

METHODIST GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)

Founded in 1887



END-OF-YEAR EXAMINATION 2021 PRIMARY 5

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 1 (WRITING)

Additional Materials: Writing Paper

Total Time : 1 hour 10 minutes

Total Marks : 55 marks

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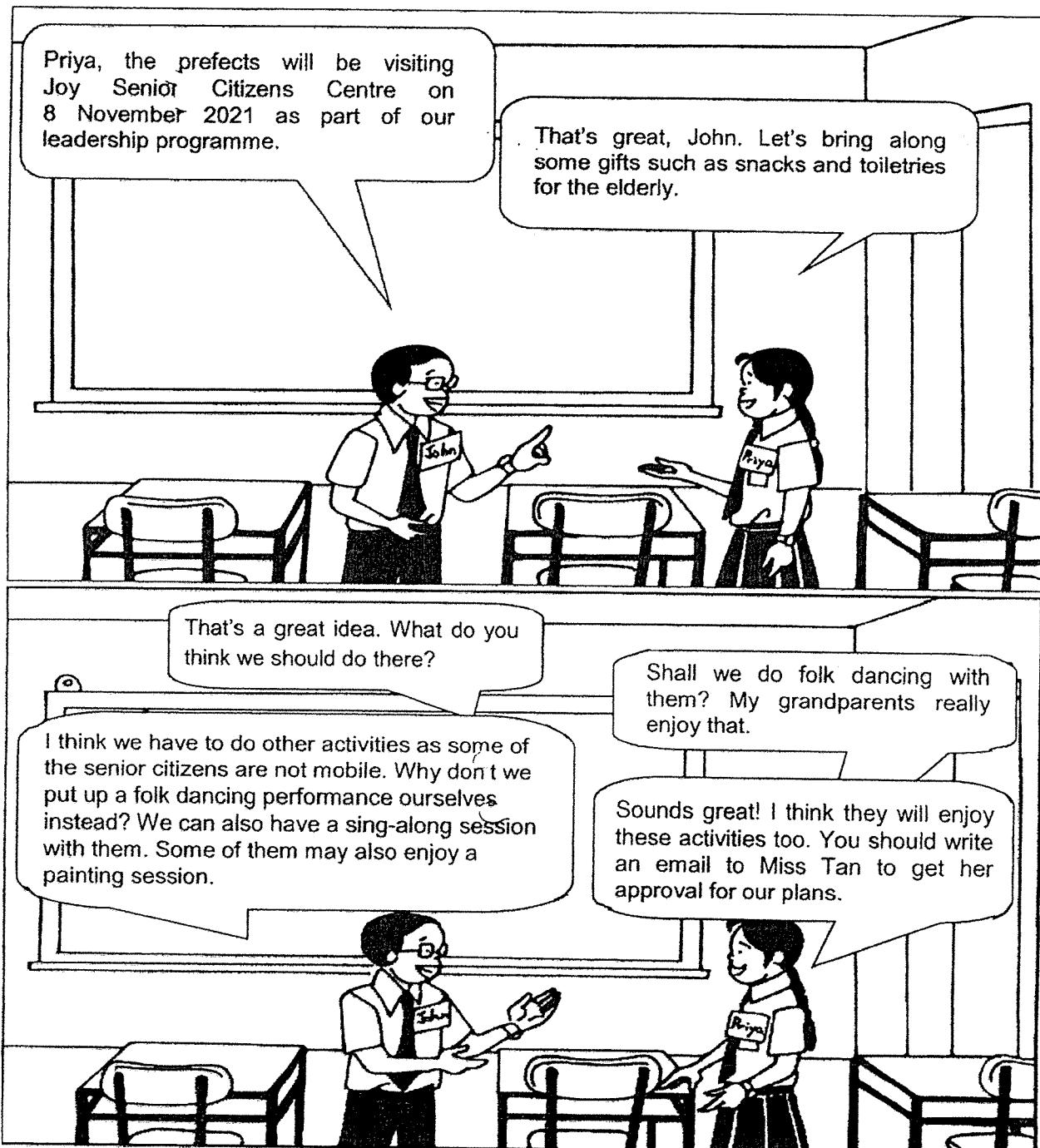
Class: Primary 5. _____

Date : 13 October 2021

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Part 1: Situational Writing (15 marks)

1 The pictures below show the head prefect, John, talking to his fellow prefect, Priya, about the plans for their leadership programme. Study the pictures carefully.



Your Task

Imagine you are John.

Write an email to your Prefect Mistress, Miss Tan, to get her approval for what the prefects have planned for their leadership programme.

You are to refer to the pictures and information on page 2 for your email.

In your email, include the following key information:

- where the prefects will be visiting
- the date of the visit
- what they will be giving the elderly
- two activities that the prefects are planning to do there
- why these activities were chosen

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

Part 2: Continuous Writing (40 marks)

2 Write a composition of at least 150 words about an embarrassing moment.

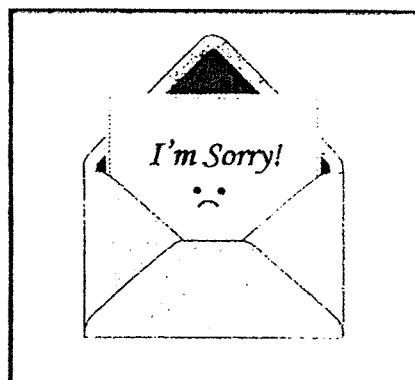
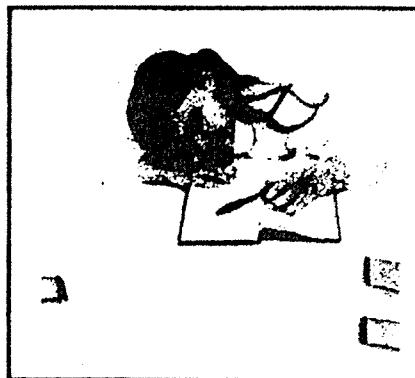
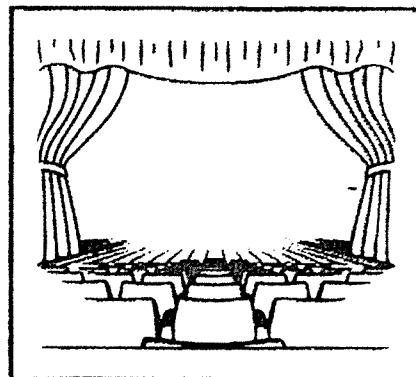
The pictures are provided to help you think about this topic.

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

Consider the following points when you plan your composition.

- What was embarrassing?
- Why was it embarrassing?

You may use the points in any order and include other relevant points as well.



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ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
(BOOKLET A)

Total Time for Booklets A, B and C: 1 h 50 min

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Name: _____ ()

Class: Primary 5. _____

Date : 25 October 2021

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This booklet consists of 9 printed pages including this 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 twins, Li Lin and Li Min, stumbled upon an old friend of _____ at Sentosa. They had not seen her since kindergarten!

- (1) hers
- (2) theirs
- (3) herself
- (4) themselves

2 Malik, _____ father is playing in the national football team, has been chosen to be the captain of his school team.

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

3 " _____ you explain clearly, how do you expect us to understand what you are trying to say?" Zoe said, exasperated.

- (1) Unless
- (2) Despite
- (3) Whether
- (4) Although

4 Every Saturday, Ramu, as well as his friends, _____ waking up early to train at the swimming pool.

- (1) dread
- (2) dreads
- (3) is dreading
- (4) are dreading

5 "If I were you, I _____ the incident to the discipline mistress at once!" Nora told her best friend.

- (1) will report
- (2) would report
- (3) will be reporting
- (4) would have reported

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6 In her speech, Devi, who topped the class attributed her success _____ her parents' unwavering support.

- (1) by
- (2) of
- (3) to
- (4) with

7 _____ Sumei done her revision earlier, she would not have to burn the midnight oil to study for her science examination.

- (1) Did
- (2) Had
- (3) Would
- (4) Should

8 _____ of Lia's parents is allowed to accompany her into the doctor's consultation room. The other person has to stay at the waiting area.

- (1) All
- (2) Both
- (3) Either
- (4) Neither

9 The students enjoyed _____ for the class performance as it gave them a chance to bond with one another.

- (1) prepare
- (2) prepared
- (3) preparing
- (4) preparation

10 "The boy dashed across the road, _____ he?" the police officer asked one of the eyewitnesses to the accident.

- (1) didn't
- (2) wasn't
- (3) couldn't
- (4) shouldn't

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For each question from 11 to 15, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

11 Rick vomited repeatedly after consuming _____ food from the street hawker.

- (1) ruined
- (2) infected
- (3) contagious
- (4) contaminated

12 Negotiations between the two opposing groups _____ despite hours spent trying to reach a compromise.

- (1) broke in
- (2) broke up
- (3) broke out
- (4) broke down

13 Though Halim struggled with the project initially, he persisted and finally _____.

- (1) won the day
- (2) held the fort
- (3) blew his own horn
- (4) struck while the iron was hot

14 As Tom's grandmother recently passed away, his teacher agreed to _____ his request to extend his assignment deadline.

- (1) allow
- (2) adapt
- (3) receive
- (4) accommodate

15 Caleb was reprimanded for _____ his parents' signatures on his test papers.

- (1) forging
- (2) imitating
- (3) duplicating
- (4) reproducing

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

The scorching afternoon sun beat down on John and his two friends mercilessly. However, the trio was so engrossed in watching the fishing rod that they did not even notice that they were (16) drenched in perspiration.

A few seconds ago, after two uneventful hours, the rod finally seemed to show some signs (17) of movement, hinting at the possibility of a fish nibbling at the bait. Without warning, the rod (18) started shaking furiously and John, with his characteristic speed, was the first to leap up from his (19) chair to grab the rod. His two friends waited with bated breath as John struggled to reel in the (20) fishing line. Had they caught a big fish?

16 (1) misled by
 (2) riveted by
 (3) charmed by
 (4) bewitched by

17 (1) dull
 (2) routine
 (3) tedious
 (4) ordinary

18 (1) risk
 (2) prospect
 (3) occasion
 (4) incidence

19 (1) specific
 (2) original
 (3) symbolic
 (4) trademark

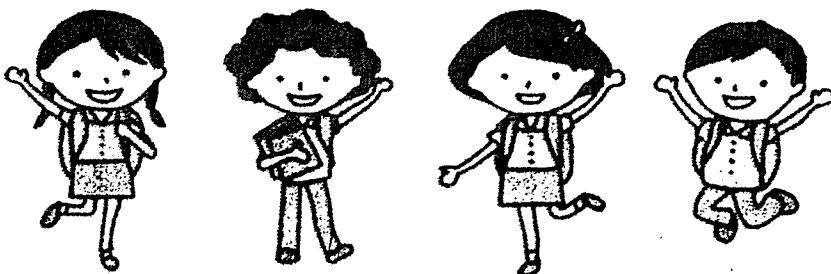
20 (1) sincerely
 (2) anxiously
 (3) desperately
 (4) breathlessly

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

GPS NEWSLETTER

ISSUE NO. 1
TERM 1, 2021



Find out what happened at Greenvale Primary School

HIP HIP
HOORAY

Before we know it, the action-packed Term 1 has come to an end! The pupil reporters at Greenvale Primary School (GPS) have put together this termly newsletter for parents and friends of GPS. In this issue, let's revisit some of the exciting events in Term 1.

Editor: Lee Xin Yu (Primary 6A)

GREAT BUDDY PROGRAMME

The first day of school was an exciting day for everyone, particularly our Primary 1 pupils. They were excited to start their journey in a totally new school environment with unfamiliar teachers and classmates.



Primary 4 buddies took care of the primary 1 pupils during recess for four weeks. This helped to put the minds of the parents and pupils at ease. The buddies taught them how to buy food from the canteen and find their way around the school. "I enjoyed meeting my 'little friend' and sharing with him everything about the school," remarked Farhan, one of the buddies.

They shared many positive experiences during the four weeks together. On the last day, the Primary 1 pupils showed their appreciation by making thank-you cards for their buddies. It was indeed a good learning experience for the Primary 4 pupils as they were able to put into action the school values of **Graciousness and Charity**.

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SPORTS DAY



The Primary 4 to 6 pupils have been preparing for Sports Day since the beginning of the term. The event took place on 26 February at Greenview Stadium. The pupils completed their obstacle relays with great teamwork and determination.

The parents had a first-hand experience when they participated in the Parent-Child Race. They were as enthusiastic as their children! The efforts of both the parents and pupils paid off as they contributed points to the four Houses.



At the end of the event, **Blue House won** with a total of 200 points. The Sports Day ended on a high note with everyone dancing to the tune of "Colours of My Life" at the Mass Workout.

One of the parents, Mr Siya Krishnan, said, "I am proud to see my child displaying one of the school values, which is **cooperation**!"

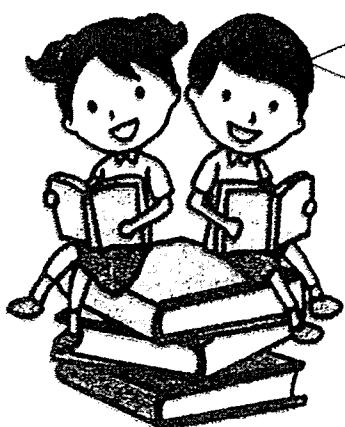
Reporter: Chen Jia Le (Primary 5C)

CULTURAL PARADE 2021



On 6 March, the school took 100 Primary 5 pupils to the annual Cultural Parade held at Ruby Street. The parade featured cultural performances by performers from various ethnic groups in Singapore. Despite the gloomy weather, the pupils were enthusiastic and full of energy when they reported to school at 5 p.m. that day. The rain came the moment the pupils reached the venue, but it did not dampen their spirits as they were prepared with ponchos and umbrellas. It was uncomfortable to watch the show in the rain, but fortunately, the skies cleared after half an hour allowing the pupils to have an enjoyable time at the parade.

Reporter: Siti Aisha (Primary 5F)



We want to hear from you!

How do you think we can further improve our newsletter?

Write to the editor at feedback@gps.edu.sg and stand a chance to win a \$5 school bookshop voucher!

Do you enjoy interviewing people? Would you like to write about school events as a pupil reporter? Drop an email to our teacher-in-charge, Mr Roger Lim, at rlim@gps.edu.sg. Tell us why you will make a good writer with a write-up of not more than 200 words.

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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 What is the main purpose of the newsletter?

- (1) to teach pupils school values
- (2) to invite pupils to be school reporters
- (3) to keep readers updated on school events
- (4) to inform readers of upcoming school activities

22 In the Great Buddy Programme, the Primary 4 pupils _____.

- (1) received thank-you cards on the first day
- (2) shared only school values with their buddies
- (3) introduced the new pupils to their classmates
- (4) spent time with Primary 1 pupils during recess

23 Based on the newsletter, which of the following sentence is true of Sports Day?

- (1) The event ended with everyone singing a song.
- (2) Blue House emerged as champion at the event.
- (3) The event took place in the first week of the term.
- (4) Only pupils and teachers participated in the event.

24 Which of the following is not one of the school values of GPS?

- (1) charity
- (2) cooperation
- (3) graciousness
- (4) determination

25 The rain at the Cultural Parade _____.

- (1) did not dampen the spirits of the performers
- (2) stopped half an hour before the parade began
- (3) started as soon as the pupils reached Ruby Street
- (4) forced the performers to continue the show in their ponchos

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26 The purpose of the question in the section "We want to hear from you!" is to

- (1) get readers to write a short report for the newsletter
- (2) check if the readers have fully understood the newsletter
- (3) arouse the readers' interest to read the newsletter thoroughly
- (4) ask readers to give suggestions on how to improve the newsletter

27 Fatimah wants to win a bookshop voucher. Who should she send the email to?

- (1) Siva Krishnan
- (2) Lee Xin Yu
- (3) Roger Lim
- (4) Siti Aisha

28 Ming Hua wants to be a pupil reporter. What must he do?

- (1) interview the teacher-in-charge
- (2) submit an essay featuring a school event
- (3) send a write-up via email to Mr Roger Lim
- (4) send a letter of at least 200 words to the editor

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
(BOOKLET B)

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Booklet A	28
Booklet B	47
Booklet C	20
Total	95
Parent's Signature	

This booklet consists of 5 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 (C) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) a	(D) by	(G) in	(K) over	(N) the
(B) as	(E) for	(H) of	(L) should	(P) then
(C) before	(F) if	(J) on	(M) than	(Q) with

In the 1960s, Professor Walter Mischel began conducting a series of experiments. In one of his experiments, he and his team revealed an extremely important characteristic to be successful _____ life.

(29)

The experiment began _____ bringing a child into a private room, sitting her down (30)

in a chair and placing a marshmallow _____ the table in front of her. At that point, the (31)

researcher told the child that he was going to leave the room. If she did not eat _____ (32)

marshmallow while he was away, she would be rewarded _____ a second marshmallow. (33)

However, _____ the child decide to eat the first one before the researcher came back, she (34)

would not get a second marshmallow. The researcher _____ left the room. The child was (35)

all by herself _____ only fifteen minutes. (36)

This popular study became known _____ "The Marshmallow Experiment". The (37)

researchers discovered that the children who waited patiently for the second marshmallow

succeeded in many areas _____ their lives. This experiment proved that being able to wait (38)

to get a better reward later is an essential life skill.

Adapted from *Delayed Gratification* by James Clear

Score: _____

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

(39)

Dav Pilkey was born on March 4, 1966, in Cleveland, Ohio. He writes humour books for
(40)

children. He is best known for the creator of the renowned children's character Captain Underpants. His book "The Paperboy" was named a 1997 Caldecott Honor Book.

(41)

Pilkey had problems focusing in class. This made going to school very challenged for him.
(42)

He was often repriminded and sent out of the classroom to sit at a desk along the corridor.
(43) (44)

That was when he started making up perculier stories. He also ilestrayted all the pictures.
(45)

While he was in university, one of his professor suggested writing a children's book.
(46) (47)

He subsequently wrote his first book, "World War Won", and entered them in a national contest.
(48)

He won the contest and his book be published in 1987.
(49)

Pilkey's porpuler Captain Underpants series is geared towards children between the ages
(50) of six and thirteen. The books in the series follow the advenchers of two ten-year-old boys
named George and Harold. They make their own comic books and the main character is the
superhero, Captain Underpants.

Adapted from "Dav Pilkey" by kids.britannica.com

Score:

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Have you ever wondered why you feel tired after an online live session? However, you might not feel the same _____ the meeting was held with everyone physically in the same room. This effect, nicknamed "Zoom fatigue", is felt not just by _____ but also by _____ teachers during Home-Based Learning. Many can get worn _____ by back-to-back video meetings as they are forced to learn or work from _____ during the Covid-19 pandemic.

A US scientist says he has identified some key _____ why video calls _____ can be so exhausting. Jeremy Bailenson, from Stanford University, has _____ more than 20 years looking at how different forms of online communication can affect people.

He says the first possible reason video calls can feel tiring is _____ people _____ are constantly making eye _____ with one another as they look at their cameras. During face-to-face meetings or classes, people are usually just looking at the speaker but during an online session, everyone seems to be staring at everyone else.

A second _____ reason for fatigue could be that people are spending more time _____ at themselves on their screens. Previous studies have suggested that _____ staring into mirrors can make people feel more critical about _____ and doubtful of their abilities.

Bailenson's final reason is that it is more _____ to interpret other people's gestures and expressions online. Understanding people's _____ language in a video call requires our brains to work extra hard given a limited camera view.

Working from home also means that many people are not as active as before. Studies have _____ that people can think more creatively when moving around _____. (65) online meetings force people to sit still. This is especially because they need to stay in the camera frame.

Adapted from "Zoom Fatigue" theweekjunior.co.uk

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 of the given sentence(s).

66 You can read your book after you are done with dinner.

_____ until

67 The boys were inadequately prepared. They failed their examinations.

due to their inadequate _____

68 Paul was very disappointed that he did not qualify for the competition.

Much to _____

69 Mr Tan demonstrated the proper way to wear a mask.

_____ by Mr Tan.

70 "I went to your office to pass you the gift," Keith said to Aunty May.

Keith told Aunty May _____

Score:

(Go on to Booklet C)

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(BOOKLET C)

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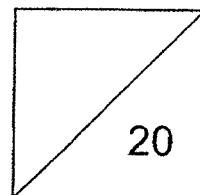
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Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

I was born with a condition that caused me to be fitted with artificial legs, which are also known as prosthetics. I got my first prosthetics at just eight months old. Also, my fingers on my left hand were joined together, requiring surgery to separate them. As a result, I only have eight fingers. Despite having no feet and only three fingers on one of my hands, I was not enrolled in any special education school. In school, during physical education classes, I was often picked last to be on any team. I used to get very frustrated and would be really upset about my "fake legs". Moreover, I would always come in last when my friends and I were in running races as I was too slow. It was especially hard playing basketball because I could not jump well since I did not have any ankles. This changed when I got my first pair of Rollerblade skates. 5

Even though it was difficult to learn to skate, I liked the feeling of being on skates, but most importantly, I was finally able to move just as fast as the other kids. I kept practising and learnt how to get up if I fell. Soon, I got better and faster. Then, when my friends were running races, I would put on a pair of skates and race with them. Win or lose, I was able to keep up. Since skating had become my favourite thing to do, I signed up for my first roller hockey team. Naively, I thought I would just skate up to the net and take a shot at the goal. However, all my **attempts** were futile. I did not score a single goal that whole season of the tournament. 10 15

Thus, I trained hard and the following year, I signed up again. When I got through the try-outs, I was actually put in a team with the older kids. They were much bigger and I became intimidated. They actually stole the puck* from me during the first game and I remembered thinking, "Aren't we in the same team?" I was ready to give in to the pressure and did not want to show up for the next game. My family encouraged me to keep trying, which I did. For the next game, we were losing four to five. When a pass came to me, I took the shot and it flew into the net just as the buzzer went off. I had finally scored a goal and it tied the game. When my team came skating over to me with excitement, I realised that I really could become good at the sport. It would be the first of my many goals and I knew it would not have been possible if not for what my family **had done** for me before that game. 20 25

The next roller hockey team I played with did not even know I wore prosthetics, especially with all the hockey gear I had to wear. During one of the games, one of **them** kept going towards the net, almost scoring a goal! There was dead silence in the arena. One coach carried me off the rink while another carried my leg. When I got off the rink, everyone just started clapping. All my family and I could do was laugh. When the game was over, people kept coming up to me and shaking my hand like I was the "most valuable player" for the "goal" I had scored. 30

The old style of prosthetics, where the ankles did not bend, was great for hockey and created an advantage for me over the other players, whose ankles and any bone on their legs could get strained or even break during a game. I also found an amazing prosthetist named Eric. He made me prosthetics with ankles that bent and were good not just for hockey but also for running, jumping, hiking and golf. I could even change my prosthetics according to the sport I was playing. 35

*puck: The rubber disk used in roller hockey to score goals.

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I have never thought of myself as handicapped but differently-abled. Someday, I will train for the Paralympics, which is the Olympics for the physically challenged. I would have to train hard to be one of the best – just like any other professional. One day, after I had completed a ten-kilometre running race, a friend of mine exclaimed, “What! I could never do that!” I just smiled at him nonchalantly. My philosophy is you just have to go for it. You will never know until you try. As the saying goes, “Anything is possible!”

Adapted from *Anything is Possible* by Danny Stein

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in this space.

71 Why did the writer have difficulty playing basketball? [1m]

72 What was the main reason the writer wanted to learn how to skate? [1m]

73 Fill in the following table by identifying the correct word(s) from paragraph three. [2m]

Which word tells us that the writer was initially bothered about being in the roller hockey team?	<input type="text"/>
Which two-word phrase tells us that the writer wanted to pull out of the roller hockey team?	<input type="text"/>

74 Based on paragraph three, do you think the team members immediately accepted the writer into the roller hockey team? How do you know? [2m]

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in this space.

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
attempts (line 15)	
had done (line 25)	
them (line 28)	

76 Based on line 29, why was there "dead silence" in the arena? [2m]

77 Based on lines 2 to 24, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

		True / False	Reason
(i)	The writer was born only with abnormal legs.		
(ii)	The writer did not find any success with the first roller hockey team he joined.		
(iii)	In the writer's second roller hockey team, his team members were thrilled that he scored the winning goal.		

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in this space.

78 When playing hockey, what advantage did the writer have with his prosthetic legs? [2m]

79 Which two of the following words best describe how the writer felt in the last paragraph? Put a ✓ in the box beside each of your answers. [2m]

DO NOT TICK MORE THAN TWO BOXES.

indifferent

complacent

dejected

discouraged

motivated

optimistic

80 "Anything is possible!" (line 43). Based on this line, explain clearly how the writer's opinion on his prosthetic legs changed since the start of the story. [2m]

END OF PAPER

ANSWER KEY

YEAR : 2021
LEVEL : Primary 5
SCHOOL : Methodist Girls' School
SUBJECT : ENGLISH
TERM : End-Of-Year Examination

BOOKLET A (PAPER 2)

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

BOOKLET B (PAPER 2)

Q29	G	Q30	D	Q31	J	Q32	N	Q33	Q
Q34	L	Q35	P	Q36	E	Q37	B	Q38	H

Q39	humorous	Q40	as	Q41	challenging	Q42	reprimanded
Q43	peculiar	Q44	illustrated	Q45	professors	Q46	subsequently
Q47	it	Q48	was	Q49	popular	Q50	adventures

Q51	if	Q52	students	Q53	out	Q54	home	Q55	reasons
Q56	spent	Q57	because	Q58	contact	Q59	possible	Q60	starting
Q61	themselves	Q62	tiring	Q63	body	Q64	shown	Q65	but

Q66	You cannot read your book until you are done with dinner.
Q67	The boys failed their examinations due to their inadequate preparation.
Q68	Much to Paul's disappointment, he did not qualify for the competition.
Q69	The proper way to wear a mask was demonstrated by Mr Tan.
Q70	Keith told Aunt May that he had gone to her office to pass her the gift.
Q71	The writer could not jump well since he did not have any ankles, so he had difficulties playing basketball.
Q72	The writer was finally able to move just as fast as the other kids when he was on skates.
Q73	intimidated give in

Q74	No, as at first, his team members stole the puck from the writer even though they were on the same team.	
Q75	shots at the goal the writer's family encouraging him to keep trying the writer's prosthetics	
Q76	One of the writer's prosthetics kept going towards the net, almost scoring a goal, and everyone was surprised since they did not know the writer wore prosthetics.	
Q77	False	The writer was born with abnormal legs, and his fingers on his left hand were also joined together, requiring surgery to separate them.
	True	In the first roller hockey team, all the writer's attempts at shooting at the goal were futile, and he did not score a single goal that whole season of the tournament.
	False	They were thrilled as he tied the score.
Q78	The ankles did not bend so the bones and ankles on the leg would not get strained or break.	
Q79	motivated, optimistic	
Q80	He used to be very frustrated that he could not do many things with his legs. Now, he feels he can do anything with his legs.	

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END