight 1553 was a short one. The sky that day was crystalline blue and visibility was perfect. Still, landing could be a challenge. Flanked by mountains to the north, the airport was often battered by strong winds.

At two minutes to touchdown, the plane rocked and shuddered as it hit a patch of turbulence. Soon, the plane touched down precariously on two wheels. In the cockpit, the captain attempted to reduce the airplane's speed by braking hard but it was too late. The rubber had melted off the tyres and the metal wheels made a grinding sound against the runway. Skidding sideways, the plane smashed through a boundary wall and hurtled out into the sea at 110 kilometres an hour, splashing down 30 metres away. 15  
20

Time was running out quickly. Tonnes of water poured into the plane. Passengers were shouting and jostling towards the emergency exit door. But in the midst of the chaos, no one knew what to do. Marco watched one man struggle with the door and it struck him that the man did not remember the safety instructions.

"Let me do it!" Marco yelled, leaping out of his seat. 25

Marco smashed the clear plastic with the palm of his hand. He grabbed the handle and pulled, using all the strength in his body. With another mighty tug, the emergency exit door finally swung open. However, the emergency door pinned Marco's leg down and he could not move. Passengers ignored Marco as they rushed out of the plane. Marco knew he had to help himself as there was no time to waste. He pushed against the door as hard as he could and managed to free his leg. Marco exited the plane and saw his coach and three of his teammates bobbing in the waves. He began swimming towards the concrete pier which was 30 metres away. The others followed. 30

When they reached the pier, Daniel was glad that the ordeal was over. Even though four people were killed in the accident, **many more** survived because of Marco, Daniel being one of them. With tears in his eyes, Daniel thanked Marco for saving their lives. Marco simply replied, "All I did was to open the door." 35

71. Which three-word phrase in paragraph 1 shows that the boys were eager to participate in the swimming championship? [1m]

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72. Why was Marco familiar with 'these kinds of briefings'? (line 7) [2m]

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73. Using the text from lines 4 – 11, state two things that Marco did that enabled him to open the emergency door. [2m]

1	
2	

74. Choose three words from paragraphs 5 to 6 which have similar meanings to the words below. [3m]

trembled	
riskily	
disorder	

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Marco pushed against the door as hard as he could.

\_\_\_\_\_ Marco was attentive during the safety briefing.

\_\_\_\_\_ Marco grabbed the handle of the door and pulled.

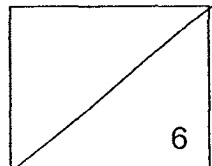
76. Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write the answers in the column on the right. [3m]

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refers to
there (line 3)	
it (line 17)	
many more (line 35)	

77. When no one stopped to help him, why did Marco know that he had to help himself when he was pinned down by the emergency door? [2m]

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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]

Statement	True / False	Reason
Landing planes at the airport in Genoa was not difficult for the pilots.		
Marco's attentiveness saved lives.		
Marco's coach led all of the passengers to the concrete pier.		

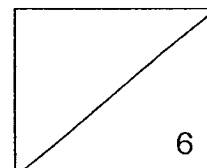
79. Provide an adjective that best describes Marco's character. [1m]

80. Which two words correctly describe how Daniel felt in lines 35 – 36? Put a tick in the box beside each of your answers. [2m]

DO NOT TICK MORE THAN TWO BOXES.

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relieved	<input type="checkbox"/>
frustrated	<input type="checkbox"/>

proud	<input type="checkbox"/>
grateful	<input type="checkbox"/>
embarrassed	<input type="checkbox"/>



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**TERM : 2018 SA1**

**Booklet A**

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

**Booklet B**

Q 29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
B	Q	L	M	N	A	K	H	E	J
Q39)	effortlessly	Q43)	aspiring	Q47)	nutritious				
Q40)	commitment	Q44)	down	Q48)	socialise				
Q41)	established	Q45)	effectively	Q49)	an				
Q42)	recommend	Q46)	license	Q50)	less				

Q51)	spectrum	Q56)	only	Q61)	cause
Q52)	hinder	Q57)	aging	Q62)	detection
Q53)	for	Q58)	with	Q63)	him
Q54)	is	Q59)	of	Q64)	cannot
Q55)	such	Q60)	mild	Q65)	to
Q66)	Everybody did not want to sweep the dirty classroom floor.				
Q67)	No sooner had I closed my eyes than I fell asleep.				
Q68)	Anna's acceptance to Richard's help surprised everyone.				
Q69)	Having diarrhoea, I did not go to school.				

Q70)	The librarian asked me if I had placed the book back on that shelf.
Q71)	Bursting with excitement
Q72)	Marco had been travelling on plane from city to city for the last month for competitions.
Q73)	1 He paid attention to the flight attendants's safety briefing and remembered all her words. 2 He located the nearest emergency exit and made a mental note of the red handle recessed into the door behind a protective plastic shield.
Q74)	Shuddered Precariously Chaos
Q75)	3 , 1 , 2
Q76)	Line 3 – Genoa Line 17 – The captain's attempt to reduce the airplane's speed by braking hard. Line 35 – The rest of the passengers on board besides the four who were killed in the accidents.
Q77)	The passengers were rushing out of the plane, ignoring Marco and water was gushing into the plane and Marco had no time to waste.
Q78)	False            Landing at the airport in Genoa could be a challenge-due to strong winds.  True                Marco remembered the instruction of the flight attendants's safety instruction to remove the plastic and pull the handle and the emergency door swung open.  False                Marco swam towards the concrete pier and the rest followed.
Q79)	Attentive
Q80)	Relieved , Grateful