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**SINGAPORE CHINESE GIRLS' SCHOOL
PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2021
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY SIX**

Name : _____ () Date: 16 August 2021

Class : Primary 6 SY / C / G / SE / P

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
BOOKLET A**

Total time for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Write your Index No. in the boxes at the top right hand corner.
2. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Answer all questions.
5. Shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

This booklet consists of 9 printed pages.

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 newscaster announced that cleaners would see their wages go up each year _____ six years.
- (1) into
 - (2) over
 - (3) towards
 - (4) beneath
- 2 "Muthu's completed his homework, _____?" asked Mdm Devi.
- (1) isn't he
 - (2) won't he
 - (3) hasn't he
 - (4) doesn't he
- 3 Kelly could see the fight from the bookshop, but she did not see _____ attempting to help the victim.
- (1) nobody
 - (2) anybody
 - (3) somebody
 - (4) everybody
- 4 "Thirty dollars _____ too much to pay for the shirt. I will not buy it," said James.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
- 5 Aminah was the girl who witnessed the man _____ the purse from the store.
- (1) stole
 - (2) steal
 - (3) steals
 - (4) was stealing

6 Participation in high-element activities by the students _____ parental consent.

- (1) require
- (2) requires
- (3) is requiring
- (4) are requiring

7 Mrs Lim was surprised that her husband blurted out about the surprise birthday party to their daughter _____ they had agreed to keep it a secret from her.

- (1) until
- (2) since
- (3) unless
- (4) whether

8 "Two trains carrying hundreds of passengers _____ in the city, killing nineteen people," declared the reporter.

- (1) is colliding
- (2) has collided
- (3) are colliding
- (4) have collided

9 The Bala family tidied their house swiftly as their guests _____ in thirty minutes' time.

- (1) arrive
- (2) have arrived
- (3) would be arriving
- (4) had been arriving

10 The year-end Southeast Asian Games in Vietnam may be postponed _____ a worrying surge of COVID-19 cases in the region.

- (1) amid
- (2) since
- (3) despite
- (4) beyond

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 Multiple collection points are set up around the neighbourhood for residents to _____ drop off their recyclables.
- (1) woefully
 - (2) discreetly
 - (3) impulsively
 - (4) conveniently
- 12 Everyone was stunned when the politician suddenly _____ in the middle of his speech and left the stage.
- (1) broke in
 - (2) broke up
 - (3) broke off
 - (4) broke out
- 13 I was so embarrassed that I tried to _____ out of the room before anyone could ask me about the terrible blunder that I had made.
- (1) slink
 - (2) ramble
 - (3) wander
 - (4) meander
- 14 The badminton players were so stressed by the _____ standards laid down by their coach that they decided to call it quits.
- (1) exacting
 - (2) acceptable
 - (3) reasonable
 - (4) conventional
- 15 The Botanic Gardens offers a tranquil _____ from the hustle and bustle of Singapore's city centre.
- (1) effect
 - (2) delight
 - (3) respite
 - (4) distraction

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)

Pigeon feeding is not allowed in Singapore, and feeders can be fined up to \$10000. Leftover food from feeding pigeons can attract pests like rats, which are also likely disease carriers.

(16)

Not only do their droppings dirty the environment, pigeons also pose a health risk. Humans could contract diseases from droppings of diseased birds or carcasses through physical touch. This could cause diseases to spread.

(17)

In a recent attempt to keep residents safe from such health risks, the Town Council went the extra mile to stop the unknown pigeon feeders at Changi Village Hawker Centre. These errant culprits had been feeding pigeons in the wee hours of the morning despite repeated warnings. By the time stalls opened, the hawker centre would be dirty again with leftover food and pigeon droppings.

(18)

Adapted from East Coast News magazine (Issue 127, Oct-Dec 2020)

- 16 (1) keen
(2) frequent
(3) potential
(4) impossible
- 17 (1) take
(2) reduce
(3) present
(4) encounter
- 18 (1) contact
(2) connection
(3) association
(4) acquaintance
- 19 (1) task
(2) effort
(3) survey
(4) episode
- 20 (1) stern
(2) similar
(3) recurrent
(4) redundant

Study this article from the Gems Island website and then answer questions 21 to 28.

About Gems Island	Activities	Shopping	Food and Drink	Getting Around
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If you are looking for a holiday or weekend retreat, take a short ferry ride, and you will find yourself in a tropical paradise! The delicate balance of nature on the island is conscientiously maintained, allowing it to remain a haven for wildlife and the home of popular attractions. A well-known and convenient travel location, Gems Island also boasts the country's only beach resort.

The Islander bus is a unique mode of transport. It does not just take you to most of the places of interest on the island. There will be a local guide on board providing an interesting and educational running commentary on them! You will also receive a booklet of coupons that entitles you to special deals and free gifts at those places!

The Islander bus only travels in one direction. It arrives at each bus stop to pick up and drop off passengers every 30 minutes or so. The ride between stops is about five minutes. You can purchase the bus ticket from the guide or get it at a discount online. Be rewarded for planning ahead! Reserve your ticket at least a month in advance to enjoy a further discount!

Main Attractions:

Ruby Village

Visit the heart of the island to indulge in some shopping and a leisurely afternoon tea. The quaint shops and cafes are a delight to explore!

Zipalene Adventures

Seize the opportunity to take zip line rides amidst some of the tallest trees on the island. Reservations are required for groups of four or more. Zipalene is most easily accessed from Emerald Bay via a pedestrian path. Alternatively, a free shuttle bus service between Zipalene and Bus Stop 4 can be arranged at least one day in advance.

Diamonds Restaurant

Plan to spend a few hours here and savour a sumptuous three-course meal prepared by an award-winning chef! Reservations are required.

Sapphire Estate

Stop here for a quick snack! Kiosks offering mouth-watering local delights are located right behind the bus stop.

Emerald Bay

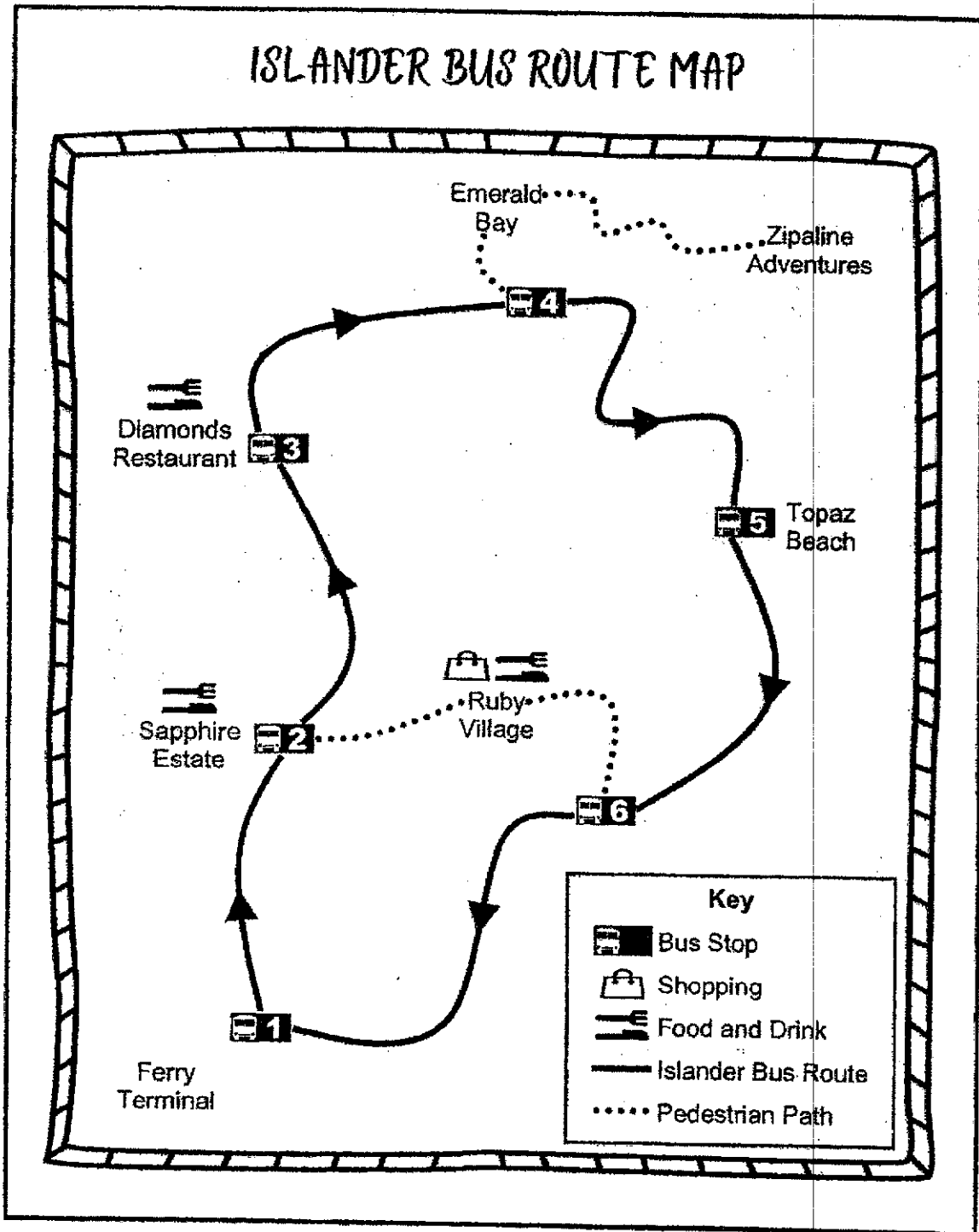
Head north and enjoy breathtaking views of the sea! The cliff walk can be done in an hour or two and takes you past fascinating rock formations.

Topaz Beach

Relax on the beach and take a dip in the sea!

Buy the Islander bus ticket now!

ISLANDER BUS ROUTE MAP



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 descriptions is the **least** likely reason for the island being called "a tropical paradise"?
- (1) a haven for wildlife
 - (2) a delicate balance of nature
 - (3) the home of popular attractions
 - (4) a well-known and convenient travel location
- 22 According to the Gems Island website, why is the Islander bus "unique"?
- (1) It carries passengers from one place to another.
 - (2) It guides passengers through every part of the island.
 - (3) It lets passengers learn about the attractions on the island.
 - (4) It takes passengers to the places they express an interest in seeing.
- 23 Mr Poon is planning to visit Gems Island. What must he do to pay the least amount for the Islander bus ticket?
- (1) buy one from the guide on board the Islander bus during his visit
 - (2) visit the Gems Island website to book one six weeks before his visit
 - (3) buy one from the machine on board the Islander bus during his visit
 - (4) visit the Gems Island website to book one two weeks before his visit
- 24 Coupons are given to Islander bus passengers for the following possible reasons **except** to _____.
- (1) attract people to take the Islander bus
 - (2) get people to visit the island's attractions
 - (3) teach people about the interesting facts of the island
 - (4) entice people to spend money at the island's attractions

- 25 Why is the colon (:) used in "Main Attractions:"?
- (1) to introduce a series of main attractions
 - (2) to describe the main attractions in detail
 - (3) to rank a set of main attractions according to popularity
 - (4) to propose an itinerary that includes visits to the main attractions
- 26 Henry was in a rush. He decided to grab a bite before exploring the island. Which bus stop should he alight at first?
- (1) Bus Stop 1
 - (2) Bus Stop 2
 - (3) Bus Stop 3
 - (4) Bus Stop 6
- 27 Eunice is keen on thrilling rides. What should she do?
- (1) contact Zipaline Adventures to make a reservation
 - (2) contact Zipaline Adventures when she is at Bus Stop 4
 - (3) go to Emerald Bay and take a walk to Zipaline Adventures
 - (4) go to Bus Stop 4 and take the Islander bus to Zipaline Adventures
- 28 Which of the following visitors taking the Islander bus would reach Topaz Beach first?
- (1) Marcus who just had tea
 - (2) Nadia who had just eaten a lavish meal
 - (3) Winnie who had just alighted from the ferry
 - (4) Vincent who had just shopped for souvenirs

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	Marks Obtained	Highest Possible Marks
Booklet A		28
Booklet B		67
Sub-total		95

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2

(BOOKLET B)

Total time for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

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3. Answer all questions.
4. Write your answers in this booklet.

This booklet consists of 9 printed pages.

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.

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|--------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|---------|
| (A) after | (D) between | (G) had | (K) is | (N) on |
| (B) although | (E) each | (H) however | (L) meanwhile | (P) to |
| (C) as | (F) from | (J) in | (M) none | (Q) was |

Plant protein is found in plants only, not from fish or animals. _____ plant proteins are mainly found in nuts, legumes, seeds and beans, potatoes and some other vegetables contain protein too. (29)

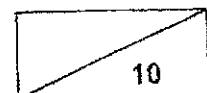
Processed foods such as tempeh and tofu also contain protein and are often used _____ a substitute for meat. These are made with soy beans, which boast _____ 22 and 68 grams of protein per cup. Seitan is another protein-packed processed food which is made _____ spiced wheat gluten. (30)

We can utilise plant proteins in many ways, all depending on which plant protein _____ being featured. For processed foods such as tofu, tempeh and seitan, make sure to cook them with plenty of other flavours _____ of these ingredients has much taste on their own but they are great for soaking in sauces and spices. (31)

Individual vegetables, seeds, nuts and beans have more natural flavours. _____, that does not mean they should not be cooked well or paired with other ingredients and spices. Most of these work well _____ soups and stews. Seeds and nuts offer a protein boost too and can be sprinkled _____ or combined with just about any food. (32)

Many vegetables contain protein too. Corn, mushroom, spinach and asparagus are the ones with the highest amount of protein. Any vegetable can be cooked _____ one's liking. Combine high-protein vegetables with beans or legumes for a fulfilling meal! (33)

Adapted from <https://www.thespruceeats.com>



Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes. (12 marks)

It is difficult to determine exactly when face masks began being used as a protective measure. One of the early recorded face mask-like objects in history dates back to the 6th century BC.

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(40)

In China during the Yuan dinesty, a scarf woven with silk and gold threads is thought to be one of the first face masks. According to the 13th-century travelogue, *The Travels of Marco Polo*, these scarves covered the mouths and noses of servants, and were beleaved to stop the servant's breath against affecting the smell and taste of food served to the emperor.

(41)

(42)

(43)

One of the most promenent early uses of face mask-like objects was during the Black Death, the deadliest pendemic recorded in human history, in the 14th century. The Black Death spread like wildfire in Europe, peak from 1347 to 1351.

(44)

(45)

In the 16th century, a French doctor invented a beak-like mask, which was worn by doctors who travelled to towns to treat viktims of the plague. To ensure visibility, the bird-like beak masks features glass in the eye sockets. Perfume, scented spices or medicenes would be placed in the beak section of the mask in an attempt to filter out the disease. In addition to the mask, these doctors wore a drama "beak doctor" costume. They would also carry a cane so they could examining and direct patients without the need to make direct contact with them. The mask and the costume eventually evolved into a terrifying symbol of death.

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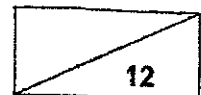
(47)

(48)

(49)

(50)

Adapted from <https://29secrets.com/wellness/>



(15 marks)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

In our modern hectic life, having a hobby is essential. Due to our busy lifestyles, it is easy to forget to take some time out _____ juggling our studies and other commitments. Hobbies help us relax and break the monotony of our daily _____. Research has shown that having a healthy mind may help us achieve a healthy body.

Having a hobby is _____ to a healthier mind, body and social life. It gives us better physical and mental health, more sleep, better social connections and increased happiness. Some people do not pursue hobbies _____ they feel they have no time to spare. However, hobbies allow you to take a break from your day-to-day stresses and carve out time to devote yourself to _____ in an activity that you enjoy.

Some hobbies such as reading, writing, and learning a new language can help instil a sense of purpose in life while having fun. The _____ time you devote to your hobby, the more satisfaction you will derive from _____.

Hobbies can also help you _____ your mind away from stressful thought patterns and focusing on an activity you enjoy. While _____ all hobbies offer the same level of mental or physical engagement, they help you inadvertently practise mindfulness techniques without you realising it. Such mindfulness activities _____ one to experience calmness and stillness.

Physical hobbies can be a great way to keep in _____ and maintain a healthy weight. Hobbies such as gardening and dancing can keep us healthy without having to make an obligatory trip to the gym. _____ exercise into a hobby will also have other benefits from increased confidence _____ an overall increase in your physical health.

One thing is for certain, having a hobby can be incredibly important and _____ to our mental health and well-being. It is great to have an _____ for us to express and challenge ourselves in a healthy way. Thus, everyone should have a hobby to unwind.

Teacher-created

For each of the questions from 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 In our class of forty students, Muthu knows the most about spiders.

Muthu is the most _____

67 "Who is the boy at the playground?" Sam asked me.

Sam asked me _____

68 The dessert will be served only after the guests have finished the main course.

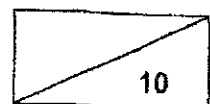
It is only after _____

69 My puppy was chewing my shoes.

My shoes _____

70 Tom was apprehensive about entering the dark room.

With _____



Read this passage and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

The house was quiet except for the sound of Grandmother chopping sweet potatoes. Before Grandmother retired, she used to work at the residences of royalties. Hanging on the walls were awards from various culinary competitions. Now, the family gets to enjoy dishes from all over the world. Everyone calls her a versatile chef. She often tells her grandchildren to pick up her skills. 5

The atmosphere within the house livened up when Min's parents came through the main door. "Mum and Dad are home!" announced Min. "Min, here is a stack of recyclable papers that you requested for," said Father as he handed them to Min. The papers were printed single-sided. Min thanked her father for them. Just then, Min's brother, Jim, came out of his room. With his messy hair and crumpled clothes, he greeted his parents. 10

"Kids, a very important American client will be coming to our house for dinner tomorrow. We have to sign a deal with his company. I had wanted to take him out to a restaurant for a meal. But due to the Covid-19 heightened alert situation, I am unable to do so now. What should we prepare for him?" asked Father.

"I think Grandmother's shark fin soup is savoury. That would definitely impress him and you will cut the deal! I can't wait to meet him!" replied Jim with gusto and enthusiasm as the family rarely had guests over. 15

"Grandma, please do not cook. Don't you know how cruel the process of finning sharks is? Once the poachers get their hands on a shark, they ruthlessly sever its fin off before throwing the finless shark back into the ocean without a thought. Just imagine that, Jim! The poor shark helplessly writhing in pain, alone, on the seabed just for a predator to swim by and eat an easy meal! All that just for us humans to enjoy a nice bowl of shark fin soup. What will the client think of us and our culture?" Min rattled on. 20

Jim smirked, "Huh, I never thought that my little sis would be all grown up and mature into a full-fledged environmental crusader. Since when did you care about the environment?" 25

Grandmother walked slowly to the kitchen to check on the food that was boiling in the pot. Father followed Grandmother into the kitchen and asked, "Mum, what are you cooking for dinner?"

"Something simple and nutritious: sweet potato porridge with a few side dishes," Grandmother replied as she passed Father a tablespoon of porridge. As soon as he swallowed the piping hot porridge, he realised that it is such a humble dish but it warmed his stomach. "Mum, this is it! This is what I think we should prepare for the client! It is a dish that can be easily prepared, while being able to showcase the different ingredients used in our local dishes." 30

The next day, at the dining table, the family and their guest tucked into bowls of sweet potato porridge, savoury omelette, green and preserved vegetables, braised duck and a fish that was steamed to perfection. Mr Robertson, Mr Lee's client, was so impressed by how scrumptious and delicious the meal was. He requested for refills thrice. Most importantly, as he glanced around and noticed how the family interacted at the table, he felt the warmth and sincerity in the family. It was then he made the decision. Before Mr Robertson left, he turned to Grandmother and complimented her. "After taking a few mouthfuls from your dishes, I could truly taste the love for your family. Thank you so much for allowing me to eat such wholesome and delectable local dishes." Then, he turned and faced Mr Lee, "Mr Lee, I have made my decision and it should make you very happy." 40

Teacher-created

71 From paragraph one, how do we know that Grandmother had many achievements?

[1m]

72 From paragraph two, pick out the two-word phrase which tells us that there was a change of mood in the house.

[1m]

73 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. The first one has been done for you. [2m]

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer(s) to
her skills (line 5)	Grandmother's ability to cook well
them (line 8)	
That (line 15)	

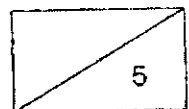
74 Based on lines 15-33, fill in the following table to show the differing ideas behind Jim's and Father's selections of food for the dinner that Father would be hosting. [4m]

Characters	Choice of food	State the <u>main</u> reason they thought that their selection was suitable for the occasion.
Jim		
Father		

75 What does the nickname "the environmental crusader" tell you about Min? Based on lines 6-25, give one reason why this nickname was appropriate for her. [2m]

76 Based on lines 6-17, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

	True / False	Reason
Jim came out of his room looking very neat and tidy.		
Father's initial plan was to invite his guest over to their house for a meal.		
Jim was thrilled to have a guest over at his house.		



77 From lines 18-23, why did Min think that eating shark fin was cruel?

[3m]

i)	ii)	iii)	
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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 story. [1m]

_____ Grandmother started cooking sweet potato porridge.

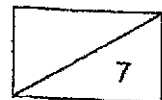
_____ Jim emerged from his room.

_____ Grandmother retired from her job.

79 How do we know that Mr Robertson, Father's client, had a hearty appetite during the dinner? [1m]

80 Based on lines 42-43, Mr Robertson informed Mr Lee that he had made a decision. What was the decision? Give one reason why Mr Robertson made that decision. [2m]

End of Paper



ANSWER KEY

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BOOKLET A (PAPER 2)

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Q6	2	Q7	2	Q8	4	Q9	3	Q10	1
Q11	4	Q12	3	Q13	1	Q14	1	Q15	3
Q16	3	Q17	3	Q18	1	Q19	2	Q20	3
Q21	4	Q22	3	Q23	2	Q24	3	Q25	1
Q26	2	Q27	3	Q28	2				

BOOKLET B (PAPER 2)

Q29	B	Q30	C	Q31	D	Q32	F	Q33	K
Q34	M	Q35	H	Q36	J	Q37	N	Q38	P

Q39	Earliest	Q40	Dynasty	Q41	Believed	Q42	From
Q43	Prominent	Q44	Pandemic	Q45	Peaking	Q46	Victims
Q47	Featured	Q48	Medicines	Q49	Dramatic	Q50	Examine

Q51	From	Q52	Life	Q53	Linked	Q54	As	Q55	participating
Q56	More	Q57	It	Q58	Drift	Q59	Not	Q60	Enable
Q61	Shape	Q62	Turning	Q63	To	Q64	Activity	Q65	Alternative

Q66	Muthu is the most knowledgeable about spiders in our class of forty students.
Q67	Sam asked me who the boy at the playground was.
Q68	It is only after the guests have finished the main course that the dessert will be served.
Q69	My shoes were being chewed by my puppy.
Q70	With regard to entering the dark room, Tom was apprehensive / With the room being dark, Tom was apprehensive about entering it.
Q71	There were many awards from various culinary competitions hanging on the walls.

Q72	Livened up		
Q73	(line 8) – the stack of recyclable papers Min requested for (line 15) – Grandmother’s shark fin soup		
Q74	Characters	Choice of food	State the <u>main</u> reason they thought that their selection was suitable for the occasion.
	Jim	Grandmother’s shark fin soup	Grandmother’s shark fin soup was savoury and the American client would be impressed.
	Father	Sweet potato porridge with a few side dishes.	The piping hot sweet potato porridge warmed his stomach and it would be able to showcase the different ingredients used in their local dishes.
Q75	The nickname suggests that Min wanted to protect the environment she requested for recyclable paper from her father.		
Q76	False – Jim came out of his room with his messy hair and crumpled clothes. False – Father’s initial plan was to take him out to a restaurant for a meal. True – Jim could not wait to meet the client.		
Q77	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) The poaches sever the shark’s fin off before throwing the finless shark back into the ocean without a thought. ii) The finless shark will be writing in pain, alone on the sea bed. iii) The finless shark will be an easy meal for a predator who swims by. 		
Q78	2, 3, 1		
Q79	Mr Robertson had a hearty appetite as he was impressed by how scrumptious and delicious the meal was, he requested for refills thrice.		
Q80	The decision was to sign the deal with the company. Mr Roberson felt the warmth and sincerity of the family by the food and how the family interacted.		