

**Maha Bodhi School
2023 End of Year Examination
Paper 1
English Language**

Name : _____ ()

Class : Primary 5 _____

Date : 12 October 2023

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

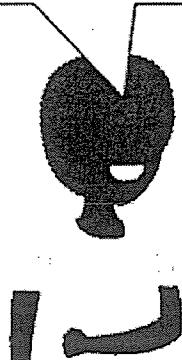
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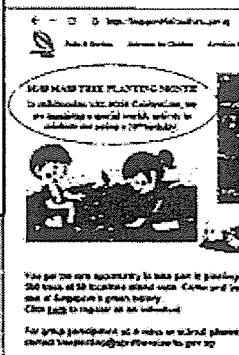
Part I: Situational Writing (15 marks)

The picture shows two children, Ravi and Sam, discussing about a tree planting activity that they read about on a web page. Study the picture carefully.

Look Sam! This is a rare chance to join in a tree-planting activity to celebrate Singapore's 58th birthday. It will be held at Gardens by the Bay.



Ravi

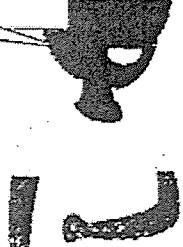


Oh! It will be held on 27 October, at 2 pm. If we participate as a class, we need to register by 20 October.

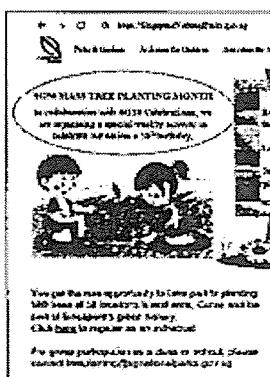


Sam

Great idea, Sam! However, we have supplementary classes after school on the 27 October. We will not be able to attend the supplementary class. Can you write to Mr Lim, our principal, to ask for permission to let our class, 5 Kindness participate?



Ravi



How interesting to plant a tree! It'll be such a great activity to do as a class. We can bond as a class and also do our part for the environment.



Sure! I'll write an email to Mr Lim now so that he can reply before the deadline.

Your Task

Imagine you are Sam Tan.

Write an email to your Principal of your school, Mr Lim, to request for permission for your class to participate in the mass tree planting activity.

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

In your email, include the following key information:

- your class
- when and where the activity takes place
- why your class should join this activity
- why you need the principal's permission to join this activity
- when Mr Lim needs to reply

You may re-order the points. Remember to write in complete sentences.

Part II: Continuous Writing (40 marks)

Write a composition of at least 150 words about a challenging situation.

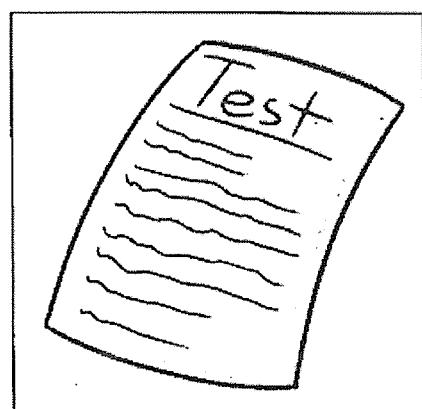
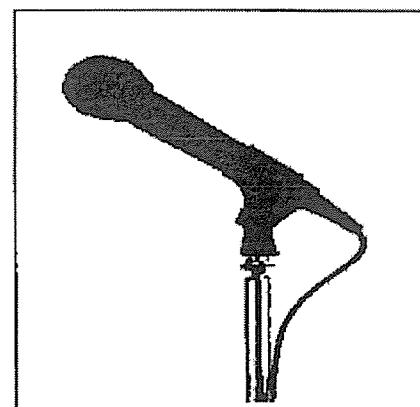
The pictures are provided to help you think about this topic. Your composition should be based on **one or more of these pictures**.

Consider the following points when you plan your composition:

- What was the situation?
- Why was it challenging?

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

**Do plan your story on the following page.
Do not spend more than 10 minutes on the planning.**



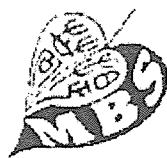
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Please remember to check your work thoroughly.



Do your planning for your composition on this page.



Maha Bodhi School
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Paper 2
(Booklet A)

Name : _____ ()

Class : Primary 5 _____

Date : 23 October 2023

Total Duration for Booklets A and B: 1 h 50 min

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

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2. Follow all instructions carefully.
3. Answer all questions.
4. Shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

This booklet consists of 9 printed pages.

Section A: Grammar MCQ (10 x 1 mark)

For each of the following, choose the correct answer and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3, or 4) on the OAS.

1. Mother _____ cookies all morning for the charity drive.
(1) has baked
(2) have baked
(3) has been baking
(4) have been baking

2. "Pat will travel to China, _____?" asked Mrs Ong.
(1) will she
(2) won't she
(3) would she
(4) wouldn't she

3. Neither Peter nor his classmates _____ the project that was due yesterday.
(1) has completed
(2) have completed
(3) has been completing
(4) have been completing

4. Harry is going _____ a difficult time and needs our help.
(1) on
(2) past
(3) over
(4) through

5. Larry will join us for the movie _____ he has to attend his enrichment class.
(1) if
(2) since
(3) unless
(4) despite

6. While Ali was admiring the scenery, a pickpocket _____ his wallet.

(1) stole
(2) has stolen
(3) had stolen
(4) was stolen

7. I take my vitamins daily to prevent myself from _____ a cold.

(1) catch
(2) caught
(3) catching
(4) having caught

8. Jay was in the laboratory when he saw his classmate _____ the beaker.

(1) break
(2) broke
(3) had broken
(4) was breaking

9. Mary's close group of friends _____ for her at the courtyard just now.

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

10. Peter did not have _____ homework today. He only had to finish one piece of Math worksheet.

(1) any
(2) little
(3) much
(4) many

Section B: Vocabulary MCQ (5 x 1 mark)

For each of the following, choose the best answer and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3, or 4) on the OAS.

11. The basketball finals had to be _____ to a later date due to the storm.

- (1) put up
- (2) put off
- (3) put out
- (4) put away

12. Science fiction and mystery are some book _____ that you can borrow from the library.

- (1) levels
- (2) groups
- (3) genres
- (4) classes

13. Within seconds from the explosion, the wooden hut was _____ in flames.

- (1) covered
- (2) engulfed
- (3) consumed
- (4) submerged

14. Even the doctors were surprised at David's sudden _____ of fever and could not find the cause.

- (1) onset
- (2) outlook
- (3) diagnosis
- (4) occurrence

15. Justin is _____. I wish he would stop harassing me!

- (1) a piece of cake
- (2) a thorn in my flesh
- (3) the apple of my eye
- (4) blowing his own trumpet

Section C: Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

For each question from 16 to 20, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

(16)
COVID-19 has changed life for people everywhere. People adjusted to new norms
(17)
like social distancing, routine temperature checks and washing their hands more. Businesses
around the world faced big changes too. A few companies around the world took
(18)
their response to the virus in an unexpected direction. These companies then decided to
(19)
manufacture goods or equipment that can help the fight against COVID-19.

LVMH is the biggest luxury company in the world. Back then, when the French
(20)
government warned the public that hospitals in Paris might face hand sanitiser shortages,
LVMH converted their perfume production lines to produce hand sanitiser.

Adapted from *What's Up, April 2020, "Factories switch from Perfume to Hand Sanitisers"*

- 16. (1) altered
(2) adapted
(3) modified
(4) balanced

- 17. (1) usual
(2) regular
(3) ordinary
(4) standard

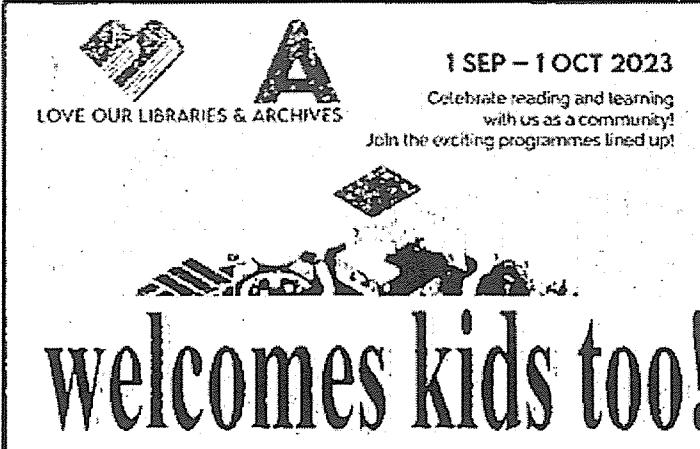
- 18. (1) abrupt
(2) startling
(3) astonishing
(4) unanticipated

- 19. (1) aid
(2) save
(3) promote
(4) maintain

- 20. (1) alerted
(2) advised
(3) informed
(4) reminded

Section D: Visual Text Comprehension (8 x 1 mark)

Study the webpage below carefully and then answer questions 21 to 28.



LOLA is back!

National Library Board's Love Our Libraries and Archives (LOLA) is an annual celebration of libraries and archives and its communities. LOLA aims to promote the love of reading through activities such as the Big Book Giveaway and celebrate the importance of our libraries and archives in bringing a rich experience to people from all walks of life.

Let our children discover and engage with Singapore's history and stories through the festivities taking place during LOLA 2023. They will explore our island across various topics and gain insights from the content and collections at the NLB. They will gain a better understanding of NLB's role as Singapore Storytellers through this series of programmes. LOLA aims to nurture a stronger appreciation of the Singapore experience in our children by awakening their curiosity, while shaping an understanding of Singapore's heritage and identity in the process. Kids, come join in our talks, tours, hands-on sessions, displays and more!



Looking to engage your children in meaningful activities? Here are some LOLA programmes that you can sign up for your children!

How Do You Feel?
STORYTELLING BY QUEK HONG SHIN
23 SEPTEMBER, 11AM TO 12PM
BEDOK PUBLIC LIBRARY
PROGRAMME ROOM

Hong Shin will also guide the children in drawing faces that express how they are feeling.

Programme:

1. Introduction (5 mins)
2. Storytelling session (20 mins)
3. Quiz based on the story (10 mins)
4. Emotions vocabulary? (10 mins)
5. Drawing the characters activity (15 mins)

In this one-hour workshop, Hong Shin will read his book Universe of Feelings – a picture book published by Superhero Me, a local community arts initiative.

Participants will get to explore the many emotions that people experience, and how every one of us expresses our feelings in different ways.

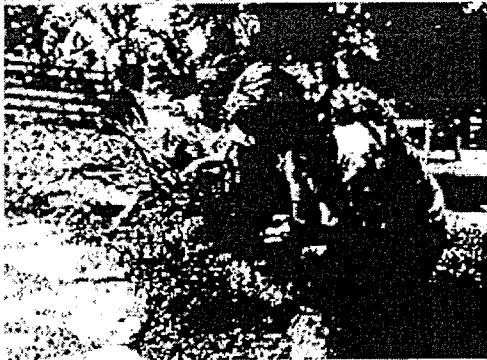
There will also be a segment called "Emotions vocabulary" where children get to learn words that describe specific emotions under the broad umbrellas of Happy, Sad, Angry, Calm and Scared.

Suitable for children aged 7 to 12.

Arise & Farm - Engaging Communities

Sat, 23 Sep 2023, 10.30 am - 11.30 am

Courtyard, Basement 1,
Bishan Public Library



This programme brings families and friends together, immersing them in the joy of learning and growing a diverse array of Asian greens.

With expert guidance, children aged 7 to 12 can discover the secrets of successful cultivation, all under the watchful eyes of their parents who will also share in the excitement.

Together with real-life veterinarians, experience the day-to-day life of vets with hands-on activity booths.

In this programme, children will learn about responsible pet ownership, veterinary healthcare, and even get to ask a vet any questions they have during the Q&A session.

This programme is in collaboration with Animals & Us Academy, and is suitable for children aged 7 to 12.



Be a Vet for a Day!

Sat, 16 Sep 2023, 2 pm - 3 pm

Stories Come Alive Room, Level 4,
Bukit Panjang Public Library



Archives Explorer: Rewind That Record



Sat, 23 Sep 2023

10.30 am - 12 pm

Oldham Theatre, Level 3,
National Archives Building



Cassette tapes and VHS tapes are now memories of our past. Sign your kids up for the National Archives of Singapore's workshop on the history of audio-visual media.

Check out some of our nostalgic TV commercials and have a go at being a DJ for a day by spinning some of our records on display!

Suitable for children aged 9 to 12.



Adapted from: <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/love-our-libraries-archives-lola-2023-2339409>

Choose the correct answer and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

21. Why is the word LOLA written entirely in capital letters in "LOLA is back!"

- (1) It is to show that the event is important.
- (2) The word is formed from the first letter of other words.
- (3) It is to show that the word refers to the name of a place.
- (4) The word is used to convey excitement about the event.

22. Which of the following statements is true about the LOLA event?

- (1) This is the first time LOLA is held in Singapore.
- (2) It will help to train more Singapore Storytellers.
- (3) The programmes for the LOLA event are only suitable for children.
- (4) It can help children to gain a better understanding of our Singaporean heritage.

23. In which activity is it compulsory for the child to be accompanied by an adult?

- (1) "Be a Vet for a Day!"
- (2) "How Do You Feel?"
- (3) "Archives Explorer – Rewind that Record"
- (4) "Arise and Farm – Engaging Communities"

24. Which of these is a similarity between the two programmes "How Do You Feel?" and "Be a Vet for a Day!"?

- (1) Both have a Q&A session.
- (2) Both take place in the morning.
- (3) Both are held at the same library.
- (4) Both programmes are targeted at the same age group of children.

25. How often is LOLA held in Singapore?

- (1) Every year
- (2) Every month
- (3) Every two years
- (4) Every six months

26. Bob is 10 years old. He loves watching the television and listening to his favourite DJs on the radio. Which program should his parents sign him up for?

(1) "Be a Vet for a Day!"
(2) "How Do You Feel?"
(3) "Archives Explorer – Rewind that Record"
(4) "Arise and Farm – Engaging Communities"

27. According to the brochure, which of the following is **not** true of the programme "How Do You Feel"?

(1) The author of the book "Universe of Feelings" is Quek Hong Shin.
(2) Participants will learn how to draw faces that express their feelings.
(3) Participants will take part in a quiz in the last segment of the programme.
(4) Participants get to learn new words that will help them describe emotions.

28. What is the main purpose of the brochure?

(1) to encourage adults to sign themselves up for the activities held during LOLA
(2) to encourage schools to send students to participate in LOLA
(3) to provide more information on the history of Singapore
(4) to promote the LOLA event to families with children

Please note that the passage for Comprehension questions 71 to 80 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 71 to 80 in Booklet B.

Tobey was at the park as part of his recovery process. Recently, he had injured his right ankle during football training. After being discharged from the hospital, the doctor told him to walk for at least thirty minutes each day, so that it would be able to heal faster. Tobey had followed his doctor's instructions so far as they seemed to be working.

After walking for about thirty minutes, Tobey sat on a bench, feeling tired from all the exercise. He saw some boys playing football on the field, which was located just beside the park. He longed for the day when he could run again and chase after the football on the field. He thought about how long more his recovery would go on for.

Feeling a little down by these thoughts, Tobey took out a card which was given to him by his classmates. "I feel better every time I look at this card," Tobey thought to himself. His classmates had written their well-wishes on the card and passed it to him to cheer him up when they had visited him during his stay in the hospital. Tobey smiled to himself as he read the encouraging words thoughtfully penned by his classmates. He really appreciated the gesture.

Just then, there was a sudden gust of wind. It blew the card right out of Tobey's hands. Tobey looked on in dismay as the card sailed through the air before landing into the nearby pond. Tobey got up as fast as he could and staggered towards the pond. He looked for a stick to reach for the card, but he could find one that was long enough. By then, the card had drifted further towards the middle of the pond. In a bid to retrieve his card, Tobey decided to go into the pond. He slowly waded in, carefully ensuring that he was standing firmly before taking his next step.

Just as half of his body was submerged in the pond, he heard a voice calling him.

"Tobey! What do you think you are doing!" hollered Mr Lim, his neighbour, who happened to be at the park, walking his dog.

When he saw what Tobey was doing, he immediately went into the pond, ignoring his own safety and swam towards the card. He retrieved the card and handed it back to Tobey, who by this time had already climbed out of the pond.

"Mr Lim, thank you so much! I don't think I could have retrieved the card without your help!" Tobey thanked Mr Lim profusely.

Even though Tobey had his card back, it was all drenched and the writing inside it was a little smudged. He decided to dry it at home to see if he could salvage it. As Tobey and Mr Lim walked home together, Tobey realised that the both of them were receiving many awkward stares from passers-by. Looking down at himself and Mr Lim, who were both drenched from head to toe, he laughed as he realised the reason why. Both continued their walk home together, completely ignoring all the people who had gathered around the pond. They were all gawking at the pair. At this point in time, both of them were completely exhausted. Mr Lim had a long day at work and was looking forward to a nice home-cooked meal after walking his dog at the park. However, he felt that something was off. He would usually be holding onto something in his hands. This time round, his hands were free. Tobey then gasped in shock.

"Wait! Where is your dog!" Tobey cried. Amidst all the chaos at the park earlier, Mr Lim had totally forgotten about his dog. In a flash, he rushed back to the park, hoping that it was still there. Tobey could not do the same as he was in no condition to run. He hobbled as fast as he could. However, he lost his balance and landed awkwardly on the ground.

"Oh no! Not again!" Tobey yelled before clutching his right ankle. He truly regretted his action.

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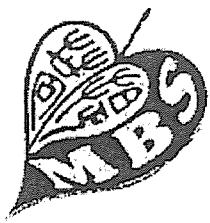
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Adapted from *Coming Back Stronger* by Drew Brees



**Maha Bodhi School
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Paper 2
(Booklet B)**

Name : _____ ()

Class : Primary 5 _____

Date : 23 October 2023

Duration: 1 h 50 min

Parent's signature: _____

This booklet consists of 7 printed pages.

Section E: Grammar Cloze (10 x 1 mark)

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.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) and	(D) for	(G) in	(K) on	(N) the
(B) are	(E) have	(H) if	(L) or	(P) to
(C) does	(F) has	(J) of	(M) than	(Q) will

While South America _____ the largest rainforest in the world, known as the
(29)

Amazon, our part of the world is also home _____ a similar habitat. In fact, the forests
(30)

of Malaya have something even the Amazon _____ not — tigers. Around the world,
(31)

about 97 percent of the world's tigers were lost during the last century. Four out of nine species

of tigers _____ now extinct. This is mainly due to a loss of habitat or poaching.
(32)

There are fewer _____ 150 Malayan tigers left in the wild. They are considered
(33)

close to extinction, _____ critically endangered. Unless forest habitats are protected
(34)

and deforestation stops, the Malayan tiger _____ become extinct, sooner rather than
(35)

later.

Presently, the illegal trading of tiger parts is the most crucial factor affecting the survival

of the Malayan tiger. Even though poaching is illegal, it _____ still ongoing as there is
(36)

a high demand _____ tiger parts.
(37)

One main challenge to the conservation of tigers is that wild tigers are not all found

_____ just one place. Instead, they are scattered all over a large area of forests.
(38)

Adapted from *Saving the apex predator of the Malayan forest*, What's Up March 2023

Section F: Editing (12 x 1 mark)

Each of the underlined words contains a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes.

Cassie and Annie are best friends. The two of them were inseparable. In class,

(39)

they sat side by side, went for recess together and even went out together in weekends.

Many thought that they were real sisters.

Five years ago, when Cassie was in Primary Two, Annie was the new girl who had

(40)

just transferred to the school in the second half of the year. Cassie's family had been

(41)

living in New Zealand since 2017 despite of her mother's job. They had only recently

(42)

moved back from Singapore four months ago. Cassie's form teacher had placed her in

(43)

charge of introduce Annie to her classmates.

(44)

Initially, Annie was very quiet. Cassie would always try to begin a konversation with

(45)

her. However, Annie could not be sepereted from her books. Cassie found Annie's accent

(46)

very strange. It took some time for her to get used to it. The moment Annie got used to

(47)

her new enviromen, she managed to find her own friends and Cassie did not have to

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akompani her anymore.

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The following year, both girls ended up in the same class again. They started to

(48)

getting to know each other better. Both realised they had simmiliar interest. As a result,

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they choose to remain friends. Till today, their friendship remains strong.

Adapted from *Best of Friends* by Kamila Shamsie

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Section G: Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Mr Ong Teng Cheong was a remarkable man. He was elected _____ the
(51)

fifth President of the Republic of Singapore on 1 September 1993.

Born in Singapore, Mr Ong entered school late because of the Japanese Occupation of Singapore. He was an outstanding _____ during his school days. After (52)
completing his secondary education, he enrolled at the University of Adelaide, _____ he was awarded the Bachelor of Architecture in 1961.
(53)

Mr Ong had a varied career before becoming President. He _____ the
(54)
Ministry of National Development in 1967 as an architect. He was then transferred to _____ department to lead a team. In 1971, he _____ the civil
(55) (56)
service and set up his own company.

In 1972, Mr Ong was elected to Parliament and served as a Member of Parliament for 21 years. During this period, Mr Ong made many _____ to the nation. Many
(57)
Singaporeans were fond _____ him as his sincerity towards the people could be
(58)
seen through his actions. He always made _____ that the people of Singapore
(59)
came first.

During his time as president, he started _____ other charitable projects,
(60)
the largest of which is the President's Star Charity. Many organisations have benefited from this. The _____ raised from these charitable projects have gone a
(61)
_____ way in helping the aged, needy and less-fortunate.
(62)

____ serving for six years, Mr Ong stepped _____ as
(63) (64)
president at the age of 63. Mr Ong _____ not to run for a second term as
(65)
president, partially because of the death of his wife. He was succeeded by Mr S. R. Nathan.

Adapted from *Former Presidents*, <https://www.istana.gov.sg/The-President/Former-Presidents>

Section H: Synthesis/Transformation (5 x 2 marks)

For each of the following questions, 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 meaning as the given sentence(s).

66. Jason takes the school bus every day. So does Jack.

Both _____

67. My uncle works as a bus driver. My uncle is very hardworking.

_____ who _____

68. The teacher told us, "Your project is due tomorrow."

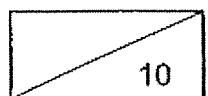
The teacher told us that _____

69. I love watching movies. I love playing computer games more.

I prefer _____

70. The clothes will dry very quickly. The weather is hot.

_____ due to _____

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Section I: Comprehension (Open-ended) (20 marks)

Read the passage on page A-9 of Booklet A and answer questions 71 to 80.

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71. Why did the doctor advise Tobey to walk for at least thirty minutes a day? (1m)

72. Pick out a four-word phrase from lines 5 to 8 which shows that Tobey really wanted to play football again. (1m)

11. *What is the name of the author of the book you are reading?*

73. Which three words from lines 9 to 13 best describe how Tobey felt? (3m)
Do not tick more than three boxes.

depressed

cheerful

angry

grateful

relieved

worried

74. Which two actions from lines 14 to 20 did Tobey take to retrieve his card from the pond? (2m)

a)	1 st attempt	
b)	2 nd attempt	

75. What did Tobey do to prevent himself from falling into the pond? (2m)

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185 | 76. Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the
185 | passage? Write your answers in the column on the right. (3m)
185 |

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer(s) to
a) they (line 4)	
b) one (line 17)	
c) the same (line 41)	

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77. What did Tobey discover about his card after he retrieved it from the pond?
(2m)

78. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the passage. (1m)

Tobey injured his right ankle.

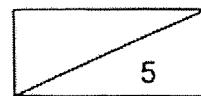
Tobey saw some boys playing football.

Tobey sat on a bench.

79. Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. (3m)

Statement	True/False	Reason
a. Mr Lim was in the park to get some exercise.		
b. Mr Lim was a selfless person.		
c. Tobey and Mr Lim cared about what other people thought of them.		

80. What action did Tobey truly regret and why? (2m)



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Please remember to check your work thoroughly.



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LEVEL : PRIMARY 5
SUBJECT : ENGLISH
TERM : SA2 (2023)

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Q39)	on	Q47)	accompany	Q55)	a
Q40)	transferred	Q48)	get	Q56)	left
Q41)	because	Q49)	similar	Q57)	contributions
Q42)	to	Q50)	chose	Q58)	of
Q43)	introducing	Q51)	as	Q59)	sure
Q44)	conversation	Q52)	student	Q60)	many
Q45)	separated	Q53)	where	Q61)	funds
Q46)	environment	Q54)	joined	Q62)	long

Q63)	After
Q64)	down
Q65)	decided
Q66)	Both Jason and Jack take the school bus every day.
Q67)	My uncle who works as a bus driver is very hardworking.
Q68)	The teacher told us that our project was due the next day.
Q69)	I prefer playing computer games to watching movies.
Q70)	The clothes will dry very quickly due to the hot weather.

Q71)	The doctor advised Tobey to do so so that his injury will heal faster.
Q72)	longed for the day
Q73)	depressed / cheerful / grateful
Q74)	a) Tobey looked for a stick to reach the card. b) Tobey decided to go into the pond.
Q75)	Tobey slowly waded in, carefully ensuring that he was standing firmly before taking his next step.
Q76)	a) Tobey's doctor instructions b) a long stick c) running back to the park
Q77)	Tobey discovered that his card was all drenched and the writing inside it was a little smudged.
Q78)	1, 3, 2
Q79)	a) False --- Mr Lim was in the park walking his dog. b) True --- When Mr Lim saw what Tobey was doing, he immediately went into the pond, ignoring his own safety and swam toward, the card. c) False --- When Tobey realised the reason why he and Mr Lim were receiving many awkward stares, he laughed and ignored all the people who had gathered around the pond.
Q80)	Tobey truly regretted hobbling as fast as he can as he ended up losing his balance and fell in an awkward position, injuring in right ankle again.