

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION (2025)
PRIMARY SIX
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 1 (WRITING)

Name: _____ ()

Class: Primary 6 _____

19 August 2025

50 marks

1 hour 10 minutes

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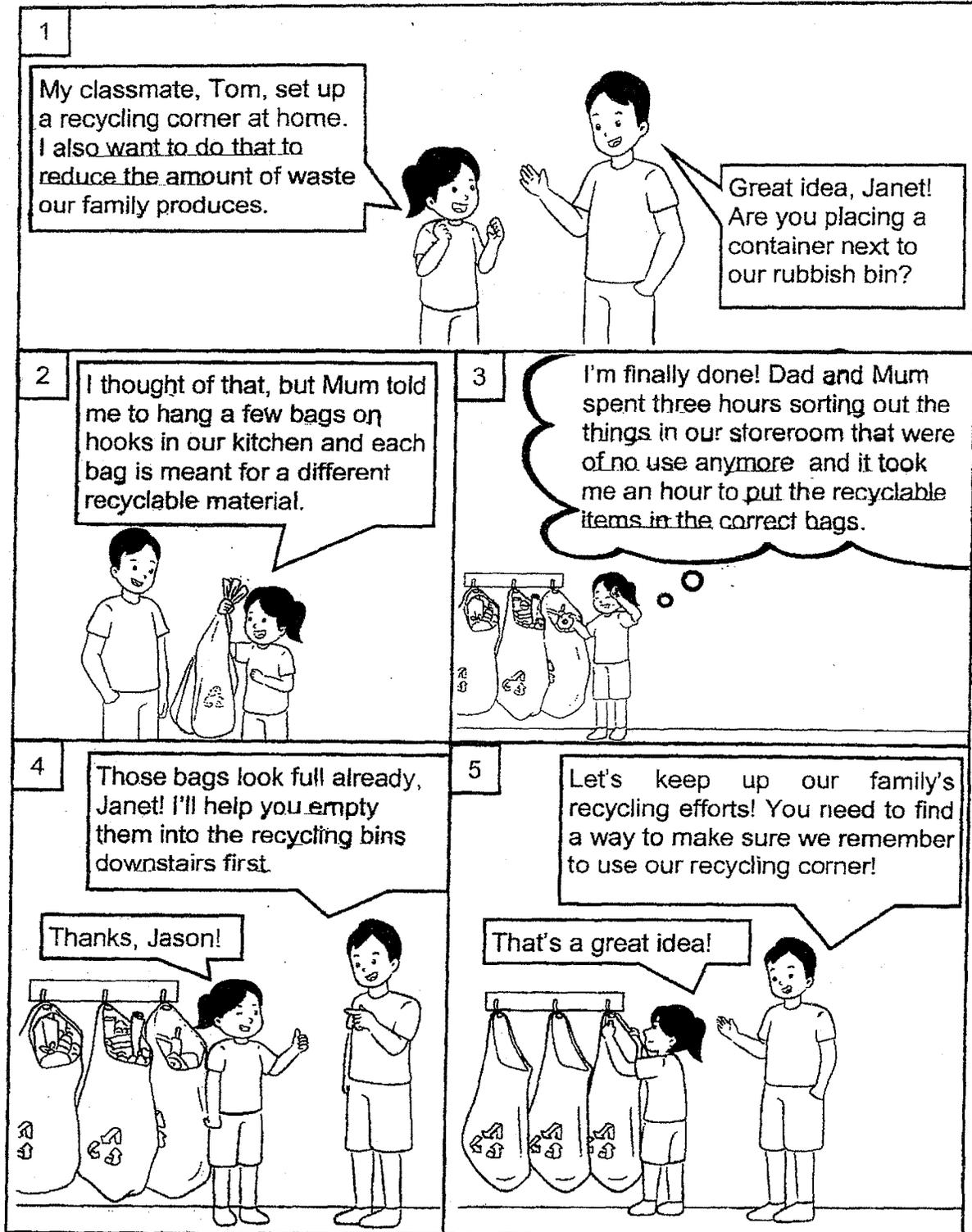
There are two parts to this paper – Part 1 and Part 2.

Answer both questions.

This booklet consists of 3 printed pages excluding the cover page.

Part 1: Situational Writing (14 marks)

The pictures below show Janet setting up a recycling corner at home and telling her brother, Jason, about it. Study the pictures carefully.



Your Task

Imagine you are Janet.

Write an article for your school's newsletter for students to share your experience setting up a recycling corner at home.

You are to refer to the pictures and information on page 1 for your article. The bullet point underlined below requires you to come up with your own information.

In your writing, include the following key information:

- why you wanted to set up a recycling corner
- how you set up the recycling corner
- how long it took you to sort out the recyclable items from the storeroom into the correct bags
- two other ways in which your family members supported your effort
- how you reminded your family members to use the recycling corner

You may reorder the points. Remember to write in complete sentences.



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PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)
BOOKLET A

Name: _____ ()

Class: Primary 6 _____

19 August 2025

25 Questions
(25 Marks)

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

Components		Marks Awarded	Max Marks
Situational Writing			14
Continuous Writing			36
Language Use & Comprehension	A	25	90
	B	65	
Listening Comprehension			20
	Reading	15	40
	SBC	25	
TOTAL			200
			100

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Parent's Signature: _____

Answer all questions.

Write your answers in this booklet.

This booklet consists of 11 printed pages excluding the cover page.

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 feedback provided by our English Language teacher yesterday _____ very useful and helped us to improve on our writing.

- (1) was
- (2) were
- (3) has been
- (4) have been

2. The heavy rainfall over the weekend has resulted _____ flooding in some parts of Singapore.

- (1) in
- (2) to
- (3) of
- (4) from

3. The villagers' lost everything they owned because the storm caused _____ damage to their home.

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

4. The mountaineer refused to give up halfway, _____ tired he felt during the steep climb to the peak of the mountain.

- (1) though
- (2) however
- (3) whenever
- (4) nonetheless

5. Not only _____ the lights off but she also locked the doors.

- (1) she switched
- (2) did she switch
- (3) does she switch
- (4) had she switched

6. The class, together with a few teachers, _____ visiting the museum for a learning journey tomorrow.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
7. The shy and quiet girl _____ the judges praised delivered a persuasive speech.
- (1) who
 - (2) which
 - (3) whom
 - (4) whose
8. " _____ it be a good idea to bring an umbrella since it looks cloudy?" Mum suggested.
- (1) Can't
 - (2) Couldn't
 - (3) Wouldn't
 - (4) Shouldn't
9. "She returned from London recently because she had to take care of her elderly parents, _____ she?" asked Lindy.
- (1) did
 - (2) had
 - (3) didn't
 - (4) hadn't
10. As Ming Zhe stepped into the classroom, he noticed a cockroach _____ through the open door and vanish under the shelf.
- (1) crawl
 - (2) crawls
 - (3) crawled
 - (4) crawling

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. A loud _____ broke out between the two angry boys about who should get a bigger piece of the pie.
- (1) banter
 - (2) quibble
 - (3) dispute
 - (4) dialogue
12. Asha raised her eyebrows and looked at her brother _____ when he claimed that he had finished the 1000-piece puzzle in 30 minutes.
- (1) cautiously
 - (2) accusingly
 - (3) incredulously
 - (4) disapprovingly
13. The principal was upset to find out that someone had _____ the newly painted mural by spray-painting over it.
- (1) impaired
 - (2) defamed
 - (3) vandalised
 - (4) demolished
14. To fly a passenger plane, Deyi had to become a/an _____ pilot by passing many tests and getting an official licence.
- (1) certified
 - (2) talented
 - (3) renowned
 - (4) empowered
15. To make the school more environmentally friendly, Ramu _____ the idea of starting a recycling club to his teacher to encourage pupils to reduce waste.
- (1) brought in
 - (2) brought up
 - (3) brought on
 - (4) brought out

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)

In a multiracial country like Singapore, racial harmony is an important part of life. Racial Harmony Day is celebrated on 21 July each year to remind Singaporeans of the importance of racial and religious tolerance and unity.

Fun and special activities are held in schools to capture the attention of young people and help them learn about other cultures. Classrooms and halls are often adorned with traditional and cultural items showing Singapore's rich diversity. There are also designated booths for games, food tasting, and performances from different ethnic groups.

Traditional customs, such as clothing and food, have also evolved over time. For example, some traditional dishes now include modern ingredients, and cultural clothing is sometimes designed with a modern twist.

The education system is instrumental in teaching values such as respect and kindness from a young age. Through these efforts, Singapore continues to build a strong, united society where everyone feels valued and included.

16. (1) entice
(2) delight
(3) bewitch
(4) captivate

17. (1) arrayed
(2) enriched
(3) enhanced
(4) decorated

18. (1) exclusive
(2) dedicated
(3) delegated
(4) customised

19. (1) changed
(2) advanced
(3) flourished
(4) progressed

20. (1) powerful
(2) dominant
(3) significant
(4) necessary

Study the poster (Text 1) and the extract from an online article (Text 2) and answer questions 21 to 25.

Text 1

The text below shows a poster about ChocoHealth products.

Chocolate: The Delicious Superfood

Did you know that chocolate is packed with antioxidants and essential nutrients?

Studies suggest it can boost heart health, support brain function and even improve mood!



Treat yourself without guilt!

Enjoy the benefits of a superfood and the taste of a popular snack!
Among ChocoHealth's products, our premium dark chocolate made with 100% natural ingredients is our bestseller!

No sugar added in all our products. Just goodness in every bite.

Over 1000 5-star reviews from families prove that ChocoHealth snacks are everyone's favourite in the entire household!

DON'T MISS OUT THESE ATTRACTIVE PROMOTIONS!

- Make a single receipt purchase of at least \$60 at any ChocoHealth outlet to redeem a \$20 voucher for your next visit.
- Visit our online store to enjoy 15% off your first order with a minimum spend of \$120.

Text 2

The extract below is taken from an online article on chocolate.

Chocolate is increasingly being promoted as a health-boosting superfood. While dark chocolate does contain compounds linked to health benefits, the overall effect of chocolate depends on various factors, including cocoa content, added ingredients and portion size. The truth is that most chocolate products contain high levels of sugar and fats, which diminish or even outweigh any potential health benefits.

Claims about the health benefits of chocolate often lead consumers to believe they should eat chocolate regularly. Unfortunately, those claims largely stem from studies on pure cocoa, not the processed and sweetened forms of chocolate commonly found in retail stores. Marketing tactics likewise play a role in shaping consumer perception. Some promotions sell the idea that consuming more chocolate leads to greater health benefits. These messages can cloud consumers' judgement.

For each question from 21 to 25, choose the best answer. Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

21. "Did you know chocolate is packed with antioxidants and essential nutrients?" Why did the author ask the question in Text 1?
- (1) to spark the reader's interest in chocolate
 - (2) to test the reader's knowledge about chocolate.
 - (3) to encourage the reader to eat more chocolate
 - (4) to explain to the reader about the benefits of eating chocolate
22. According to the poster in Text 1, which of the following is true about ChocoHealth's premium dark chocolate?
- (1) It must be consumed daily, .
 - (2) It can cure heart diseases.
 - (3) There is no artificial chemical added to it.
 - (4) It is everyone's favourite guilt-free snack.
23. "... ChocoHealth snacks are everyone's favourite in the entire household!" The images in the poster support this statement by giving the impression that ChocoHealth's products are _____.
- (1) mainly for adults
 - (2) best enjoyed alone
 - (3) only suitable for young children
 - (4) popular among people of all ages
24. Based on Text 1, how can you enjoy the promotions from ChocoHealth?
- (1) Spend \$120 in-store to receive a \$20 voucher.
 - (2) Spend \$120 online for your first order to get 15% off instantly.
 - (3) Spend \$60 in-store for a \$20 voucher for your next online order.
 - (4) Spend \$60 online to get \$20 off and 15% off your next purchase.

25. We cannot trust the way Text 1 portrays ChocoHealth's chocolate because Text 2 says that _____.

- (1) chocolate is not a superfood
- (2) chocolate offers no health benefits
- (3) eating chocolate regularly is bad for one's health
- (4) advertisements can mislead consumers to think chocolate is healthy

END OF BOOKLET A

Please note that the passage for Comprehension questions 66 to 75 in Booklet B is on the next page. You may now go on to Booklet B.

Refer to the passage below when you answer questions 66 to 75 in Booklet B. (20 marks)

<p>Jared slouched, eyes glazed over, fanning himself with a napkin. The hawker centre was noisy and the long queue in front of his grandfather's noodle stall did not help. Jared sighed. His idea of a perfect school holiday involved gaming, not sitting in a humid hawker centre at nine o'clock in the morning watching old men cook. He glanced at his phone. 'No signal. Great,' he thought.</p>	5
<p>"Ugh, why are you still working at your age? You're seventy-two!" Jared grumbled, rolling his eyes. Grandpa stirred the broth steadily, steam rising around him like a warm mist. His hands moved quickly — pouring soup, adding toppings, passing bowls to customers with a nod. Nothing brought him more fulfilment than serving the regulars who had eaten at his stall for years. Some customers even called him 'Ah Gong' with affection.</p>	10
<p>"Sit there and observe, boy," Grandpa had said when Jared arrived that morning. "There are things books do not teach." Puzzled, Jared furrowed his eyebrows. He watched as Grandpa moved with a quiet purpose, wondering what exactly he was supposed to be learning. To him, it just looked like hard, sweaty work. As the morning wore on, Jared began to notice small things. Grandpa knew every customer's name. He would call out 'Good morning, Uncle Chen' or 'Hello Sarah from 4B', remembering not just their names but also little details about who they were. It soon became apparent to Jared that only by spending time at the stall could one understand what it truly meant to serve others.</p>	15
<p>What impressed Jared even more was Grandpa's memory at seventy-two. Before customers could even order, he was already preparing their bowls — extra fishcakes for one, no spring onions for another, less salt for the third. His kindness showed in other ways too. When a child dropped his spoon, Grandpa quietly handed him a new one without being asked. When an old lady struggled with her tray, he came around and helped her carry it to her table.</p>	20
<p>Jared also noticed how Grandpa never rushed. Even with the long queue, he smiled at each customer and even stopped to ask about their families and share stories from the old days. "Does all this chatting with customers not make you tired?" Jared finally asked during a short break, wiping sweat from his brow. Grandpa chuckled. "Of course I am tired. This stall has been here for thirty years now. Without it, I could never have paid for your father's education. The stall helped me put him through school." He paused to serve another bowl of noodles before continuing, "When I see elderly folks who might not get a proper meal for the day, I know why I must continue. I sell my food at a cheaper rate so they can afford to eat here. Tiredness goes away. But the will to keep going, bowl after bowl, stays."</p>	25
<p>Jared was quiet. He had regarded his grandfather's job as mundane noodle-making.</p>	30

But watching him today, Jared saw how Grandpa served each bowl with care. What he had thought was just cooking turned out to be remarkable work.

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“Why do you do all this, Grandpa? You should enjoy life in your old age!” Jared asked as they cleaned up. Grandpa wiped his hands and looked at him. “People remember how you make them feel, not how well you play your mobile game. In fact, I enjoy spending my time this way.” Jared gave a small laugh. Between staring at screens and making someone smile, he now knew which one counted more.

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* 'Ah Gong' is a term primarily used in Singapore which refers to Grandfather in the Hokkien dialect.



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PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

BOOKLET B

Name: _____ ()

Class: Primary 6 _____

19 August 2025

50 Questions
(65 Marks)

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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Answer all questions.

Write your answers in this booklet.

This booklet consists of 7 printed pages excluding the cover page.

There are 10 blanks, numbered 26 to 35, 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 in order to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) across	(D) can	(G) in	(K) off	(N) to
(B) are	(E) for	(H) is	(L) shall	(P) what
(C) by	(F) from	(J) of	(M) through	(Q) with

Flying cockroaches in Singapore are a common yet unsettling sight for many. Their sudden appearance, especially in one's home, (26) _____ cause alarm since they are often unexpected. These pests are often found in dark, humid areas like bathrooms and drainage systems. Despite maintaining a clean household, one may still encounter cockroaches as they navigate (27) _____ open windows or shared ventilation systems.

One of the most remarkable abilities of these cockroaches (28) _____ their resilience. They can survive in extreme conditions and have adapted (29) _____ avoid many extermination methods. Submerging them in water may seem like an effective solution but these insects can hold their breath for up to forty minutes, allowing them to escape even after being flushed down a drain. However, their survival is ultimately limited (30) _____ their inability to drink water, leading to eventual dehydration.

Despite common misconceptions, these cockroaches do not truly fly but rather glide using their wings to move (31) _____ surfaces. This movement is often mistaken (32) _____ aggressive behaviour when the insect is simply attempting to flee (33) _____ perceived danger.

Given their adaptability, infestations can be difficult to manage without professional intervention. While household remedies may offer temporary relief, engaging pest control services is often the most effective approach to ensuring a cockroach-free home, in (34) _____ may seem like an endless struggle to ward them (35) _____

A professional solution is often the key to regaining peace of mind.

Adapted from <https://verminator.sg/4-facts-about-singapores-most-hated-pest/>



Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes. (10 marks)

The other day, I was looking around my room. My climbing shoes, gathering dust in the corner, catching my attention. Two years ago, I became intrested in bouldering, a type

of rock climbing, after my friends introduced me to it. The exileration of reaching the top kept me engaged. However, after some time, I reached a standstill. With all my hard work,

I could not progress past a certain level. I spent hours trying different climbing routes, persevearing without any progress. It was clear that the time I had invested are not enough to improve my skills.

The excitement I once felt begin to fade. I found myself stuck, unable to move forward while others seemed to be making kontinueus progress.

Ocasionaly, I would think back to when I first started and feel frustrated that I had not improved. I realised I had becoming too focused on mastering the activity rather than enjoying it for the experience. Now, I am just trying to have fun.

Adapted from <https://www.channelnewsasia.com/today/adulting/finding-joy-hobby-mediocre-success-fun-4788926>



Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

E-payment is becoming increasingly common in schools across Singapore, with over 230 000 pupils using such a system to buy their food and drinks. This system has helped speed up transactions. This (46) _____ down queueing time at stalls during recess. During a short 30-minute recess, pupils can now make quick payments by tapping their smartcards against the payment terminal. This makes it faster for pupils to purchase their meals as (47) _____ to cash transactions, which require counting and giving change. In addition, faster transactions give pupils more time to eat and socialise (48) _____ also minimising congestion at stalls.

Canteen vendors also (49) _____ from e-payments. Since most meals are sold within the first 10 minutes of recess, digital transactions help them (50) _____ more pupils efficiently. Instead of just selecting from a set menu, pupils get to customise their meals according to their specific preferences. For (51) _____, a pupil might choose to add extra toppings or opt for a different type of bread. Vendors can immediately input the pupils' unique meal choices and the total price is calculated instantly, removing the need (52) _____ manual calculations, which would otherwise be time-consuming and prone to error.

The move towards e-payments is (53) _____ of the POSB Smart Buddy programme, first launched in 2017 in 19 primary schools. It then expanded in 2022 (54) _____ of a partnership between the Ministry of Education (MOE) and POSB, aiming to reach all primary schools by 2025. Many schools have already implemented the system with ongoing (55) _____ to extend it further.

Besides the Smart Buddy system, pupils can use school smartcards or EZ-link cards to pay for their meals. This integration allows them to track their transport and meal (56) _____ through detailed transaction records. This helps them monitor their spending habits and makes it easier to use one card for both travel and food.

However, there are challenges. Vendors may (57) _____ delays in receiving payments, affecting their money (58) _____ hand. Additionally, some pupils may overspend (59) _____ in the week when their cards are topped up and have little left for the remaining days. To address this (60) _____, POSB is offering lessons on managing money to thousands of primary and pre-school pupils. The adoption of e-payments in schools continues to grow as schools recognise the benefits of digital payments, supporting the shift towards a cashless society.

<https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/parenting-education/students-in-spore-schools>



For each of the questions from 61 to 65, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the words provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentences. (10 marks)

61. Mrs Ramu invited the musician to perform. His song became a hit.

_____ whose
_____.

62. The famous chef has created a special dish for the event.

A special dish _____
_____.

63. "Did you already write your goals down?" Coach Lim asked his team.

Coach Lim asked his team _____
_____.

64. Ravi could not decide so his teacher scolded him.

_____ for his
_____.

65. She worked hard to pursue her dream of becoming a doctor.

In the _____
_____.



Read the passage on pages 11 and 12 of Booklet A and answer questions 66 to 75.
(20 marks)

66. Based on lines 1 - 10 pick out two separate phrases to show the characters' feelings and explain why they felt that way. [4m]

Three-word phrase that shows Jared felt bored	Reason for Jared's feeling
a)	b)
Five-word phrase that shows Grandpa felt happy	Reason for Grandpa's feeling
c)	d)

67. "Ugh, why are you still working at your age? You're seventy-two!" (line 6).
Circle one word that best describes the tone Jared used in line 6.
DO NOT CIRCLE MORE THAN ONE WORD. [1m]

casual / disapproving / comforting / persuasive

68. What does the term 'Ah Gong' (line 10) suggest about how the customers viewed ~~the~~ ~~writer's~~ grandfather? [1m]



69. Based on the third paragraph, explain clearly what Grandpa meant by "There are things books do not teach." (line 12) [2m]

70. Explain clearly why Jared was "puzzled" when Grandpa said, "There are things books do not teach." (line 12) [2m]

71. 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. [2m]

Words from the passage	What the words refer to
a) small things (line 15)	
b) all this chatting (line 26)	

72. Based on lines 19 - 23, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [2m]

	True / False	Reason
a) Grandpa was familiar with his regular customers' preferences.		

b) Grandpa only helped customers when they asked for assistance.		
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73. a) From lines 24 to 32, state two reasons why Grandpa continued working at his stall for thirty years. [2m]

(i) _____.

(ii) _____.

b) "Tiredness goes away. But the will to keep going, bowl after bowl, stays."
(line 32).

What personal quality of Grandpa's is revealed through this statement? [1m]

74. Which two words from lines 33 - 35 signal a change in how Jared viewed his grandfather's work? Each word is found in a separate sentence. [2m]

How Jared viewed his grandfather's work before

How Jared viewed his grandfather's work after

75. Based on the last paragraph, what had Jared learnt from his grandfather? [1m]

END OF PAPER

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Booklet A

Q 1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
1	1	4	2	2	1	3	3	3	1
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
3	3	3	1	2	4	4	2	1	3
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
1	3	4	2	4	D	M	H	N	C
Q 31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35					
A	E	F	P	K					

Q36)	caught	Q41)	singular	Q46)	cuts
Q37)	interested	Q42)	began	Q47)	compared
Q38)	exhilaration	Q43)	continuous	Q48)	while
Q39)	Despite	Q44)	Occasionally	Q49)	benefit
Q40)	persevering	Q45)	become	Q50)	serve

Q51)	example	Q56)	expenses		
Q52)	for	Q57)	experience		
Q53)	part	Q58)	at		
Q54)	because	Q59)	earlier		
Q55)	plans	Q60)	issue		

Q61)	Mrs Ramu invited the musician whose song became a hit.
Q62)	A special dish has been created for the event by the famous chef.
Q63)	Coach Lim asked his team if they had already written their goals down.

Q64)	Ran's teacher scolded him for his indecision.
Q65)	In the pursuit of her dream, she worked hard to become a doctor.
Q66)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) eyes glazed over. b) He was bored cause he had to sit in a hot hawker centre instead of gaming. c) Nothing bought him more fulfilment. d) He enjoyed serving his regular customers.
Q67)	disapproving.
Q68)	The term 'Ah Gong' suggest that the customers view Jarod's grandfather as their own grandfather.
Q69)	Grandpa meant that books could not teach what it truly meant to serve others, and only by spending time at the stall could one understand it.
Q70)	Jared did not know what he was supposed to be learning as it just looked like hard, sweaty work.
Q71)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Grandpa remembering his customers names and the little details about who they were. b) Asking customers about their families bs sharing stories.
Q72)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) True/ He knew his customers orders before they even ordered. b) False / Grandpa handed a child a new spoon without being asked
Q73)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) i) To pay for Jarrod's father's education putting him through school ii) To sell food at a cheaper rate so they can afford to eat here. b) Perseverance
Q74)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> mundane remarkable
Q75)	He learnt to make someone smile instead of staring at screens.