METHODIST GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)

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MID-YEAR EXAMINATION 2019

PRIMARY 6

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 1 (WRITING)

Additional Materials: Writing Paper

Total Time : 1 hour 10 minutes

Total Marks : 55 marks

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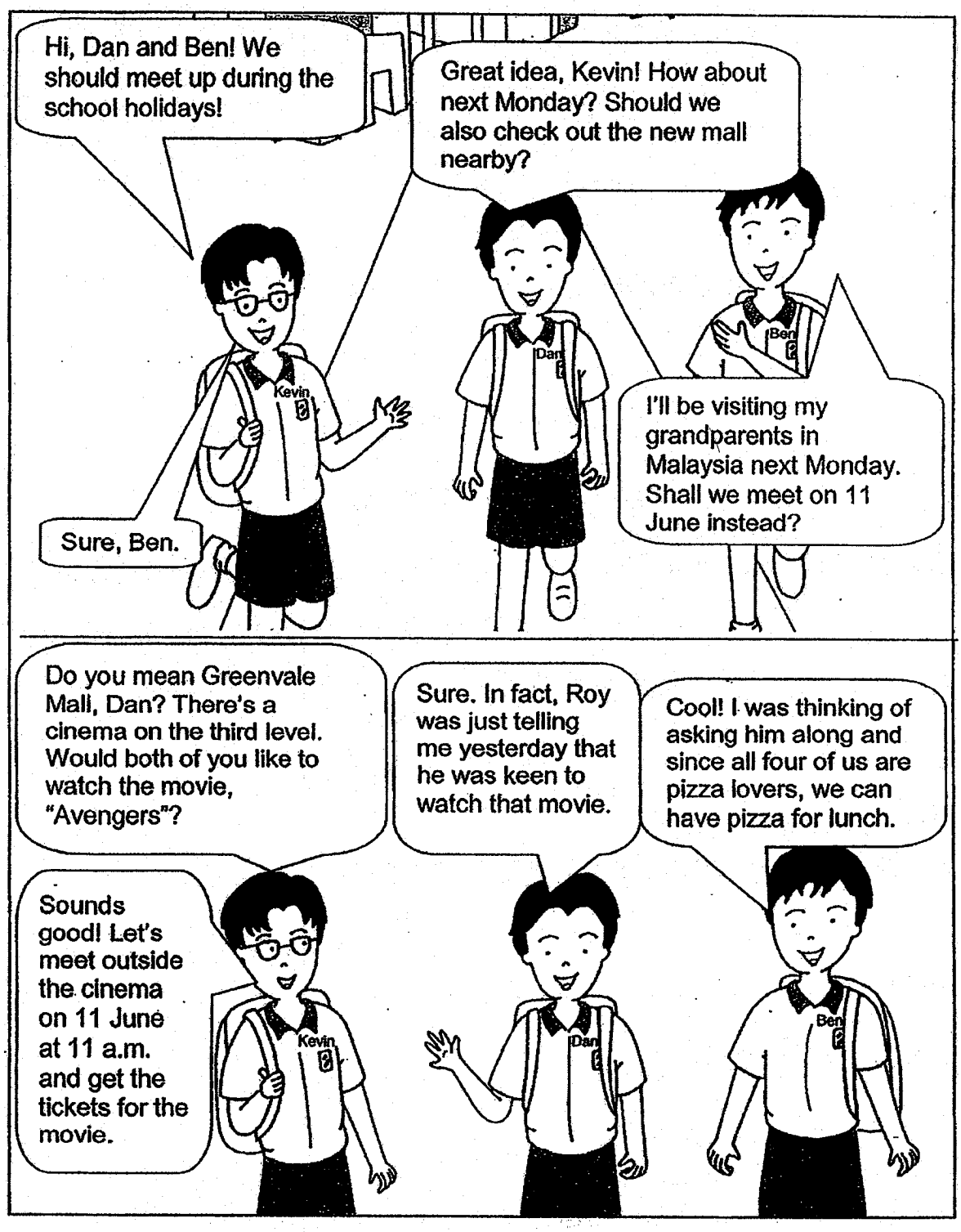
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Part 1: Situational Writing (15 marks)

1 The pictures below show three classmates discussing plans for an outing. Study the pictures carefully.



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Your Task

Imagine you are Ben.

Write an email to your classmate, Roy, and invite him to join you and two classmates for an outing.

You are to refer to the pictures and information on page 2 for your email.

In your email, include the following key information:

- the date and time of the outing
- the people going on the outing
- where you will be going
- where the meeting place will be
- two details to encourage Roy to join in the outing

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

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Part 2: Continuous Writing (40 marks)

2 Write a composition of <u>at least 150 words</u> about **being honest**.

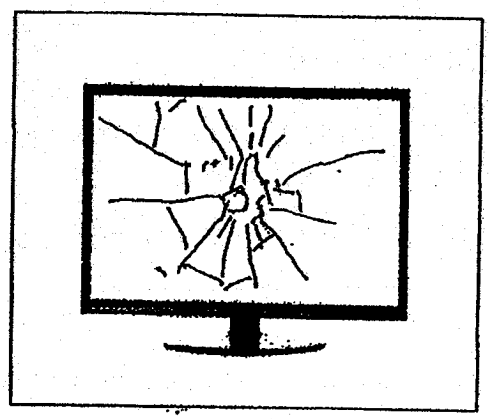
The pictures are provided to help you think about this topic.

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

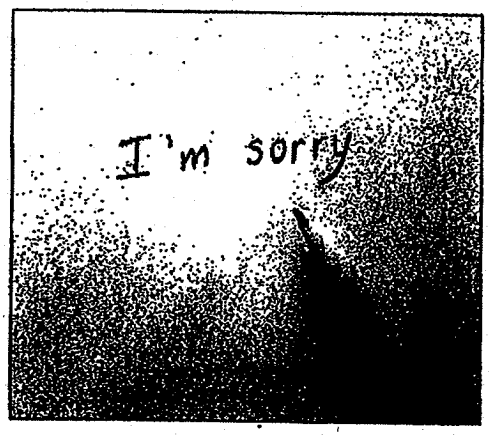
Consider the following points when you plan your composition:

- Who was / were honest?
- How did the person(s) act in an honest way?

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)

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Name: _____ ( )

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Date : 13 May 2019

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For each question from 1 to 10, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(10 marks)

1 "Have you ever _____ a camel in the desert before?" asked the tour guide.

(1) ride
(2) rode
(3) rides
(4) ridden

2 The teacher made her students _____ the classroom before allowing them to go for their break.

(1) clean
(2) cleans
(3) cleaned
(4) cleaning

3 My grandmother enjoys taking long walks. I will accompany her to the park should she _____ us during the school holidays.

(1) visit
(2) visits
(3) visited
(4) visiting

4 If she _____ you were going to the party, she would have gone too.

(1) know
(2) knew
(3) has known
(4) had known

5 "Susan baked the birthday cake for Mother, _____?" Father asked.

(1) isn't she
(2) won't she
(3) didn't she
(4) hasn't she

6 The soldier _____ leg was amputated is learning how to walk with his prosthetic leg.

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

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7 Your answer differs _____ mine. Either you or I am wrong.

(1) to
(2) with
(3) from
(4) against

8 He never gave up hope _____ his many setbacks. I admire him for his grit and tenacity.

(1) until
(2) hence
(3) despite
(4) nevertheless

9 A fund for the victims of the earthquake _____ set up last week after the Red Cross Society appealed for help.

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

10 The manager of the company came _____ fire for mistreating his workers.

(1) on
(2) over
(3) under
(4) before

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

11 The application to go on an overseas learning journey was _____ by the principal.

(1) verified
(2) certified
(3) approved
(4) sponsored

12 Amy was so excited after her trip to Disneyland that she spoke _____ to her friends about her holiday there.

(1) incessantly
(2) periodically
(3) occasionally
(4) intermittently

13 When Devi was reading a book, she _____ a word that she did not know. She had to use the dictionary to look up its meaning.

(1) came up
(2) came down
(3) came across
(4) came through

14 The children were careful as they climbed the _____ wooden steps of the dilapidated house.

(1) rickety
(2) shoddy
(3) shabby
(4) ragged

15 When Faizal won the championship for the speech competition, he was so _____ with shock that he was speechless for a moment.

(1) overrun
(2) overpowered
(3) overwhelmed
(4) overshadowed

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For each question from 16 to 20, 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)

Climate change due to global warming is a serious problem. Singapore must do more to protect the environment as the threat of climate change becomes <u>increasingly</u> (16) serious, both locally and globally. Singapore must take steps to protect itself against the <u>adverse</u> (17) effects of global warming. Many countries in the region, including Singapore, are also <u>vulnerable</u> (18) to rising sea levels due to long coastlines and low-lying areas. Therefore, authorities have raised low-lying roads near coastal areas at East Coast and Katong. The upcoming Changi Airport Terminal 5 will be built on a higher platform than the existing terminals.

It is heartening to note that more than 300 000 individuals, schools and organisations have pledged their <u>commitment</u> (19) to save the environment. For example, government organisations have taken the climate action pledge, and they will <u>cut down</u> (20) their use of plastic, water and electricity. More Singaporeans must come onboard to save the environment.

Adapted from https://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/singapore/

16 (1) heavily
(2) severely
(3) gradually
(4) progressively

17 (1) unlikely
(2) opposing
(3) unfavorable
(4) contradicting

18 (1) answerable
(2) responsible
(3) susceptible
(4) accountable

19 (1) dedication
(2) attachment
(3) engagement
(4) consideration

20 (1) reduce
(2) shorten
(3) condense
(4) downsize

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Study this flyer carefully and then answer questions 21 to 28.

Talent Lane Weekend Craft Fair

Looking for the Perfect Gift?

Have you grown tired of the unoriginal products found in the malls?
Do you appreciate handmade crafts?
Would you like to get something custom-made for yourself?
Are you looking for one-of-a-kind gifts?
The Talent Lane Weekend Craft Fair is organised by The Craft Society to promote local handmade crafts and provide a different shopping experience.

Saturday opening hours: 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Sunday opening hours: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Website: www.thecraftsociety.sg
Mode of Payment: Cash Only



Passion Made Possible

Sewing has been a hobby for Hazlinda and Claire ever since they were in school together. Mrs Jean Tan, their Primary 2 Art teacher, taught them basic skills. With her guidance, they each finished sewing a pencil case. Eager to develop their sewing skills, they borrowed library books and watched Youtube videos that showed them how to sew other items, and spent their free time sewing together. In their teenage years, they were sewing bags and clothes for themselves!

Their friends soon noticed that the girls were always wearing unique and trendy clothes. When they found out that Hazlinda's and Claire's clothes were handmade, they were amazed and wanted the girls to sew clothes for them too! Encouraged by their friends' support, Hazlinda and Claire decided to turn their hobby into a business. They were the first to set up a stall on Talent Lane every weekend.

After merely a year, the craft fair now showcases about 50 stalls selling a wide variety of handmade crafts such as clothes, bags, fashion accessories and homeware.

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How to Get There!
Talent Lane is conveniently located from Central MRT Station! A 5-minute stroll will take you to the fair. Come and check out what's in store for you this weekend!

New stalls opening in the month of June!

☆ Friends & Diaries ☆

Buy personalised diaries at an affordable price! Renee Lim found it increasingly difficult to get ideal gifts for her friends and started making special diaries for them every year by printing their names on them. She's all ready to help you and your friends get organised! Get 10% discount for a minimum of 2 diaries.





☆ Active Bags ☆

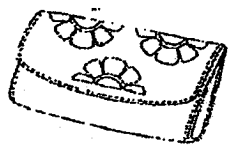
Run by a pair of siblings, Ryan and Dylan Goh, this stall offers smart backpacks designed to suit busy people juggling several activities in a day. With compartments for clothes, toiletries, water bottles, phones, wallets and other personal items, these bags will ensure that you go from place to place in style!

☆ Nana's Studio ☆

Naomi Sim uses bright and colourful prints to create coin pouches, purses, sling bags and toiletries bags that are popular with ladies. She also makes leather key pouches and wallets that would appeal to anyone with good taste. This stall features one of the largest range of products at the fair! It's very unlikely that you will walk away empty-handed!







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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 shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (8 marks)

21 What is the purpose of the questions in the section "Looking for the Perfect Gift?"?

(1) to get people interested in crafts
(2) to find out what people are interested in
(3) to give people an idea of what they can find at the craft fair
(4) to let people know how they can support The Craft Society

22 Which of the following statements is correct about the "Talent Lane Weekend Craft Fair"?

(1) It includes performances by local talents.
(2) Shoppers need to pay cash to gain entry.
(3) There are no new stalls set up for the fair.
(4) Opening hours for Saturdays and Sundays differ.

23 Hazlinda and Claire learnt how to sew bags and clothes from _____.

(1) their friends
(2) Mrs Jean Tan
(3) Youtube videos
(4) members of The Craft Society

24 What was Hazlinda's and Claire's **main** reason for starting a business?

(1) the encouragement from their friends
(2) the support they received from The Craft Society
(3) the desire to be the first to set up a stall on Talent Lane
(4) the need to earn money by selling their bags and clothes

25 Look at the title of the flyer. Why is the first letter of each word in "Talent Lane Weekend Craft Fair" in capital letters?

(1) The words are used as a name.
(2) The words describe the craft fair.
(3) It is to emphasise the talents at the fair.
(4) It is to make the words stand out in the flyer.

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26 What is the similarity between "Active Bags" and "Nana's Studio"?

(1) They specialise in one type of product.
(2) They are run by more than one person.
(3) They have the largest range of products at the fair.
(4) They sell products used to carry personal belongings.

27 Mrs Tan wants to buy a customised gift for her friend. She can buy _____.

(1) a pouch from Nana's Studio
(2) a backpack from Active Bags
(3) a pencil from The Craft Society
(4) a diary from Friends and Diaries

28 What is the **main** purpose of this flyer?

(1) to give directions to Talent Lane
(2) to advertise the new stalls opening at Talent Lane
(3) to encourage students to set up stalls at Talent Lane
(4) to attract buyers to buy local handmade crafts at Talent Lane

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
(BOOKLET B)

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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) a	(D) if	(G) of	(K) these	(N) was
(B) an	(E) is	(H) on	(L) this	(P) where
(C) as	(F) itself	(J) themselves	(M) to	(Q) which

Throughout the oceans and seas of the world, there is a huge variety of stingrays. Stingrays are broad, flat fish with blunt teeth, _____ (29) they use for crushing the shells of their prey. They feed _____ (30) small fish, worms and any other small creatures they can find. Like sharks, they do not have a bony skeleton but one consisting _____ (31) cartilage.

Most rays are slow-moving and many bury _____ (32) in mud or sand where they are camouflaged well. Rays are usually non-aggressive and harmless _____ (33) humans. They only attack _____ (34) they have been stepped on or are threatened in some way. _____ (35) effective way of preventing this is to use a shuffling movement when wading in water _____ (36) stingrays may be looking for food.

Some stingrays have poisonous needle-like barbs in their tails. _____ (37) barbs can cause excruciating pain and have been known to be lethal. A sting may cause nausea and vomiting, muscle cramps and sweating.

Steve Irwin, a famous promoter of Australian wildlife, _____ (38) killed after being stabbed near the heart by the barb of a stingray. Steve had been swimming above the ray while filming a documentary. The ray was threatened by his close presence and reacted by attacking him.

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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)

Dear Diary,

I woke at the crack of dawn and went to the harbour to start work with the

(39) [ ] *(40)* [ ]

other coolies. It was another grualing day at work as many ships carrying kagos arrived.

(41) [ ]

The gunny sacks of rice and boxes of goods were exstrimli heavy and the day seemed

(42) [ ]

to be endless. We worked for hours and rarely take a break. My back felt like it would

(43) [ ]

break if I lifted another sack but with preserving, I soldiered on, thinking about my

(44) [ ]

family back from China.

(45) [ ]

I ate a small bowl of porridge at lunch and went back to work imediatly. We

(46) [ ]

moved the sacks and boxes from the harbour to the wearhaus. I worked to the point of

(47) [ ] *(48)* [ ]

exhausted and could barely move. Upon complete of our work for the day, we were

(49) [ ]

then permeeted to return to our overcrowded rooms to rest. By that time, it was already in the wee hours and everyone had to drag their bodies home and passed out once they lay down on their blankets. Back-breaking work under the sun for long hours

(50) [ ]

are just a typical day as a coolie. However, after thinking of my family who will be better off with the money earned from my hard work, I feel that it is all worth it!

Adapted from *Diary of an Immigrant: Chinese Coolies*

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

Millions are donated to charities each year. Charity is not just about _____ (51) money, but also about having the heart to help _____ (52). The value of a gift is more than just the cost of it. Rather, it is about generosity and thought _____ (53) the gift. It is also about being willing to share your time and effort without _____ (54) any returns.

There is nothing more upsetting _____ (55) people taking advantage of the generosity of others. In recent years, there have been cases of charities misusing the money people donated to them. For example, people were accused _____ (56) keeping donations meant for the sick and needy and spending them on luxury goods for themselves. There were occasional reports of people selling items on the streets or collecting donations supposedly in _____ (57) of the poor. However, many of these attempts were found to be scams. Such dishonesty upsets people because it is not _____ (58) wrong, but it also makes it more _____ (59) for genuine charities to raise funds. News reports on scams put people on their guard and they may not be as _____ (60) when they donate. That affects the recipients of these charities _____ (61) less money will reach them.

Many Singaporeans give to charity, but few actually take the time to find out more about the group they are giving to. The Commissioner of Charities, Dr Ang Hak Seng, is hoping to change that by launching a campaign to encourage donors to conduct their own _____ (62) before they part with their money. Dr Ang said, "As more people do their checks, it's harder to abuse the system. When donors have more trust in fund-raising appeals, they will also give more."

Honesty starts with ourselves and that must come _____ (63) within. When _____ (64) funds, do not take the money for your own use, _____ (65) if it is just a few cents. Just think of the smiles on the faces of the people you will be helping.

Adapted from *The Straits Times*, September 2018
'Donating to charity? Ask, check, then give'

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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)

66 The witness disappeared suddenly. The police were investigating.

The police _____

_____

67 Athena had not cooked noodles before and made a mess of it.

Not _____

_____

68 "Who ate my slice of cake?" Mr Raju asked his children.

Mr Raju asked his children who _____

_____

69 The judge questioned whether the reports were accurate.

The accuracy _____

_____

70 As soon as the celebrity arrived, she was ushered to the stage.

Upon her _____

_____

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

I was living in a wooden cottage at the edge of the beach in Hawaii, sixty metres away from the school that I taught in.

During a break in lessons that day, I had gone back to the cottage to pick up a book I had forgotten. With the book in my hands, I closed the door. A group of five children ran up to me, smiles on their faces, the faces that would now haunt me forever.

"Miss! Miss!" they called. "Come and see! Come and see!" I followed them to see an amazing sight. The ocean was retreating fast and silently. The bottom of it was exposed, revealing rocks and sand I had not known of before. It was as if the ocean was taking a huge mouthful of its own water. I turned to look at the excited youngsters who had not seen such a sight before. "Big Wave Coming!" the children exclaimed. As soon as they said that, we saw a mass of water gathering on the horizon, like one big wave.

I stood there, still not understanding what was happening as the children played merrily in the water. Then the children and I all saw it instantaneously. The water near us was drawn out much faster than the earlier time. At the same time, a huge wall of water appeared behind the lighthouse at the end of the ocean. I was so frightened, I stood paralysed looking at that massive amount of water which seemed to get higher by the second as it approached.

I immediately grabbed the children near me and wanted to dash to the hill beside the beach to escape the waters. However, I wondered whether we would be able to reach the hill in time - it was a good hundred metres away. I decided against it and ran with the children back to the cottage instead. As we entered the cottage, the air was filled with the loudest roaring wind I had ever heard. Without warning, the wave hit the cottage. It all seemed to happen so quickly that my memory was a blur.

The crash of glass signalled the waters breaking in. I clung to the door frame. I saw the children all holding onto something, whatever was closest. Soon, the cottage buckled under the pressure and was swept away by the huge waves. I surfaced from the water to see the roof close by. Some of the children, like myself, managed to clamber onto it.

We were whisked out to sea at great speed by the waves. As I caught my breath, I realised that the sea had ripped apart everything. Around me, I could see other teachers and students likewise clinging to objects. This next wave, which caught us by surprise, knocked us all off the objects we were holding onto. I was submerged in the water.

Instinctively, I held my breath. After a while, my lungs could hold out no longer. I gave up all hope of survival. I took a breath – and it was air I breathed. Like some miracle, I found myself on top of the water. I gulped the air ravenously as if it was years since I had last breathed.

I started to swim as best I could. I reached the calmer waters beyond the rocks and was surprised to find myself floating, only to realise that I was now clinging to some debris, a red board I recognised as having been hanging in my classroom. Raising my body out of the water, I called for help. Seeing the shore a long way off, I knew that no one would hear me.

With **that thought**, my hearing picked up a buzzing sound in the air. I looked up to see a small plane flying low. I waved like I had never waved before in all my life as I knew it was my only chance of survival. A bundle fell into the sea nearby. I swam over to the yellow package. Printed in black were the words "TO INFLATE, UNSNAP AND PULL HANDLE".

The rubber life raft inflated like a dream. I used my last energy to hoist myself over the side. I lay **there**, still, relieved.

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71 Why had the writer gone to the cottage? [1m]

_____.

72 What does the phrase "the faces that would now haunt me forever" (line 5) tell you about what could have happened to the children? [1m]

_____.

_____.

73 What "amazing sight" (lines 6-7) greeted the writer? [2m]

_____.

_____.

74 Why did the writer not dash for the hill beside the beach? [2m]

_____.

_____.

75 Fill in the following table by identifying the correct word(s) from the passage. [3m]

Question	Word(s) from the passage
a) Which word from the sixth paragraph tells us that the writer and children had difficulty getting onto the roof?	
b) Which two words from the seventh paragraph tells us that the force of the tidal waves was extremely strong? Each word is found in a separate sentence.	

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76 Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [2m]

	True / False	Reason
a) The children knew that they were in danger when they saw a mass of water gathering on the horizon.		
b) The writer could not remember the order in which the events happened after the wave hit the cottage.		

77 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
it (line 7)	
that thought (line 38)	
there (line 43)	

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

_____ The writer saw a bundle in the sea.

_____ The writer was submerged in water.

_____ The writer tried to call for help.

79 Based on the information in the passage, fill in the blanks in the following table. [3m]

How the character felt and what made the character feel that way	How do you know she felt that way
The writer was frightened when she saw the huge wall of water (line 14) approaching them.	She _____ _____ _____

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Booklet A

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

Booklet B

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

Q39)	gruelling	Q43)	perseverance	Q47)	exhaustion
Q40)	cargos	Q44)	in	Q48)	completion
Q41)	extremely	Q45)	immediately	Q49)	permitted
Q42)	took	Q46)	warehouse	Q50)	is

Q51)	donating	Q56)	of	Q61)	as
Q52)	others	Q57)	support	Q62)	check
Q53)	behind	Q58)	only	Q63)	from
Q54)	expecting	Q59)	difficult	Q64)	collecting
Q55)	than	Q60)	generous	Q65)	even
Q66)	The police were investigating the sudden disappearance of the witness.				

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Q67)	Not having cooked noodles before, Athena made a mess of it.
Q68)	Mr Raju asked his children who had eaten his slice of cake.
Q69)	The accuracy of the reports was questioned by the judge.
Q70)	Upon her arrival, the celebrity was ushered to the stage.
Q71)	The writer had gone to pick up a book she had forgotten to take.
Q72)	The children might have died.
Q73)	The ocean was retreating fast and silenty. The bottom of the ocean was exposed, revealing rogks and sand the writer had not known before. It was as if the ocean was taking in a huge mouthful of its own water.
Q74)	The writer was afraid that they would not be able to reach the hill in time since it was a good hundred metres away.
Q75)	a)clamber b)whisked and ripped
Q76)	a)False - The children were all still playing merrily in the water. b)True - It all happened so quickly that the writer's memory was a blur.
Q77)	It – the ocean that thought – no one from the shore would hear the writer. there – in the inflated rubber life raft
Q78)	3, 1, 2
Q79)	-- The writer was hopeful there was a chance she might be rescued. -- She was so frightened, she stood paralysed looking at the massive amount of water getting higher by the second as it approached.
Q80)	The writer meant that she taught she was going to die due to the lack of oxygen when the second wave of water caused her tobe submerged in the water. However she had floated back up to the surface and when she took a breath,it was air the writer breathed in not water.

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