



Maha Bodhi School  
2017 Semestral Assessment 2  
English Language  
Paper 2  
(Booklet A)

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ (      )

Class : Primary 5 \_\_\_\_\_

Date : 25 October 2017

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

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:**

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3. Answer all questions.
4. Shade your answers in the Optical Mark Sheet (OMS) provided.

This booklet consists of 8 printed pages.

**Section A: Grammar MCQ (10 x 1 mark)**

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 OMS.

1. The girl \_\_\_\_\_ I spoke with yesterday lost her mobile phone on her way to school.
  - (1) which
  - (2) whom
  - (3) where
  - (4) whose
  
2. I \_\_\_\_\_ have forgotten to switch the oven off and the biscuits are all burnt.
  - (1) may
  - (2) must
  - (3) could
  - (4) should
  
3. I \_\_\_\_\_ that book you lent me. I still have one more chapter to read.
  - (1) read
  - (2) will read
  - (3) have read
  - (4) have been reading
  
4. John, as well as his brothers, \_\_\_\_\_ excited to visit Uncle Tan in Malaysia during the upcoming school holidays. They really look forward to the trip.
  - (1) is
  - (2) are
  - (3) was
  - (4) were
  
5. \_\_\_\_\_ her busy work schedule, Jenny finds time to volunteer at the home for the aged.
  - (1) Since
  - (2) Despite
  - (3) Besides
  - (4) However

6. "All the equipment \_\_\_\_\_ moved from the storeroom to the classroom an hour ago," said James.
- (1) is
  - (2) are
  - (3) was
  - (4) were
7. "Ben rarely eats fruits, \_\_\_\_\_?" his father asked his sister.
- (1) did he
  - (2) does he
  - (3) didn't he
  - (4) doesn't he
8. Aunt Mary insisted \_\_\_\_\_ paying for lunch at the restaurant last night.
- (1) at
  - (2) in
  - (3) on
  - (4) to
9. If he \_\_\_\_\_ his homework, he would not have been reprimanded by his form teacher.
- (1) did
  - (2) does
  - (3) has done
  - (4) had done
10. "Walk \_\_\_\_\_ the road, cross the overhead bridge and you will see my house," Bala informed Raihan.
- (1) into
  - (2) over
  - (3) along
  - (4) through

**Section B: Vocabulary MCQ (5 x 1 mark)**

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 OMS.

11. The number of the leatherback turtles in the world has \_\_\_\_\_ because of pollution.

- (1) swelled
- (2) depleted
- (3) dwindled
- (4) stagnated

\*12. Don't be frightened by his \_\_\_\_\_ voice. He seems unfriendly but he is really a nice man.

- (1) shrill
- (2) gruff
- (3) coarse
- (4) hoarse

\*13. I \_\_\_\_\_ and told the bully to leave the little boy alone.

- (1) made a beeline
- (2) sat on the fence
- (3) took the bull by the horns
- (4) killed two birds with one stone

14. "Stop making so much noise in case they hear us!" Arthur \_\_\_\_\_ at Kian Meng as they hid behind the door in the classroom.

- (1) hissed
- (2) shouted
- (3) muttered
- (4) bellowed

\*15. She \_\_\_\_\_ in a painful rash after eating some peanuts.

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

*\*Words are taken from STELLAR readers and worksheets.*

**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(s). Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OMS.

That particular Saturday morning was bright and sunny. A sparrow sat on the windowsill of Jason's room, chirping a pretty little tune. Without warning, Jason's angry voice shattered the morning calm. Alarmed, the timid little bird gave a squawk of fright and flew off in a hurry. (16)

"That's it! I'm not going to take this any longer!" Jason shouted.

It wasn't the first time his younger brother, Irwin, had taken his stuff from his study desk.

This time, Irwin had gone too far. The more Jason thought about it, the hotter his cheeks felt. (17)

He slammed his fist on the empty desk. His Science project was missing. He had been lugging (18)

his project to and fro school for five whole days. He stood such a good chance of winning the first prize with his work but now it was missing! (19) (20)

Adapted from *Irritating Irwin* by Jan Blaze

16. (1) broke  
(2) ruined  
(3) cracked  
(4) damaged
17. (1) judged  
(2) concluded  
(3) speculated  
(4) deliberated
18. (1) hurled  
(2) swatted  
(3) crashed  
(4) pounded
19. (1) lifting  
(2) hauling  
(3) carrying  
(4) transporting
20. (1) was hopeful that he could win  
(2) was pleased with the winning  
(3) was uncertain about winning  
(4) was doubtful if he could win

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

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



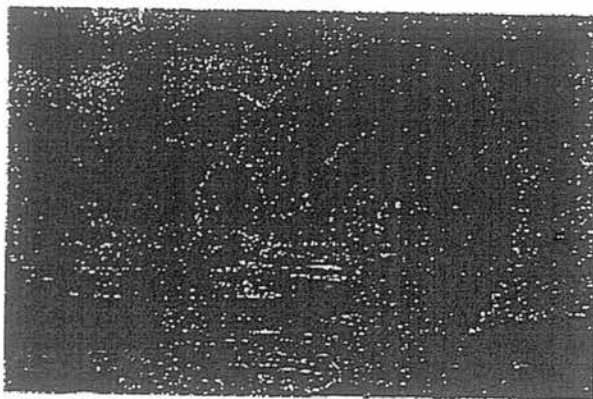
# Singapore Garden Festival 21 to 28 July 2018

at Fort Canning Park

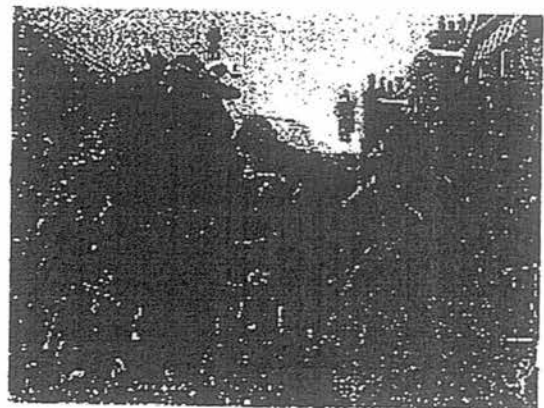
Singapore Garden Festival (SGF) is the only show in the world to gather the world's top award-winning garden and floral designers under one roof. It showcases the talents of the world's gardening experts.

Be enchanted by the exquisite garden and floral displays. Experience the magic and wonder while you stroll in the garden. Delight in the festivities and programmes designed to excite your senses.

This "must-see" event will dazzle you with its wide array of displays and a wide range of activities that have been planned specially for you. An experience of a lifetime awaits at the Singapore Garden Festival for you and family. Mark your calendar today!



Winning Garden 2016

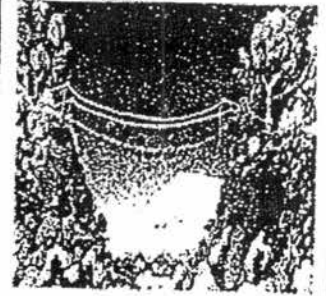


Beauty and the Beast Winning Floral Design 2017



### **Jacob Ballas Children's Garden**

Worry that your child is bored? Sign him or her up for a guided tour in Jacob Ballas Children's Garden. It will stimulate a sense of wonder in your child as it promises a unique discovery and provides interesting learning experiences in a garden setting. Let your child explore and play so that they will learn to take care of plants and environment while you admire the exhibits with a peace of mind, knowing that he or she is well taken care of by our trained guides. Your child can cross the swaying Suspension Bridge, shoot down the Tree House slides and explore the Melting Maze!



### **Far East Organisation Children's Garden**

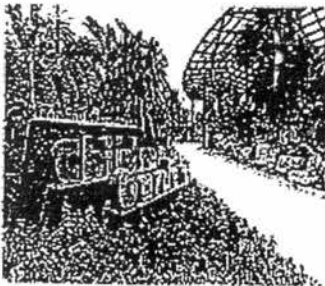
Your child can have a fun-filled day with interactive games, water play features and educational programmes in a lush natural setting at Far East Organisation Children's Garden!

#### For one to five-year-old children

The play zone contains play equipment such as a sway bridge and stepping springs, and the Fish Fountain with an interactive landscape of water tunnels and different fish-shaped sculpture. It's perfect for toddlers to clamber and play around!

#### For six to twelve-year-old children

The rainforest tree houses are found in an area where jungle adventure fantasies come to life! Located within a dense canopy of trees, the **two tree houses reach height** of 4 metres and 7.5 metres respectively. They are located on a **130-metre long forest trail**. Finally, the water play area will delight any child who loves splashing about in water. The water play is linked to sensors which detect the movement of children to create special water effects.



### **Marine Cove Children's Outdoor Playground**

Come and bring your child to the 3500 square metre playground suitable for children of various ages! It is located next to the beach, offering users open spaces and a good view of the sea.

#### For six to twelve-year-old children

Your child can explore the three-storey play tower at the centre of the playground. The tower is connected to three slides of different levels and a rope bridge. Kids can also climb up the tower through a funnel net in the middle.

#### For two to five-year-old children

Your child can also join in the fun at a play area with talking tubes, fun mirrors and a drum set! The playground also has play equipment for children who have disabilities to play together. This includes special needs equipment such as sensory play panels.



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

21. According to the text, the Singapore Garden Festival is the only show ever to \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) award gardening and floral designers a prize
  - (2) exhibit all the different types of gardens and flowers
  - (3) attract the world-famous gardening and floral designers to participate in a competition
  - (4) bring together the displays of the world's top award-winning garden and floral designers
22. From the sentence 'Mark your calendar today!', the organiser of the festival hopes the readers would \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) set aside a date to attend the show
  - (2) do something different in their lives
  - (3) encourage their family to attend the show
  - (4) buy many tickets for the Singapore Garden Festival
23. The photographs in the text on page 5 help the readers \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) understand the history of the exhibits
  - (2) look for more information about the exhibits
  - (3) visualise how the exhibits may look like in real life
  - (4) have a first-hand knowledge of how the exhibits actually look like
24. The main purpose of the 'Jacob Ballas Children's Garden' section is to \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) encourage children to go on a guided tour in the garden
  - (2) get children interested to visit the various play areas in the garden
  - (3) persuade parents to sign their children up for the guided tour in the garden
  - (4) advise parents to educate their children on taking care of the plants and environment
25. Which play area is suitable for children below the age of six?
- (1) the Fish Fountain at Far East Organisation Children's Garden
  - (2) the water play area at Far East Organisation Children's Garden
  - (3) the rainforest tree houses at Far East Organisation Children's Garden
  - (4) the three-storey play tower at Marina Cove Children's Outdoor Playground



26. Which of the following venues has an area suitable for Tom, who has a disability, to play in?
- (1) Fort Canning Park
  - (2) Jacob Ballas Children's Garden
  - (3) Far East Organisation Children's Garden
  - (4) Marine Cove Children's Outdoor Playground
27. Why are a number of exclamation marks used in the section 'Far East Organisation Children's Garden'?
- (1) to surprise the readers
  - (2) to generate excitement among readers
  - (3) to introduce the different play areas to readers
  - (4) to satisfy the readers' curiosity about the play areas
28. Based on the flyer, which of the following is not true?
- (1) The rainforest tree houses are 130 metres long.
  - (2) All three venues for the kids' activities contain a bridge for them to play on.
  - (3) The visitors will be presented with a visual treat at the Singapore Garden Festival.
  - (4) There will be special water effects at the water play area in Far East Organisation Children's Garden when the children move.

————— End of Booklet A —————



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Paper	Booklet	Marks Obtained	Max Marks
2	A		28
	B		67
<b>Total</b>			<b>95</b>

This booklet consists of 9 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) along	(D) in	(G) since	(K) to	(N) was
(B) by	(E) into	(H) these	(L) till	(P) were
(C) behind	(F) on	(J) those	(M) up	(Q) with

A natural disaster struck the country. Powerful winds from Hurricane Irma whipped through southwest Florida (29) \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday. It damaged properties and left a trail of debris (30) \_\_\_\_\_.

Forecasters warned people who were (31) \_\_\_\_\_ the hurricane's path to prepare for the catastrophe that followed -- flooding. Flooding was caused (32) \_\_\_\_\_ a sudden rise in the water level around coastal areas.

Hurricane Irma moved inland and on its way turned streets (33) \_\_\_\_\_ rivers. Irma, which had killed at least 22 people in the region, was likely to cause damage amounting to billions of dollars. Officials ordered a total of 6.3 million people to evacuate, creating massive traffic jams on highways and bringing huge crowds to shelters set (34) \_\_\_\_\_ around the state. A long line of people (35) \_\_\_\_\_ queueing up to enter an evacuation shelter, one of hundreds that had opened up across the state.

However, Mrs Campana was one of (36) \_\_\_\_\_ who chose to ignore warnings and stay in her home. She planned to ride out the storm in her beachfront condominium together (37) \_\_\_\_\_ her elderly mother and other family members. "The period for people in evacuation zones to flee is drawing (38) \_\_\_\_\_ a close on Saturday morning," officials said. They warned that petrol stations would soon be without fuel and bridges would be closed in some areas.

Adapted from "Irma climbs Florida's coast; 'dangerous' storm surges feared  
<http://edition.cnn.com/2017/09/10/us/hurricane-irma-florida-impact/index.html>

**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.

One of the most popular films in the cinemas this year is "Wonder Woman". You might  
(39)  (40)   
think the story is completely based in fiction but actually it is ingspiyered by the legends from  
Greece. The Greeks told many stories about how famoüs heroes like Hercules fought against  
Amazon warrior women.

(41)   
Did the Amazons really exists? A university professor Adrienne Mayor said they did, but not  
in the way the Greeks had portrayed them. She said that they were not an all-female society, but  
42)   
one in where men and women had very similar roles. "Women fought, hunted, rode horses, used  
bows and arrows, just like the men," she explained in an interview with National Geographic.

43)   
She bileeved that the Amazons were, in fact, a large tribe who lived around Iran between  
(44)  (45)   
900 to 100 BC. They were nomadic, which means that they did not live from one fixed location, but  
(46)   
moved their homes whenever they needed to. When the knowledjebel archaeologists opened the  
(47)   
tombs of these people, they asjuummed that any body that was buried with weapons must have  
(48)  (49)   
be a man. However, when they did DNA tests on their skeletons, to their serprize, they found that  
many were women.

The truth is women warriors were quite common in history. If you do research, you would  
(50)   
discover that women were also invaalfed in wars too as soldiers, commanders, spies, weapon  
makers, cooks or nurses. There were even Singaporean women who fought in World War Two,  
such as the 66-year-old volunteer soldier, Cheng Seang Ho.

Adapted from "Woman warriors are not just fiction" by Ng Yi-Sheng, *What's Up*, August issue

**Section G: Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)**

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

I rushed to Grandma's room. I found her (51) \_\_\_\_\_ her old photo album.

She stroked the embroidered cover tenderly and whispered, "Luke, I would like you to have this when I am gone. It contains (52) \_\_\_\_\_ of our family and of you when you were a child and growing up."

All I could do then was to (53) \_\_\_\_\_ Grandma a big hug.

Grandma walked up to me that night and as she opened her (54) \_\_\_\_\_ to call me, she froze. Her right arm was slightly raised. She stood there for a long moment, her (55) \_\_\_\_\_ tilted to one side as if she was trying to hear something. Her (56) \_\_\_\_\_ were raised on her wrinkly forehead.

I knew she was trying to recall my (57) \_\_\_\_\_. "What would you like Luke to do, Grandma?" I asked, trying to give her a clue.

"Yes, Luke. Luke," Grandma continued, "I want to go back to my room."

(58) \_\_\_\_\_ of walking to her room, she headed towards the kitchen. I got up from the sofa and (59) \_\_\_\_\_ Grandma back to her room.

Grandma squeezed my hand affectionately, just like she used to do in the (60) \_\_\_\_\_ when we came home from school.

In the last month, Grandma's condition has stabilised with (61) \_\_\_\_\_ and supplements, but I know Alzheimer's disease is currently incurable. Grandma's memory will keep fading.

I asked myself, "When Grandma's condition (62) \_\_\_\_\_, what can I do to help her? Will she (63) \_\_\_\_\_ me?" I know that I will always be a (64) \_\_\_\_\_ of her life, just like Grandma will always have a (65) \_\_\_\_\_ place in my heart. I watched as Grandma fell asleep with the album still in her hands.

Adapted from *Where's Grandma* by Edmund Lim

**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. "I reminded Rahman to hand in his consent form yesterday," said Eddie.

Eddie said \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

67. Sally has to get well. Then she can go to school.

\_\_\_\_\_ until  
\_\_\_\_\_

68. There is no ice cream left so you cannot have any.

\_\_\_\_\_ since  
\_\_\_\_\_

69. When my brother received the award, he wept with joy.

\_\_\_\_\_ on  
\_\_\_\_\_

70. Sandra is allowed to use the computer if she abides by the rules set by her parents.

Unless \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

Read this passage and answer questions 71 to 80 in complete sentences.

Remember to use the comprehension strategies that you have learnt to help you understand the text better.

I put my face down near Shiloh again, my mouth next to his ear. "Live, Shiloh, live!" I whispered.

Hardest thing in the world was to leave Shiloh there at Doc Murphy's, looking at his eyes following me over to the doorway and hearing his whining when he saw me leaving. Second hardest thing was to get in the Jeep with Dad.

I dared not look at my father in the eye. Not a word passed between us till we got home. Once Dad turned the motor off, though, and I was all set to get out, he said, "Marty, what else don't I know?"

"What?" I asked.

"You keeping Judd's dog up there on our hill and having built a kennel for him. What else are you keeping from me?" he roared.

"Nothing, Dad!" I replied.

"How do I know that's not another lie?" he questioned.

"It is not," I retorted loudly.

"Sometimes, when I get mad. I yell my head off. It helps me clear my head," I thought to myself.

For once in my eleven years, I left Dad speechless. He stared blankly into space and it took him almost a minute before he answered, "You've got to go by the law. The law says a man who pays money for a dog owns the dog. You don't agree with the law, then you work to change it. Now you have brought shame to our family."

"What if there isn't time, Dad? Shiloh could be dead by the time somebody looks into the way Judd treats his dogs," I pursued.

Dad was infuriated, "You think Judd Travers is the only one around here who is hard-hearted towards his animals? You think he is the only one who starves them or kicks them? Open up your eyes, Marty. Open your eyes!" Now Dad half turned in his seat, back resting against the door, facing me, "How many times have you walked to the school bus and seen a chained-up dog in somebody's yard? How many times have you thought whether it is happy with its ribs sticking out like handles on the sides? You never used to care about animals. Suddenly you become a different person because of a dog that pulls at your heartstrings and you, all at once, want to change things."

I swallowed. "There's got to be a first time," I answered.

Dad sighed, "You're right about that."

I'm pushing my luck, I know. "If Doc Murphy doesn't tell Judd about Shiloh, can we bring him back here and keep him? I could build him a better pen. Make the fence high enough so the shepherd can't get in."

Dad opened his Jeep door on his side. "No," he said and got out.

I got out, too. "Just till Shiloh gets better, then? You know how Judd treats anything that he doesn't like. He'll kill Shiloh. Dad! I once saw Judd beating his dog with a stick. We could at least get Shiloh well. I'm going to pay for Shiloh's treatment at the vet. I promise you that. You get all my pocket money for the next three years. I'll work to earn some money too. Honest!" I promised.

Upon hearing my plea, Dad gave me a stern look and said, "The answer is no and this is final." I hung my head in disappointment.

Adapted from *Shiloh* by Phyllis Reynolds



71. What two Shiloh's actions tell you that he wanted to follow Marty home at Doc Murphy's? (2m)

Action 1	
Action 2	

72. How do you know that the atmosphere was tense in the car on the way home? (2m)

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73. What were the two things that Marty did not want his father to know? (2m)

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74. What does the word "It" in line 15 refer to? (1m)

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Marty promised to pay for Doc Murphy's bill.

\_\_\_\_\_ Marty left Shiloh at Doc Murphy's.

\_\_\_\_\_ Marty saw Judd beating his dog with a stick.

76. Why was it hard for Marty to get in the Jeep with his father? (2m)

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77. Which word from line 10 to 24 has the same meaning as each of the words below? (3m)

a)	countered	
b)	enraged	
c)	cruel	

78. Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give **one** reason why you think so. (8m)

Statement	True/False	Reason
a) Marty wanted to leave Shiloh at Doc Murphy's clinic.		<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
b) Marty's father was ashamed of what Marty had done.		<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
c) Judd was an animal lover.		<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>

79. Based on information from lines 33-42, fill in the blanks in the following table. (2m)

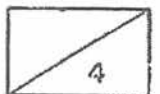
Character	How did he feel?	Why did he feel that way?
Marty	disappointed	a) _____ _____ _____ _____
	_____	b) He promised his father that he would give him his pocket money for the next three years and that he would work to earn money.



80. How had Marty changed after meeting Shiloh? (2m)

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

Booklet B

Section E

Q29. F

Q30. C

Q31. D

Q32. B

Q33. E

Q34. M

Q35. N

Q36. J

Q37. Q

Q38. K

### Section F

- Q39. on
- Q40. Inspired
- Q41. Exist
- Q42. Which
- Q43. Believed
- Q44. And
- Q45. In
- Q46. Knowledgeable
- Q47. Assumed
- Q48. Been
- Q49. Surprised
- Q50. Involved

### Section G

- Q51. holding
- Q52. photographs
- Q53. give
- Q54. mouth
- Q55. head
- Q56. eyebrows
- Q57. name
- Q58. Instead
- Q59. led
- Q60. past
- Q61. medicines
- Q62. worsens
- Q63. forget
- Q64. part
- Q65. Special

### Section H

Q66. Eddie said that he had reminded Rahman to hand in his consent form the previous day.

Q67. Sally cannot go to school until she gets well.

Q68. You cannot have any more ice cream since there is no more left.

Q69. My brother wept with joy on receiving the award.

Q70. Unless Sandra abides by the rules set by her parents, she is not allowed to use the computer.

Section I

Q71. Action 1: Shiloh's eyes followed Marthy over to the doorway.

Action 2: Shiloh whined when he saw Marthy leaving Doc Murphy's.

Q72. Marthy did not dare to look at his father and not a word passed between them until they got home.

Q73. Marthy did not want his father to know that he kept Judd Travers's dog up on their hill and that he built a kennel for Shiloh, Judd Travers's dog.

Q74. It refers to Marthy yelling his head off when he gets mad.

Q75. 3,2,1

Q76. He knew that his father would scold him for keeping Shiloh without telling him.

Q77a. Retorted

b. Infuriated

c. Hard-hearted

Q78a. False. It was the hardest thing in the world for Marthy to leave Shiloh at Doc Travers's clinic.

Q78b. True. Marthy went against the law by stealing Shiloh without permission.

Q78c. False. He starved and beaten animals.

Q79a. His father refused to let him keep Shiloh despite his pleas.

Q79b. desperate

Q80. Before he met Shiloh, he did not care about animals but when he met Shiloh, he started to love and care for him.