METHODIST GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)

Founded in 1887

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2024
PRIMARY 6

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
(BOOKLET A)

Total Time for Booklets A and B: 1 h 50 min

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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

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Class: Primary 6._____

Date : 16 August 2024

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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 Ali noticed the elderly man _____ on the wet floor and fall.

(1) slip
(2) slips
(3) slipped
(4) slipping

2 "We are very encouraged that the number of children who have a sports CCA _____ increasing," commented Mr Alan, the Physical Education teacher, to his colleague.

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

3 If he _____ the answer to the question, he would raise his hand.

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

4 Jane, together with her siblings, _____ time with their grandmother every Sunday.

(1) spend
(2) spends
(3) has spent
(4) have spent

5 "You hardly read books, _____?" questioned Mrs Tan when she was advising Tom, her student, how to improve his reading skills.

(1) do you
(2) have you
(3) don't you
(4) haven't you

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6 "If you want to focus on your task at hand, you need to stay away _____ distractions," Mr Ravi advised Devi.

(1) by
(2) on
(3) off
(4) from

7 "Please approach me for clarification _____ you have any doubts," the teacher assured the students.

(1) will
(2) shall
(3) would
(4) should

8 Since Madam Lim had _____ time left after running her errands, she decided to go for a jog in the park.

(1) less
(2) little
(3) many
(4) much

9 _____ hard Sally tried, she still could not solve the jigsaw puzzle.

(1) While
(2) Unless
(3) However
(4) Regardless

10 Amy _____ care of the injured parrot from the time she found it at the park till now.

(1) takes
(2) was taking
(3) has been taking
(4) had been taking

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

11 Lina had a momentary _____ in concentration in the final set of the chess tournament which resulted in her being defeated by her opponent.

(1) lapse
(2) boost
(3) progress
(4) oversight

12 The driver had to be _____ from the wrecked car as quickly as possible to save his life.

(1) expelled
(2) distanced
(3) displaced
(4) extricated

13 Jake shared his lunch with Perry, who had forgotten to bring food. Perry thanked him for his kind _____.

(1) signal
(2) tribute
(3) pledge
(4) gesture

14 "Let's _____ to the side of road and check if one of the tyres is punctured," Father told his children.

(1) pull in
(2) pull off
(3) pull over
(4) pull away

15 Ram had no choice but to _____ and endure the pain in his injured ankle. He played the basketball match till the end.

(1) break a leg
(2) break the ice
(3) bite the bullet
(4) bite his tongue

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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)

Mrs Lim was very concerned about her son Gary's prolonged screen exposure. Gary played games on his mobile phone relentlessly **(16)** and that led to his mother constantly monitoring his actions.

"Gary, it's time to put away your mobile phone. Excessive screen time can cause eye strain and sleep disturbances **(17)**," boomed Mrs Lim. "Can I have another ten minutes please?" pleaded Gary.

Mrs Lim sighed and yielded **(18)** to his request. She was worried that his screen time habits could result in **(19)** an addiction to devices. "Gary, you better keep your promise," warned Mrs Lim. "I will, Mum," assured Gary.

Nonetheless, Mrs Lim was determined **(20)** to set limits to his screen time. She decided that she would surprise him with a gadget-usage plan.

16
(1) fiercely
(2) steadily
(3) tirelessly
(4) ruthlessly

17
(1) tensions
(2) changes
(3) disruptions
(4) restrictions

18
(1) agreed
(2) affirmed
(3) attested
(4) admitted

19
(1) bring in
(2) bring on
(3) bring up
(4) bring over

20
(1) inclined
(2) resolved
(3) confident
(4) dedicated

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Study this article from a magazine about saving Singapore's Coral Reefs and then answer questions 21 to 28.

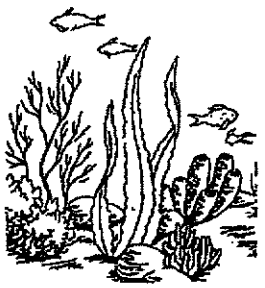
Protecting Singapore's Coral Reefs

Our Unique Natural Heritage and What We Can Do!

Written by: Gillian Tan

WHAT ARE CORAL REEFS?

Coral reefs are impressive structures built up over many centuries by the marine organisms called coral. They use the calcium carbonate from seawater to build their skeleton as they bud and grow.

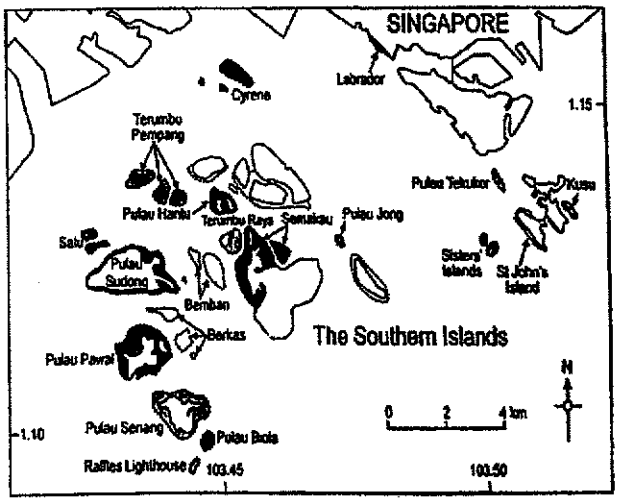


These coral reefs have been likened to oases* in the 'deserts' of nutrient-poor waters. When corals grow together, they create a bright and colourful ecosystem that provides food and shelter for other marine animals. The reef is filled with crevices and caves - perfect hiding places for the various reef organisms.

WHERE CAN WE FIND THEM IN SINGAPORE?

Singapore is a crucial home to more than 250 species of corals in her waters, which represents about a third of the world's species. This is incredible for a small island-nation. However, the impact of water pollution on the marine ecosystem is a grave concern. This is why SaveReefs SG works very closely with schools and organisations to protect Singapore's diverse marine life and environment.

The coral reefs of Singapore are located mainly in the islands south of Singapore. Contrary to the belief that they have been permanently devastated, reefs in Singapore still support rich marine life. In fact, they support more than 250 species of hard corals, 200 species of sea sponges and about 120 species of reef fish.



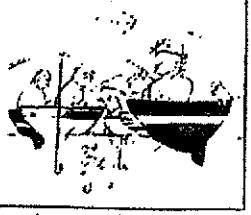
Shaded area = coral reef

* a fertile spot in a desert, where water is found.

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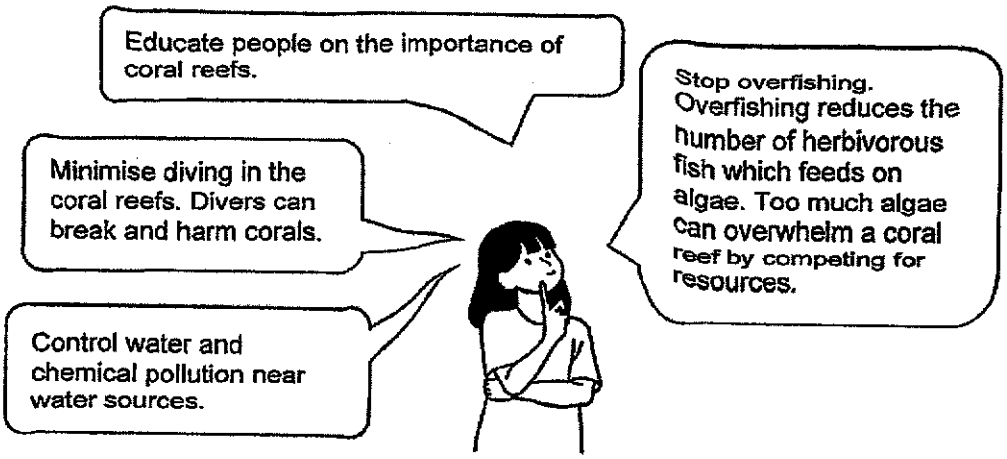
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WHY ARE CORAL REEFS IN DANGER?

Water Pollution	Coral Breakage by Divers	Global Warming & Climate Change	Overfishing
			

Of the 4 threats above, global warming seems to be the most challenging and is the hardest to manage by us humans. We must do something to manage climate change.

WHAT CAN WE DO TO PROTECT OUR CORAL REEFS?



Support Our Marine Heritage, Take Part in 'Reef Explore' Tour!

You can join marine conservationists at the Coral Reef Conservation Centre (CRCC) located at Pulau Hantu - an island just minutes away from Singapore. All proceeds from the tour are donated to CRCC.

- Click on ReefExplore@PulauHantu.com to book your ferry and timing for the exploration. Each fully guided tour only lasts 20 minutes to ensure sustainability of the reef. Tickets are non-transferable.
- Exploration starts from 10 a.m. onwards. Do take note that all activities cease during high tide as visibility of the colourful coral reefs is compromised then.
- All tours are subject to weather conditions. Ferry tickets are non-refundable but partial refund is allowed for tour cancellation.
- You can bring your snorkelling gear for an up-close experience.
- Place your camera or mobile phone in a waterproof bag if you want to capture the breathtaking colours of the reefs.

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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 article has subheadings in the form of questions to _____.

(1) summarise the key points about coral reefs
(2) encourage readers to read the article till the end
(3) stir the curiosity of the readers related to the topic
(4) inform readers about why coral reefs are threatened

22 Based on the section, "What are coral reefs?", the phrase "likened to oases" is used to highlight that coral reefs are _____.

(1) like oases in appearance
(2) like big oases in a desert
(3) a source of food and shelter just like oases
(4) riddled with crevices and caves just like oases

23 In the section, "Where can we find them in Singapore?", which word best describes the impact of water pollution on the coral reefs.

(1) grave
(2) crucial
(3) diverse
(4) incredible

24 Which statement is **not** true about the coral reefs in Singapore?

(1) Most corals reefs are found in the southern islands of Singapore.
(2) Coral reefs around Singapore have suffered permanent damage.
(3) Singapore is home to about one third of the world's coral species.
(4) Hard corals and reef fish are found in the coral reefs near Singapore.

25 Which statement is **true** about the threats faced by coral reefs and how they can be protected?

(1) Water pollution is the biggest threat to coral reefs.
(2) Snorkeling and diving are encouraged to promote the reefs.
(3) Overfishing can eventually lead to algae taking over coral reefs.
(4) Educating people about global warming will help save coral reefs.

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26 Reena was supposed to go for the "ReefExplore" tour but it was cancelled due to poor weather. Which of the following is the best possible action she can take?

(1) She can still snorkel to take pictures of the coral reef.
(2) She can request for the ferry and tour tickets to be refunded.
(3) She can buy a ferry ticket and book the tour on another day.
(4) She can sell her ticket to her friend once she gets back home.

27 Mr Lim is a participant of the "ReefExplore" tour. Which of the following must he do to have a fruitful experience at the tour?

(1) Swim in the reef till high tide sets in.
(2) Try diving in the reefs to take beautiful photographs.
(3) Bring his snorkeling gear to observe the reefs up-close.
(4) Request for a 30-minute tour slot instead of a 20-minute one.

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

(1) to identify the location of coral reefs in Singapore
(2) to encourage readers to explore coral reefs in Singapore
(3) to educate the readers about saving coral reef in Singapore
(4) to provide information about types of coral reefs found in Singapore

Please note that the passage for the 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.

The last lesson of the week was over. Before Ethan could swallow the last of his chicken rice, he had grabbed his backpack and was dashing towards Computer Laboratory 3 where he spent every Friday afternoon. Majulah Primary School had no lack of Co-Curricular Activities, but the Coding Club was the obvious choice for someone with his passion for all things digital.

When he burst into the laboratory, his groupmates Firdaus and Nithya were already hammering away on their keyboards, working on their project for the national coding competition. After settling into his usual spot and turning on his laptop computer, Ethan noticed something peculiar—files seemed to be missing from the club's shared drive*. He tried repeatedly to find the files, including his own, without success. His anxiety mounting, Ethan motioned urgently to Firdaus and Nithya to come over. Together, the trio tried to locate the missing files, but they were nowhere to be found.

When they turned to their teacher-in-charge, Mr Lim, for help, even he was stumped. By then, other members of the club had come to the same realisation, and many were panicking at the loss of their hours of painstaking work. Thus, Mr Lim mobilised the whole club to unearth the missing files. They were shocked and dismayed when they discovered that someone had entered the club's shared drive and deleted the files. Ethan and his friends struggled to make sense of the situation. Who would want to sabotage the Coding Club, and why? With Mr Lim's guidance, they dug deeper into the system and examined the login history for suspicious activity. But the more they searched, the less likely it seemed that they would ever find the culprit or their files. Just as they were about to give up hope, Ethan had a breakthrough. While reviewing the login history one last time, he noticed a pattern—a series of login attempts from an unfamiliar source, the last one just seconds ago! The club members wasted no time in tracing the address to a computer in the school library.

The Coding Club members rushed to the library, where they found a group of students huddled around a computer, snickering and whispering to one another. Among them was Meng, whom every student knew to be a troublemaker. Ethan marched up to the group and demanded an explanation. To his surprise, Meng readily confessed—he had stumbled upon the club's shared drive and thought it would be funny to delete the files as a prank. He said with a smirk in his voice that he wanted to test how clever the coding club members were by presenting them with the challenge of retrieving their files, and even mocked them for not knowing how to protect their own work.

An authoritative voice cut in. "The members of the Coding Club did not protect their files because they trusted their fellow schoolmates and never expected that anyone would do something so selfish and thoughtless," said Mr Lim. Meng looked around at the disheartened faces of his schoolmates and knew that he had gone too far. He mumbled an apology and something about making amends. "How will you do that?" retorted Firdaus. "We dug everywhere, but our files are gone. There's not even a trace of them left!"

As it turned out, not only was Meng able to restore the deleted files, but he also even showed the club members how to strengthen the security of the club's shared folder, ensuring that no one, not even he, would be able to meddle with the files again.

The following Friday, as Ethan and his friends were hunched over their laptops in utter concentration, the door to Computer Laboratory 3 swung open and Meng stepped in. What now? Ethan wondered, furrowing his brow. "Boys and girls, I'd like you to welcome the newest member of the Coding Club," announced Mr Lim with a twinkle in his eye, and a hand on Meng's shoulder.

*shared drive: a folder on a computer network for users to store and access files

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
(BOOKLET B)

Total Time for Booklets A and B: 1 h 50 min

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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5. Do not use correction fluid/tape or highlighters.

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Class: Primary 6._____

Date : 16 August 2024

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Booklet B	67
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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) has	(G) only	(K) through	(N) until
(B) can	(E) have	(H) their	(L) thus	(P) whose
(C) for	(F) more	(J) they	(M) to	(Q) would

Did you know that bees help to produce the food that we eat?

Bees are known _____ (29) their remarkable ability to pollinate flowers. They serve as pollinators for a vast number of plant species. These super-pollinators, _____ (30) presence in various habitats stretches across millions of years, contribute greatly to the reproduction of plants.

_____ (31), bees are extremely important in supporting food production.

Bees migrated across different regions of the world on their own as well as _____ (32) human activity, over thousands of years. Before the development of modern farming, bees naturally pollinated wild plants and flowers, helping to balance the ecosystem. It was not _____ (33) recent centuries that humans began to understand and make use of the pollination services provided by bees. Farmers started using bees to increase the yield of crops, resulting in _____ (34) efficient farming practices.

The drop in bee populations in recent decades _____ (35) made it harder for farmers to grow crops. Each year, _____ (36) work with researchers to protect and support bee populations through various conservation efforts. Bees, particularly honeybees, are not _____ (37) pollinators but also producers of honey, a valuable resource. Without their extensive pollination work, many crops _____ (38) fail to produce fruit. This would be disastrous for the economy and the environment.

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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)

As a child, Joseph Schooling had set his sights on competing at the Olympics. He
(39) [ ] (40) [ ]
was inspiring by his granduncle, a high jumper who rapreesanted Singapore at the 1948

London Games. At the age of 14, his parents sent him to the United States to train,
(41) [ ]
spurred of his passion for the sport.

Schooling's big break came in 2014 when he became the first Singaporean to win
(42) [ ]
a swimming maddle at the Commonwealth Games. At the 2015 SEA Games, Schooling won
(43) [ ]
a whopping nine golds, before making hysteree later that year with a bronze at the
(44) [ ]
world championships. Then came his crown moment in 2016 - Schooling won Singapore's

first Olympics gold in Rio, beating Michael Phelps in the 100m butterfly event. He

also set a new Olympic record.
(45) [ ]
Rifflackting on his win, Schooling said, "After the Olympics, we can see the
(46) [ ]
effect sport have on bringing the nation together... I hope that shows people what
(47) [ ]
winning big at that stage be able to do for our country."
(48) [ ]
Then-Deputy Prime Minister Lawrence Wong said, "Schooling has showed us that it
(49) [ ]
is possible to persiew a different pathway, one based on our own purpose and interests,
(50) [ ]
take pride in it, and axell at the highest levels."

He wrote on Facebook: "Joseph made the impossible possible... and won the hearts of an

entire nation."

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

Do you feel energised when you see the colour red? Does the colour blue make you feel calm and relaxed? Colour is a powerful communication tool _____ (51) can signal action, influence mood, and even _____ (52) to physical changes like increased blood pressure and higher metabolism. Scientific exploration of how colour affects us may be relatively new, _____ (53) interest in the impact of colour has long existed. Why does colour have such an _____ (54) on our lives?

A study found that we typically link certain colours with specific feelings. Warm colours like red, orange, and yellow stir up a _____ (55) of emotions from warmth and comfort to anger and hostility. Cool colours, _____ (56) as blue, purple and green, are calming but can also trigger feelings of sadness or indifference. More than half of _____ (57) surveyed associated black with sadness, red and pink with love, and yellow with joy. These associations are common and play an essential _____ (58) in communication. Yet, our feelings about colour are often deeply personal and rooted _____ (59) our experiences or culture. For instance, while white represents purity and innocence in the West, it can symbolise mourning in Eastern _____ (60).

_____ (61) ancient cultures, including the Egyptians and Chinese, used colours to heal. This practice _____ (62) today as a form of alternative treatment.

_____ (63) more research is needed, studies suggest that colour therapy may have real health benefits, like helping to reduce fatigue and stress. In the meantime, you could try a simple experiment yourself. The next time you have the blues, _____ (64) of throwing on a dark t-shirt to match your mood, consider something lighter that will _____ (65) your spirits. If you find yourself smiling soon after, you will have experienced the benefits of colour therapy first-hand.

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For each of the questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in **one** sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s). (10 marks)

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66 My grandmother is blind. My grandmother is an excellent pianist.

_____

despite her _____.

67 Jeremy loves doughnuts. Jeremy cannot eat doughnuts every day.

As much _____

_____.

68 The children refused to admit to any wrongdoing, which disappointed their parents.

The children's _____

_____.

69 Kumari has never attended a concert. Kumari's sister has never attended a concert.

Neither _____

_____.

70 Mother asked Father, "Did you speak with Lina about her sleeping habits last night?"

Mother asked Father if _____

_____.

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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 Based on the first paragraph, circle one word that best describes Ethan when he was going to the computer laboratory. DO NOT CIRCLE MORE THAN ONE WORD. [1m]

anxious / eager / relieved / tired

72 Why did Ethan join the Coding Club? [1m]

_____.

73

Two actions taken by all the Coding Club members to find the missing files in paragraph 3	
a)	b)

[2m]

74 How did the Coding Club Members pick out the "group of students in the library huddled around a computer" (lines 24-25) as the culprits? [2m]

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75 Based on the lines 12-31, 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) Mr Lim was able to help the Coding Club members find the missing files immediately.		
b) The students could not understand why their files had been deleted.		
c) Meng had planned on deleting the files from the start.		

76 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]

Words from the passage	What do the words refer to
a) one (line 22)	
b) something (line 34)	
c) that (line 36)	

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77 Based on information from lines 24-37, fill in the following table. [4m]

a) What Meng did when Ethan "demanded an explanation" (lines 27)	b) How Meng felt in (a)
c) What Meng did when he saw his schoolmates' "disheartened faces" (line 34-35)	**d) How Meng felt in (c)**

78 The Coding Club members were "hunched over their laptops in utter concentration" (lines 41-42). Which two-word phrase in the second paragraph shows that they had the same concentration the week before? [1m]

79 In the last paragraph, before Mr Lim's announcement, what did Ethan think Meng had come to Lab 3 to do? [1m]

80 At the end, why do you think Mr. Lim had "a twinkle in his eye" (line 44)? [2m]

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Booklet A

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Q 11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
1	1	4	3	3	3	3	1	2	3
Q 21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
3	3	1	2	3	3	3	3	C	P
Q 31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38		
L	K	N	F	D	J	G	Q		

Q39)	Inspired	Q44)	Crowning	Q49)	Pursue
Q40)	Represented	Q45)	Reflecting	Q50)	Excel
Q41)	By	Q46)	Has		
Q42)	Medal	Q47)	Is		
Q43)	History	Q48)	Shown		

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Q51)	That	Q58)	Role	Q65)	lift
Q52)	Lead	Q59)	On		
Q53)	But	Q60)	Countries		
Q54)	Impact	Q61)	Some		
Q55)	Mix	Q62)	Continues		
Q56)	Such	Q63)	Although		
Q57)	those	Q64)	Instead		

Q66)	My grandmother is an excellent pianist despite her blindness
Q67)	As much as Jeremy loves doughnuts, he cannot eat them every day.
Q68)	The children's refusal to admit to any wrongdoing disappointed their parents.
Q69)	Neither kumari nor her sister has attended a concert.
Q70)	Mother asked Father if he had spoken with Lina about her sleeping habits the previous night.
Q71)	Eager
Q72)	Ethan had a passion for all digital things.
Q73)	They searched the shared drive and examined the login history. They traced the suspicious login attempts to a computer in the school library.
Q74)	The group of students were snickering and whispering to one another and among the students was meng, whom every student knew to be a troublemaker.
Q75)	a) False, When the trio turned to Mr Lim for help, he was stumped. b) True, The students struggled to make sense why their files had been deleted and why someone would want to sabotage the coding club. c) False, Meng confessed that it was a prank.
Q76)	a) Login attempt from the unfamiliar source. b) Something refers to Meng's prank. c) Making amends by restoring the deleted files.

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Q77)	a) Meng confessed that he had stumbled upon the club's shared drive and thought it would be funny to delete the files as a prank. b) Proud c) Meng mumbled an apology and something about making amends d) Ashamed
Q78)	Hammering away
Q79)	Ethan thought meng had come to give them trouble again
Q80)	Mr Lim was pleased that Meng had learned from his mistake and joined the club.

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