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**CHRISTIAN BROTHERS' SCHOOLS  
PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION  
2012  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE AND COMPREHENSION)  
PRIMARY 6  
BOOKLET A**

NAME : \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

CLASS : PR 6 \_\_\_\_\_

**30 Questions  
30 Marks**

**Total Time for Booklets A & B: 1 hour 50 minutes**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

An Optical Answer Sheet is provided for answers to Questions 1 to 30.

This booklet consists of 11 printed pages

Study the following advertisement and then answer questions 1 to 5.

**Celebrate Singapore Times' 100<sup>th</sup> birthday with a Singapore Times Appreciates Readers (STAR) Festival on 29 July!**



*A mega carnival and concert will be held at the newly-opened Bay Gardens. Catch performances by international stars and local vocalists! See you there rain or shine.*

**Be a part of the STAR Festival** ★ ★ ★ ★

**Venue: The Meadow at Bay Gardens**

**Date: 29 July 2012, Sunday**

**Carnival Time: 3 pm to 9 pm**

**Concert Time: 7 pm to 9 pm**

**Ticket Price:** \$80 each for purchase before event day  
\$90 each for purchase on event day  
\$60 each for Singapore Times subscribers (only valid for purchase before event day)

**Goodies Galore!**

Each ticket-holder will be entitled to:

- ❖ attend a party at Entertainment World Singapore on either 11 or 12 Aug, 2012. Choice of date is on a first-come-first-served basis.
- ❖ one complimentary ride on Big Wheel Singapore (worth \$29.50).

**How to purchase tickets**

- 1) Call 62531258
- 2) Email [star@sgtimes.com.sg](mailto:star@sgtimes.com.sg)
- 3) Via interactive ads on the Singapore Times website: [www.sgtimes.com.sg](http://www.sgtimes.com.sg)

For more information, visit our event website at [www.starfestival.sg](http://www.starfestival.sg)

Proudly organised by: **SINGAPORE TIMES**

**Our partners:**



*Big Wheel Singapore*



*Bay Gardens*

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*Entertainment World Singapore*

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For each question from 1 to 5, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

- 1 The party is organised by \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) Bay Gardens
  - (2) Singapore Times
  - (3) Big Wheel Singapore
  - (4) Entertainment World Singapore
- 2 If a subscriber of Singapore Times wishes to buy his ticket on 29 July 2012, he will have to pay \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) \$29.50
  - (2) \$60
  - (3) \$80
  - (4) \$90
- 3 Which of the following statements is true?
- (1) The STAR Concert will be held over two days.
  - (2) The STAR Concert will feature home-grown singers.
  - (3) The STAR Festival will be cancelled in the event of bad weather.
  - (4) The STAR Carnival will be held at Entertainment World Singapore.
- 4 According to the advertisement, concert-goers \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) must be present for the carnival
  - (2) can purchase tickets at [www.starfestival.sg](http://www.starfestival.sg)
  - (3) do not have to pay for the Big Wheel Singapore tickets
  - (4) can go for the party at Entertainment World Singapore on both days
- 5 The main aim of the festival is to \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) showcase performances at Bay Gardens
  - (2) celebrate Singapore Times' 100<sup>th</sup> birthday
  - (3) give away free tickets to Big Wheel Singapore
  - (4) give a discount to subscribers of Singapore Times

For each question from 6 to 12, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.  
(7 marks)

6 Roy, as well as his brothers, \_\_\_\_\_ at home when Aunt Susan visited.

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

7 She took the risk and carried out her plan \_\_\_\_\_ our warnings.

- (1) since
- (2) despite
- (3) although
- (4) because of

8 The manager did not \_\_\_\_\_ that his customer had arrived.

- (1) know
- (2) knew
- (3) known
- (4) knowing

9 Mandy rarely goes to the supermarket, \_\_\_\_\_ she?

- (1) do
- (2) does
- (3) don't
- (4) doesn't

10 \_\_\_\_\_ of the boys is going for the soccer match.

- (1) All
- (2) Any
- (3) None
- (4) Some

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- 11 If Maggie \_\_\_\_\_ her breakfast in the morning, she would not have fainted during assembly in school.
- (1) ate
  - (2) eats
  - (3) would eat
  - (4) had eaten
- 12 At the start of every year, our teacher would lay \_\_\_\_\_ the class rules.
- (1) in
  - (2) off
  - (3) out
  - (4) down

For each question from 13 to 15, choose the correct punctuation mark to complete the passage. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (3 marks)

Mr Cartright slid his vast bulk off the desk onto his feet. Not for nothing was he called Old Carthorse behind his back.

"Keep quiet (13) he bellowed, cutting through all the noise that the boys were making. "That's it! I've had enough. The next boy that makes a sound will have to select the project for the class (14)

The silence was instant and total. High-fliers they might not be, but every one of the boys was bright enough not to be the one blamed by the rest for three solid weeks of work on some project.

Then, without warning (15) the spell broke.

*Adapted from Four Babies by Anne Fine*

- 13 (1) [ , ] comma and inverted commas  
(2) [ . ] full stop and inverted commas  
(3) [ ? ] question mark and inverted commas  
(4) [ ! ] exclamation mark and inverted commas
- 14 (1) [ . ] full stop  
(2) [ ? ] question mark  
(3) [ ! ] exclamation mark and inverted commas  
(4) [ ? ] question mark and inverted commas
- 15 (1) [ - ] dash  
(2) [ , ] comma  
(3) [ . ] full stop  
(4) [ ! ] exclamation mark

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For each question from 16 to 20, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

- 16 Fans of the famous tennis player were disappointed by his \_\_\_\_\_ performance in the match.
- (1) drab
  - (2) trivial
  - (3) lacklustre
  - (4) nondescript
- 17 Paula was very pleased when the library doubled the book loan limit as she was a/an \_\_\_\_\_ reader.
- (1) greedy
  - (2) ravenous
  - (3) voracious
  - (4) extravagant
- 18 The teacher \_\_\_\_\_ the timid boy to perform on stage, but he refused.
- (1) coaxed
  - (2) coerced
  - (3) convinced
  - (4) compelled
- 19 The doctors have \_\_\_\_\_ the cause of the illness to an unknown virus after much research.
- (1) surmised
  - (2) attributed
  - (3) contributed
  - (4) determined
- 20 During the sale, Wei Ling bought two expensive wallets on \_\_\_\_\_ but regretted it when she got home.
- (1) instinct
  - (2) intuition
  - (3) impulse
  - (4) impression

For each question from 21 to 25, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.  
(5 marks)

If you are visiting your loved ones in the hospital, it is not just good manners to wash your hands before touching them. You could be carrying dangerous bugs on your hands. If these are not washed off, they could infect vulnerable patients. Hospital bugs tend to be more resistant to antibiotics and it is harder to fight them off with normal antibiotics.

Hand hygiene is most important for health-care workers as they move between patients and can easily pass bugs from one patient to another. Studies have shown that good hand hygiene helps to reduce the frequency of hospital-acquired infections in patients.

*Adapted from The Straits Times, May 2012*

- 21 (1) harmful  
(2) malicious  
(3) venomous  
(4) destructive
- 22 (1) sensitive  
(2) precarious  
(3) unguarded  
(4) susceptible
- 23 (1) averse  
(2) immune  
(3) contrary  
(4) unyielding
- 24 (1) transit  
(2) transmit  
(3) transport  
(4) transform
- 25 (1) trend  
(2) tendency  
(3) incidence  
(4) circumstance



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Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

Aaron looked out of the small window. Fluffy clouds stretched to the horizon. His initial excitement at boarding a plane for the first time swiftly gave way to boredom. He had imagined an action-filled ride full of twists and turns like what his father had described of his days as a pilot undergoing training. He was secretly relieved that the flight was not eventful. His stomach had given an alarming lurch the moment the plane took off. 5

The scene had not changed much in the last thirty minutes. Through breaks in the clouds, he caught fleeting glimpses of the ocean below. It was a good thing he had his book with him. Aaron was about to return to his book when he caught sight of another plane disappearing behind a billowing cloud. He sat up in his seat. He had not expected to see that. Perhaps it had been a bird instead. A passing moment of uneasiness shadowed his travel-weary mind. 10

There was a brief moment of turbulence. Unconsciously, Aaron tapped the inhaler he carried in his jacket. He would need it if his asthma acted up again. The new plane had emerged from the clouds and was starting to descend. It looked quite large even though it was still a long way off. It was certainly much larger than the plane he was on. 15

A vague sense of apprehension furrowed Aaron's brow. He tapped his mother's elbow. She looked up and smiled as he pointed through the round window. His mother leaned across and peered out across the clouds. 20

After a moment, she looked at him inquiringly. "What did you want to show me?" She mouthed the words slowly, over the roar of the engines.

Aaron took a quick look but the plane had disappeared. He shrugged his shoulders and forced a smile. Brushing it off as a prank, his mother returned to her leaflet of tourist attractions they were visiting later. 25

Aaron looked out of the window. The lonely sky seemed to go on forever. The deserted ocean appeared endless. He resisted the urge to tap his inhaler and went back to the book his father had insisted he take on this holiday. However, he was merely reading the words. 30

Unable to stop himself, he looked out again. This time, the plane emerged from a cloud nearby. For a brief, heart-stopping moment, he thought the plane might collide with his. Pressing his nose to the window, he spotted the plane flying right under his. To his horror, he realised the tail of the other plane was on fire! He shook his mother's arm frantically, causing her leaflet to drop. 35

"What is it this time?" his mother snapped, as she turned to look in the direction of his outstretched hand. Her eyes widened in fear. "Call for help!"

*Adapted from The Second Plane*

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For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

- 26 Based on paragraph one, which of the following statements best describes how Aaron felt about the flight?
- (1) Aaron was glad the flight was smooth.
  - (2) Aaron had enjoyed the plane's take-off.
  - (3) Aaron's flight was full of twists and turns
  - (4) Aaron was bored when he boarded the plane at first.
- 27 What does 'that' in line 11 refer to?
- (1) a bird
  - (2) a plane
  - (3) the cloud
  - (4) the ocean
- 28 Why did Aaron tap his mother's elbow in lines 20-21?
- (1) He wanted someone to talk to.
  - (2) He wanted to play a trick on her.
  - (3) He wanted to show her the other plane.
  - (4) He wanted to distract her from her leaflet.
- 29 In line 30, Aaron was 'merely reading the words'. This tells us that he was \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) a weak reader
  - (2) unable to concentrate on his book
  - (3) not looking at the pictures in the book
  - (4) not interested in the book he was reading
- 30 Based on the passage, which of the following statements about Aaron is true?
- (1) He was excited to see the other plane.
  - (2) He knew the plane was going to collide with his.
  - (3) He had a habit of touching his inhaler when he was nervous.
  - (4) He had succeeded in getting his mother to spot the plane on the first try.



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ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
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PRIMARY 6  
BOOKLET B**

NAME : \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

CLASS : PR 6 \_\_\_\_\_

**50 Questions  
65 Marks**

**Total Time for Booklets A & B : 1 hour 50 minutes**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.

Follow all instructions carefully. . .

Answer all questions.

Write your answers in this booklet.

Booklet	Marks	
	Possible	Actual
A	20	
B	40	
Total	60	

This booklet consists of 9 printed pages

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40, 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) after  | (D) by   | (G) on   | (K) since | (N) while |
| (B) before | (E) for  | (H) only | (L) to    | (P) who   |
| (C) behind | (F) from | (J) into | (M) under | (Q) whom  |

Thick black smoke was seen coming from the three-storey terrace house as two women and a baby remained trapped inside. One woman was trapped on the second storey (31) \_\_\_\_\_ the other was on the third storey with the baby.

Neighbours who had been stirred (32) \_\_\_\_\_ their sleep, could only watch as the drama unfolded (33) \_\_\_\_\_ them. A neighbour, who wanted to be known (34) \_\_\_\_\_ as Mr Gabriel, said he had heard shouts (35) \_\_\_\_\_ help in the early hours of the morning. When he went out to look, he saw the Civil Defence personnel already there and working (36) \_\_\_\_\_ rescuing them.

Many more rescue vehicles came soon (37) \_\_\_\_\_. Firefighters used two ladders to carry the baby down and led the two women (38) \_\_\_\_\_ safety. According to another neighbour, there was also a man living there (39) \_\_\_\_\_ she said was the husband of one of the women.

The cause of the fire is (40) \_\_\_\_\_ investigation. A Civil Defence spokesperson said the fire most probably started in the kitchen.

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Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box. (10 marks)

(41)

That day in 1941 will always be remembered. There was no **deklaraytion** of war

(42)

before the bombs fell on Singapore. The common folk were taken quite **unawheres**. There

(43)

was no siren to tell us that war had really **broke** out.

(44)

The authorities were **complaysent** and believed that Singapore could never be

invaded. Moreover, they had two great warships sent here by Britain. These two giant ships

(45)

(46)

could wipe out any invaded fleet or aircraft that might **atampt** an attack. So we were

(47)

bombed out of our beds without any warning. Innocent people were killed in his sleep.

(48)

No sirens sounded till the enemy was advanced into the city area. Not a single shot

(49)

was fired from the anti-aircraft batteries that had studded the **impragneble** island. It fell

(50)

swiff into the hands of the enemy. The Japanese had outwitted the arrogant British.

Adapted from *Outwitted – History brochure*

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Last Saturday, my school's Red Cross Society organised a memorable visit to the St John's Home for the Aged. Even though the Home was right next to my school, I never took any \_\_\_\_\_ of it. Walking in from the main gate, I now  
(51)

saw that it \_\_\_\_\_ of two rows of buildings, one for housing the women  
(52)

and one for the men. The buildings had a fresh \_\_\_\_\_ of paint and the  
(53)

gardens were well-maintained. The fragrance of jasmine flowers \_\_\_\_\_  
(54)

in the air, while butterflies fluttered among the rose bushes. At one corner of the garden, there was even a vegetable \_\_\_\_\_  
(55)

Numerous elderly people sat on wicker chairs outside their spartan bedrooms; some chatting quietly while others gazed leisurely at us walking up to them. The leader of our group \_\_\_\_\_ the Superintendent of the Home with our school's  
(56)

handsome \_\_\_\_\_ of \$2000, collected on our Red Cross flag day. The  
(57)

thirty of us broke up into small \_\_\_\_\_ of three. We were assigned  
(58)

different sections of the Home.



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My group \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves to some old ladies who were busy  
 (59)  
 making clay sculptures which were to be \_\_\_\_\_ off to the highest bidders  
 (60)  
 at a coming charity fair. Their wrinkled faces \_\_\_\_\_ greatly with our  
 (61)  
 youthful looking ones:

I \_\_\_\_\_ from a few of them that their children came every  
 (62)  
 week to spend time with them and they seemed happy and contented. However, one lady  
 lamented that her sons had not \_\_\_\_\_ her for a year. We could not help  
 (63)  
 but feel sorry for her.

They told us how their days were filled with \_\_\_\_\_ such as  
 (64)  
 gardening, arts and craft and karaoke singing sessions. These women had chosen to  
 grow old gracefully and to live life to the \_\_\_\_\_. That day left a lasting  
 (65)  
 impression on me.

*Adapted from My School Journal*

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 The hummingbird can fly backwards. No other bird can do that.

The only \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

67 The pupils were horrified to see their classroom in a mess after recess.

Much to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

68 Su Chin did not bring her umbrella. She was caught in the rain.

Had Su Chin \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

69 We must leave our belongings and evacuate the building when the fire alarm rings.

In the event \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

70 The trekkers were extremely hungry. They did not pluck the wild berries which they suspected were poisonous.

No matter \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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Read the passage below and answer Questions 71 to 80.

One morning two years ago, Bob stood in a lake struggling to clear a blocked water pipe. The water was cold. The metal rod he was using was heavy. The bottom of the lake was also slippery, making it difficult for him to stay upright. It was demanding work, even for someone who had always kept himself fit.

After ten minutes, Bob put his left foot on the edge of the large submerged pipe and took a breather. He was discussing other strategies with his two co-workers when, without warning, the lake's placid surface turned into a whirlpool. "This huge hole just opened up in front of me," Bob recalls, "with a big swirl like a giant toilet getting flushed." The blockage had suddenly cleared. With no obstruction in the way, tonnes of lake water rushed rapidly towards and through the pipe. The force was immense. It whisked the rod out of Bob's grip and threw him easily against the mouth of the pipe. Bob was sure he heard his thigh bone snap but he had no time to worry about that. The waters were swirling around his head and he could not free himself from the pipe.

Bob had not even been planning to work that day. Earlier that morning, his co-workers, Mike and Sam, had called to tell him to bring his waterproof boots to them because theirs were damaged. When it turned out that his boots were too large for either of the two men, Bob decided to help them instead. He put on his boots and went in himself.

At first, Mike thought that Bob had slipped. He only realized that it was something far worse when he saw Bob panicking and yelling frantically for help. Without hesitation, Mike jumped into the water and grabbed hold of him. Sam also waded quickly towards them. Together, they tried to pull Bob out but it was no use. Sam quickly ran to get his mobile phone from his nearby truck to call for help. Meanwhile, Mike concentrated on keeping Bob's chin above water. "I kept talking to him to keep us both from panicking. I could also tell that Bob's leg was hurting him badly," he added.

The water was extremely cold but Bob could not feel it. The pain utterly consumed him. Mike was very worried. Bob was getting weak and his body temperature had dropped dangerously low. Finally, the rescue team arrived. The rescuers worked feverishly to free Bob with one team securing him at one end and another sawing the pipe at the other end. With all their combined efforts, Bob was hoisted out of the water. Only then did Mike finally allow himself to be pulled out. He could not walk or unclench his hands.

Bob was airlifted to the nearest hospital and treated for hypothermia<sup>1</sup>. "There's no way I can repay everybody," he said. "I was just inches away from death."

*Adapted from Reader's Digest, "Don't let me die"*

<sup>1</sup>'hypothermia' is a condition in which the body temperature is dangerously low and can lead to death.

**ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.**

**71.** What was Bob doing in the lake?

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**72.** Give two reasons why it was demanding work for Bob (line 4).

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**73.** Which phrase from paragraph two suggests that Bob needed a break?

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**74.** What caused the water to turn into a whirlpool?

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**75.** What does "that" in line 13 refer to?

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76. Explain clearly why Bob was working that day.

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77. What did Mike do to help Bob while Sam went to get help?

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78. Explain clearly what "The pain utterly consumed him." (line 26-27) means.

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79. Which sentence tells us that Mike was determined to stay with Bob till he was in safe hands?

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80. Explain clearly in your own words why Mike could not walk or unclench his hands after getting out of the water.

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**Christian Brothers' Schools**  
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**Answer Key for P6 English Language**

1)	2	6)	3	11)	4	16)	3	21)	1	26)	1
2)	4	7)	2	12)	4	17)	3	22)	4	27)	2
3)	2	8)	1	13)	4	18)	1	23)	2	28)	3
4)	3	9)	2	14)	3	19)	2	24)	2	29)	2
5)	2	10)	3	15)	2	20)	3	25)	3	30)	3

31)	N	33)	B	35)	E	37)	A	39)	Q
32)	F	34)	H	36)	G	38)	L	40)	M

41)	declaration	46)	attempt
42)	unawares	47)	their
43)	broken	48)	advancing
44)	complacent	49)	impregnable
45)	invading	50)	swiftly

51)	notice
52)	consisted
53)	coat
54)	was
55)	plot
56)	presented
57)	donation
58)	groups
59)	introduced
60)	auctioned
61)	contrasted
62)	learnt
63)	visited
64)	activities
65)	fullest

66. The only bird that can fly backwards is the hummingbird.

67. Much to the pupils horror, they saw their classroom was in a mess after recess.

68. Had Su Chin brought her umbrella, she would not have been caught in the rain.

69. In the event that the fire alarm rings, we must leave our belongings and evacuate the building.

70. No matter how hungry the trekkers were, they did not pluck the wild berries which they suspected were poisonous.

71. Bob was clearing a blocked water pipe in the lakes.

72. The water in the lake was sold and the metal Bob was using was heavy.

73. It is 'took a deep breather'.

74. The blockage had cleared and the water had rushed into it quickly.

75. It refers to the breaking of his thigh bone.

76. Mike and Sam, his co-workers, needed to borrow Bob's waterproof boots as theirs were damaged when they found out that Bob's boots were too big for them and work that day.

77. Mike helped Bob to keep his chin above the water and talked to him to keep him from panicking.

78. The pain in his leg was so intense that he could not even feel the extremely cold water.

79. It is 'Only then did Mike finally allow himself to be pulled out.'

80. Mike felt cold after helping Bob as the water he was in was cold.