NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL
PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2018
ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PRIMARY 6

PAPER 2: BOOKLET A

TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 h 50 min

Name: _____ ( ) Pr 6 ( )

There are a total of 80 questions – 28 MCQ and 52 open-ended questions.

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4. **Shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.**

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

1. _____ it is a rainy day, let's stay indoors and watch a good movie.

   (1) Since
   (2) Unless
   (3) Despite
   (4) However

2. The confrontation Keith had with the school bully made him _____ intimidated.

   (1) felt
   (2) feel
   (3) feels
   (4) feeling

3. Tom is one of the boys who _____ badminton in the school hall now.

   (1) play
   (2) plays
   (3) is playing
   (4) are playing

4. Laura asked her sister, "Wouldn't Xueli be surprised when she _____ that we have baked this cake for her?"

   (1) learnt
   (2) learns
   (3) has learnt
   (4) had learnt

5. My mother _____ fetches my brother home from school. She _____ lets him walk home on his own.

   (1) hardly ... never
   (2) often ... seldom
   (3) never ... seldom
   (4) never ... occasionally

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6. Jane hardly goes to the bowling centre with her family, _____?

(1) will she
(2) does she
(3) won't she
(4) doesn't she

7. Either Paul or his classmates _____ part in the upcoming trail at Serenity Nature Reserve.

(1) is taking
(2) are taking
(3) has taken
(4) have taken

8. In accordance _____ the school rules, anyone caught vandalising school properties will be given a demerit point.

(1) of
(2) to
(3) for
(4) with

9. His jeans _____ on the bed since this morning.

(1) is left
(2) are left
(3) has been left
(4) have been left

10. Those were the homeless men _____ were given free meals by the charitable organisation.

(1) who
(2) which
(3) whom
(4) whose

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

11. "You must think _____ before you make the decision to sell the house," Mr Ho's mother-in-law told him.

(1) intensely
(2) rationally
(3) consequently
(4) understandably

12. The detective was _____ in gathering detailed evidence against the suspect. He left no stone unturned.

(1) delirious
(2) frivolous
(3) laborious
(4) meticulous

13. "You should have _____ the angry customer instead of provoking him," the manager told his staff member.

(1) cajoled
(2) berated
(3) pacified
(4) threatened

14. The _____ clanking of the engine finally prompted Mr Lim to send his car to the workshop.

(1) indistinct
(2) incessant
(3) indiscreet
(4) indifferent

15. Our teacher is kind and will not _____ a student for a minor mistake he or she makes.

(1) put off
(2) put away
(3) put down
(4) put up with

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

One night, Father hailed a taxi home. When it was time to settle the fare, Father passed the driver a few dollars. The driver searched around **(16)** clumsily for the correct change from a small coin bag. Father noticed the driver's frustration and told him to wait for a while as he scurried **(17)** into the house. After a few moments, Father returned with a plastic coin dispenser that could sort coins into different denominations. He explained that he had once been a taxi driver too. The driver was most grateful and told Father that he would get a free ride if he crossed paths with **(18)** him the next time.

Twelve months later, my father was once again in a taxi on his way home. The driver looked knowingly at Father and a grin **(19)** spread across his face as he asked, "Do you remember me?" Father was bemused **(20)**. The driver reached down and jiggled his coin dispenser, then reached across to switch off the fare meter. Father smiled and was pleased that the driver had remembered him.

16. (1) foraged
(2) fumbled
(3) checked
(4) ransacked

17. (1) dashed
(2) pranced
(3) teetered
(4) waddled

18. (1) met
(2) faced
(3) found
(4) spotted

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19. (1) leer
(2) beam
(3) scowl
(4) chuckle

20. (1) shaken
(2) amused
(3) flustered
(4) confused

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Study this flyer carefully and then answer questions 21 to 28. (8 marks)

Singapore Water Week Carnival cum Beach Clean-Up Day 2018

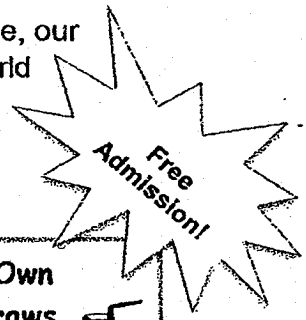


21 OCTOBER | 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
at East Coast Park
Car Park K



Singapore has constantly been innovating with new water management and treatment technologies and now has sustainable water sources known as the Four National Taps: water from local catchment areas, imported water, reclaimed water (NEWater) and desalinated water. However, the increase in population has made it a challenge for our nation to meet our needs.

To raise greater awareness of how precious water is as a natural resource, our annual Carnival and Beach Clean-Up Day is back in conjunction with World Water Conservation Day.



Carnival Highlights

Bazaar

A wide range of interesting accessories and knick-knacks are on sale. Many of these items are made from eco-friendly materials. Enjoy discounts when you purchase $30 worth of goods from the booths.

Redeem shopping vouchers!

Show your water bill to get free shopping vouchers if there is a drop in water usage from one month to the next.

Make Your Own Drinking Straws Workshop

Learn to make your own **reusable bamboo straw**! You can even bring it home. Learn how these reusable straws can also be made of metal or even glass.

Purchase of Carnival coupons
Coupons will be on sale for children's rides as well as food and game stalls.
Purchase 3 booklets and get one free! Each booklet is priced at $10.

Beach Clean-Up

Timings: 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
Meeting Point: BBQ Pit number 15 (opposite Carnival venue)
For registration, please email Mr Jason Ong at jasonong@onecc.gov.sg or send a message via WhatsApp to 9432 1234 to reserve your place by 30 Sep

All registrations will entitle you to :

- **a free event t-shirts***
- **a free goodie bag (worth $30)**

Limited to the first 50 sign-ups

Mandatory equipment like metal tongs and gloves will be provided.



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Plastic Seas and Oceans

According to the National Geographic Sociey, single-use plastics have found their way into our water sources at an astonishing rate every year. Marine animals mistake plastic for food, while others can become entangled in the trash. Even the ubiquitous drinking straw has become a growing threat because they are seldom recycled due to their small and lightweight nature. Several organisations around the world have come together to say "No" to straws!

What Can We Do?

- Reduce: To eliminate some of the excess packaging ending up in landfills and the waters, encourage your family to shop for snacks, cereal and pasta in bulk. Then, store them all in reusable glass jars.
- Reuse: Bring your own reusable bags instead of plastic bags provided by stores. Instead of packing your sandwich and snacks in plastic bags, use reusable containers.
- Recycle: Think about how often you use plastic water bottles, and see if you can make a change. Instead of going out with the trash, plastic bottles can be turned into items like flower pots or pieces of decorative art.

Visit Parks & Water Agency's website at https://www.pwa.gov.sg/ to find out more about water conservation efforts in Singapore!

If you wish to make a donation to Eco Inc. for their conservation efforts, make an online donation via the website http://www.tinyurl.ecoinc.com.sg/donation. Alternatively, you may email Mdm Aisha at enquiries@econic.com.sg to arrange for a bank transfer.

Organiser: Eco Inc.

Sponsors: National Environment Council; Public Water Board

Supported by: Parks & Water Agency PWA

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

21. An _____ is the reason why Singapore has to come up with new methods of water treatment.

(1) increase in demand for drinkable water
(2) increase in excess packaging found in landfills
(3) increase in the rate of death of marine animals
(4) increase in the number of sustainable water sources

22. People can buy carnival coupons to _____.

(1) gain entry to the carnival
(2) enjoy discounts at the bazaar
(3) buy food and play at game stalls
(4) participate in a hands-on workshop to make bamboo straws

23. The words 'Purchase 3 booklets and get one free!' under "Purchase of Carnival Coupons" were printed in bold to _____.

(1) attract readers to go for the carnival
(2) draw the reader's attention to the flyer
(3) encourage readers to make more donations to Eco Inc.
(4) encourage readers to buy more coupons by highlighting the special offer

24. Which of the following is not necessary for a Beach Clean-Up participant to do?

(1) purchase carnival coupons
(2) use metal tongs and gloves
(3) register for the event by 30 Sep
(4) gather at BBQ Pit number 15 before the start of the event

25. What does the word "them" found in the section "What Can We Do?" refer to? It refers to _____.

(1) bulky items
(2) excess packaging
(3) reusable glass jars
(4) food bought in bulk

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26. Mr Lim would like to make a donation through a bank transfer. He will need to _____.

(1) send a message via WhatsApp to 9432 1234
(2) email Mdm Aisha at enquiries@ecoinc.com.sg
(3) go to the website http://www.tinyurl.ecoinc.com.sg/donation
(4) go to Parks & Water Agency's website https://www.pwa.gov.sg to find out more

27. Based on the flyer, which of the following statements is **true**?

(1) An alternative to plastic drinking straws is the bamboo straws.
(2) All participants of the Beach Clean-Up will receive a free T-shirt.
(3) Participants will receive shopping vouchers if they show any water bill.
(4) The anti-straw campaigns have been carried out by the National Geographic Society.

28. What is the **main** aim of the flyer? It is to _____.

(1) promote the love of drinking clean water
(2) encourage participants to stop using plastic
(3) give recognition to Eco Inc's conservation efforts
(4) get the public interested in attending the carnival or Beach Clean-Up Day

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PAPER 2: BOOKLET B

TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 h 50 min

Name: _____( )

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Parent's Signature: _____

Booklet A	**/28**
Booklet B	**/67**
Total	**/95**

Any query on marks awarded should be raised by 17 Sept 2018. We seek your understanding in this matter as any delay in the confirmation of marks will lead to delays in the generation of results.

PAPER 1 - Writing	**/55**
PAPER 2 - Language Use & Comprehension	**/95**
PAPER 3 - Listening Comprehension	**/20**
PAPER 4 - Oral Communication	**/30**
TOTAL	**/200**

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

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE

A)	among	D)	at	G)	had	K)	into	N)	their
B)	and	E)	by	H)	has	L)	on	P)	through
C)	are	F)	for	J)	its	M)	quite	Q)	were

Bishan had its origins as a burial ground while Toa Payoh was a large **swamp.** The Bishan-Toa Payoh neighbourhood has come a long way since _____ (29) humble beginning. In just a few decades, the whole area has been transformed from something deemed largely inhabitable _____ (30) **today's** standards, _____ (31) one of Singapore's **most popular** satellite housing **estates.** Various beautifully-designed _____ (32) **practical** amenities, including playgrounds, fitness corners, multi-purpose courts, parks and **many** more, are scattered around the entire estate.

Many young residents take _____ (33) granted the comfortable living conditions. Ask any resident who _____ (34) **lived in the estate since the** 1960s and 1970s and he or she will tell you that the changes have been drastic. In the early years of our public housing scheme, the HDB flats _____ (35) basic, no-frills, simple blocks of flats.

The future brings a lot of promise. _____ (36) increased public engagement, the Bishan-Toa Payoh Town Council **obtains feedback** and suggestions from residents. Facilities targeted _____ (37) **increasing** convenience and making life fruitful for the elderly residents are _____ (38) the Town Council's many priorities. New facilities and improvement projects are also well under way.

Marks

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

When nine-year-old Lauren Yeo bursts out singing Ave Maria in class, her classmates

(39) [ ]

shoot her puzzled stares. Weaned on a diet of pop songs, many of them are not fermilleir

(40) [ ]

with classical music. Lauren, on the other hand, finds it hard to understand how her friends are so crazy over pop singer 'Adele' and boy band 'One Direction'.

(41) [ ]

"The songs are so noisy that they give me a headache," said pertit Lauren, who is soothed by the mellow tunes of Sarah Brightman and Charlotte Church.

(42) [ ] **(43)** [ ]

Lauren will be perform at New York's famed Carnegie Hall. The invite was extended

(44) [ ]

to her after she won first place at the preztegous American Protege International Vocal

(45) [ ]

competition. It is a remarkable acheifment for Lauren who has taken classical singing

(46) [ ]

lessons for only two years but its magnitude was initial lost on her. Her love for classical

(47) [ ]

music started when she chanced at a YouTube video of Jackie Evancho, an American

(48) [ ]

classical singer. Inspired by Evancho's powerful randision she badgered her parents send her for vocal lessons. Though Lauren's parents are classical music lovers themselves,

(49) [ ]

they turned her down as they thinking that she was too young. It was only when she took

(50) [ ]

pains to memorise Latin or Italian leerics that they took her seriously and sent her for classes once a week. Lauren dreams of becoming either an actress or singer.

Marks

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Fill in each blank with a suitable word. (15 marks)

After serving up roadside local fare in a tourist hot spot for the past 12 years, the once-bustling Chinatown Food Street went out with a whimper. There were only a _____ (51) of customers on its last day of operations _____ (52) the 100-metre stretch on Smith Street closed for a $4 million overhaul. It will re-open at the end of the year, but stallholders said decreasing footfall has driven many of them out of _____ (53).

The nostalgic food street was launched with _____ (54) fanfare in 2001, aimed at those who wanted to enjoy roadside hawker fare _____ (55) the stars. At the _____ (56) of its popularity, its wooden stools and tables were almost always fully occupied in the evenings and weekends. Stallholders said the decline was due to two main _____ (57): there were no key attractions nearby, and the outdoor seating meant that visitors _____ (58) away on rainy days. After the renovation, the street _____ (59) have a high-ceiling shelter with a built-in cooling system to keep out the sun and rain. Also during Chinese festivals such as Chinese New Year, activities will be _____ (60) on site to bring in the crowds.

"Singaporeans _____ (61) days prefer to go to malls and food courts," said Mr Leong, who is retired. "Our younger generation doesn't know that this is how we used to eat in the _____ (62)." The 68-year-old said he visited the place at _____ (63) once a month and would miss it. He hoped the renovated place would _____ (64) its original flavour too. The revamped food street will have 24 street stalls and 10 shophouse restaurants. It is expected to seat 600 people – 400 under the shelter and _____ (65) 200 in an open-air seating area. Regular patrons are looking forward to the reopening of the Chinatown Food Street after its makeover.

Marks

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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)

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66. Linda drove her son to school. Then she went jogging in the park.

Having _____

_____

67. Ramesh was very kind. He drove his injured neighbour to the hospital.

It was very _____

_____

68. Mrs Tan asked Ali whether he had completed his homework the previous day.

"

_____

_____ ?" Mrs Tan asked Ali.

69. The fugitive was desperate. He jumped into the murky swamp.

In _____

_____

70. The philanthropist donates frequently to the needy. He is highly respected by the public.

The philanthropist _____

for his _____

Marks

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Read this passage and answer questions 71 to 80. (20 marks)

"Mother! Come and see what's in the living room!" my younger brother, John, called out excitedly. Mother and I rushed out of the kitchen to the living room. To our surprise, a German Shepherd was lying under the coffee table."How did the dog come into our house?" Mother asked John. John shrugged his shoulders and said,"I don't know." John and I were delighted with the dog because it had the gentlest browen eyes. Mother had not wanted another dog after our Labrador passed away two years ago. The dog had no collar and John and I wanted to keep it. However, Mother refused and insisted on finding its owner.

When Father returned from work, I told him about the dog. "Dad, please persuade Mother to let us keep it," John pleaded. Father smiled knowingly and told us to be patient. That night as I lay in bed, I could not stop thinking about how the dog came into our house. I remembered running home after soccer practice and heading straight to the kitchen for a cold drink. It dawned on me that I had left the front gate open. I grinned and decided to keep that secret to myself. I snuggled under the blanket and fell asleep with an inkling that a new member would join the family soon.

After several failed attempts to find the dog's owner, Mother gave in and allowed us to adopt it. "Daniel, 'Robin' is not a suitable name for a German Shepherd! It's not a bird!" John protested to my suggestion. My brother and I argued over naming our new pet at the dinner table. Meanwhile, the dog sat at Mother's feet quietly. "Stop it! If you continue the ruckus, I'll give the dog away," Mother threatened and the dog whined. John and I looked at each other, wondering if the dog understood what Mother said. "It'll be called 'Max' and that's final," Mother announced. John and I looked down at Max and it was licking Mother's leg contentedly. "Mother, Max can read your mind," John blurted out. Father and I burst out laughing while Mother snorted but I could see a twinkle in her eye.

Max turned out to be quite different from a typical German Shepherd. German Shepherds are known for their self-assuredness and active nature. They are often bred to be guard dogs and trained for search-and-rescue missions. Max, however, would hide under my bed whenever we had visitors and it would never bark. Max preferred spending hours basking under the sun in the garden or snoozing under the porch swing. Mother complained about Max's passiveness. However, something happened one day and Max became our hero.

On our way home one day, as Father turned into the lane to our house, we saw an ambulance parked in our driveway, and a small crowd of neighbours had gathered there. Father stopped the car abruptly. We sat in thunderstruck silence for a movement as we tried to make sense of what was going on. Then Father rushed out the car, followed by John. With calmmy hands and a racing heart, I pushed open the car door and stepped out. I was greeted by the sight of Mother on stretcher, with most of her face covered by an oxygen mask, her eyes closed and her body, limp. Two paramedics were carrying her into the ambulance. Mrs Wong, our next-door neighbour, quietly but firmly took my brother and me into the house while Father left with Mother in the speeding ambulance.

Mrs Wong told us that had it not been for Max's tenacious barking, she would not have looked over the garden wall and saw Max running to and from the kitchen. She knew something was amiss. She came over to our house and found Mother on the kitchen floor. John and I later learnt that Mother needed an emergency surgery due to three ruptured aneurysms in her left brain. After a nine-hour surgery and a week of recuperation, we were relieved that Mother had survived the life-threatening condition and was finally well enough to talk.

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"Mother is here chatting with you because of Max's fast reflexes. If there had been a delay, Mother may have had a severe stroke," Father said, choking on the words. "Luckily I didn't give my guardian angel away. It'd have been my greatest regret if I'd done so," Mother added softly.

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71. Who first found the German Shepherd in the house? [1m]

_____

72. Pick out a three-word phrase from the first paragraph that tells us that the German Shepherd was likely a stray dog. [1m]

73. Explain clearly what the writer meant by having 'an inkling that a new member would join the family soon'. (line 13-14) [2m]

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

_____ Father came to know about the German Shepherd.

_____ The writer's family looked for the owner of the dog.

_____ After soccer practice, the writer ran all the way home.

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

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer(s) to
secret (line 13)	
suggestion (line 17)	
the life-threatening condition (line 45)	

76. 'German Shepherds are known for their self-assuredness and active nature.' (line 24-25) Describe two of Max's behaviour which showed it lacked the characteristics of a typical German Shepherd. [2m]

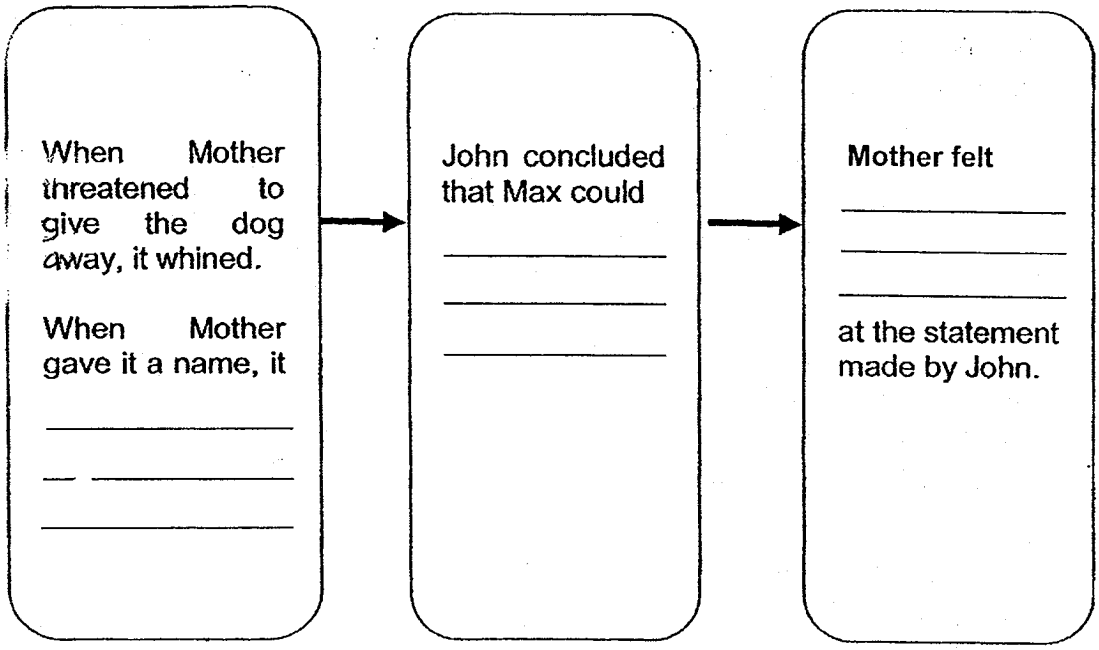
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77. Based on information from paragraph three, fill in the blanks in the following graphic organiser. [3m]



78. Which **two** of the following words best describe how Father, John and the writer felt when they saw the ambulance parked at the front gate? Put a tick ✓ in the box beside each of your answers. [2m]
DO NOT TICK MORE THAN TWO BOXES.

disappointed	☐	agitated	☐
sickened	☐	confused	☐
astounded	☐	crestfallen	☐

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79. 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]

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	True/False	Reason
The writer's family never had a pet dog before adopting the German Shepherd.		
Max running in and out of the kitchen was what first caught Mrs Wong's attention.		
Mother was unconscious when she was carried out of the house.		

80. Explain clearly what would have been Mother's 'greatest regret' (line 49) and why. [2m]

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Booklet A

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

Booklet B

Q 29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
J	E	K	B	F	H	Q	P	D	A

Q39)	familiar	Q43)	invitation	Q47)	upon
Q40)	why	Q44)	prestigious	Q48)	rendition
Q41)	petite	Q45)	achievement	Q49)	thought
Q42)	performing	Q46)	initially	Q50)	lyrics

Q51)	couple	Q56)	peak/height	Q61)	these
Q52)	before	Q57)	factors	Q62)	past
Q53)	business	Q58)	stayed	Q63)	least
Q54)	much	Q59)	will	Q64)	retain
Q55)	under	Q60)	organised	Q65)	another

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Q66)	Having driven her son to school, Linda went jogging in the park.
Q67)	It was very kind of Ramesh to drive his injured neighbour to the hospital.
Q68)	"Did you complete your homework yesterday?" Mrs Tan asked Ali.
Q69)	In desperation, the fugitive jumped into the murky swamp.
Q70)	The philanthropist is highly respected by the public for his frequent donations to the needy.
Q71)	The author's younger brother, John, first found the German Shepherd in the house.
Q72)	had no collar
Q73)	The writer meant that he had a feeling that the German Shepherd which John had found at home would be adopted by his family.
Q74)	2, 3, 1
Q75)	secret → the writer was the one who had left the front gate open, causing the dog to enter suggestion → naming the German Shepherd the life-threatening condition → three ruptured aneurysms in Mother's left brain
Q76)	Max would hide under the writer's bed whenever they had visitors and he would spend hours basking under the sun in the garden.
Q77)	When mother gave it a name, it licked her leg contentedly. John concluded that Max could read Mother's mind. Mother felt amused at the statement made by John.
Q78)	astounding, confused
Q79)	False → The writer's family used to have a Labrador but it passed away two years ago False → Mrs Wong heard Max's tenacious barking before deciding to look over to see what was going on. True → Mother's eyes were closed and her body was limp when she was carried out of the house.
Q80)	Mother's greatest regret would have been giving away Max. If it was not for Max, Mrs Wong would not have known that Mother was unconscious due to a severe stroke and Mother would have died.

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