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SINGAPORE CHINESE GIRLS' SCHOOL

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2018

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PRIMARY SIX

Name: _____ () Date: 20 August 2018

Class: Primary 6

Parent's Signature:

	Marks Obtained	Highest Possible Marks
Part 1		15
Part 2		40
Sub-total		55

PAPER 1

(WRITING)

Total Time : 1 hour 10 minutes

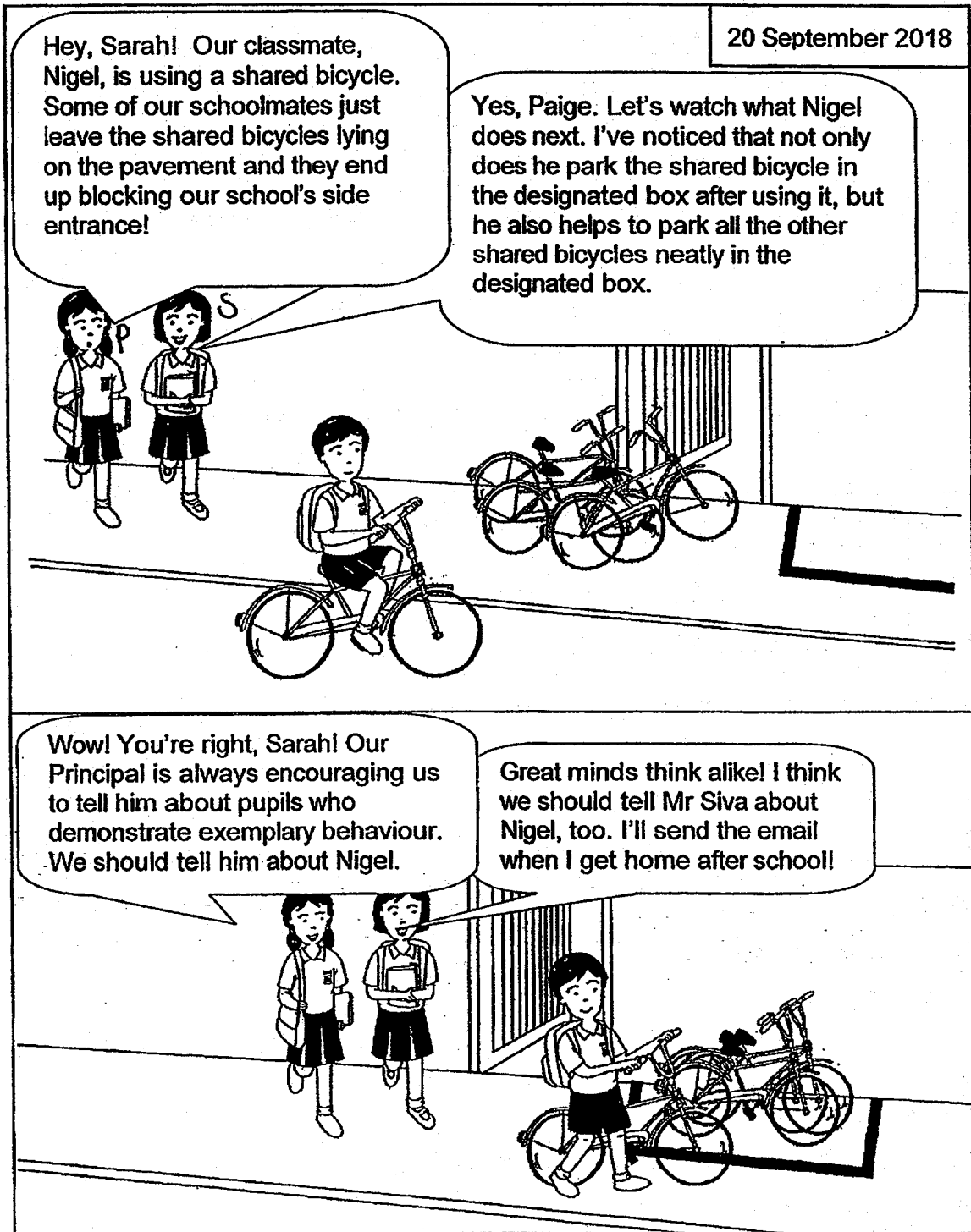
Total Marks : 55 marks

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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- 2 Answer all questions.

Part 1: Situational Writing (15 marks)

The pictures below show Sarah and Paige talking about their classmate's civic-mindedness as they were walking to school. Study the pictures carefully.



Your Task

Imagine you are Sarah.

Write an email to your Principal, Mr Siva, to tell him about Nigel's exemplary behaviour.

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

In your email, include the following key information:

- two things you saw Nigel do
- the problem caused by shared bicycles
- who are causing the problem and how they are causing it
- what your schoolmates can learn from Nigel

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 **second chance**.

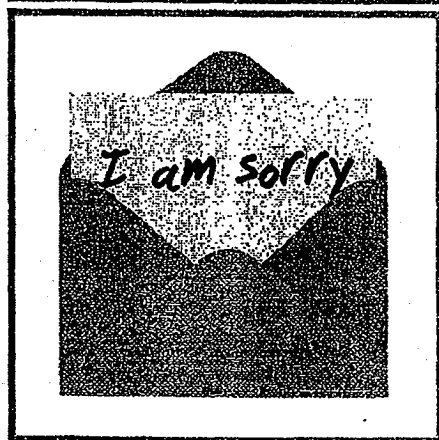
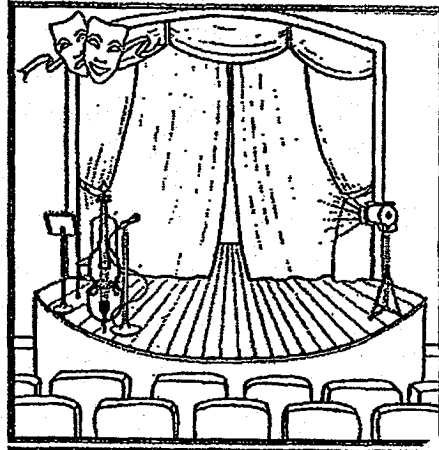
The pictures are provided to help you think about this topic.

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

Consider the following points when you plan your composition:

- What was the second chance?
- Why was a second chance given?

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



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**ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
(BOOKLET A)**

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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- 3 Answer all questions.
- 4 Shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

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

1 The doctor, together with two nurses, _____ going to attend to the patient now.

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

2 Kai Ling saw a boy from the next class _____ his finger into the cake mixture.

- (1) dip
- (2) dips
- (3) dipped
- (4) were dipping

3 Javi peeked cautiously _____ his brother's shoulder, making sure that he was able to spy on the enemies yet not be seen by them.

- (1) on
- (2) with
- (3) over
- (4) against

4 The children made _____ sandwiches for dinner.

- (1) herself
- (2) yourself
- (3) yourselves
- (4) themselves

5 They seldom go to the market, _____ they?

- (1) do
- (2) don't
- (3) have
- (4) haven't

6 The residents requested that the committee _____ the policy so that fewer people would be affected by the change.

- (1) amend
- (2) amends
- (3) amended
- (4) was amending

7 I have not seen him _____ yesterday. I do not know where he is.

- (1) until
- (2) since
- (3) before
- (4) despite

8 I have two brothers, but neither of them _____ married.

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

9 I have to make a trip to the supermarket as I have _____ out of flour.

- (1) ran
- (2) run
- (3) runs
- (4) running

10 My mother will be taking Helen and _____ to the cinema.

- (1) I
- (2) my
- (3) me
- (4) mine

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

11 Many people were outraged by the cruel act, and their letters of sympathy reflected this _____.

- (1) judgment
- (2) sentiment
- (3) conviction
- (4) hypothesis

12 Kathleen _____ in front of the house before exiting her car.

- (1) pulled in
- (2) pulled up
- (3) pulled back
- (4) pulled down

13 The government _____ a ban on the sale of alcohol. The citizens were forced to accept the new ban.

- (1) lifted
- (2) debated
- (3) imposed
- (4) proposed

14 Patrick peeped _____ into Peiling's bag as he wanted to find out how she was able to store so many things inside.

- (1) indifferently
- (2) inquisitively
- (3) disinterestedly
- (4) disapprovingly

15 He was _____ in his opposition to the plan, and nobody was able to change his decision.

- (1) resolute
- (2) hesitant
- (3) wavering
- (4) supportive

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For each question from 16 to 20, choose a suitable word to replace the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

Scientists have come up with proof of the power of positive thinking. They have found that people who have an optimistic outlook on growing older live longer than those who are constantly worrying. The research suggests that people who feel bad about getting old accelerate the ageing process. In contrast, a positive attitude will add more years to your life than not smoking or taking regular exercise.

The researchers, led by Dr Becca Levy, from Yale University, said the effect of a positive attitude towards ageing was greater than physiological measures such as low blood pressure and cholesterol. The effect was even more pronounced than factors such as keeping weight down and not smoking. Dr Levy's team believe the sheer will to live partly explains the link between positive thinking and longevity. In general, negative self-perceptions can diminish life expectancy. Optimism is thus the key to longevity.

Adapted from <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/health/2158336.stm>

- 16 (1) tone
(2) foresight
(3) expectation
(4) perspective

- 17 (1) simplify
(2) escalate
(3) facilitate
(4) complicate

- 18 (1) serious
(2) alarming
(3) negative
(4) noticeable

- 19** (1) pure
(2) strong
(3) general
(4) unyielding

- 20** (1) affect
(2) shrink
(3) impact
(4) extend

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Study this article from a newsletter, Future Matters, and then answer questions 21 to 28.

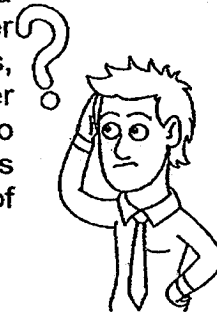
Career Support Initiative Launched



Written by Desiree Soo

If you are a student, it is important to start thinking about the career pathway that you aim to take so that you can choose applicable courses to pursue. If you are a fresh graduate or mid-career jobseeker, it is critical that you make informed and well-thought-out decisions when managing your career pathway.

In a rapidly changing world where new jobs are being created and old jobs are becoming obsolete at alarming rates, charting a career pathway may seem like a daunting task for many. Nevertheless, failing to plan is planning to fail, and the good news is, a career support initiative, "My Career", was launched on 10 August 2018 to help current and future workers like you meet your career aspirations and secure quality jobs at different stages of life. Different aspects of the initiative will be rolled out over the next few months.



In the pipeline

- a locally-developed Career Match Test to help students and jobseekers identify suitable career options based on their personalities and interests
- attachments which give selected students opportunities to work in established companies for a few days during school holidays
- company visits which allow all students above 12 to observe how some of the top companies in Singapore operate as well as speak with their top management and employees
- Career Fair 2018 where participants can explore a wide selection of career options and gain valuable insights into current hiring trends

Do what you can to get where you want in life! Visit www.mycareer.sg for more information as well as to register for the various activities. The Career Match Test will be available online after its launch at Career Fair 2018.

Career Fair 2018

Date: 24 November to 2 December
Time: 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. (weekdays)
10 a.m. to 10 p.m. (weekends)
Venue: Learning Hub Exhibition Halls 1 and 2

Admission is free. Help yourself to complimentary refreshments when you visit on weekdays, subject to availability. Weekday visitors have to be 20 and above.



Role-play booths

Learn about different careers through realistic role-play!
Open on weekends only!

Career talks

Visit www.mycareer.sg/careerfair2018 for details of the talks lined up.

Information booths

Find out more about existing jobs and speak to professionals with years of working experience!

Job Hunt

Give this challenging game your best shot! Attractive prizes to be won!

Launch of the Career Match Test

Answer 50 questions about yourself and receive a free customised report which includes 10 recommended career options.

Recruitment booths

Take a look at what is available in the job market!

Is your company looking out for new blood and fresh ideas?

Register as a potential employer in the Career Match Test and reach out to a pool of talents who possess traits that your company values! Additionally, apply for a recruitment booth if your company has immediate vacancies to fill! Visit www.mycareer.sg/employers to provide information about your company and possible employment opportunities! Or, submit the online recruitment booth application form by 26 October.



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

21 Which of the following words did Desiree Soo use to tell readers that the speed at which jobs are changing is a cause for concern?

- (1) critical
- (2) alarming
- (3) daunting
- (4) important

22 Which of the following statements is correct about the "My Career" initiative?

- (1) It is a monthly affair.
- (2) It caters only to first-time jobseekers.
- (3) It has various aspects that will be introduced at different times.
- (4) It ensures that appropriate courses for students are organised.

23 Maggie wants to have a taste of working in a reputable company during the year-end school holidays. She should _____.

- (1) play the Job Hunt game
- (2) register for a company visit
- (3) find out more from employees of top companies
- (4) visit www.mycareer.sg to apply for an attachment

24 Which of the following statements about the Career Match Test is not true?

- (1) It was created in Singapore.
- (2) People will be able to take the test online.
- (3) Career options will be suggested to those who complete it.
- (4) The questions in the test are about the latest career options.

25 What is the similarity between information and recruitment booths?

- (1) They tell visitors about jobs they can consider taking up.
- (2) They get visitors to answer questions about themselves.
- (3) They allow visitors to share about their work experience.
- (4) They guide visitors in choosing suitable courses to pursue.

26 If Mrs Tan goes to Career Fair 2018 with her teenage children on a Saturday, they can _____.

- (1) enjoy free refreshments
- (2) engage in some role-play activities
- (3) play different games and win attractive prizes
- (4) purchase individual reports about their career options

27 Your father runs a business and you think that it would be good for his company to participate in Career Fair 2018. You suggest that he _____.

- (1) conducts a talk about his company
- (2) sets up a recruitment booth at his company
- (3) submits information about job opportunities in his company
- (4) gets his talented employees to share about his company's values

28 What is the main purpose of the article?

- (1) to inspire readers to work hard and succeed in life
- (2) to motivate readers to take advantage of the career support initiative
- (3) to persuade readers to leave their old jobs for new ones being created
- (4) to advise readers to match their career options with their personalities and interests

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Booklet A		28
Booklet B		67
Sub-total		95

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2

(BOOKLET B)

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- 1 Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
- 2 Follow all instructions carefully.
- 3 Answer all questions.
- 4 Write your answers in this booklet.

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) and | (D) beside | (G) during | (K) little | (N) their |
| (B) another | (E) besides | (H) few | (L) moreover | (P) this |
| (C) are | (F) by | (J) however | (M) on | (Q) were |

Football shoes, also called cleats or soccer boots, are special footwear that are worn while playing football. They are specifically designed for the pitch and cleats on the sole of the shoe aid the grip of the footballer _____ the game. Football boots are _____ no means a new concept but they have evolved throughout time, thanks to technology and better research.

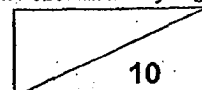
Before the year 1891, football boots _____ not in use. Instead, the players wore work boots. These were obviously quite heavy on the foot. They were not designed for people to run in or kick a ball with. Furthermore, they usually had a reinforced toe. Sometimes made of steel, _____ led to injuries whenever one player accidentally kicked _____.

A revision around 1891 allowed football shoes to utilise small bars or studs on the shoes. Soon after that, work boots were replaced with actual football boots designed with leather in order to better perform in the sport. They were made of thick leather _____ were still quite heavy. They also laced up the ankle for better protection.

The early decades of the 1900s saw _____ change for football shoes. The World Wars and _____ aftermaths left little materials for new creations. Also, with so many men involved in the war efforts, the demand for updated boots was not there. During this time, _____, Valsport and Gola were the popular brands marketed to footballers.

After World War II, football boots began to change noticeably. _____ being lighter, the new boots also came up a little lower on the leg to improve flexibility. These lower boots were especially popular in places like Southern Europe and South America where conditions were less muddy than England.

Adapted from *FootballHistory.org*



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

It is around 40 degrees Celsius and the heat is oppressive. Wind is blowing down from

(39)

the mountains and over the plains, like a hairdryer on its high setting. It is a wonder the

(40)

jeep is not overheating. Our driver, Oleg, deftly manuevers the car between the sand dunes.

At times, we are hitting speeds of 100 kilometres per hour. The desert is without end. Our

(41)

(42)

distenasion - the Alatau massif - lies far ahead of us, lost on the horizon.

(43)

It would have been easier to head strieght for them but to do that, we would have

(44)

had to cross numeres dried up river beds and the banks are often too steep for the jeep.

(45)

We zigzag through the desert, once part of the Silk Road, headed for the mountains, which range in colour from red to yellow ochre.

(46)

Today, not much is known about Kazakhstan, so it is the ninth-biggest country in the world. It stretches 1600 kilometres from north to south and 3000 kilometres from the

(47)

(48)

Caspian Sea in the west to the tawering Altai massif in the east. Despite its size, little tourists visit.

(49)

"We have a disedventage in that our name ends in 'stan'," said our guide, Yrmek.

(50)

"Everyone in the west thought we are like Afghanistan and at war. Actually, it is quite safe to travel around."

Adapted from *Kazakhstan Calling* in *Asian Geographic*; Issue 2/2011

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Shampooing can be complicated. First, there are the confusing instructions – lather, rinse, repeat. It does not say anything about stopping. Now, there is a _____ in progress, called the “No Poo” Movement, advocating no shampoo whatsoever. (51)

Shampoo is indeed a modern invention. It was _____ around the end of the 19th century. According to dermatologists, few of us _____ shampooing every day. That said, the necessity for shampoo _____ from person to person, depending on your hair type and what you put in your hair each day. (52) (53) (54)

The English word “shampoo” originated in India about 300 years ago and at first, comprised a head massage with some fragrant oil. The _____ likely dates back centuries before that. Shampooing in the modern sense, though, with water to produce a soapy lather, _____ only about 100 years old. Prior to this, shampooing involved _____ a dry substance, such as a vegetable starch or wood ash, to the hair to absorb excess oil. (55) (56) (57)

The hair does get _____. We secrete an oil called sebum to protect the protein structure of the hair so that _____ does not splinter. However, that same oil tends to collect dirt and scalp flakes. With the dawn _____ modern chemistry, scientists develop surfactants to remove dirt efficiently while leaving a soft feel. (58) (59) (60)

Members of the “No Poo” Movement _____ a few valid concerns. Some shampoos _____ potentially harmful chemicals that can be absorbed _____ the skin. _____ the results of human studies are not conclusive, animal studies suggest that if enough of these potentially harmful chemicals are absorbed, they ultimately might destroy your skin or other organs. (61) (62) (63) (64)

Fortunately, these days, there are so _____ all-natural shampoos that there is no reason to go without shampoo. If you find them expensive, you can take the standard dermatologist’s advice to wash just a few times a week. (65)

Adapted from *LiveScience.com*

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 We can attend the concert on Friday evening. We can attend it on Saturday afternoon too.

_____ either _____

67 He was annoyed that he could not find the solution to the question.

Much _____

68 "Did you bite your sister on her upper arm?" Mr Aqeef asked his son.

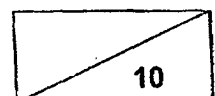
Mr Aqeef asked his son _____

69 Weixin had not taken public transport for a while and needed some time to get his bearings right.

Not _____

70 Mr Gupta compared his profits. He made more this year than he did last year.

In _____



A door opened behind me in the fifth act and I had to scramble out of my chair to make way for Mr Sheridan. I had been in the box watching the first four acts. Mr Sheridan was accompanied by a gentleman and two young people, a boy and a girl a few years older than me. As I ducked out of the way, I caught a glimpse of the sky blue silk of the girl's lace-edged gown and felt a pang of envy. I had never owned anything so beautiful in my entire life. 5

"Keeping my seat warm for me, were you, Cat?" sneered Mr Sheridan as he rolled his eyes.

"Yes, sir," I replied as I curtsied. The boy was staring at me with undisguised curiosity as if I was something intriguing in a cage in the zoological gardens.

"Run along then," Mr Sheridan said, shooing me away. "Make way for Lord Francis and 10 Lady Elizabeth."

Not needing to be told twice, I quit the box. The rich masters had come to throw out the servants. Knowing that it was pointless to disagree with Mr Sheridan, I left quickly to seek another vantage point to watch the show, *Pedro*.

Things were not going well for me if I were to get my wish of seeing *Pedro*. It was now so 15 crowded that I could barely see the stage, being several feet shorter than the men surrounding me. One portly gentleman noticed my predicament as I hopped from foot to foot. He offered his assistance in a most gentlemanlike manner and lifted me up on to a pillar by the entrance where I could hang on by the candle bracket. I now had a superb view over everyone's heads of the stage. I smiled my thanks to him and he tipped his hat most courteously to me. 20

At last the curtain rose. The stage was empty. On realising this, the men in the Pit began to mutter angrily to each other. They had been promised a spectacle such as they had never seen before in the theatre and now it looked as though they had been duped. I smiled to myself, knowing they were about to witness something that would rival the feats of the most daring rope-walkers at Bartholomew Fair. 25

The orchestra struck up an oriental tune. The grumbling died away. Then, from the very roof of the stage, a long rope tumbled down. There was a small anchor at its end. It fell on the stage with a clatter. Next came a creaking of ropes and shouts of "Ware below!" and the basket appeared suspended over the stage, swaying slightly. The crowd gasped. Slowly, without a hitch, 30 the basket came down. Mr Andrews, its sole passenger, saluted the audience as it inched to the floor. I held my breath, wondering if Mr Bishop had really solved the problem with the ropes. As the silken rope came into sight, the crowd began to applaud wildly, standing on the benches to whistle their approval.

"Bravo!" bellowed my kind gentleman, mopping his forehead with his handkerchief. The heat of the audience's enthusiasm was making the Pit quite sultry. 35

The basket touched down and Mr Andrews, a tall man famed for his comic roles, leapt out and bowed. Everyone whistled and clapped.

"Encore! Again!" cried many voices around me.

Mr Andrews held up his hand for silence. The hubbub was quickly stilled.

**the box: a small area with seats that is separate from the other seats in the theatre*

71 How many people did Cat have to vacate the box for? [1m]

72 Referring to the first paragraph, list two actions which suggest that Cat held the other characters in high regard. [2m]

(i) _____

(ii) _____

73 Based on lines 1 - 11, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

	True / False	Reason
Cat had been in the box for some time before Mr Sheridan's arrival.		
Mr Sheridan was genuinely friendly towards Cat.		
The young boy had often interacted with people like Cat.		

74 Which two of the following words best describe how Cat felt in lines 12 - 14? Put a tick ✓ in the box beside each of your answers. [2m]
DO NOT TICK MORE THAN TWO BOXES.

embarrassed

resigned

excited

curious

envious

meek

- 75 Write the words from paragraphs 6 and 7 which have similar meanings to the words below. [3m]

plight	
scene	
deceived	

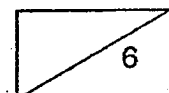
- 76 Which two-word phrases from paragraphs 7 and 8 signal a change in the audience's reaction to *Pedro*? [2m]

Before Mr Andrews made his appearance

After Mr Andrews appeared on stage

- 77 Order the sentences below according to what had happened in the passage. Number the sentences (1, 2 and 3) in the boxes provided. [1m]

- _____ Mr Andrews signalled for the audience to quieten down.
- _____ A gentleman lifted Cat up to a pillar by the entrance.
- _____ Cat curtsied to Mr Sheridan.

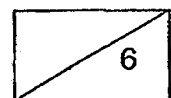


78 Based on paragraphs 7 and 8, fill in the blanks below. [3m]

Cause	Effect
	Cat was not as affected as the other men when she saw the empty stage.
The orchestra performed an oriental piece.	
	The crowd gulped in anticipation.

79 Explain fully why Cat had referred to the gentleman as "kind" in line 34. [2m]

80 Why did the gentleman exclaim "Bravo!" in line 34? [1m]



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Booklet A

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

**Preliminary Exam 2018
Booklet B**

29	G – during	39	highest
30	F – by	40	manoeuvres/ maneuvers
31	Q – were	41	destination
32	P – this	42	in / beyond
33	B – another	43	straight
34	A – and	44	numerous
35	K – little	45	heading
36	N – their	46	yet / but / except / although / though
37	J – however	47	towering
38	E – Besides	48	few
		49	disadvantage
		50	thinks

51	movement	59	it
52	invented	60	of
53	need	61	raise / raised
54	varies	62	contain
55	practice	63	through
56	is	64	Although
57	adding	65	many
58	dirty		

66	We can attend the concert on either Friday evening or Saturday afternoon.
67	Much to his annoyance, he could not find the solution to the question.
68	Mr Aqeef asked his son if/whether he had bitten his sister on her upper arm.
69	Not having taken public transport for a while, Weixin needed some time to get his bearings right.
70	In comparison to/with his profits last year, Mr Gupta made more this year.

71	She had to vacate it for four people.
72i	scrambled out of her/his chair
72ii	ducked out of the way/ made way
73	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) True. She had watched the first four acts (without interruption). b) False. He sneered at Cat and rolled his eyes c) False. He stared at Cat with undisguised curiosity
74	resigned meek
75	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) predicament b) spectacle c) duped
76	mutter angrily / applaud wildly
77	3, 2, 1
78	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Cat knew that a great performance was coming up. b) The crowd stopped grumbling. c) The ropes creaked and the basket appeared <u>suspended</u> over the stage.
79	He had <u>helped her most unexpectedly</u> when he <u>lifted her up on to a pillar by the entrance where she had a superb view over everyone's heads to the stage.</u>
80	He was enjoying / amazed with the performance.