RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL
WEIGHTED ASSESSMENT 1 (2025)
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY 5

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

Class: P5___ **Total Time: 50 min**

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Write your name, class and index number in the spaces provided above.
2. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Answer all questions.

Reading Comprehension	20
Parent's Signature	

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Read the passage and answer questions 1 to 10.

The old lady looked hopefully at me, but Dad waved her away. "Only one dollar," she pleaded, holding the packet of tissues in her wrinkled hand. Dad pointed to his packet on the table. I watched as she turned and walked towards the next table.

Tissue sellers are a common sight at the Bukit Merah Hawker Centre. It is also in a neighbourhood where many elderly people live. Dad had taken me **there** to eat my favourite chicken rice. I had done well in my examinations, and Dad wanted it to be **a meal to remember**. However, as I looked over at the old lady, who had by then walked on to the other tables, I felt bad and lost interest in the food in front of me.

The people at the table next to us finished their meal and stood up to leave. As they walked away, I noticed an old man walk up to their table. He had a red plastic bag in his hand. I thought he was going to clear and wipe the table, so I did not pay him too much attention. However, instead of cleaning the table, he scooped the leftover food into the bag and tied a knot on top.

I was shocked. The old man saw me staring at him and said, "Boy, when you grow up, make sure you look after your parents. Don't abandon them as our son did. We worked hard collecting cans, newspapers and cardboard so that he could have a good education and go to university. However, now that he is married to a rich woman, he's too embarrassed to even acknowledge us!"

The old man had tears in his eyes. He told us that he had no job and that his wife was sick at home. He had no choice but to pick up uneaten scraps to feed himself and his wife.

By now, Dad had stopped eating. He was looking at the old man as he shared his story. Never once did the man ask for money, but Dad took a ten-dollar note from his wallet and pressed it into his hands earnestly. "Take this, sir. It's not much, but I hope you and your wife can find happiness," he said, sincerely.

The man tried to return **the gift**, but Dad insisted. The old man looked at both of us, hands shaking with emotion, and said, "You're good people."

I glanced at Dad, who nodded as the old man turned and walked slowly towards a nearby block of flats with his bag of food for his wife and the ten-dollar note clutched tightly in his hands.

Suddenly, I felt as if a weight had been lifted from my shoulders and I was really hungry again. When I picked up my fork and spoon to begin my meal, I realised that Dad was not sitting at the table. I looked around to see where he had gone. I was surprised to see him standing next to the old lady selling the tissues. She was nodding enthusiastically and grinning.

Dad came back and dumped a dozen packets of tissues on the table. **"I had an opportunity to make her happy," he said, "so I did!"** We both smiled. This really was a meal to remember.

Adapted from "*A Meal to Remember*" by Kelvin Koh

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1. From the first paragraph, what was worth 'one dollar'? [1m]

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2. Based on information from lines 6 to 21, fill in the blanks in the following table. [2m]

Character	How the character felt	Why the character felt this way
a) the author	guilty	
b) the old man		He was jobless and his wife was sick at home.

3. 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 from the passage	What the word refers to
a) there (line 5)	
b) he (line 22)	
c) the gift (line 26)	

4. Which **two** of the following words best describe the old man in lines 10-30? Put a tick ✓ in the box beside each of your answers. [2m]
DO NOT TICK MORE THAN TWO BOXES.

enthusiastic		generous		humorous	
independent		resilient		rude	

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5: Based on lines 10-30, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

	True/False	Reason
a) The author expected the old man to eat the leftovers on the next table.		
b) The old man wanted the author's father to help him.		
c) The old man was touched by the gift.		

6. Based on information from lines 14 to 25, fill in the following table. [2m]

Character	What did the character(s) do?	What caused the character to behave this way?
The old man and his wife	They worked hard and collected cans, newspapers and cardboard.	

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Character	What did the character(s) do?	What caused the character to behave this way?
The author's father		He heard the old man's story and sympathised with him.

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

____ The old man walked up to a table with a red plastic bag.

____ The old man brought the leftovers to his wife.

____ The old man lost his job.

8. "I had an opportunity to make her happy," he said, "so I did!" (lines 36-37)
Explain clearly what the author's father meant. [2m]

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9. Pick out two words from lines 22-25 which show that the author's father was genuine in wanting to help the old man. Each word is found in a separate sentence. [2m]

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10. How do you think the author and his father's idea of 'a meal to remember' (line 7) changed by the end of the story? Support your answer with information from the passage. [2m]

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1)	the packet of tissues.
2a)	lady had walked on to other tables, her packet of tissues was unsold.
2b)	sad
3a)	the Bukit Merah Hawker Centre

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