



**AI TONG SCHOOL
2026
PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION
PRIMARY 6**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)
BOOKLET A**

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Do not open the booklets until you are told to do so.

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

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Class: Primary 6 _____

Date: 17 August 2026

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Paper 1	Paper 2	Paper 3	Paper 4	Total Marks
50	90	20	40	200

For each question from 1 to 10, choose the answer that best fits in the sentence(s).
Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (10 marks)

- 1 _____ the traffic not been heavy, we would have reached the airport on time.
- (1) Did
 - (2) Had
 - (3) Might
 - (4) Should
- 2 "I heard Ryan is being awarded the Model Student Award. He's improved immensely in his behaviour, _____ he?" Mrs Tan commented.
- (1) is
 - (2) has
 - (3) isn't
 - (4) hasn't
- 3 "Both of you should give _____ credit for working so well together despite your differences," praised Miss Chan.
- (1) oneself
 - (2) yourself
 - (3) yourselves
 - (4) themselves
- 4 "Being declared the winners of the National Volleyball Championships was _____ our wildest dreams," the star player said.
- (1) of
 - (2) over
 - (3) above
 - (4) beyond
- 5 Krish insisted on _____ the puzzle before his dinner, refusing to leave it half done.
- (1) complete
 - (2) completed
 - (3) completing
 - (4) completion

- 6 Avery dislikes prawns. _____ that, she enjoys seafood.
- (1) As a result of
 - (2) In addition to
 - (3) According to
 - (4) In spite of
- 7 The scientists conducted _____ research on sea jellies before they published their detailed work last year.
- (1) little
 - (2) much
 - (3) many
 - (4) several
- 8 Hoping to avoid the peak-hour crowd, the tour guide suggested that the tourists _____ at the lobby after breakfast.
- (1) gather
 - (2) gathered
 - (3) had gathered
 - (4) have gathered
- 9 "Neither of us _____ ready to leave the party now," whined Kim to her mother.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
- 10 "Working with Nora on this project was _____ than the requirements of the project itself," said Jill.
- (1) challenging
 - (2) as challenging
 - (3) more challenging
 - (4) most challenging

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For each question from 11 to 15, choose the answer that best fits in the sentence(s).
Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

- 11 The _____ of the football player was on full display as he successfully dodged the tackles from his opponents.
- (1) accuracy
 - (2) strength
 - (3) stamina
 - (4) agility
- 12 David stayed up late to revise for the examinations because he had _____ studying until the night before his first paper.
- (1) put out
 - (2) put off
 - (3) put up
 - (4) put on
- 13 Although Lilian had won the Student Leader Award, she remained _____, rarely bringing up her achievements to her classmates.
- (1) confident
 - (2) modest
 - (3) selfless
 - (4) proud
- 14 The detective searched the room _____ for fingerprints, looking into every nook and cranny for even the smallest clue.
- (1) meticulously
 - (2) vigorously
 - (3) hastily
 - (4) calmly
- 15 When Jessie and her team members were having a heated argument, Mrs Lim stepped in to _____ the tension before it worsened.
- (1) minimise
 - (2) subside
 - (3) reduce
 - (4) defuse

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)

The Singapore Zoo celebrated the birth of three Sri Lankan leopard cubs early this year. This arrival marked a significant milestone as these were the first-ever cubs of their kind to be born here. As there are fewer than 800 of these leopards left in the wild, experts hope the birth of these cubs will bring up the shrinking population of this endangered species. Mandai Wildlife Group curator, Mr Anand Kumar, said that witnessing the healthy cubs thrive and develop distinct personalities was incredibly rewarding. He added that the two male cubs were more laid-back while the female cub was observed to be feisty. The cubs can be found in the Wild Africa exhibit every Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday.

Adapted from www.straitstimes.com

- 16 (1) transformation
(2) breakthrough
(3) anniversary
(4) incident

- 17 (1) improve
(2) multiply
(3) expand
(4) aid

- 18 (1) excel
(2) mature
(3) flourish
(4) survive

- 19 (1) enjoyable
(2) valuable
(3) inspiring
(4) fulfilling

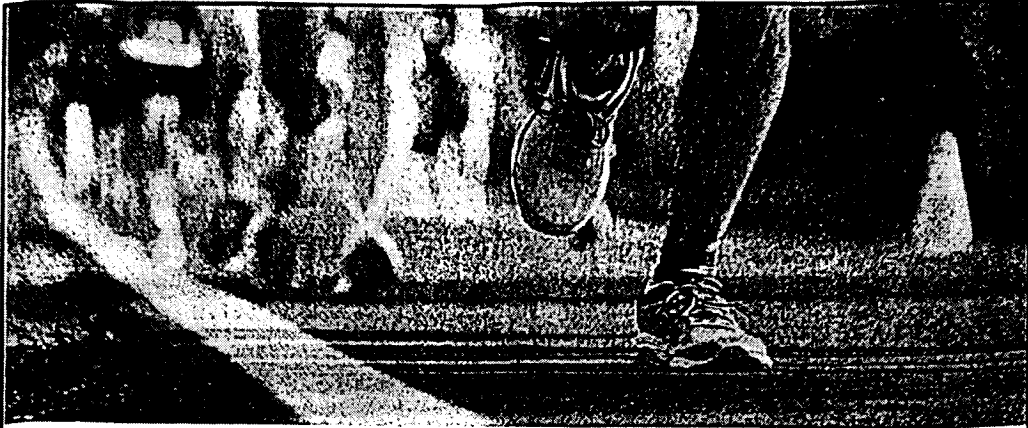
- 20 (1) lively
(2) fierce
(3) playful
(4) uptight

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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 related to running.



House of Runners

Run Your Way to a Healthier Life

Want to feel stronger and more energetic? Run!

Benefits:

Improves heart health	Strengthens muscles	Increases stamina
		

Our friendly members meet every Tuesday evening and Saturday morning for group runs. Runners of all levels come together to exercise, support one another and stay motivated. Whether you are new to running or already enjoy it, we welcome you!

Interested?
Contact Jim at 9123 4567 to sign up.

Text 2

The extract below is taken from an online article.

For many, running is seen as a symbol of health and vitality. Because of its health benefits, some people insist that it is the best or most important form of exercise. The truth is, there are many other ways to enjoy similar health benefits. Activities such as cycling or playing sports can also help improve heart health and strengthen the body. What matters most is staying active regularly and enjoying the process.

Running can be an intense activity, especially for beginners. If people run too often, too fast or for too long, they will likely experience injuries such as muscle strain or joint pain. When this happens, some individuals may feel discouraged and stop exercising altogether. Health experts often recommend matching activities with one's current fitness level. Whether it is running, walking, or playing games with friends, regularly engaging in enjoyable activities is what helps people stay healthy in the long run. In addition, maintaining a balanced diet and drinking enough water help support overall health.

or 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 "Want to feel stronger and more energetic?" The purpose of this question in Text 1 is to _____.

- (1) make readers want to pick up running
- (2) invite readers to join House of Runners
- (3) show readers what it means to be healthy
- (4) ask readers how they can become healthier

22 Based on the poster in Text 1, which of the following would you least expect House of Runners to be?

- (1) a club for people to make friends
- (2) a group of people who meet regularly
- (3) a way for people to exercise together
- (4) a club that people who like running can join

23 Which of the following statements are true about how information on House of Runners is presented in Text 1?

- A: It expresses concern about readers' health issues.
- B: It emphasises how readers can benefit from an activity.
- C: It uses an inclusive and welcoming approach to attract readers.

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| (1) A and B | (2) A and C |
| (3) B and C | (4) A, B and C |

24 What is the main message Text 2 conveys about staying healthy?

- (1) Include a wide range of exercises.
- (2) Establish an enjoyable exercise routine.
- (3) Maintain a balanced diet and drink enough water.
- (4) Match the intensity of the activity to one's fitness level.

25 Which idea is expressed in both Text 1 and Text 2?

- (1) Running offers health benefits.
- (2) Running is not suitable for beginners.
- (3) Running regularly will result in injuries.
- (4) Running is the only way to improve heart health.

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.

Nick trudged out of the school gate with a heavy heart. It had been a dreadful day. In the morning, he had been reprimanded by his English teacher for forgetting to bring his homework. The stinging words still echoed in his mind, making his **cheeks burn with embarrassment**. During group work later in the day, his classmates had barely acknowledged his presence and brushed aside his ideas, leaving him feeling unimportant and excluded. To make matters worse, a stack of assignments awaited him, each one seeming more overwhelming than the last. By the time school ended, Nick felt utterly drained. It seemed as though nothing had gone right for him that day.

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Dark clouds loomed overhead as Nick made his way towards the traffic light. Just as he stepped off the curb, a sudden downpour began. Caught off guard by **this**, Nick froze, unsure of what to do. At that moment, a gentle voice spoke beside him. "Would you like to share my umbrella?" Turning around, Nick saw a friendly lady with a tote bag slung on her shoulder smiling at him. Without waiting for a reply, she tilted it to shelter him from the rain. Nick nodded gratefully. As they crossed the road together, a warmth stirred in Nick's heart. It was a simple gesture, yet it brightened his gloomy mood.

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After parting ways with the lady, Nick hurried towards the MRT station, weaving through the crowd to escape the rain. He tapped his card at the gantry and made his way onto the platform, his damp uniform clinging to his skin. Despite the **discomfort**, Nick patiently watched the train approach. He sighed deeply, trying to ease the uncertainty that filled his **burdened** heart. "How can I complete all that homework by tonight?" he lamented softly. Boarding the train, Nick found a seat and stared blankly at the floor, still thinking about the events of the day.

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Suddenly, a commotion broke out. A commuter, who looked visibly unwell, had vomited on the train floor. Immediately, several passengers recoiled in disgust, covering their noses and moving away. Moments later, a young man stepped forward swiftly. Calmly, he approached the commuter and rendered assistance. Taking out some tissue paper, he began cleaning up the mess, his actions steady and uncomplaining. Nick watched in awe. Despite the unpleasant situation, the young man chose to help instead of turning away. Perhaps Singaporeans were not as selfish as he had thought, and kindness still existed in society.

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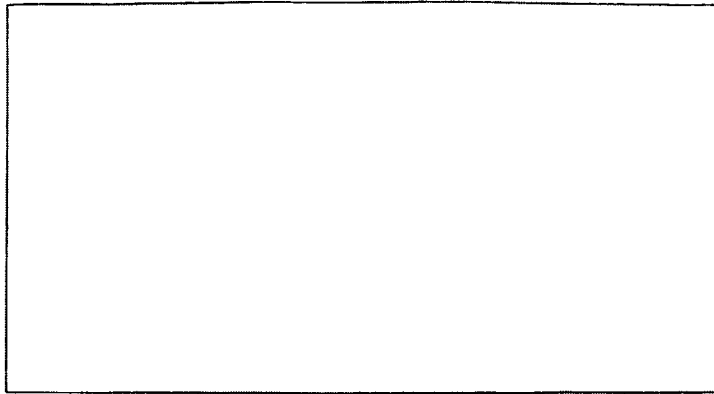
When Nick alighted from the train, the rain had let up. As he walked home, he noticed a concerning sight – an **elderly lady was in distress**. Her electric wheelchair had run out of battery and she was stranded at the side of the path. Beside her stood a man who was struggling to push the heavy wheelchair forward. Without hesitation, Nick hurried over. "Let me help," he offered. Together, they pushed the wheelchair slowly along the path. It was not easy, as the wheels resisted their efforts. However, Nick and the man persevered and they finally reached the old lady's flat. After a quick exchange, the man rushed off as he was running late for his appointment. With gratitude in her eyes, the old lady looked at Nick and uttered, "Thank you, young man." Then, she added warmly, "You have a kind heart." Her words lingered with him as he made his way home. For the first time that day, Nick smiled.

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As he reflected on the events of the afternoon, Nick realised that while his day had started poorly, it did not have to end that way. The kindness he had witnessed, and taken part in, had shifted his perspective. Life would always have its challenges. With a lighter heart, Nick walked on, determined to face tomorrow with renewed positivity.

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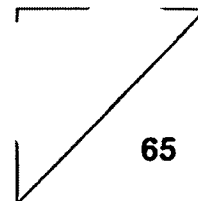
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BOOKLET B**

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Please check that your name, school and index number are printed **CORRECTLY** on the barcode label before pasting it within the box provided.
2. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Answer all questions.
5. Use a dark blue or black ballpoint pen to write your answers in the space provided for each question.
6. Do not use correction fluid/tape.
7. Do not use highlighters on any part of your answers.

Marks:



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 to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

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| (A) a | (D) are | (G) from | (K) its | (N) who |
| (B) an | (E) by | (H) in | (L) it's | (P) whom |
| (C) and | (F) for | (J) is | (M) or | (Q) with |

A 25-year-old Singaporean, Daniel Goh, has gained attention online for creating Chimbridge, a Singlish dictionary. The project features humorous entries inspired _____ local expressions and everyday speech commonly used in Singapore. Many of these entries include creative phrases and one of the examples _____ "lao hong biscuit", which describes something that has become outdated over time.

The creator, _____ started the project as a personal passion, wanted to showcase the uniqueness of Singlish _____ highlight how language reflects identity in society. He believes Singlish plays _____ unique role in shaping how Singaporeans communicate _____ others in daily life.

Through Chimbridge, he hopes to provide a platform _____ creative expression and cultural sharing among online users _____ different walks of life. The dictionary has rapidly grown _____ popularity over time, gaining attention from local and international audiences. _____ success has also encouraged others to contribute ideas to the project in meaningful ways. Do refer to the Chimbridge dictionary if you ever need Singlish references.

Adapted from: www.channelnewsasia.com

Score:

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

When Mr Rakcent Wong and his family made plans to travel around

the world two years ago, many could not understand why they would do so.

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However, it was an opurtooniti they did not want to miss. Over the past year,

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acquaintances they met have often asked if life overseas was more apeeling

for them. Certainly, it was. Nonetheless, travelling around the world has

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shows the family how fortunate they already are. Singapore may be short in

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natural resources, but it offers safety and stable. To them, Singapore is the

best place to settle down and build a home.

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In retrospect, the family found their world travels bearnefical to

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them. Particularly, Mr Wong and his wife rekonaised that their young son had

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experienced the great gain among them. At a young age, he had cultivated an

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advencheras spirit. Now that they are back in Singapore, it does not mark the

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end of a journey. Instead, it is simple a new season in their journey together.

Mr Wong is ready to build many more memories with his family.

Adapted from: www.channelnewsasia.com

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Score:

Fill in the blanks with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Do students in Singapore like the food from their school canteens? For those who have a wide _____ of food options to choose from, the answer is probably yes. _____, for others, their experiences may not be as positive.

Addressing this issue may not be a _____ of cake, but some schools have adopted a central kitchen system to provide meals for their students. This change is largely _____ to the decreasing number of canteen vendors. Many stallholders find it hard to _____ with the long working hours and rising operating costs over time. As a result, many of them are _____ to run food stalls in schools, despite the pressing need for canteen vendors.

Under the central kitchen system, meals are prepared in a main kitchen before being _____ into bento boxes and delivered to schools. While this seems like a _____ to the problem of having a shortage of canteen vendors in some schools, it also _____ concerns among parents and students. For one, food that is transported over a long _____ may not always be as fresh as it was when first cooked. Students may also have _____ food choices than before, especially if only a limited menu is offered.

To improve the situation, central kitchens are making changes. Some work with nutritionists to _____ meals are healthy and tasty. Schools also collect feedback from students so that changes to the menu can be made _____ on their food preferences. It is _____ noting that this system will not be implemented across all schools. It is meant to serve as an option for schools that face difficulties finding vendors, rather _____ replace the traditional canteen completely. As schools continue to review this system, further improvements are expected to make school dining both convenient and enjoyable for students.

Adapted from: The Straits Times

For each of the questions 61 to 65, 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)

- 61 Mrs Lim received the bad news. Mrs Lim fainted on the spot.

On _____
_____.

- 62 Tina achieved her goal after months of training.

_____ of her goal came after
_____.

- 63 "Why did you forget your homework?" Mrs Gan asked Brother.

Mrs Gan asked Brother _____
_____.

- 64 Passing the exam needs at least fifty marks.

A minimum of _____
_____.

- 65 The coach adjusted the training hours so that the pressure on students would be less.

To _____, the coach
_____.

Score:

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Read the passage on page 10 of Booklet A and answer questions 66 to 75. (20 marks)

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- 66 Explain how the English teacher made Nick's "cheeks burn with embarrassment" (lines 3-4). [2m]

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- 67 From the first paragraph, pick out a two-word phrase that tells us Nick's suggestions were ignored. [1m]

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Two effects the lady's act of kindness had on Nick [2m]

a)

b)

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- 69 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) this (line 10)	
b) it (line 13)	
c) discomfort (line 18)	

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70 Why was Nick "burdened" (line 20)? [2m]

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in this
space

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71 Based on lines 23-30, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

	True/False	Reason
a) The passengers were worried for the unwell commuter right after he vomited.		
b) The young man assisted the unwell commuter hesitantly.		
c) The incident on the train caused Nick to view society more positively.		

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72 The "elderly lady was in distress" (line 32).

a) How did Nick feel when he saw the elderly lady in distress? [1m]

b) Why did Nick feel this way? [1m]

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73 Explain why it was difficult to push the wheelchair. [2m]

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74 What impression did the elderly lady have of Nick in lines 38–39? [1m]

75 What lesson did Nick learn about life that day? [2m]

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

Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35
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Q36)	opportunity	Q40)	stability	Q44)	adventurous
Q37)	appealing	Q41)	beneficial	Q45)	simply
Q38)	shown	Q42)	recognised	Q46)	variety
Q39)	of	Q43)	greatest	Q47)	Meanwhile

Q48)	Piece	Q53)	solution	Q58)	based
Q49)	due	Q54)	sparks	Q59)	worth
Q50)	cope	Q55)	time	Q60)	than
Q51)	unwilling	Q56)	fewer		
Q52)	packed	Q57)	ensure		
Q61)	On receiving the bad news, Mrs Lim fainted on the spot.				
Q62)	Tina's achievement of her goal came after months of training.				
Q63)	Mrs Gan asked Brother if why he had forgotten his homework.				
Q64)	A minimum of fifty marks is needed to pass the exam.				

Q65)	To lessen the pressure on students, the coach adjusted the training hours.
Q66)	The English teacher reprimanded Nick for forgetting to bring his homework and Nick could not forget her stinging words.
Q67)	brushed aside
Q68)	a) brightened b) a warmth stirred in his heart
Q69)	a) a sudden downpour b) the friendly lady's umbrella c) Nick's damp uniform clinging to his skin.
Q70)	Nick was uncertain out being able complete his homework by that night.
Q71)	a) False --- The passengers recoiled in august and covered their noses while morning away. b) False --- The young man stepped forward swiftly and calmly approached the unwell commuter before rendering assistance. c) True --- Nick thought perhaps Singaporeans were not as selfish as he thought and kindness still existed in society.
Q72)	a) Nick felt worried b) The elderly lady's electric wheelchair had run out of battery and she was stranded at the side of the path.
Q73)	The wheelchair was heavy.
Q74)	She thought he had a kind heart.
Q75)	Kindness can change one's outlook, and although life will always have challenges, one should face them positively.