# Anglo-Chinese School (Junior)

**SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (2022)**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**PRIMARY 5**

**Name :** _____ **(  )**

**Class : P 5. ___** **Date : 27 October 2022**

**BOOKLET A**

**28 Questions**

**28 Marks**

**Total Time for Booklet A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

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

2 Follow all instructions carefully.

3 Answer all questions.

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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. _____ the bad reviews, the band kept performing to sell-out crowds.

(1) With
(2) Due to
(3) Despite
(4) Although

2. Joe never gets home on time, _____?

(1) did he
(2) didn't he
(3) does he
(4) doesn't he

3. Ashley felt beads of perspiration _____ down his back due to the intense heat.

(1) trickle
(2) trickled
(3) had trickled
(4) was trickling

4. "If someone is injured in an accident, you _____ call for an ambulance immediately," said the camp instructor.

(1) could
(2) might
(3) would
(4) should

5. Everyone, except Caleb and Cain, _____ volunteered to help the teachers.

(1) do
(2) has
(3) does
(4) have



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6. "The compass shows North. I think we are heading _____ the right direction," said the scout leader.

(1) by
(2) in
(3) on
(4) up

7. Neither his brother nor his father _____ at home at the moment.

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

8. I laving worked very hard to complete the project, Linda and Sally decided to treat themselves _____ a buffet lunch.

(1) in
(2) to
(3) at
(4) for

9. My grandfather took my sister and _____ for a swim last week.

(1) I
(2) me
(3) my
(4) myself

10. The surface of the lotus leaves remains dry as they are _____ with wax.

(1) cover
(2) covers
(3) covered
(4) covering



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For each question from 11 to 15, 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. (5 marks)

11. The student librarians have sorted the storybooks _____ so that it is easy for users to find their books.

(1) tentatively
(2) intensively
(3) exhaustively
(4) systematically

12. After taking the medicine, Dorothy's fever slowly _____.

(1) dropped
(2) subsided
(3) decreased
(4) diminished

13. George glared at his _____ across the net after he was hit in the face by the volleyball.

(1) critics
(2) fiends
(3) devotees
(4) opponents

14. Many were relieved when the fighting in the war-torn countries _____.

(1) ceased
(2) departed
(3) completed
(4) terminated

15. We will proceed with the programmes in the itinerary as the rain has _____.

(1) let in
(2) let up
(3) let off
(4) let down



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

(5 marks)

Any Norwegian man given the name Odin, has large boots to fill. Some men and women show true grit by enduring hardships that would break most people. Some **show** (16) it by conquering fear. Some show it by pushing themselves to do things that **appear** (17) impossible to ordinary mortals.

Odin Heyerdahl did all of these. However, he did something else, too. It did not involve pain, endurance or survival. In fact, it was **relatively** (18) simple. And yet, in its own way, it was so gusty that most of us, if we are **honest with** (19) ourselves, would find it almost ridiculously difficult. By the time you have read the story of Odin and his remarkable **expeditions** (20) at sea, I think you will understand what I am talking about.

Adapted from Grylls, Bear. (2014). *The Kon-Tiki Expedition, p95, in True Grit.*

16. (1) confirm
(2) provide
(3) showcase
(4) demonstrate

17. (1) seem
(2) emerge
(3) indicate
(4) illustrate

18. (1) fairly
(2) extremely
(3) particularly
(4) exceptionally

19. (1) true to
(2) direct with
(3) reliable about
(4) authentic with

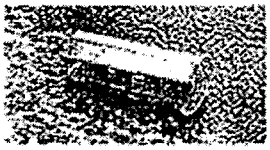
20. (1) treks
(2) outings
(3) holidays
(4) voyages



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

# CHANGI COMMUNITY CLUB
## VISIT TO GREEN ARK FISH FARM



**WHAT** Green Ark is one of the first closed containment fish farms in the world. It is a floating structure about the size of two classrooms.

**WHERE** Located 5km off Changi Point, the farm can produce 166, 000 kilograms of fish a year. The fish are housed in four gigantic tanks. The fish reared include barramundi, red snapper and grouper. They are mainly for local consumption.

**HOW** The fish swim in isolation and are safe from threats such as oil spills and plankton blooms which could kill them. The sea water they live in is filtered. Bacteria and viruses are destroyed by ozonation. In this process, oxygen is pumped into the tanks every hour.

> *"All these improved conditions ensure that the water quality remains high. This enables our fish to thrive."*
>
> Mrs Linda Tan, spokesperson of Green Ark Fish Farm

## Would you like a glimpse of Green Ark Fish Farm?

For the very first time, Changi Community Club is organising 5 small-group tours (25 persons each) to Green Ark Fish Farm on the following Saturdays: 5, 12, 19, 26 November. You will have first-hand knowledge of how fish is reared there. The highlight of the tour will be a tasty meal of fresh fish chosen by the chefs of Changi Cafe.

| Time | Itinerary | Cost |
|---|---|---|
| 1.00 p.m. | Meet at Changi Ferry Point | $40 per person<br><br>Changi Community Club members pay $30 each |
| 1.15 p.m. | Depart for Green Ark | |
| 1.30 p.m. | Tour of Green Ark | |
| 2.30 p.m. | Return to Changi Point | |
| 2.45 p.m. | Dory Fish & Chips Meal at Changi Cafe | |

For enquiries, please visit the website at www.changicc.com.sg.
Registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis.
**Book early to avoid disappointment!**



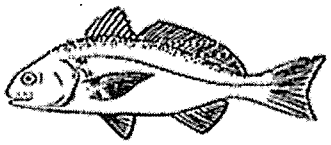
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# FISHY TALES

Here is some interesting information on three kinds of fish reared at Green Ark Fish Farm:

**Barramundi**

Also known as the Asian Seabass, it has a firm texture. Almost all barramundi are born male. They turn into females when they are 3 to 4 years old. A large female can produce more than 32 million eggs in a season!



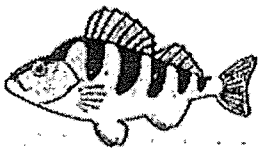
**Red Snapper**

It has red eyes and is rosy-red all over. A female spawns over 20 times a year. A large fish can produce over 2 million eggs per spawn. People like it for its fine texture and sweet flavour.



**Grouper**

One common species eaten in Singapore is the Coral Grouper. The flesh is delicate and it is usually eaten steamed. Groupers first function as females and later transform into males.



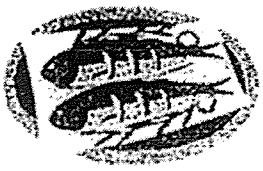
Whip up your best dish using fish as your main ingredient. Attractive prizes to be won!

## Fishy Cook-out Competition

**Changi Community Hall**
**Sat 17 December 2022**
**8 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

- Bring your own fish (whole, any species) to your stations by 8 a.m.
- Bring your own knives
- The fish must be prepared on-site
- Bring your own condiments and ingredients, which must be labelled
- A stove and cooking utensils will be provided
- Cooked dishes will be judged by celebrity chef Ismail
- Register at www.changicc.com.sg by 30 November
- Non-refundable registration fee: $25







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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.** Which of the following is true of the fish reared by Green Ark Fish Farm?

(1) They are safe from oil spills.
(2) They can swim freely in the ocean.
(3) They could be killed by plankton blooms.
(4) They are mainly sold to overseas buyers.

**22.** When Mrs Linda Tan says "the water quality remains high", she means the water _____.

(1) level is high enough for the fishes
(2) is the same as water from the sea
(3) does not contain viruses or bacteria
(4) has enough space for the fish to swim about

**23.** Shanti will be assured of a place on the tour if she _____.

(1) pays $40 in advance
(2) sends an email to the organiser
(3) registers before the places are filled up
(4) is a member of Changi Community Club

**24.** Which is **not** true of the meal served at the end of the tour?

(1) It can be served as fish and chips.
(2) It is included in the cost of the tour.
(3) The fish is chosen by the participant.
(4) The meal will be served at Changi Cafe.



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25. Of the three kinds of fish featured in 'Fishy Tales', _____.

(1) the Coral Grouper lays eggs twenty times a year
(2) the Red Snapper is also called the Asian Seabass
(3) both the Barramundi and the Grouper are born female
(4) the meat of both the Grouper and the Red Snapper is tender

26. When participating in the Fishy Cook-out Competition, Jason has to _____.

(1) cut up the fish at home
(2) label the ingredients he is using
(3) provide his own cooking utensils
(4) present his cooked dish by 8 a.m.

27. According to the flyer, participants of the competition _____.

(1) have to register with Chef Ismail
(2) are provided with knives and fishes
(3) will not get a refund if they withdraw from it
(4) must be at Changi Community Hall on 30 November

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

(1) To invite the public to have a meal at Changi Cafe
(2) To educate everyone on little-known facts of certain fish
(3) To encourage everyone to take part in a cooking competition
(4) To inform the public about the activities of Changi Community Club

Please note that the passage for Comprehension questions 71 to 80 in Booklet B is on the next page. You may now go on to Booklet B.



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Refer to the passage below when you answer questions 71 to 80 in Booklet B. (20 marks)

I have never thought of myself as an adventurous traveller. Many of my earlier travels involved relaxing by the poolside or walking along a shopping street. I was not one for hiking – usually, the only thing that can get me to embark on a trek is the fear of missing out. Out of all the adventurous trips I have been on, almost each and every one of them were undertaken as I did not want to miss out. As they say, "Live Life to the fullest and don't miss out on anything!".

On my first trip to Georgia, every traveller I met spoke about a particular hike in the Greater Caucasus mountains that I absolutely could not miss. I knew instantly that this hike is one which I must try out. Almost immediately, I set about making arrangements for it. I remembered counting down the days to when I would set off for my adventure.

The hike involved a trek from Kazbegi town to Gergeti Trinity Church. Although it is a short trek, I knew it was not going to be an easy hike for me because the church's location is atop a mountain. Moreover, after six weeks of travelling around and living off *khachapuri*, the country's famous "cheese pie", I was not in the best of condition for such an arduous climb. I arrived in Kazbegi on a cold, foggy afternoon and reluctantly woke up early the next day with the idea to hike to the church. Luckily, a chance encounter over the breakfast table at my guesthouse saved me.

I met Tim and Mary by chance and got around to chatting with them. They had just completed the hike the previous day and gave me a crucial tip: Do not follow the main trail; instead, take the path on the left side of the mountain. I made sure to bear that in mind when I started my own hike.

As it turned out, the main route – the trail that almost everyone else was taking – was impossibly steep. It was also hard to manoeuvre around, and it would have definitely worn me out before I could complete the journey. However, the lesser-walked path that was recommended by the couple I had met the day before turned out to be a gentle, ambling trail along a mountain stream. Beautiful scenery and an easier hike? I would take that any day!

Had I tried to take the main path, I never would have finished the walk. Following this gentler route, I experienced **something** totally foreign: A hike I actually enjoyed! I felt so accomplished by the time I reached the church, all thanks to that chance **encounter**! For the rest of that particular holiday, I managed to go on more treks around the scenic countryside of Georgia.

I have since moved to Georgia and have challenged myself on many other hikes in the Greater Caucasus. If it were not for that first introduction to trekking in Georgia, I do not think I would have had the courage to attempt any other trails. I would have probably been like the many safe tourists who travel the world for hotel pools or shopping streets.

"Adventure" means something different to everyone, but I think there's an adventurous traveller inside all of us. Often it takes one positive experience to prove to yourself what you're really made of. Go out there today and challenge yourself. You will never know what is going to happen unless you step out of your comfort zone!

Adapted from *Jessie on a Journey – Short Adventure Stories*



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**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**PRIMARY 5**

Name: _____ (  )

Class: P 5. ____ Date: 27 October 2022

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Parent's Signature

**BOOKLET B**

52 Questions

67 Marks

**Total Time: 1 hour 50 minutes**

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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| Component | Possible Marks | Marks Obtained |
|---|---|---|
| Grammar Cloze | 10 | |
| Editing for Spelling & Grammar | 12 | |
| Comprehension Cloze | 15 | |
| Synthesis and Transformation | 10 | |
| Comprehension OE | 20 | |
| Total | 67 | |

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There are 10 blanks, numbered 1 to 10, 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) | and | (G) | into | (K) | than | (N) | was |
| (B) | all | (E) | by | (H) | of | (L) | then | (P) | were |
| (C) | an | (F) | in | (J) | off | (M) | to | (Q) | up |

During the end of the 1996-1997 regular season, I had an opportunity to go watch a Chicago Bulls practice. They **(29)** _____ pursuing their second straight NBA Championship and had set **(30)** _____ NBA record with 72 wins the previous season. As excited as I was to be there, I was worried I would be disappointed because I assumed I would not get to see Michael Jordan practise. After **(31)** _____, the Bulls just played four games in five nights and I assumed Jordan would take a well-deserved day **(32)** _____. Especially since they won all four of those games and he had scored more **(33)** _____ ___ 30 points, and had played over 40 minutes in each game.

Much to my surprise, Jordan showed **(34)** _____ 45 minutes before practice. He began with some warm-ups and then quickly moved to a variety of shooting drills. He got up to around 200 shots. He was focussed and intense, and was drenched in perspiration **(35)** _____ the time the rest of the team arrived.

Sensing his team needed a light day, the coach told the team that practice was only going to consist **(36)** _____ a short game to 20 points. Jordan played a part **(37)** _____ scoring twelve of his team's points and assisted in three others. He dove for loose balls and even took a charge! Needless to say, his team won easily.

On a day when Michael Jordan deserved to take a break and rest, he still outworked everyone and gave his all. His commitment **(38)** _____ _____ excellence and his competitive fire never stopped. Michael Jordan was not great by accident.

Adapted from *Inspirational Stories From the NBA Players Top 100 Camp*



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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)

(39) [ ]

The world is a distracting place. It is full of shapes and colours, sounds, and *smell* that

(40) [ ] (41) [ ]

constantly *exsite* our senses. Sometimes, things that distract us can *steamulate* multiple senses at

(42) [ ]

once. When the television set *was* switched on while we are trying to read, the moving images on the

(43) [ ] (44) [ ]

screen that are *accompppaneed* by sounds can be quite distracting. But you may *had* noticed that, as

(45) [ ]

you grow older, you become better at *ignawring* distractions, and staying focussed on what you are

doing. Especially if what you are doing is difficult, like reading a Young Minds article. Would you have

(46) [ ] (47) [ ]

done as well *that* you were six? Our ability to pay attention improves with age; *so*, adults get

(48) [ ]

distracted, too. We found that, surprisingly, adults are *worst* at turning a blind eye to distractions

involving both shapes and sounds than six-year-olds are. By studying distractions that involve

49) [ ] (50) [ ]

*mulltipel* senses, we can better understand how our attention works in everyday *sittuasions*. We can

also find out how our ability to pay attention grows as we grow.

Adapted from *Frontiers for Young Minds*



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

Singaporeans are consuming too much salt and plans are in place to get people to cut their sodium intake by about 15 per cent over the next five years. To do so, the Health Promotion Board (HPB) will urge Singaporeans to (51)_____ their regular salt with lower-sodium alternatives, which are considered healthier. It will work with retailers to make (52)_____ substitutes more affordable.

The diet of Singaporeans has (53)_____ higher in salt over the years. The amount is well above the World Health Organisation's recommended daily salt intake (54)_____ not more than 2,000mg or about one teaspoon. Studies have found that excessive sodium consumption results (55)_____ high blood pressure which can lead to heart attacks and strokes.

(56)_____ , these salt substitutes are about 10 times more expensive than regular salt. For a start, a (57)_____ affordable lower-sodium salt product will go on sale at major supermarket chains from October.

Singapore's latest war on salt follows its war on sugar, which aims to (58)_____ Singaporeans to reduce their sugar intake. The authorities have introduced a Nutri-Grade rating for drinks ranging from A to D, with a D grade (59)_____ the unhealthiest.

A recent local study found that a small reduction in sodium intake significantly (60)_____ health, even for those with normal blood pressure. Sodium plays an essential (61)_____ in regulating blood pressure but only a small amount - about 500mg a day - is needed for vital functions. This is (62)_____ to just a quarter teaspoon of salt.

HPB needs to get more supermarkets onboard to (63)_____ affordable lower-sodium salts to food operators. These operators can then (64)_____ to healthier alternatives in their cooking, eventually (65)_____ consumers. This move is critical as excessive sodium consumption can eventually lead to the rupturing of blood vessels or formation of blood clots, resulting in a heart attack or stroke

Adapted from: straitstimes.com – Cutting Singaporeans' Salt Intake



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For each of the questions 38 to 42, 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)

Do not write in this space.

66. I was able to do well in my examinations. I had revised conscientiously for it.

_____ as

_____

67. The goods were stolen due to the guard's lack of action.

Due to the guard's failure _____

_____

68. Samuel is very tall for his age. Dean is also very tall for his age.

_____ as well as

_____

69. "You need to pull up your socks from now on," Mr Ong told the class.

Mr Ong _____

_____

70. The cleaners disposed of the recycled materials in the classroom.

The recycled materials _____

_____

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Read the passage on page 10 of Booklet A and answer questions 71 to 80. (20 marks)

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71. What was it that made the writer undertake adventurous trips? [1m]

_____

_____

72. Choose words from lines 7 – 18 which have similar meanings to the words below. [3m]

| | |
|---|---|
| (i) unquestionably | |
| (ii) challenging | |
| (iii) accidental | |

73. From paragraph 3, why was the hike was not going to be an easy one for the writer? [2m]

_____

_____

74. Which 4-word phrase in paragraph 4 tells us that the writer had taken the advice of the couple he had met in the chance encounter? [1m]

_____

75. Give two reasons why the writer "never would have finished the walk"? (line 28). [2m]
Base your answer from lines 22 - 32

(i) _____

(ii) _____

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76. The table below shows the writer's actions and his feelings.
Fill in the boxes using the information from the passage. [2m]

| Action | Feeling |
|---|---|
| Completing the hike to the church. (line 30) | |
| | Courageous in trying out other trails. (line 35) |

77. Look at the table below. What do the words in the column on the left 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 10) | |
| something (line 29) | |
| encounter (line 30) | |

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

| | |
|---|---|
| The writer went on a poolside and shopping holiday. | |
| The writer moved to Georgia. | |
| The writer attempted the hike to Gergeti Trinity Church. | |

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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]

Do not write in this space.

| Statement | True/False | Reason |
|---|---|---|
| The writer knew that the hike from Kazbegi town to Gergeti Trinity Church was one he could not miss. | | |
| The writer had taken the steeper and more challenging route up to the Gergeti Trinity Church. | | |
| The hike from Kazbegi town to Gergeti Trinity Church was the writer's last hike. | | |

80. Do you think the writer has changed his way of holidaying? Provide an example to support your answer. [2m]

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**SUBJECT : ENGLISH**
**TERM : 2022 SA2**

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**Booklet A**

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

**Booklet B**

| Q 29 | Q30 | Q31 | Q32 | Q33 | Q34 | Q35 | Q36 | Q37 | Q38 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| P | C | B | J | K | Q | E | H | F | M |

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| Q39) | smells | Q43) | accompanied | Q47) | however |
| Q40) | excite | Q44) | have | Q48) | worse |
| Q41) | stimulate | Q45) | ignoring | Q49) | multiple |
| Q42) | is | Q46) | when | Q50) | situations |

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Q51) | replace | Q56) | However | Q61) | role |
| Q52) | the | Q57) | more | Q62) | equal |
| Q53) | become | Q58) | urge | Q63) | offer |
| Q54) | of | Q59) | being | Q64) | turn |
| Q55) | in | Q60) | improves | Q65) | benefitting |
| Q66) | I was able to do well in my examinations as I had revised conscientiously for it. | | | | |
| Q67) | Due to the guard's failure, the goods were stolen. | | | | |
| Q68) | Samuel, as well as Dean, is very tall for his age. | | | | |



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| | |
|---|---|
| Q69) | Mr Ong told the class they needed to pull up their socks from then on. |
| Q70) | The recycled materials in the classroom were disposed by the cleaners. |
| Q71) | The only thing that can get the writer to embark on a trek is the fear of missing. |
| Q72) | (i) absolutely<br>(ii) arduous<br>(iii) chance |
| Q73) | The church's location is at the top pf a mountain and the writer was not in good condition for such an arduous climb. |
| Q74) | bear that in mind |
| Q75) | (i) The main route that almost everyone take was impossibly steep.<br>(ii) It was also hard to manoeuvre around. |
| Q76) | (Line 30) → accomplished<br>(Line 35) → If it were not for that first introduction to trekking Georgia. |
| Q77) | It → the first trip to Georgia and hike in the Greater Caucasus.<br>Something → A hike the writer enjoyed<br>Encounter → Meeting Tim and Mary |
| Q78) | 1,3,2 |
| Q79) | True → Every traveller the writer met spoke about a particular hike in the Great Caucasus mountain was what the writer absolutely could not miss.<br>False → The writer took the gentler, ambling trail along a mountain steam.<br>False → The writer managed to go on more treks around the scenic countryside of Georgia after the Kazbegi. |
| Q80) | Yes, the writer has changed his way of holidaying. He used to travel and stay by the poolside or go shopping on his holidays but now he goes for adventurous treks on his holidays. |



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