



AI TONG SCHOOL

2019

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

PRIMARY 6

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 1 (WRITING)

Total Time: 1 hour 10 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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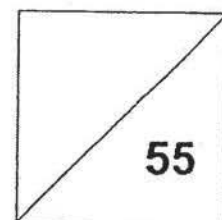
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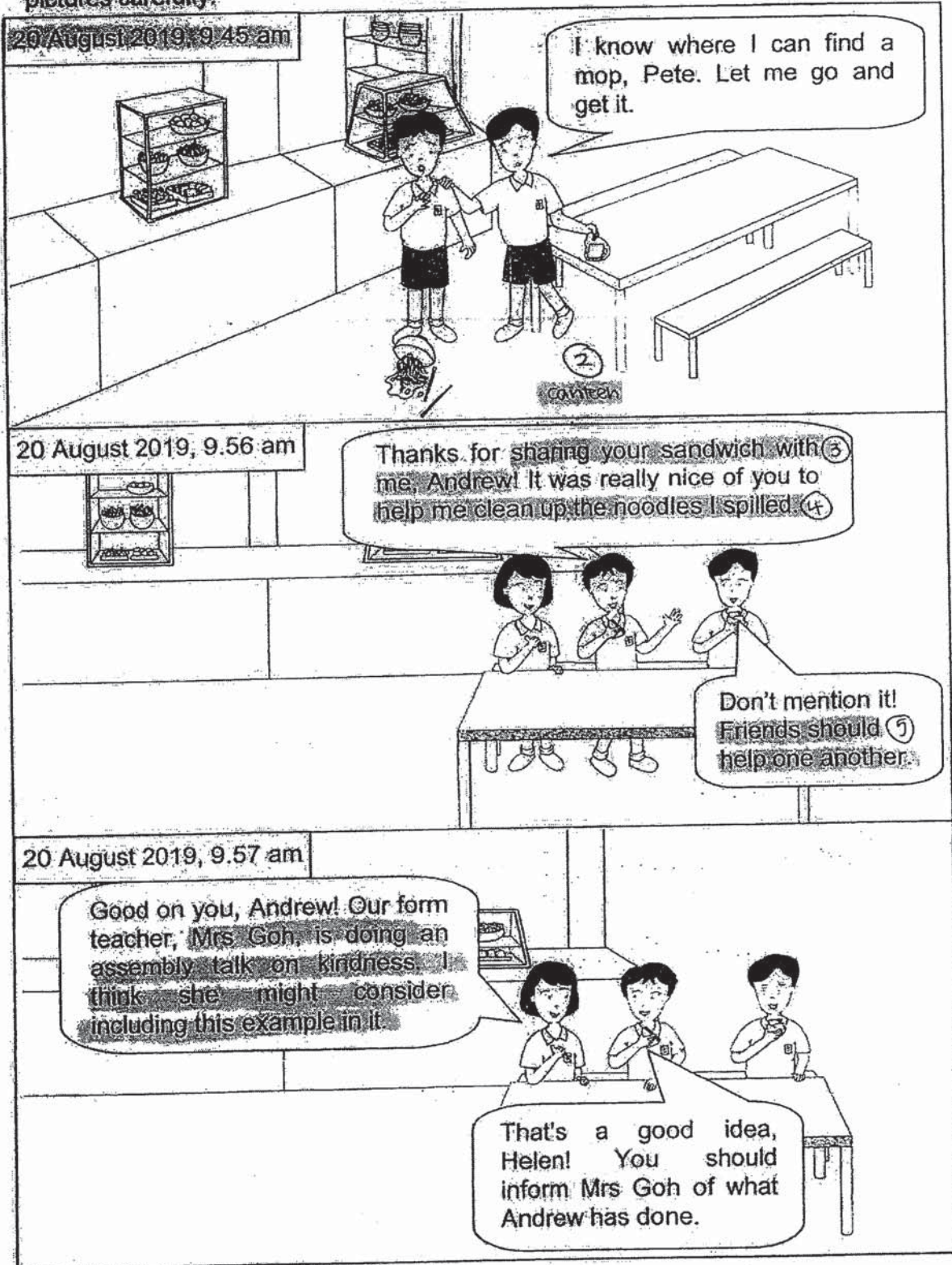
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Part 1: Situational Writing (15 marks)

1 The pictures below show an incident that happened during recess. Study the pictures carefully.



Your Task

Imagine you are Helen.

Write an email to your form teacher, Mrs Goh, to inform her of what Andrew had done.

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

In your email, include the following key information:

- the date of the incident
- where the incident took place
- two reasons why Pete was grateful to Andrew
- how Andrew responded to Pete's comment
- why you are informing her of the incident

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 at least 150 words about an achievement.

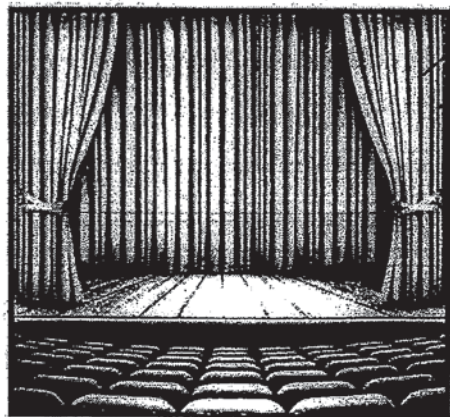
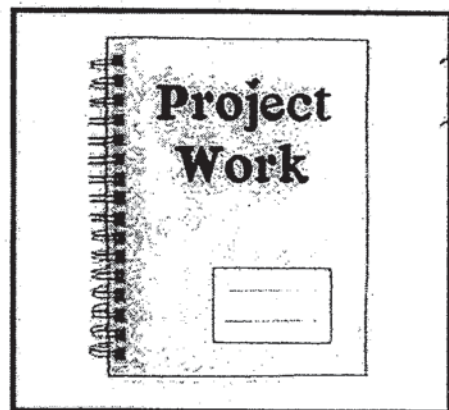
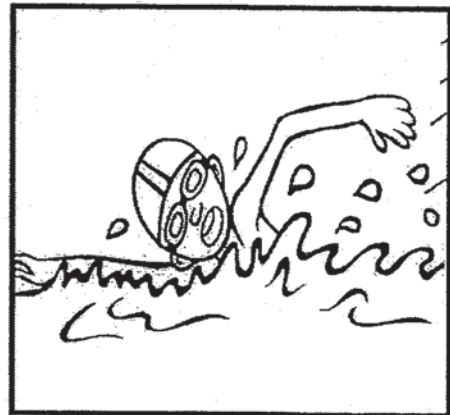
The pictures are provided to help you think about this topic.

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

Consider the following points when you plan your composition:

- What was the achievement?
- Why was it an achievement?

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

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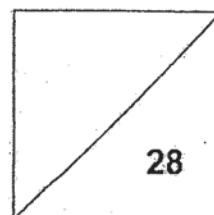
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Paper 1	Paper 2	Paper 3	Paper 4	Total Marks
55	95	20	30	200

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 Mrs Rina takes her children for a swim every Sunday _____ the weather.
- (1) in spite of
 - (2) because of
 - (3) regardless of
 - (4) as a result of
- 2 "Sue hardly buys food from the canteen during recess, _____?" asked Miss Lim.
- (1) has she
 - (2) does she
 - (3) hasn't she
 - (4) doesn't she
- 3 The student _____ the principal presented the 'Role Model' award to is our class monitor.
- (1) who
 - (2) which
 - (3) whom
 - (4) whoever
- 4 "_____ you have offered the suggestion earlier? It would have helped the team solve the problem," Sam grouched.
- (1) Can't
 - (2) Won't
 - (3) Couldn't
 - (4) Wouldn't
- 5 As Kenny's parents wanted him to be more independent, they offered _____ advice in the decisions he made.
- (1) few
 - (2) little
 - (3) many
 - (4) much

- 6 The police are appealing the residents to furnish them with more information about the recent thefts in the neighbourhood.
- (1) to
 - (2) for
 - (3) with
 - (4) from
- 7 Findings from the research conducted on the new bacteria _____ in a segment of the news tomorrow.
- (1) are reported
 - (2) will be reported
 - (3) is being reported
 - (4) are being reported
- 8 Brenda noticed her classmate _____ and went over to console her.
- (1) cry
 - (2) cries
 - (3) cried
 - (4) crying
- 9 The progress for these projects _____ taking longer than expected so the supervisor has stepped in to help.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
- 10 If the twins _____ about the consequences earlier, this incident would not have happened.
- (1) think
 - (2) thought
 - (3) had thought
 - (4) have thought

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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 As they neared the finishing line, the marathon runners _____ every muscle by mustering their last bit of strength to emerge the winner.
- (1) exerted
 - (2) strained
 - (3) loosened
 - (4) exercised
- 12 Realising that he was in grave danger, Zach shouted _____ for help, hoping to attract the attention of passers-by.
- (1) pitifully
 - (2) fiercely
 - (3) eagerly
 - (4) desperately
- 13 When you exercise, your heart _____ increases so that more blood is pumped to the muscles.
- (1) rate
 - (2) pace
 - (3) state
 - (4) speed
- 14 There is a _____ possibility that Amanda will attend the party since her leg is still swollen.
- (1) real
 - (2) weak
 - (3) slight
 - (4) distinct
- 15 "I'm sure you will win the scholarship. Everyone's _____ you," Abbey told her sister.
- (1) rooting in
 - (2) rooting for
 - (3) rooting with
 - (4) rooting around

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

Keller Chai had a childhood heart condition. Her life was drastically transformed when she picked up archery. "I was weak and sickly when I was younger and because of my condition, I also became very withdrawn, refusing to interact with others," Miss Chai shared. When she was studying at Ngee Ann Polytechnic, things took a turn for the better and she decided to try something new. "I wanted to challenge myself so I decided to take up a sport for the first time," Miss Chai explained. Using her savings, Miss Chai bought her first bow for \$2,100. But getting past the first stumbling block was a struggle, even when it came to holding the 2 kg bow. She also took longer than her peers to learn the basics.

Adapted from: <https://sts.schools.sg>

- 16 (1) happily
(2) intensely
(3) completely
(4) unexpectedly

- 17 (1) indifferent
(2) reserved
(3) modest
(4) aloof

- 18 (1) evolved
(2) changed
(3) improved
(4) flourished

- 19 (1) confront
(2) rival
(3) defy
(4) test

- 20 (1) hurdle
(2) limitation
(3) blockage
(4) hindrance

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Study the flyer below and then answer questions 21 to 28.

A special programme for the children of Summer Estate!

Every year, in celebration of Children's Day, the Summer Estate Residents' Club (SERC) organises fun and educational activities for the children living in our estate. Through the activities, the SERC hopes to broaden the children's experience in an enjoyable way. This year, the special programme of activities will run for a week. Head to Summer Community Centre and participate in the activities!

If you enjoy organising events and wish to serve our estate's residents, become a member of the SERC by writing in to info@serc.org.sg.

Kind words from our residents:







"My family moved to Summer Estate in September last year. All along, we had the impression that Children's Day was only celebrated at school. So, when we received a flyer about the Games Day organised to celebrate Children's Day, we were intrigued and decided to check it out. The event exceeded my expectations! I thought there would only be a handful of participants, but the attendance was overwhelming! The atmosphere was festive and snaking queues could be seen in front of every game station! We're definitely looking forward to this year's celebration!"

Mrs Janice Wee, resident of Block 73

"I love living in Summer Estate! ^{Q25} Apart from the Children's Day activities, I also enjoy taking part in the other activities that are organised all year round! I don't think there is a livelier estate in Singapore! Everyone should join in the fun!"

Syafiq, a 12-year-old resident of Block 85

Special Programme from 30 September to 6 October

	11 a.m.	12 p.m.	1 p.m.	2 p.m.	3 p.m.	4 p.m.
MON			 <p>Martial Arts Fair Sports Hall, Level 2 Free admission. Visit the booths to try different forms of martial arts. Sign up on the spot and get 20% off the fee for a 10-week class.</p>			
TUE						
WED					 <p>Dance Workout Serenity Studio, Level 1 Free admission. Only 20 walk-in participants are allowed on a first come, first served basis.</p>	
THU						
FRI			 <p>Pop Music Festival The Atrium, Level 1 Free admission. Catch live performances by popular local bands.</p>			
SAT	 <p>Dance Recital Zen Studio, Level 3 Tickets can be purchased online.</p>	 <p>Singing Contest The Atrium, Level 1 Registration Fee: \$5 Sign up online by 15 September.</p>				
SUN	 <p>Family Carnival The Atrium, Level 1 Free admission. Coupons can be purchased at \$20 per booklet.</p>					

Visit www.serc.org.sg/childrensday for more information.

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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 Why is an exclamation mark used in the heading, 'A special programme for the children of Summer Estate'?

- (1) to show one's interest
- (2) to convey feelings of surprise
- (3) to demonstrate excitement about the event
- (4) to express appreciation towards the organisers

22 What is the main aim of the activities organised in celebration of Children's Day?

- (1) bring joy to the children
- (2) make the children feel special
- (3) help the children gain knowledge and skills
- (4) teach the children the significance of Children's Day

23 Mr Lee is thinking of joining the Summer Estate Residents' Club. According to the flyer, he should join if he wants to _____.

- (1) be more organised
- (2) move to Summer Estate
- (3) take part in the estate's activities
- (4) do something for the estate's residents

24 Mrs Janice Wee said that the Games Day had "exceeded" her expectations. She had expected _____.

- (1) fewer people to join in the event
- (2) all the estate's residents to turn up
- (3) the atmosphere to be more cheery
- (4) people to queue in an orderly manner

25 According to the flyer, which of the following is not true of Syafiq?

- (1) He is a proud resident of Summer Estate.
- (2) He is happy about the activities that have been organised.
- (3) He thinks that all residents should participate in the activities.
- (4) He only takes part in Summer Estate's Children's Day activities.

26 Mabel enjoys watching performances. She does not want to spend any money as she is saving up for a present. Which activity should she go for?

- (1) Dance Recital
- (2) Martial Arts Fair
- (3) Singing Contest
- (4) Pop Music Festival

27 Solomon wants to give the dance workout a try. What must he do?

- (1) buy his ticket online
- (2) be among the first 20 participants to arrive
- (3) sign up online in advance as places are limited
- (4) go to the community centre by 3 p.m. any day of the week

28 Which of the following is true of the special programme?

- (1) It will run throughout the month of October.
- (2) Activities will begin in the morning at the weekend.
- (3) Those who do not register will not be able to participate in any of the activities.
- (4) Only those who enjoy music and dance will have an activity to join in the special programme.

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BOOKLET B

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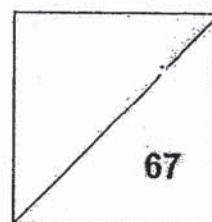
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There are 10 blanks, numbered 29 to 38, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

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|--------------|----------|------------|----------|-----------|
| (A) although | (D) for | (G) or | (K) so | (N) which |
| (B) and | (E) from | (H) ever | (L) was | (P) with |
| (C) by | (F) is | (J) should | (M) were | (Q) would |

Singapore celebrates its bicentennial this year. As Singapore looks back on its history, all will know that 1819 _____ a crucial turning point for Singapore
(29)

then. When Stamford Raffles arrived in 1819, Singapore already had _____ a hundred years of history.
(30)

Raffles made Singapore a free port. The new colony prospered, and the population grew rapidly. Immigrants came _____ South-east Asia, China, India and beyond. Among the first _____ Munshi Abdullah, Tan Tock Seng and Naraina Pillai. Trade was the survival tool _____ linked Singapore to the rest of the world.
(31)
(32)
(33)

In 1965, Singapore gained independence _____ the journey was not a smooth one. People came, attracted _____ the possibility of a better life. While not all found that pot of gold _____ made it from rags to riches, many did build better lives _____ their families.
(34)
(35)
(36)
(37)

Together, the country _____ think about how to move forward together. It is every generation's duty to continue with the legacy.
(38)

Adapted from: The Straits Times

Score: _____

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

(39)

Durian war has broken out on Pulau Ubin. Clashes are regular ocurances between

its residents and visitors who go over to stake their claim on the durians whenever

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(41)

they ripe twice a year on the island. Their peseverence to get their hands on the

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(43)

durians are evident as they guard the durian trees and camping overnight in the

(44)

forests. The popular of the durians on the island is due to the fact that they are

(45)

organic. Ubin residents complane that the durians are later sold commercially in

(46)

Singapore, with few left to whet their apettite

(47)

To resolve this conflict, NParks recommends that a durian festival be held

(48)

annual on the island after reaching a consensus with the islanders. This festival is in

(49)

line with NParks' comittment to retain Pulau Ubin in its natural and rustic state.

(50)

Durians found in public areas are to be share. According to state laws, no one,

whether visitors or islanders, is allowed to pick up durians found on public land.

Adapted from: The Straits Times

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Score:

Fill in the blanks with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

As dusk falls, the shutters open at the Night Safari, welcoming you into a world of nocturnal creatures. _____ (51) in 1994, the Night Safari, the world's first

night zoo, is entirely _____ (52) from the typical zoo. It was set up as zoos

had struggled to exhibit tropical mammals that were nocturnal by _____ (53)

Pioneering the Night Safari proved a challenging _____ (54) as there was no existing model for the management team to _____ (55) from.

Providing sufficient lighting for visitors to observe the animals without

_____ (56) their nocturnal routine was also demanding. Simon Corder, who

is an _____ (57) in outdoor sound and light theatre, used his skills to design

the lighting to simulate the effects of moonlight.

The Night Safari, which is _____ (58) into seven geographical zones,

can be explored by tram or on foot. _____ (59) from animal exhibits, visitors

can also experience the interactive Creatures of the Night show. The stars of the show

are the binturong, otter and spotted hyena. These animals get a _____ (60)

to display their unique characteristics and skills.

The Night Safari adopts an 'open concept' to recreate a natural environment.

_____ (61) of cages, the Night Safari relies _____ (62) natural

barriers to contain its animals. Cattle grids, a special type of obstacle, line the park to

prevent them from _____ (63) their enclosures. Nettings, plants, concealed

wires and water moats are also utilised as natural barriers. Night conditions also make

it _____ (64) to distinguish natural barriers from lush vegetation, creating the

feel of _____ (65) in a real safari. The reproduction of a safari atmosphere

goes hand-in-hand with making non-native animals feel at home.

Adapted from: <http://eresources.nlb.gov.sg>

Score:

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 I ~~received~~ a surprise gift from my cousin. I beamed with joy.

Upon _____

67 The room was ~~messy~~. It gave Joe a headache.

_____ of the room

68 Tracy is the ~~most~~ talented dancer in this dance school.

No dancer is more _____

69 Fiona's storytelling performance was ~~criticised~~. It saddened her.

_____ Fiona received about her

70 "Did you ~~freeze~~ this ice pack last night?" Mrs Chen asked her son.

Mrs Chen asked her son _____

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Score: _____

"Bye, Mum. I'm leaving for school," Ron uttered while stuffing his lunchbox into his school bag.

While making his way to the bus stop, Ron sighed. He was troubled. In line with the school's Kindness Week, Ron's form teacher, Mrs Jacob, had set a task for her students to go the extra mile and perform a kind act for a stranger. The deadline for the task was looming. In a couple of days, Ron had to share his kind act with the class. However, he had had no breakthrough in showing kindness to a stranger thus far. Ron was especially disturbed by the fact that he was going to disappoint Mrs Jacob with his inability to accomplish the given task.

Soon, Ron boarded the bus to school and settled in a seat right behind the bus driver. Even though the bus driver had closed the doors of the bus, he did not drive off to the next stop. Instead, the bus driver inched the vehicle forward slightly and stopped for some moments. Out of the blue, the front door of the bus opened! The bus driver flung a plastic bag containing some bread towards a group of construction workers who were laying cables by the road. Then, he waved at them, closed the bus door and drove off. That baffled Ron! Did the bus driver do that because they were friends? Was this a daily routine of the bus driver?

Wanting to find out more, Ron steeled himself and asked the bus driver if he knew the construction workers. Shaking his head, the bus driver replied, "No, young man. I don't." To satisfy Ron's inquisitiveness, the bus driver went on to introduce himself as Uncle Lim before sharing his story. More than 30 years ago, when Uncle Lim was in his early twenties, he worked as a construction worker. Uncle Lim remembered toiling for long hours under the scorching sun just to help his family make ends meet. With a meagre salary, buying bread or a can of drink was considered a luxury for Uncle Lim.

One day, his caring supervisor advised, "Lim, you're still so young. Why don't you take some classes to upgrade yourself? Learn new skills so that you can find a job that can earn you more money." Taking those words seriously, Uncle Lim learnt how to drive a bus and switched trades eventually. As a bus driver, he took home a higher salary that provided his family with a more comfortable life over time. Knowing the hardships that construction workers had to face daily, Uncle Lim made it a habit to carry some bread with him whenever he drove to bless the construction workers he might encounter along the way.

Uncle Lim continued, "Never treat these unsung heroes of our society as invisible. Without them, we would never have the comforts that we enjoy today. Do appreciate them in little ways." Ron thanked Uncle Lim for sharing his inspiring story before he alighted from the bus. His wise words sparked an idea in Ron!

That day, when school ended, Ron rushed to the canteen and bought a dozen bottled drinks. Then, he made his way to the site where the construction workers were laying cables earlier that day. Upon reaching his destination, Ron approached the group of construction workers enthusiastically. While Ron handed each of them their gift, he smiled and thanked them for their hard work in contributing to the society. Seeing the smiles on their faces was priceless. Ron was glad to have learnt such a valuable lesson from Uncle Lim that day, one that he would always hold on to dearly in his heart. Ron looked forward to sharing this episode with Mrs Jacob and his classmates.

Written by: Casey Low

71 Explain what was especially troubling for Ron from lines 3-9. [2m]

72 Which word from lines 3-9 tells us that something was approaching? [1m]

73 Based on lines 10-24, fill in the following table. [3m]

Cause	Uncle Lim's immediate action
Uncle Lim was asked if he knew the construction workers.	a)
b)	opened the front door of the bus
Uncle Lim wanted to satisfy Ron's curiosity	c)

74 From lines 21-24, which two three-word phrases show that Uncle Lim did not earn much money as a construction worker? Each phrase is found in a separate sentence. [2m]

a)	b)
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75 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) they (line 16)	
b) those words (line 27)	
c) gift (line 40)	

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76 What did Uncle Lim do for a living to give his family a more comfortable life? [1m]

77 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]

	True/False	Reason
a) Ron was not afraid when he asked Uncle Lim if he knew the construction workers.		
b) Ron was grateful to Uncle Lim for sharing his moving story with him.		
c) Ron was worried to meet the group of construction workers.		

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

_____ Ron thought of a plan after listening to Uncle Lim.

_____ Ron was puzzled by the bus driver's actions.

_____ Ron had no chance to perform an act of kindness for a stranger.

79 Explain clearly why Uncle Lim would carry some bread with him whenever he was on the road. [2m]

80 What was the 'valuable lesson' (line 42) that Ron had learnt from Uncle Lim? Support your answer with an example of how Ron showed this learning. [2m]

Answer Sheets

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2. 2	7. 2	12. 4	17. 2	22. 3	27. 2
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70.Mrs Chen asked her son if he had frozen that ice pack the previous night.

71.Ron was especially disturbed by the fact that he was going to disappoint Mrs Jacob with his inability to accomplish the given task.

72.looming

73a. shook his head

73b.Uncle Lim wanted to fling a plastic bag containing some bread towards a group of construction workers who were laying cables by the road.

73c.shared his story

74a.make ends meet

74b.a meagre salary

75a.Uncle Lim and the group of construction workers who were laying cables by the road.



75b.Uncle Lim's caring supervisor's advice that Uncle Lim should take some classes to upgrade himself and learn new skills so that he can find a job that can earn him more money.

75c.a bottled drink.

76.Uncle Lim was a bus driver.

77a. False Ron steeled himself and asked the bus driver if he knew the construction workers.

77b.True.Ron thanked Uncle Lim for sharing his inspiring story before he alighted from the bus.

77c.False Ron approached the group of construction workers enthusiastically.

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79. Uncle Lim knew the hardships that construction workers had to face daily, so Uncle Lim made it a habit to carry some bread with him whenever he drove to bless the construction workers he might encounter along the way.

80. Ron learnt that he should never treat those unsung heroes, the construction workers, as invisible, because without them , he would never have the comforts that he enjoys today.He bought drinks for the construction worker at the site.

