AI TONG SCHOOL

2023

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

PRIMARY 6

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 1 (WRITING)

Total Time: 1 hour 10 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

Name: _____ ( )

Class: Primary 6 _____

Date: 18 August 2023

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Total Marks:

55

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Part 1: Situational Writing (15 marks)

1 The picture below shows Kelly and her sister, Tammy, discussing a notice that they saw in the newspaper on 21 October 2023. Study the picture carefully.



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Your Task

Imagine you are Kelly.

Write an email to the teacher in charge of your school band, Mr Tan, asking him if you may be excused from band practice.

You are to refer to the picture and information on page 1 for your email.

In your email, include the following key information:

- the date you wish to be excused from band practice
- the event you wish to attend and the time it will be held
- two reasons you should attend the event
- what you will do if you are excused from band practice

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 **something that was forgotten.**

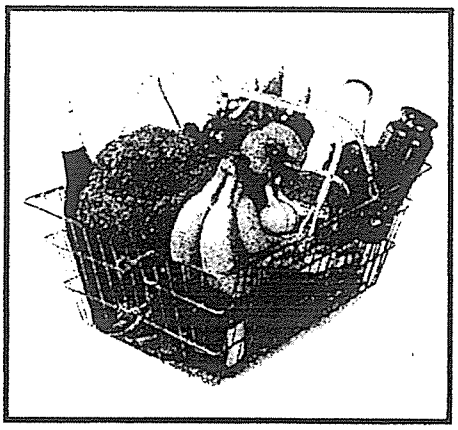
The pictures are provided to help you think about this topic.

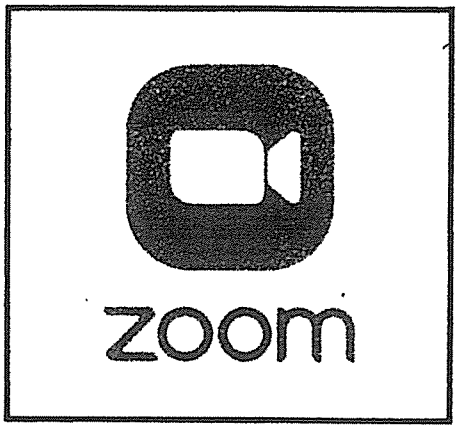
Your composition should be based on one or more of these pictures.

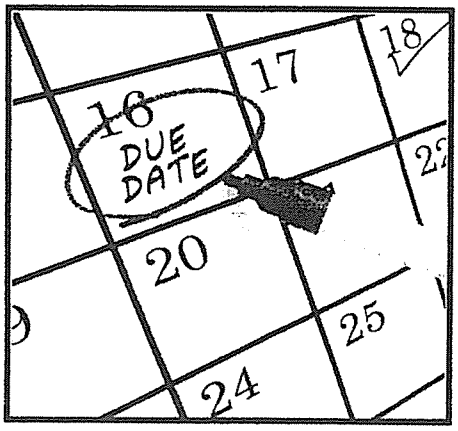
Consider the following points when you plan your composition:

- Why did you forget it?
- What happened in the end?

You may use the points in any order and include other relevant points as well.







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PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)
BOOKLET A

Total Time For Booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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Answer all questions.

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Paper 1	Paper 2	Paper 3	Paper 4	Total Marks
55	95	20	30	200

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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 "Don't stop. Stir the sugar _____ it dissolves completely," instructed Mother.

(1) but
(2) and
(3) until
(4) while

2 Alicia had to burn the midnight oil as she was asked to prepare for a presentation _____ short notice.

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

3 "Josh will surely make it to the finals. He's improved greatly in the last few months, _____?" said his teacher.

(1) isn't he
(2) hasn't he
(3) wasn't he
(4) doesn't he

4 Timothy's parents made him _____ home earlier yesterday to celebrate Grandfather's birthday.

(1) come
(2) came
(3) comes
(4) had come

5 The burglars left _____ evidence of breaking into the house so the police had to release them.

(1) few
(2) little
(3) some
(4) much

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6 "Where _____ the pair of shoes that I left at the door earlier?" asked Judy.

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

7 Sam, knowing that his parents _____ late from work, played computer games late into the night.

(1) returned
(2) had returned
(3) was returning
(4) were returning

8 _____ the recent fire at the museum, the learning journey was cancelled.

(1) Amid
(2) Despite
(3) Owing to
(4) Regardless of

9 "_____ Suresh not used his phone while crossing the road, he would have seen the car approaching," Mei Li commented.

(1) Did
(2) Had
(3) Would
(4) Should

10 After an hour of interrogation, the stubborn boy finally admitted to _____ the vase on the table.

(1) break
(2) breaking
(3) had broken
(4) having broke

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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 In her youth, Siti was led _____ by mixing with bad company, but she had since turned over a new leaf.

(1) adrift
(2) aside
(3) amiss
(4) astray

12 The rescue workers' attempt to locate victims trapped under the rubble was _____ by the shortage of equipment.

(1) interrupted
(2) restrained
(3) hindered
(4) subdued

13 Peter exuded _____ as he spoke, impressing the panel of interviewers with his convictions of how he could serve the school.

(1) idealism
(2) confidence
(3) excitement
(4) persuasiveness

14 Despite facing numerous setbacks, Dylan was determined not to _____ to despair.

(1) give in
(2) give out
(3) give way
(4) give back

15 The teacher was _____ in planning the overseas trip to ensure that every safety measure was taken care of.

(1) vigilant
(2) anxious
(3) energetic
(4) meticulous

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

Walking in the garden, a man found a cocoon of a butterfly. He noticed a small **opening** (16) appear in the cocoon. He watched the butterfly **struggle** (17) to force its body through that little hole. Eventually, the butterfly stopped making progress. Deciding to help the butterfly, he took a pair of scissors and snipped off the **remaining bit** (18) of the cocoon. The butterfly then emerged **without a hitch** (19), but it had a swollen body and small, shrivelled wings. The man continued to watch the butterfly. He was expecting the wings to enlarge to **support** (20) the weight of the body, which would shrink in time. Neither happened! In fact, the butterfly spent the rest of its life crawling around with a swollen body and shrivelled wings.

Adapted from: https://www.motivationjet.com

16
(1) break
(2) slot
(3) gap
(4) cut

17
(1) wriggle
(2) stretch
(3) labour
(4) battle

18
(1) leftover
(2) excess
(3) scrap
(4) rest

19
(1) easily
(2) readily
(3) gracefully
(4) conveniently

20
(1) bear
(2) prop
(3) uphold
(4) endure

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Study this article from a magazine, Youth Vibes, and then answer questions 21 to 28.

Outdoor Adventures: Good Safety Tips



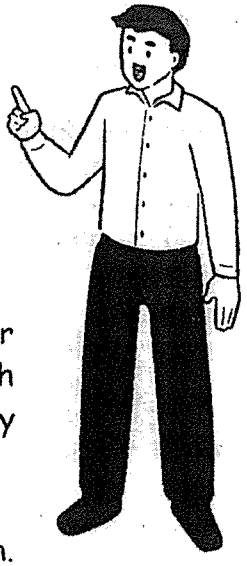
by James Liew
22 September 2023



If you do not have any plans for the school holidays, consider embarking on an outdoor adventure. How about hiking in a forest? Or going on a camping trip with your family or friends? Such activities offer you opportunities to get close to nature and have the fun you might not have experienced before, but safety needs to be your top priority. Whatever you do, make sure you pick up essential survival skills and pack wisely before setting off.

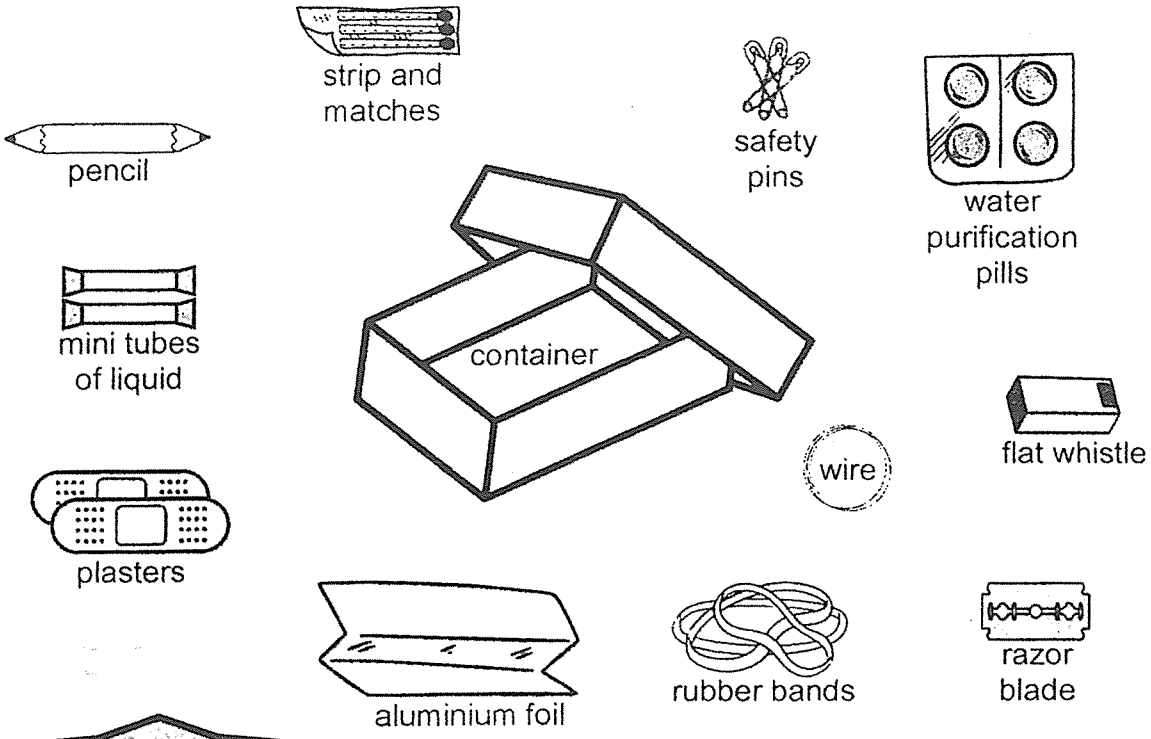
Unexpected things can sometimes happen in the great outdoors. Since you can never anticipate what might go wrong, carrying a survival kit in your pocket is always helpful. Let's take a look at how we can find ways to utilise every bit of space in a small, lightweight and waterproof container and include as many useful everyday items as possible!

How to assemble a personal survival kit:



- Find a pocket-sized plastic or metal container.
- Cut out the rough strip at the side of a matchbox. Bundle the strip and a few matches together in plastic wrap to keep them dry.
- Snap a pencil in two, making sure one of the pieces can fit into your container. Sharpen both ends of that piece.
- Cut plastic straws into pieces that can fit into your container and tape up one end of each piece. After filling each handmade mini tube with small amounts of liquid, especially hand sanitiser and antiseptic cream, tape up the other end.
- Add in plasters of different sizes.
- Fold a few large sheets of aluminium foil as small as you can.
- Place the basic items above inside your container first. Check how much space you have left, then think of other items that might come in handy and fit in as many as possible into your personal survival kit!

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Check this out!

Camp Leap

Dates: 4 to 7 December 2023
Venue: Sunny Forest Campsite
Fee: $120 per participant

For participants aged between 10 and 16

Early Bird Offer: Register by 31 October 2023 and pay only $100!

Camp Leap is back by popular demand! Organised by Team Leap, this outdoor adventure camp will cater for up to 100 participants this year – the largest number thus far! Visit www.teamleap.sg from now until 15 November 2023 to register and pay the fee online. Registration will close early if all places are filled, so leap into action to avoid disappointment!

Safety Precautions

- ✓ Participants must declare all medical conditions during registration. Those with medical conditions may be asked to sit out during strenuous camp activities.
- ✓ First-aid kits will be readily available. Instructors are trained to deal with emergencies, but they are not allowed to administer medication.

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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 The purpose of the questions in the first paragraph is to _____.

(1) tell readers about hiking and camping
(2) let readers know what the article is about
(3) give readers suggestions for outdoor adventures
(4) ask readers about their plans for the school holidays

22 Which statement is **not** true for those interested to go on an outdoor adventure?

(1) They must know essential survival skills.
(2) They will have the chance to get close to nature.
(3) They must follow the packing list given by Team Leap.
(4) They will get to enjoy activities they have not tried before.

23 According to the article, it is important to carry survival kits in the great outdoors because we _____.

(1) can bring along useful everyday items
(2) can foresee problems and prepare for them
(3) must make full use of the space in the containers
(4) must prepare ourselves for unexpected situations

24 Which of the following items are optional when assembling a personal survivor kit?

(1) safety pins and wire
(2) pencil and rubber bands
(3) plasters and water purification pills
(4) aluminium foil and mini tubes of liquid

25 When assembling a personal survival kit, we should _____.

(1) pack the basic items into the container last
(2) try to make use of all the space inside the container
(3) measure how much space is available in the container
(4) choose a container that can hold all the items we want to include

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26 Which statement is true about Camp Leap?

(1) Only teenagers will be able to participate in it.
(2) Up to 100 children can participate in it every year.
(3) Registration may close before the stated deadline.
(4) The registration fee is $120 for anyone who signs up.

27 The organiser will take all the following safety precautions during Camp Leap **except** _____.

(1) allowing instructors to administer medication
(2) ensuring that first-aid kits are always on hand
(3) requesting that participants declare all their medical conditions
(4) excluding participants with medical conditions from strenuous activities

28 What is the **main** purpose of the article?

(1) to attract readers to sign up for an outdoor adventure camp
(2) to emphasise the importance of following safety precautions
(3) to share tips on how to select items for a personal survival kit
(4) to offer advice on keeping safe when going for outdoor adventures.

(Go on to Booklet B)

Please note that the passage for Comprehension questions 71 to 80 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.

Mr Lim had been in a foul mood ever since his retrenchment three months ago. His efforts to find another job had been futile as well. To make ends meet, his wife, Mrs Lim, had to take on an overseas job offer. This meant that Mr Lim was left to tend to his two children, Luke and Lisa, all by himself. Seeing their father being so downcast every day, Luke and Lisa wanted badly to cheer him up. On the day of Mr Lim's birthday, the children saw an opportune moment to turn their **intention** into action.

"Hurry, Luke! Dad will be home anytime now! Let's hide to surprise him!" Lisa chirped. After placing the birthday cake on the table, something that Luke and Lisa were sure Mr Lim would not have expected, they sneaked under **it**. It took the children many weeks to save enough money to buy their father's favourite cake. They smiled gleefully at each other when the lingering smell of fresh paint wafted into their nostrils. Luke and Lisa had painted on their dining area's wall, intending that as decoration for Mr Lim's surprise birthday party. Moments later, the main door creaked open. Suddenly, an unexpected holler reverberated in the air!

"Who messed up the wall on purpose?" Mr Lim bellowed ferociously. Hearing that **accusation**, Luke and Lisa stared at each other in shock. Did they do something wrong? Why was their father so angry? The children had never seen him in such a state before. Frightened by Mr Lim's sudden outburst, Luke cowered under the table. Lisa also cringed beside him and trembled in fear.

As the elder brother, Luke knew he had to protect Lisa. Steeling himself, Luke crept out from underneath the table. Before he could utter a word, Mr Lim gave him **an earful**. He harshly reprimanded Luke for being irresponsible in vandalising the wall. Indignant, tears welled up in Luke's eyes. Hoping to clear the misunderstanding, Luke retorted, "Dad, you're wrong. We just wanted to ..."

"Don't you dare give me excuses!" Mr Lim hollered. Then, Mr Lim forcefully flung the newspaper he had been holding at the dining table. It smashed into the birthday cake, damaging it! Seeing that, Luke's heart shattered. All their efforts in wanting to surprise Mr Lim had gone down the drain. Overwhelmed by a gamut of emotions, Luke was at a loss for words. Then, he fell on his knees and cried.

"Daddy ... we're ... we're sorry! All we wanted to do was ... was to give ... give you a birthday sur ... surprise," Lisa explained in between sobs, after crawling out from her hiding spot.

Hearing that, Mr Lim fell silent for a moment. Then, he approached Luke. Sensing an intimidating presence nearing, Luke braced himself. He did not want **the worst** to happen. Instead of inflicting a physical punishment, Mr Lim bent slightly and helped Luke up. Gently, Mr Lim whispered, "I'm so sorry, Son." Then, Mr Lim held his children in a warm embrace.

After **the tension** defused, Luke and Lisa sang a birthday song for Mr Lim. Even though the birthday cake had been ruined, Mr Lim still thanked his children for the surprise and planted a kiss on each of their cheeks. He added that the painting on the wall was beautiful and it should be left there indefinitely. Luke and Lisa glanced at each other. They smiled. Luke was glad to have cheered Mr Lim up with this birthday surprise. That day, he was even happier to know that he **could count on** his little sister, Lisa.

Written by: Casey Low

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PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

BOOKLET B

Total Time For Booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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Answer all questions.

Name: _____ ( ) **Marks:**

Class: **Primary 6** _____

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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) from	(G) of	(K) since	(N) then
(B) and	(E) had	(H) on	(L) than	(P) up
(C) by	(F) have	(J) or	(M) that	(Q) while

Having a dream is a natural and fascinating aspect of human experience. It is characterised _____ (29) vivid mental images and emotions. Taking _____ (30) a story-like structure, dreams occur involuntarily in the mind during sleep. Its content can range _____ (31) being ordinary and mundane to bizarre and fantastical.

_____ (32) the purpose and function of dreams are still not fully understood, various theories suggest _____ (33) dreams may serve as a way _____ (34) processing and consolidating information, emotions and experiences during the time one is awake.

More often _____ (35) not, dreams are forgotten shortly after waking up. The ability to remember dreams varies _____ (36) individuals. Some people may recall vivid details yet others may only have vague recollections _____ (37) even no memory of their dreams at all.

Dreams evoke a wide range of emotions in people and can sometimes be intense. Do you recall a recent dream you _____ (38)? What emotions did it trigger then?

Adapted from: The Straits Times

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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)

Complaints about wild chickens in Singapore have been growing. Their

(39) [ ]

existent is becoming a common sight in many neighbourhoods across the island.

(40) [ ] (41) [ ]

Residents whose reside in these neighbourhoods are concerned ~~of~~ the noise

(42) [ ]

from the inconsedrate roosters at ungodly hours. The unwelcome crowing could

(43) [ ]

start as early as 5 a.m., fustreiting many residents as their sleep is often

(44) [ ]

disrupted. Even the slight sound could break the silence of the night, what

more the resounding crows from the roosters.

(45) [ ]

Another gripe that residents have is the unhygenik droppings the wild

chickens leave everywhere. Those with young children are worried that their

(46) [ ]

children would fall ill easy when they touch the droppings at playgrounds, as

(47) [ ]

their immune is weaker.

(48) [ ]

Though the wild chickens have been a niusence in the affected

(49) [ ]

neighbourhoods, many of the residents are against the agressif culling of the

(50) [ ]

chickens. Instead, they rekommand that the chickens be caught and relocated

to farms. Hopefully, the Town Councils can address this issue soon.

Adapted from: The Straits Times

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Fill in the blanks with a suitable word. (15 marks)

Pulau Ubin is the last stronghold of rustic village life in Singapore. To get _____ (51), you will need to take a bumboat from Changi Point Ferry Terminal, at the _____ (52) of $4 per person per trip. Only a short boat ride away, the rural island will transport you to a _____ (53) time and place from modern Singapore. There are various ways to appreciate the _____ (54) and sounds of Pulau Ubin. You can choose a self-guided tour where you decide how to discover the island at your own _____ (55). Every month, NParks will run guided tours on Pulau Ubin.

A trip to Pulau Ubin begins at the Main Jetty. Ubin Town, which is to the left of the jetty, is made _____ (56) of a cluster of wooden houses and building. This small settlement consists of two _____ (57) of businesses: bicycle rental shops and eateries. To rent bicycles, you can _____ (58) to do so at one of the many shops. Bike rental fees can vary from $10 to $30 for a full-day rental. You can also rent bike helmets and bike locks. For a nostalgic trip back to an old-fashioned provision shop, _____ (59) a visit to Yak Hong. At this 100-year-old shop, you can _____ (60) up some snacks or drinks for your exploration of Pulau Ubin. _____ (61) the centre of the village is the Wayang Stage that was built in 1971. The Wayang Stage was an essential part of the village's social life, _____ (62) entertainment for residents. In the 1960s, it was even _____ (63) as classrooms for the island's Bin Kiang School.

Nature lovers may also wish to visit the Sensory Trail in Ubin Town _____ (64) leaving the island. The Sensory Trail was first developed in 1995 for the visually handicapped to experience Ubin using their _____ (65). On the Ubin Sensory Trail, you can see, touch, smell or even taste different plants and listen out for birds and animals. It also showcases the cultural heritage of Pulau Ubin through the plants that are commonly found on the island.

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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 in the given sentence(s). (10 marks)

66 Tim was scolded. It was due to his mischief.

_____ for being

_____

67 In getting help when she needed it, Julie showed her humility.

The fact that Julie _____

_____

68 "I fell while running in the park just now," Brother told Mother.

Brother told Mother that _____

_____

69 Grace explained the situation. Aunt Lucy ignored it.

_____ ignored Grace's

_____

70 Bob improved steadily in swimming. It earned him praises from his coach.

Bob's _____

_____

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

Do not write in this space.

71 Why had Mr Lim been in a bad mood? [2m]

_____

_____.

72 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
a) intention (line 6)	
b) it (line 9)	
c) accusation (line 16)	

73 Circle one word that best describes how Lisa felt in lines 7-8.
DO NOT CIRCLE MORE THAN ONE WORD. [1m]

hurried / worried / surprised / excited

74

What two things Luke and Lisa did to prepare for the surprise birthday party

a)

b)

[2m]

75 Mr Lim gave Luke "an earful" (line 21).

a) How can you tell that Luke was hurt by Mr Lim's scolding? [1m]

_____.

b) Why did Luke talk back to Mr Lim after being scolded? [1m]

He knew that his father had _____.

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76 Based on lines 15-29, 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.

	True/False	Reason
a) Mr Lim had often vented his anger at Luke and Lisa.		
b) Luke and Lisa ran to the room to hide from Mr Lim.		
c) Luke felt responsible to shield Lisa from harm.		

77 From lines 30-37, find two separate phrases to show the characters' feelings. [2m]

a) Five-word phrase that shows Mr Lim felt guilty

b) Five-word phrase that shows Luke felt threatened

78 What was 'the worst' (line 34) that could happen to Luke? [1m]

_____

79 What did Mr Lim do to lessen "the tension" (line 38)? [2m]

_____

_____

80 Luke felt that he "could count on" (line 43) Lisa. Why did Luke feel this way? [2m]

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Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
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Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
4	3	2	1	4	3	3	4	1	1
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
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Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38		
D	Q	M	G	L	A	J	E		

Q39	existence	Q40	who	Q41	about
Q42	inconsiderate	Q43	frustrating	Q44	slightest
Q45	unhygienic	Q46	easily	Q47	immunity
Q48	nuisance	Q49	aggressive	Q50	recommend
Q51	there	Q52	cost	Q53	different
Q54	sights	Q55	pace / time	Q56	up
Q57	types	Q58	choose	Q59	pay
Q60	pick	Q61	in	Q62	providing
Q63	used	Q64	before	Q65	senses

Q66	Tim was scolded for being mischief.
Q67	The fact that Julie got help when she needed it to show her humility.
Q68	Brother told Mother that he had fallen while running in the part just then.
Q69	Aunt Lucy ignored Grace’s explanation of the situation.

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Q70)	Bob's steady improvement in swimming earned him praises from his coach.
Q71)	Mr Lim lost his job and was unable to find another job.
Q72)	a) cheer Mr Lim up b) the table c) messing up the wall on purpose
Q73)	excited
Q74)	a) buy Mr Lim's Favourite cake b) b)paint on a wall at the painted on the dining area's wall dining area.
Q75)	a) Tears welled up in Lukes eyes. b) misunderstood his intentions
Q76)	a)False / Luke and Lisa had never seen him in such a state. b)False / Luke cowered under the table and Lisa cringed beside Luke and trembled in fear. c)True / Luke knew he had to protect Lisa as he was the elder brother.
Q77)	a) Fell silent for a moment b) Sensing an intimidating presence nearing
Q78)	Mr Lim inflicting a physical punishment on Luke.
Q79)	Mr Lim gently whispered an apology to Luke and help his children in a warm embrace.
Q80)	When Luke was on his knees crying, Lisa came out of her hiding spot and explained to Mr Lim their intention.

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