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**CHRISTIAN BROTHERS' SCHOOLS  
PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2019  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
PRIMARY 6  
BOOKLET A**

NAME : \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

CLASS : PR 6 \_\_\_\_\_

DATE : 19 August 2019

**28 Questions**

**28 Marks**

**Total Time for Booklets A & B : 1 hour and 50 minutes**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

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

**Follow all instructions carefully.**

**Answer all questions.**

**An Optical Answer Sheet is given for answers to Questions 1 to 28.**

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 We \_\_\_\_\_ along the corridor when we heard a loud sound.

- (1) had walked
- (2) are walking
- (3) were walking
- (4) have been walking

2 "She's never watched that movie before, \_\_\_\_\_?" asked Jane.

- (1) is she
- (2) isn't she
- (3) has she
- (4) hasn't she

3 Mdm Lee wanted Ravi and me to work on the robot \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) myself
- (2) himself
- (3) ourselves
- (4) themselves

4 May Ling, together with her classmates, \_\_\_\_\_ graduating from primary school at the end of this year.

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

5 Annie has eaten \_\_\_\_\_ of the cake than any of us here.

- (1) most
- (2) more
- (3) much
- (4) many

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6 This food court is famous \_\_\_\_\_ its local delicacies.

- (1) to
- (2) of
- (3) on
- (4) for

7 Julian passed his final examinations with flying colours. \_\_\_\_\_, he was named 'Student of the Year'.

- (1) However
- (2) Regardless
- (3) Nevertheless
- (4) Consequently

8 Mr Tan made us \_\_\_\_\_ our homework before we could start on our project.

- (1) finish
- (2) finishes
- (3) finished
- (4) finishing

9 "Has any of you \_\_\_\_\_ on a horse before?" Mrs Lee asked the class.

- (1) ride
- (2) rode
- (3) rides
- (4) ridden

10 We spotted many insects in the garden, some of \_\_\_\_\_ looked poisonous.

- (1) that
- (2) which
- (3) whom
- (4) whose

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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 We are \_\_\_\_\_ about Hayley keeping her promise as she has stolen many times before.
- (1) vigilant
  - (2) cautious
  - (3) reserved
  - (4) sceptical
- 12 Kayla was \_\_\_\_\_ to tears when her pet hamster escaped from the cage and was nowhere to be found.
- (1) down
  - (2) lowered
  - (3) reduced
  - (4) diminished
- 13 He achieved an extraordinary \_\_\_\_\_ when he completed the voyage all by himself.
- (1) feat
  - (2) effort
  - (3) attempt
  - (4) success
- 14 Much to the annoyance of his classmates, Tony \_\_\_\_\_ around the classroom with his gold medal around his neck.
- (1) strutted
  - (2) stumbled
  - (3) straggled
  - (4) staggered
- 15 Jake was \_\_\_\_\_ by the discipline master for wearing coloured socks to school.
- (1) told on
  - (2) told off
  - (3) told about
  - (4) told against

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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)

Singaporeans are getting better at returning their trays at hawker centres, and more are doing their part. However, the cleanliness of these public food spaces still has not reached a desirable level.  
(16)

"The act of clearing our food is not prevalent across all hawker centres. We have to work towards making it the expected behaviour," said a Professor of Sociology.  
(17)  
"Depending on cleaners is not a feasible solution for Singapore's cleanliness in the long run."  
(18)  
(19)

Food workers said they are pleased to accept society's initiative in playing a greater role to promote cleanliness. A hawker's assistant said, "If customers have the habit of clearing their own trays, our eating spaces can be even cleaner."  
(20)

- 16 (1) favourable  
(2) sustainable  
(3) comfortable  
(4) manageable

- 17 (1) habitual  
(2) coherent  
(3) consistent  
(4) widespread

- 18 (1) norm  
(2) criterion  
(3) agreement  
(4) requirement

- 19 (1) useful  
(2) logical  
(3) simple  
(4) possible

- 20 (1) value  
(2) promote  
(3) welcome  
(4) recognise




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Study this flyer carefully and then answer questions 21 to 28.

## Children's Day Celebration @ Heartville Estate!

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

### CHILDREN'S DAY SPECIAL PROGRAMME from 30 September to 6 October 2019

	11 a.m.	12 p.m.	1 p.m.	2 p.m.	3 p.m.	4 p.m.
<b>MON</b> 30 Sep			<b>Martial Arts Fair</b> <b>Sports Hall, Level 2</b>  <b>Free admission Visit the booths to get a taste of different forms of martial arts. Sign up on the spot and get 20% off the fee for a 10 - week class.</b>			
<b>TUE</b> 1 Oct						
<b>WED</b> 2 Oct	<b>Dance Workout</b> <b>Serenity Studio, Level 1</b> <b>Free admission, Only 20 walk - in participants allowed on a first come first served basis</b>					
<b>THU</b> 3 Oct						
<b>FRI</b> 4 Oct			<b>Pop Music Festival</b> <b>The Atrium, Level 1</b> <b>Free admission. Catch live performances by popular local bands.</b>			
<b>SAT</b> 5 Oct		<b>Dance Recital</b> <b>Zen Studio, Level 3</b> <b>Tickets can be purchased online.</b>		<b>Singing Contest</b> <b>The Atrium, Level 1</b> <b>Registration Free : \$5Sign up online by 15 September.</b>		
<b>SUN</b> 6 Oct			<b>Family Carnival</b> <b>The Atrium, Level 1</b> <b>Free Admission. Coupons can be purchased at \$20 per booklet during the carnival.</b>			

Visit [www.herc.org.sg/childrensday](http://www.herc.org.sg/childrensday) for more information.



Kind words from our residents:

"My family moved to Heartville Estate last year. Where we previously lived, 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 it might attract a smattering of participants, but it looked like almost all the estate's residents had turned up! There was a festive atmosphere 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 Heartville Estate! 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 than this in Singapore!"

Syafiq, 12-year-old resident of Block 85

Interested to  
help out?



If you have good organisational skills  
and wish to serve in the Heartville Estate Residents' Club,  
become a member of the HERC by writing to [info@herc.org.sg](mailto:info@herc.org.sg).

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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 "Children's Day Celebration @ Heartville Estate!" ?

- (1) to create suspense for the activities
- (2) to express appreciation for the HERC
- (3) to express surprise at the special programme
- (4) to create interest for the Children's Day celebration

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

- (1) to promote activities by the club
- (2) to teach children different forms of dance
- (3) to help children become better sportsmen
- (4) to provide children opportunities to try out different activities

23. Mabel is interested in the activities but does not wish to spend any money. She is only available in the afternoons. Which activity is most suitable for her?

- (1) Dance Recital
- (2) Dance Workout
- (3) Singing Contest
- (4) Pop Music Festival

24. What must Solomon do to ensure that he gets to participate in the dance workout?

- (1) buy a ticket online
- (2) be among the first 20 participants to arrive
- (3) sign up online in advance as places are limited
- (4) be at the community centre at 11 a.m. on Wednesday

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- 25.** Which of the following is true of the Children's Day special programme?
- (1) Registration is required for all the activities.
  - (2) All the activities will take place at the same level of the community centre.
  - (3) The activities will run from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. every day.
  - (4) It is a week-long programme that ends with the Family Carnival.
- 26.** The flyer quotes Mrs Wee as saying the Games Day had "exceeded" her "expectations". According to the flyer, Mrs Wee had expected \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) few people to join in the event
  - (2) all the estate's residents to turn up
  - (3) people to queue in an orderly manner
  - (4) there to be a more cheerful atmosphere
- 27.** According to the flyer, which of the following is **not** true of Syafiq?
- (1) He thinks that Heartville Estate is very lively.
  - (2) He is more than satisfied about where he lives.
  - (3) He organises activities all year round for Heartville Estate.
  - (4) He has taken part in Heartville Estate's Children's Day activities.
- 28.** Mr Lee is considering joining the Heartville Estate Residents' Club. According to the flyer, he should join if he wants to \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) learn organisational skills
  - (2) take part in the estate's activities
  - (3) be of service to the estate's residents
  - (4) purchase coupons for the Family Carnival

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**CHRISTIAN BROTHERS' SCHOOLS  
PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2019  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
PRIMARY 6  
BOOKLET B**

NAME : \_\_\_\_\_ (      ) \_\_\_\_\_

CLASS: P6 \_\_\_\_\_

DATE : 19 August 2019

67 Marks

Total Time for Booklets A & B: 1 hour and 50 minutes

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

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Answer all questions. Write your answers in this booklet.

Component	Marks Scored	Total Marks
Paper 1 - Situational Writing		15
- Continuous Writing		40
Listening Comprehension		20
Oral		30
Paper 2 - Booklet A		28
- Booklet B		67
Total		200
Total		100

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.**

(A) a	(D) every	(G) is	(K) most	(N) to
(B) are	(E) for	(H) its	(L) much	(P) when
(C) each	(F) from	(J) just	(M) their	(Q) while

Sharks are among the most feared of animals. Attacks on people are in fact very rare, but \_\_\_\_\_ they happen, they are truly terrifying. Imagine the monster fish suddenly appearing \_\_\_\_\_ the deep sea! However, our fear of sharks can make us forget that many of them are highly endangered.

Sharks have been hunting in the oceans \_\_\_\_\_ about 370 million years, but today half of all sharks are in danger. \_\_\_\_\_ big sharks can pose a real danger to humans, many sharks are quite small in size. As such, we are \_\_\_\_\_ more of a threat to them than they are to us.

Humans kill many thousands of sharks \_\_\_\_\_ single day. Shark fin soup \_\_\_\_\_ a popular dish in eastern Asia. Every year, fishermen catch 38 million sharks \_\_\_\_\_ for their fins. In many cases, a captured shark is tossed back into the water once \_\_\_\_\_ three main fins are cut off. The finless shark is still alive, but it cannot swim and will sink \_\_\_\_\_ its death.

Bizarrely, the fin meat is quite tasteless and could easily be replaced with another ingredient. The growing demand for shark fin soup is pushing our sharks to extinction and affecting the ecosystem in our oceans.

(Adapted from "Sharks in Peril", Eyewitness Endangered Animals)

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

'Dumbo', the movie, is a remake of a cartoon from 1941. It is about a baby

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elephant with huge flapee ears which enable it to flies. In this new movie, Dumbo the

elephant "acts" alongside human actors.

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innitialy, when storytellers wanted to make films with animals that talked or

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behaved in a certain way, they have to use cartoons, puppets or sometimes a live

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animal. Today, tecknolergy is so advanced that they can create an animal on a

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computer screen. And these computer-genarayted imagery (CGI) animals are getting

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so reelistik that you might just mistake them for actual animals.

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Use CGI animals can actually save time and money. In the film world, working

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with young children and animals take time because they are so unpredictability. Also,

being on a movie set can be stressful for animals, which is why you sometimes see

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the line "No animals were harm in the making of this movie."

The best thing about CGI is that, like watching a real animal, it can move the

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awdiens into feeling for the character. That is the best reward of any story telling!

(Adapted from [www.animlasinfilmandtv.com](http://www.animlasinfilmandtv.com))

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Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Walk along the streets and you will easily notice something about the people of Singapore and smartphones. Just take a ride on the public Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) and you will understand \_\_\_\_\_ smartphones have affected people. People walk around holding a tablet, without paying much \_\_\_\_\_ to where they are going. What is more important to them is not to \_\_\_\_\_ out on the latest episode of Korean drama on their devices. It does not \_\_\_\_\_ if they walk into someone else. These people do not seem to be able to \_\_\_\_\_ their gaze from their devices.

Smartphone addiction is slowly becoming serious. \_\_\_\_\_ to a recent report, psychiatrists in Singapore are pushing for it to be recognised as a disorder. They are \_\_\_\_\_ with other countries around the world in addressing this growing \_\_\_\_\_.

More people are reporting physical symptoms like "text neck" or "iNeck" pain. Looking around, it is commonly \_\_\_\_\_ that people are using their devices while on the \_\_\_\_\_. With their eyes glued to the screen, many people do not even \_\_\_\_\_ up when queuing or crossing the roads. Some signs of addiction include the \_\_\_\_\_ to control their craving or anxiety when \_\_\_\_\_ from a smartphone. This results in lower productivity in studies or at work and the \_\_\_\_\_ to constantly check one's phone.

So what can be done to \_\_\_\_\_ with this addiction? Seek professional help. Unplug from virtual reality and return to the physical world.

(Adapted from "Smartphone and Digital addiction in Singapore", Vulcan Post)

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)

66 Ken was reckless. He crashed the car into a tree.

\_\_\_\_\_ as a result of  
\_\_\_\_\_

67 The mischievous boy ran away after ringing his neighbour's doorbell.

Having \_ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

68 Roy asked his brother if he had decided what he would do next.

Roy asked his brother, " \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

69 The pupils are responsible for setting up the booths for the exhibition.

Setting up the booths for the exhibition \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

70 The one to finish the trail first will be awarded a prize.

\_\_\_\_\_ to whoever  
\_\_\_\_\_

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Read the passage and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

Ben's teacher had tasked everyone to be a **"secret buddy"** for the coming week. The purpose of this project was to do nice things for your buddy without letting him or her know who was doing it.

By the middle of the week, everyone, including Ben, had turned this project into a contest to see whose secret buddy could leave the best gift. It seemed that everyone was getting cool presents from their buddy. Everyone, except Ben, that is. Ben was starting to wonder if he had a secret buddy after all. 5

On the last morning of the project, Ben walked into his classroom and noticed that there was a package on his desk. **"Finally,"** Ben said, grinning from ear to ear. He ripped it open and just stared down at his desk. There sat a handsewn pencil case. The pupils seated near him broke into uncontrollable laughter. His face turned red as he shoved it into his desk. 10

He tried to forget about the embarrassing gift, but during recess, one of the girls mentioned it again. "How lame," he heard himself saying. "What could my buddy be thinking by giving me such a stupid gift?" His friends laughed at his remarks and headed off to play, leaving him alone. 15

As he turned to leave, he caught sight of a girl from his class sitting at a table nearby. There were tears streaming down her face. "I'm your secret buddy," she whispered. "I'm sorry about the gift." Then she ran off. Ben wanted to run after her but stopped himself. Her sobs stayed with him long after she was gone. 20

Ben's secret buddy was a girl named Peggy, a girl who came from a poor family. A target at school, she was at their mercy. And Ben was no different. He felt sick to his stomach as his cruel words ran through his mind. Peggy had heard every single thing that had just been said.

It took him a few days, but he finally found the courage to face up to Peggy and apologise for his folly. She told him that she had felt bad about not being able to leave any cool gifts for him because of her family's situation. So finally, she decided to give him the precious pencil case that her mother had just sewn two days earlier for her birthday. 25

And he had ruined it for her. Ben knew he could never forgive himself for what he had done. "I said those things to be cool. I guess all I wanted was to try to fit in," he admitted. 30

Peggy looked him in the eyes and said that she understood. She had been trying to fit in, too. "We aren't all that different from each other, are we?" she smiled. Her simple words spoken from her heart, found their way straight into Ben's. 35

Up until then, like everyone else, Ben had avoided the 'Peggys' of the world. But after that day, he gained respect and admiration for people like Peggy – people who give from the heart.

(Adapted from "Tears in the Bathroom", [www.chickensoup.com](http://www.chickensoup.com))

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in this space.

- 71 What was the role of a "secret buddy" (line 1)? [1m]

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- 72 What made Ben say "Finally" and how did he feel then (line 9)? [2m]

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- 73 Fill in the table by identifying the phrase from the passage. [2m]

Question	Phrase from the passage
a) Which three-word phrase from the third paragraph tells us that Ben was embarrassed by the gift?	
b) Which four-word phrase from the sixth paragraph tells us that Ben was upset and worried about what he had done?	

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Peggy's mother sewed a pencil case for Peggy.

\_\_\_\_\_ Ben's teacher tasked everyone to be a "secret buddy".

\_\_\_\_\_ Ben found a package on his desk.

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

	True/False	Reason
Ben meant it when he said nasty things about Peggy's gift.		
Peggy was bullied a lot in school.		
Peggy happened to hear Ben's conversation with his friends.		

- 76 Based on lines 5-20, fill in the blanks to show how Ben reacted to each situation. [3m]

When Ben did not receive any gift at first

➡ he thought \_\_\_\_\_

When Ben first saw the pencil case

➡ he did not \_\_\_\_\_

After Peggy ran off sobbing

➡ he wanted to \_\_\_\_\_

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in this space.

- 77 Look at the table below. What does each word in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right. [2m]

Word(s) from the Passage	What the word refers to
it (line 12)	
folly (line 26)	

- 78 Peggy's "sobs stayed with him long after she was gone" (line 20). How did Ben feel and why? [2m]

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- 79 "Ben had avoided the 'Peggys' of the world" (line 36). Who do the 'Peggys' refer to and what does this sentence mean? [2m]

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- 80 "... he gained respect and admiration for people like Peggy – people who give from the heart" (lines 37-38). How did Peggy earn Ben's respect and admiration? [2m]

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# ANSWER KEY

YEAR : 2019  
 LEVEL : PRIMARY 6  
 SCHOOL : Christian Brothers School  
 SUBJECT : English  
 TYPE : Preliminary  
 Booklet A

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
3	3	3	1	2	4	4	1	4	2
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
4	3	1	1	2	1	4	1	4	3
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28		
4	4	4	2	4	1	3	3		

Q29. P  
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 Q32. Q  
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 Q37. H  
 Q38. N  
 Q39. flappy  
 Q40. fly  
 Q41. Initially  
 Q42. had  
 Q43. technology  
 Q44. generated  
 Q45. realistic  
 Q46. Using  
 Q47. takes  
 Q48. unpredictable  
 Q49. harmed  
 Q50. audience  
 Q51. that  
 Q52. attention  
 Q53. look  
 Q54. matter  
 Q55. avert



Q56. According

Q57. working

Q58. addiction

Q59. sighted

Q60. go

Q61. look

Q62. inability

Q63. away

Q64. temptation

Q65. deal

Q66. Ken crashed the car into a tree as a result of his recklessness.

Q67. Having rung his neighbour's doorbell, the mischievous boy ran away.

Q68. Roy asked his brother, "Have you decided what you will do next?"

Q69. Setting up the booths for the exhibition is the pupils' responsibility.

Q70. A prize will be awarded to whoever finishes the trial first.

Q71. The role of a "secret buddy" was to do nice things for your buddy without letting him or her know who was doing it.

Q72. Ben had waited a very long time for a present. He felt very excited to receive the present and was grinning from ear to ear.

Q73.

a) Face turned red

b) Sick to his stomach

Q74. 2,1,3

Q75.

	True/False	Reason
Ben meant it when he said nasty things about Peggy's gift.	False	He only said these things to try and fit in.
Peggy was bullied a lot in school.	True	Peggy was a target and she was at their mercy.
Peggy happened to hear Ben's conversation with his friends.	True	She was sitting at a table nearby and overheard what they had said.

Q76.

- He thought he did not have a secret buddy at all
- He did not like it
- He wanted to apologise for his actions

Q77.



Word(s) from the Passage	What the word refers to
It (line 12)	The handsewn pencil case
folly (line 26)	Ben saying nasty things about the pencil case

Q78. Ben felt guilty for making her cry as he made mean comments about the handsewn pencil case that peggy gave to him.

Q79. They refer to people from the poor families. Ben had refused to be friends with them.

Q80. Even though Peggy was poor, Peggy gave Ben what she could, which was her precious pencil case.

