RIVER VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL
PRELIMINARY EXAM/ 2019
ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
PRIMARY 6

Name : _____( )

Class : P6 _____ Mark : _____/28

Date : 22 August 2019

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BOOKLET A

Duration of Paper (Booklets A and B): 1 h 50 min

Instructions to candidates

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2. Follow all instructions carefully.
3. Answer all questions.
4. Shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

	Marks	Maximum Marks
Paper 1 **Situational Writing**		15
Paper 1 **Continuous Writing**		40
Paper 2 Booklet A		28
Paper 2 Booklet B		67
Paper 3 Listening		20
Paper 4 Oral		30
Total		200

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For each question from 1 to 10, four options are given. Choose the correct answer and shade the oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. _____ for a short break, the immigration officers have been working continuously for ten hours.

   (1) Apart
   (2) Except
   (3) Without
   (4) Besides ( )

2. Suzie, like her close friends, _____ reading in the library during recess.

   (1) enjoy
   (2) enjoys
   (3) is enjoying
   (4) are enjoying ( )

3. The quick-thinking student opened the door wide and wedged it firmly _____ a wad of newspapers so that it would not close.

   (1) in
   (2) with
   (3) under
   (4) beneath ( )

4. _____ did the actor expect such tremendous appreciation from the public for his debut movie.

   (1) Any
   (2) Little
   (3) None
   (4) Much ( )

5. He promised that he would help out in the fund-raising event, _____ he?

   (1) did
   (2) didn't
   (3) would
   (4) wouldn't ( )

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6. If Mr Tan _____ the cardiologist earlier, he would not have suffered a heart attack.

(1) visit
(2) visited
(3) had visited
(4) have visited ( )

7. Neither Ali nor his brothers _____ eating durians although their parents have been selling them for the past fifteen years!

(1) like
(2) likes
(3) has liked
(4) have liked ( )

8. "I am having a hard time trying to choose a winner _____ the last two contestants," complained the judge.

(1) only
(2) either
(3) among
(4) between ( )

9. He said he _____ be very happy if he did well for the national examinations at the end of the year.

(1) will
(2) can
(3) could
(4) would ( )

10. The twins were busy watching television, so they had to stay up _____ the wee hours of the morning to finish their homework.

(1) in
(2) at
(3) into
(4) during ( )

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For each question from 11 to 15, four options are given. Choose the correct answer and shade the oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

11. With all the potential dangers facing him, the hunter _____ his next move.

(1) weighed
(2) assumed
(3) wondered
(4) speculated ( )

12. The teacher _____ a game for her students to learn the history of Singapore easily.

(1) spin
(2) devised
(3) fabricated
(4) established ( )

13. The old colonial building is in a state of _____. It has to be torn down and rebuilt.

(1) disrepair
(2) disruption
(3) demolition
(4) depression ( )

14. The gunmen finally agreed to release all the hostages after holding them in _____ for many days.

(1) arrest
(2) custody
(3) captivity
(4) detention ( )

15. Mrs Lim had been unable to sleep soundly after witnessing the _____ murder of her neighbour.

(1) grim
(2) gripping
(3) gruelling
(4) gruesome ( )

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For each question from 16 to 20, four options are given. Choose the correct answer and shade the oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

Greek theatres began in the 6th century in Athens with the performance of tragedy plays at religious festivals. Plays were 16) performed for the male population and as such, there were no women among the audience.

The audience was seated on stone seats which were 17) built on hillside. The impressive theatre could accommodate about 20 000 people. It was so 18) cleverly designed that everyone could hear the actors clearly, regardless of where they were seated. The actors wore masks and used 19) bold hand gestures to show their feelings as the audience was too far away to see their facial expressions.

Each person had to pay a lead token for a seat. The funds raised from the entrance fees were used for the 20) maintenance of the theatre. The city-state of Athens was a great cultural power during this period. Drama was at its centre.

Adapted from "The Ancient Greek Theatre: Ancient Greek Encyclopedia"- http:// www.ancient.eu/Greek-Theatre/
By Mark Cartwright (2016)

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16. (1) staged
    (2) executed
    (3) portrayed
    (4) impersonated ( )

17. (1) erected
    (2) stacked
    (3) assembled
    (4) manufactured ( )

18. (1) sensibly
    (2) shrewdly
    (3) ingeniously
    (4) intellectually ( )

19. (1) brave
    (2) daring
    (3) gallant
    (4) exaggerated ( )

20. (1) upkeep
    (2) operation
    (3) preservation
    (4) conservation ( )

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For each question from 21 to 28, 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.
Study the following flyer and then answer questions 21 to 28.

THE FIT-FOR-LIFE CYCLING SERIES

Singapore's First Ever Cycling Series!

Benefits of Cycling

Cycling is an aerobic activity, which means that your heart, blood vessels and lungs all get a workout.

To be fit and healthy, you need to be physically active. Riding your bicycle regularly is one of the best ways to reduce your risk of health problems associated with an inactive lifestyle.

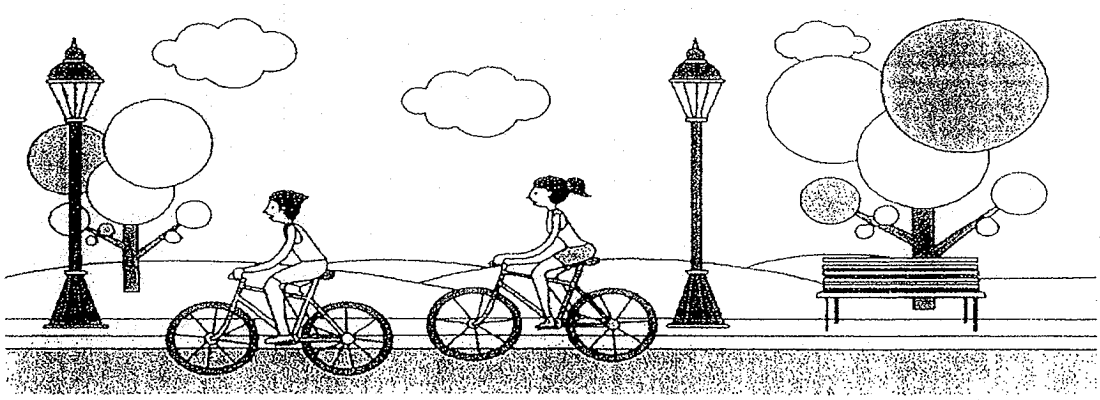
Cycling is a healthy, low-impact exercise that can be enjoyed by people of all ages – from young children to the elderly. It is also fun, cheap and good for the environment.

Riding to work or the shops is one of the most efficient ways to combine regular exercise with your everyday routine. An estimated one billion people ride bicycles every day – for transport, recreation and as a sport.

Free Workshop!

Safe Riding for Cyclists

Date: 28 September 2019
Time: 9 to 11 a.m.
Venue: Primal Health Club Room 2



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Exciting Events 2019

Event 1

THE FIT-FOR-LIFE CYCLING SERIES
Open to: All above the age of 18

The Fit-for-Life Series 2019 is a series of cycling trips that take cyclists through different iconic landscapes of Singapore.

In support of the Singapore Ministry of Active Lifestyle, Primal Health Club aims to promote a healthy lifestyle through a series of cycling activities. Come and be a part of it!

Highlight of the Event

Be the first 50 cyclists of each race to reach the finishing line and take a photo with Jason Li, the Ambassador of the Fit-for-Life Cycling Series



Cycling Dates and Routes:

12 October 2019	**City Route**
23 November 2019	**Coastal Route**
21 December 2019	**Sentosa Route**

Time: 8.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.

Enjoy exclusive discounts on registration fees for all Primal Health Club members! To register, visit our website at www.cyclingseries.com. For more information, call Gopal at 6333 2222.

Event 2

ABC CYCLE SPEEDWAY SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP
30 November 2019

ABC Cycle Speedway School Championship is a new category for schools to pit themselves against one another to compete for the inaugural title of ABC Cycle Speedway School Champion. This is a great team bonding event for the entire school as everyone can come to support and cheer for their friends who are racing.

Form a team of five and sign up with your schoolmates now. You are required to compete in your school t-shirt. Immerse yourselves in some heart-pounding action this November!





Event 3

NEW 'SUPER HERO' THEME FOR THE SUN TIMES RIDE
7 December 2019

Dress up and have fun! Wear the specially designed 'Super Hero' - The Sun Times Ride t-shirt and deck your bike, helmet, sunglasses or accessories in the most creative 'Super Hero' elements! Take selfies or wefies along the cycling route and post them on ABC Cycle Facebook page or on your Instagram account with the hashtag #abccycle. The best dressed cyclist will win a Digital Action Camera worth S$629. The winner will be notified by 20 December 2019!



Register for Event 2 and 3 at www.primalhealth.com by 1 November 2019

Organiser: Primal Health Club

Sponsor: Tsimano Bicycle Company

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For each question from 21 to 28, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and write your answer in the brackets provided.

21. Why is an exclamation mark used in the heading "Singapore's First Ever Cycling Series!"? _____.

(1) to encourage people to take up cycling
(2) to make the event sound more believable
(3) to create a sense of eagerness for the event
(4) to express how surprised the reader would be ( )

22. According to the flyer, which of the following is **not** a benefit of cycling?

(1) It is good for the environment.
(2) It is a way of promoting health.
(3) It is a great workout for your heart.
(4) It is the most efficient way to get to work. ( )

23. What is the **main** aim of the Fit-for-Life Cycling Series?

(1) to enlist membership for Primal Health Club
(2) to advertise for the Ministry of Active Lifestyle
(3) to show off the iconic landscapes of Singapore
(4) to promote an active lifestyle among Singaporeans ( )

24. According to the flyer, Primal Health Club members _____.

(1) will pay less for registration
(2) are the organisers of the event
(3) need to register in teams of five
(4) have to take a photo with Jason Li ( )

25. The ABC Cycle Speedway School Championship _____.

(1) is a new category open to adult cyclists
(2) requires supporters to wear their school t-shirt
(3) encourages team bonding among schoolmates
(4) invites schools to form teams of five or more cyclists ( )

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26. Michelle wants to win a digital camera. She does **not** have to _____.

(1) register for the event at www.primalhealth.com
(2) be the first fifty cyclists to reach the finishing line
(3) take a selfie and post it on ABC Cycle's Facebook Page
(4) accessorise her bike and helmet with 'Super Hero' elements ( )

27. Which of the following should John sign up for if he is only available in

(1) Fit-for-Life Cycling Series
(2) Super Hero Sun Times Ride
(3) Safe Riding for Cyclists Workshop
(4) ABC Cycle Speedway School Championship ( )

28. Which of the following statements is true?

(1) This is not the first time that Event 2 is organised.
(2) Event 1 allows cyclists to choose more than one route per day.
(3) The winner of Event 3 will receive the prize on the day of the event.
(4) Participants of Event 3 have to wear t-shirts designed by the organiser. ( )

End of Booklet A

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RIVER VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL
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ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
PRIMARY 6

Name : _____( )

Class : P 6_____ Mark : _____/ 67

Date : 22 August 2019

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BOOKLET B

Duration of Paper (Booklets A and B) : 1h 50 min

Instructions to candidates

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

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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. (10 marks)
EACH WORD CAN ONLY BE USED ONCE.

(A)	all	(D)	between	(G)	each	(K)	in	(N)	that
(B)	as	(E)	being	(H)	for	(L)	shall	(P)	when
(C)	be	(F)	but	(J)	from	(M)	should	(Q)	with

In a Track and Field Meet, the only event that requires two or more runners to constitute a team is a relay race. Relay races are very popular (29)_____ the spectators. This is probably why they are usually scheduled at the end of a Track and Field Meet (30) _____ a climax. To win a relay race, the members (31)_____ the team need to have good co-cordination, and excellent teamwork. There are many kinds of relay races. The number of runners varies (32)_____ two to ten in a team, and the distance varies too. They are known by different names and (33)_____ runner in a team is required to run a certain distance.

In 1893, two Americans experimented running with a baton. The baton resembles a piece of tubing (34) _____ is usually made of wood, plastic or aluminium. There are specific areas in each lane on the track (35) _____ the runner to hand the baton to the next runner. They are known as exchange zones. The baton must (36)_____ passed and not thrown to the next runner. A person who does the latter runs the risk of (37)_____ disqualified. After passing the baton to his teammate, the runner (38)_____ remain in his land to avoid interfering with runners from the rival teams.

Baton passing is very important and reaching the finishing line with it is one of the factors that determines the outcome of the race.

Adapted from Inferencing by Jennifer Rozines Roy

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

'Man-eater', 'Jaws' and 'Terror of the Ocean' are some of the names we have come up with to describe the shark. For a long time, (39) [ ] sharks have been <u>asosiaidted</u> with savagery and thirst of blood. Why does (40) [ ] the shark create this ideas <u>on</u> our minds? There are many kinds of sharks (41) [ ] (42) [ ] and <u>much</u> of them are not flesh-eaters. <u>Those</u> are harmless and usually live deep in the ocean. However, the type of shark that we are most (43) [ ] familiar with is one that eats flesh and is known to <u>crooz</u> near coastal (44) [ ] areas. This is <u>no</u> other than the Great White Shark. This shark is (45) [ ] considered to be the <u>fearcest</u> among all sharks because it is often the (46) [ ] culprit in cases <u>for</u> shark attacks.

However, shark attacks on humans are not very common, even (47) [ ] though films like 'Jaws' portray sharks as <u>merseeless</u> killers. Research has shown that it is often only a few individual sharks rather than the (48) [ ] <u>speeshes</u> in general, that are responsible for terrorizing some coastal areas. (49) [ ] Sharks are highly adapted for <u>survive</u> in the ocean. They are excellent

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swimmers. Even though sharks are often admired for their garce and (50) [ ] power, they will remain the most feared of sea creechers. Fortunately, we know more about sharks and their behaviours nowadays because of better technology.

Adapted from Sharks-World: http://www.sharks-world.com/shark-behaviour/

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

A salmon's journey from the sea to freshwater is unusual and quite dangerous.

The large salmon swims back to the stream 51) _____ it was born. At the estuary, where the river meets the sea, the salmon experiences *smoltification*; a complex change that enables its body 52) _____ adapt to salt water. The journey 53) _____ the open sea to the stream is risky and terribly tiring. It almost falls 54) _____ to hungry bears along the way and barely avoids getting caught by fishermen.

It is exhausting to swim against the current and leap up the waterfall. The salmon relies on its acute sense of smell to find its 55) _____ back to its birthplace. It had 56)_____ life there as a tiny egg.

During the years it spends in the open sea, the salmon's 57) _____ consists of juicy shrimps, fish and even crabs. Its appearance also undergoes a drastic 58) _____. Its skin colour turns grey and it loses the shiny blue reflections it had in its youth. Its mouth grows larger and its jaws are stronger than 59) _____. It is about a metre long and bears 60) _____ resemblance to the tiny salmon that left the stream many years ago.

The salmon rests for many days, 61) _____ itself completely still on a bed of white sand. It needs to regain its energy now after the gruelling 62) _____. When the salmon fertilises the eggs laid by the female, it is eager to 63) _____ the journey back to the vast ocean.

It would probably make one more trip back to its birthplace later, once again swimming against the 64)_____. When it is 65) _____to breed. it will return to where it had hatched. It is indeed a fascinating mystery how it finds its way back each time!

Adapted from: Salmon – an epic journey: A strange & amazing tale if fishy survival

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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). (5 x 2 marks)

66. The car was parked in the secured garage. The car was broken into.

_____ although

_____.

67. The purse was empty. There was only a one-dollar coin.

Apart from_ _____

_____.

68. My sister reported the matter to the police. My brother did not report it.

It was not_ _____

_____.

69. David asked me if I could go swimming with him the next day.

David asked me, "_ _____

_____?"

70. Siti knew that her brother would laugh at her suggestions and he did.

_____ just as

_____.

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Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 79. (20 marks)

It was a sultry afternoon. I was in the garage of our new house. I was roaming around looking for things to unpack. The mess of moving into new places brought about a certain degree of annoyance. Just then, I noticed a fragment of carpet sticking out of the ceiling; that was bizarre! I pulled on it and an access panel to the attic popped open. I grabbed a ladder and headed up. I wondered what was in store above.

I clambered into a space on top of the garage that was walled off from the rest of the attic. As my eyes became accustomed to the dark, I saw a metal container that I recognised as a World War II ammo box; my grandfather used to store tools in ammo boxes on his farm. I lifted the lid and freaked out at what I saw. There were numerous rolls of money bundled in red twine. Wow, I thought, I've found five hundred dollars! Unbelievable!

I wondered if there was more. I roamed around the attic and felt like a detective or one of the teenagers from a mystery story book. Unwittingly, I kicked a trash bag. I hoped fervently that there was no dead body or animal carcass in it. I placed my hands on the opening of the trash bag and was all ready to untie the dead knot. I said a silent prayer, took a deep breath and untied it in an instant. I was astonished by what I found.

More money! I discovered another two huge black trash bags full of cash and another seven boxes full to the brim. I sat there alone for four hours, counting and recounting the entire pile just to be certain. In total, I found about sixty-eight thousand dollars in my attic!

My initial thought was that this was indeed a true blessing! – the means to fix up this run-down house or just to use it to make life easier for our two young sons. I had so many ambitions all of a sudden and countless flashes of inspiration. Long-lost dreams returned instantaneously and I could smell hope in the air.

But I knew as soon as I had indulged in those fantasies that the right thing was to return the money to the previous owners of the house. Hence, I contacted them and requested them to drop by.

They were stunned, definitely not only about the money, but that I was returning it. They had inherited the house and said it must have been their father who had hidden the money. What made him do it? I thought about the hundreds of times he

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must have gone to the garage, cut off a length of red twine and bound up a roll of money. **I would like to think he did it for his children**. There were balls of that red twine still hanging on the wall of the garage when we moved in. I used them to tie up Christmas presents last year for my boys. I hope it reminded them of the gift greater than money that my wife and I had endowed them through the return of the sixty-eight thousand dollars; the gift of pure integrity. We had done the right thing and we hope our children will never fail to remember that. *Adapted from: Reader's Digest: 'What it's like to find a stash of cash... and to Return it'*	35

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES

71. Why was the writer annoyed in line 3? [1m]

_____

_____

72. What was the bizarre situation and what discovery did it lead to? [2m]

_____

_____

73. Name the two-word phrases from **lines 7 to 12** that have the same meaning as ..... [3m]

a)	**moved in awkwardly**	
b)	**got used to**	
c)	**shocked at**	

74. How was the money kept in the attic? [2m]

_____

_____

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75. Why did the writer say that he felt like a detective or one of the teenagers from '*a mystery story books*'? [1m]

_____

_____

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

_____ The writer found trash bags full of cash in the attic.

_____ The balls of red twine were hanging in the garage.

_____ The writer saw numerous rolls of money bundled in red twine.

77. Based on the story, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. (3m)

	True/False	Reason
a) The writer decided to use the money to fix-up his run-down house and also to use it for his children.		
b) The previous owners did not know about the money in the attic.		
c) The writer's grandfather had placed the money inside ammo boxes and left them in the attic.		

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78. Chose one word from each given paragraph to summarise the ***main feelings or values* of the writer** throughout the paragraph. [4m]

Dilemma	Curiosity	Excitement	Relief	Guilt
Honesty	Shock	Happiness	Regret	Patience

Paragraph 1 (i) _____

Paragraph 3 (ii) _____

Paragraph 6 (iii) _____

Paragraph 8 (iv) _____

79. What do you think the writer meant by **"I would like to think he did it for his children'** in line 36? [2m]

The previous owner's father's:		
a)	**Positive** point of view	
b)	**Negative** point of view	

80. The writer used red twine to tie up Christmas presents for his children. Explain the importance of his action based on the story. [1m]

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_____

END OF Booklet B

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Booklet A

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

Booklet B

Q 29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
Q	B	K	J	G	N	H	C	E	M

Q39)	associated	Q43)	cruise	Q47)	merciless
Q40)	in	Q44)	none	Q48)	species
Q41)	most	Q45)	fiercest	Q49)	survival
Q42)	These	Q46)	of	Q50)	creatures

Q51)	where	Q56)	Began / started	Q61)	Lying / keeping
Q52)	to	Q57)	food	Q62)	journey
Q53)	from	Q58)	change	Q63)	Start / begin
Q54)	prey	Q59)	before	Q64)	current
Q55)	way	Q60)	little /no/ zero	Q65)	ready / time

Q66)	The car was broken into although it was parked in the secured garage.
Q67)	Apart from a one-dollar coin, the purse was empty.
Q68)	It was not my brother but my sister who reported the matter to the police.
Q69)	David asked me, "Can you go swimming with me tomorrow?"

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Q70)	Siti's brother laughed at her suggestions just as she knew he would.
Q71)	The writer was roaming around looking for things to unpack as he had moved into a new place.
Q72)	The bizarre situation was noticing a fragment of carpet sticking out of the ceiling. The discovery led to the author finding money in the attic.
Q73)	a)clambered into b)accustomed to c)freaked out
Q74)	The money was tied up in red twine and kept in an ammo box and in trash bag.
Q75)	The writer was roaming around the attic, looking to see if there is any more money hidden in the attic.
Q76)	3, 1 , 2
Q77)	a)False → The writer returned the money to the previous owners of the house. b)True → They were shocked when they were told about the money in the attic. c)False → The father of the previous owner had hidden the money in the attic.
Q78)	Paragraph 1(i) → Curiosity Paragraph 3(ii) → Shock Paragraph 6(iii) → Honesty Paragraph 8(iv) → Relief
Q79)	a)Positive → The previous owner's father wanted to give the money to his children. b)Negative → The previous owner's father did not tell his children that he had hidden the sixty-eight thousand dollars in the attic.
Q80)	The writer wanted to use red twine to remember the incident when he was honest and returned the money to the previous owner.

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