

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2 (2016)

PRIMARY 5

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

BOOKLET A

Thursday

27 October 2016

28 Questions

28 Marks

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

Name: _____ () Class: 5.()

INSTRUCTIONS TO PUPILS

- 1 Do not turn over the pages until you are told to do so.
- 2 Follow all instructions carefully.
- 3 There are 28 questions in this booklet.
- 4 Answer ALL questions.
- 5 Shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

For each question from 1 to 10, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (10 marks)

1 Everyone in the school _____ dismissed early because it was the eve of National Day.

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

2 No matter how hard the training sessions were, the rugby players _____ once complained.

- (1) often
- (2) never
- (3) always
- (4) frequently

3 Upon learning that there was a rare Pokemon at Punggol Park, a crowd of children dashed _____ the road, forcing some vehicles to brake to avoid hitting them.

- (1) by
- (2) off
- (3) across
- (4) through

4 Many Star Wars fans _____ by the starfighters on display at Changi Airport last Saturday.

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

5 "They've gone to Nepal for a few weeks, _____?" asked Kevin.

- (1) didn't they
- (2) haven't they
- (3) couldn't they
- (4) wouldn't they

- 6 While John and I were waiting for the bus this morning, a man approached _____ for directions.
- (1) he
 - (2) us
 - (3) she
 - (4) them
- 7 _____ pair of earrings over there belongs to Jane's grandma.
- (1) This
 - (2) That
 - (3) These
 - (4) Those
- 8 My dad can't eat eggs because they have too _____ cholesterol.
- (1) few
 - (2) little
 - (3) much
 - (4) many
- 9 The singer, _____ won the competition, was awarded a recording contract.
- (1) who
 - (2) which
 - (3) whom
 - (4) whose
- 10 After they _____, they continued to climb up Mount Kinabalu.
- (1) had rest
 - (2) have rest
 - (3) had rested
 - (4) have rested

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

11 Poor eyesight can be _____ by wearing a pair of spectacles or contact lenses.

- (1) changed
- (2) reformed
- (3) amended
- (4) corrected

12 The earthquake _____ a series of devastating tsunamis along the coasts bordering the Indian Ocean.

- (1) ejected
- (2) erupted
- (3) sprouted
- (4) triggered

13 After a 7-hour hike in the Krabi Forest, the hikers had a _____ appetite.

- (1) ravenous
- (2) satisfying
- (3) credulous
- (4) refreshing

14 Peter rested at home for two days to _____ from the bout of flu.

- (1) repair
- (2) regain
- (3) restore
- (4) recover

15 I have no _____ in saying that Susan is a responsible prefect.

- (1) hesitation
- (2) verification
- (3) information
- (4) confirmation

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 Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

The Bermuda Triangle is a loosely-defined region between Florida, Puerto Rico and Bermuda. Over the last few centuries, it is thought that dozens of ships and planes have disappeared under mysterious circumstances in the area, thus, earning it the nickname of "The Devil's Triangle"

According to the US Navy, the triangle is an area that is made-up by certain people. People have gone so far as to guess that it is an area of unnatural or extra-terrestrial activity. There is some scientific cause for the region to be hazardous.

However, documented evidence indicates that a significant percentage of the incidents were not true, inaccurately reported or embellished by later authors.

- 16 (1) assumed
(2) imagined
(3) surveyed
(4) overlooked
- 17 (1) known
(2) curious
(3) obvious
(4) apparent
- 18 (1) nurtured
(2) designed
(3) imagined
(4) constructed
- 19 (1) secure
(2) guarded
(3) predictable
(4) treacherous
- 20 (1) hides
(2) warns
(3) suggests
(4) disguises

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



LEMONT GO-KARTING RACING FAIR



20 drivers ... 8 races ...

***Come and watch your favourite Formula 1
drivers race against each other!***

***Come and get the autographs of famous
Formula 1 drivers such as Louis Hamilton,
Simon Vettel, Freddie Alfonso and Marc
Webb***



Date: 7 and 8 November 2016
Time: 2 p.m.
Venue: LeMont Go-Karting Circuit
1 Hutchkins Road
Singapore 667888



Cost of Admission:

Adults: \$75

Children aged 10 to 12 years old: \$30

**Tickets will be sold on the day of the event at the ticketing booth at the
entrance of LeMont Go-Karting Circuit.**

Tickets are sold on a first-come, first-serve basis. Free seating for all.

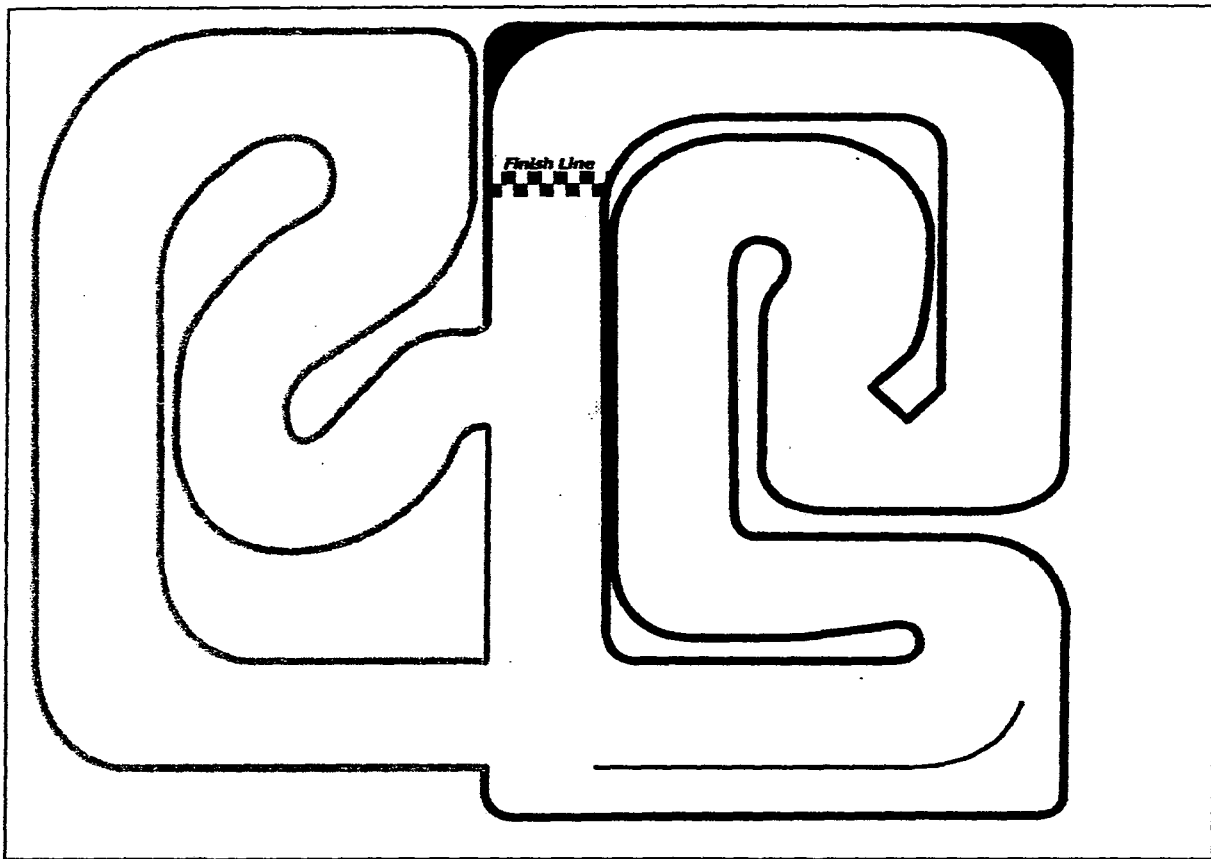
Visit www.lemont.com.sg for more information, or call 61955522.

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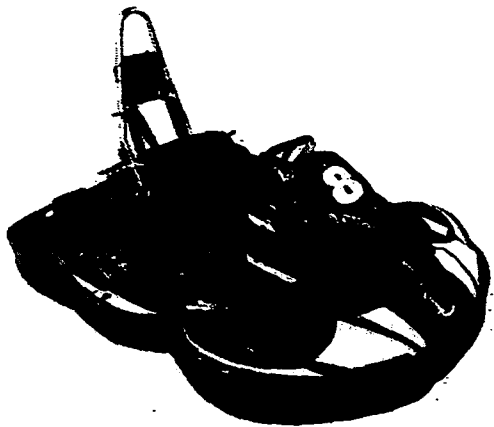
Tag Hue Watches

Toya Tyres



Layout of the new track

"Our supporters are going to love this new track as the wide track enhances wheel-to-wheel racing and it can race 10 to 15 people at any one time!" said owner, Robin Gan. "I agree with Mr Gan. The track is more challenging and exciting because the wheel-to-wheel racing will encourage more overtaking," said Mr Marc Webb, a Formula 1 driver.



Honda GX270cc E85 Fueled-Engine

About the Go-Karts – Founded in 2000, LeMont Go-Karting is Singapore's longest running go-kart racing and meeting facility. Powered by a special fuel called E85 ethanol, their European built karts are "greener" than electric-only karts, can run continuously for more than two hours and are rated to 80 kilometres per hour. LeMont Go-Karting brings the thrill of real racing excitement for drivers of all skill levels.

For each question from 21 to 28, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (8 marks)

21 The event is organised by _____.

- (1) Toya Tyres
- (2) Sports Pursuit
- (3) Tag Hue Watches
- (4) LeMont Go-Karting

22 Based on the information in the flyer, one has to _____ to attend the go-kart racing fair.

- (1) be a Formula 1 driver
- (2) bring along a child above 10 years old
- (3) purchase the ticket at the entrance of the venue
- (4) get an autograph of one of the famous Formula 1 drivers

23 Admission tickets will be sold _____.

- (1) online to adults
- (2) two days in advance
- (3) by the Formula 1 drivers
- (4) on a first-come, first-serve basis

24 This event is targeted at people who _____.

- (1) want to buy go-karts
- (2) enjoy watching go-karting
- (3) work at LeMont Go-Karting
- (4) want to race with the Formula 1 drivers

25 According to the flyer, people who attend the racing fair can expect _____.

- (1) to be assigned seats
- (2) to watch only seven races
- (3) to meet only three race car drivers
- (4) to get the autographs from four famous Formula 1 drivers.

- 26 Why would the new track appeal to racers?
- (1) It is European built.
 - (2) It is a meeting facility.
 - (3) It is powered by E85 ethanol.
 - (4) It can accommodate more go-karts.
- 27 Why did Marc Webb consider the new layout "more challenging and exciting"?
- (1) It uses "greener" go-kart cars.
 - (2) It will be a track only for Formula 1 drivers.
 - (3) It is Singapore's longest go-kart racing track.
 - (4) The wider track enhances wheel-to-wheel racing.
- 28 Based on the article, which of the following statements is **not true** about the special fueled go-karts?
- (1) They are Singapore's oldest go-karts.
 - (2) They are rated to 80 kilometers per hour.
 - (3) They are 'greener' than the electric ones.
 - (4) They can run continuously for more than two hours.

END OF BOOKLET A

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2 (2016)

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE

BOOKLET B

Thursday

27 October 2016

56 Questions

67 Marks

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

Name: _____ () Class: 5.() Parent's Signature: _____

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| Booklet | Component | Possible Marks | Marks Obtained |
|----------|-------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| A | | 28 | |
| B | Grammar Cloze | 10 | |
| | Editing for Spelling & Grammar | 12 | |
| | Comprehension Cloze | 15 | |
| | Synthesis and Transformation | 10 | |
| | Comprehension OE | 20 | |
| | Total | 67 | |

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.
(10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

- | | | | | |
|---------|-------------|---------|----------|-----------|
| (A) a | (D) at | (G) for | (K) the | (N) where |
| (B) an | (E) between | (H) is | (L) upon | (P) who |
| (C) and | (F) beyond | (J) of | (M) when | (Q) whom |
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Joseph Isaac Schooling is a Singaporean swimmer. He won the first-ever Olympic gold medal (29) _____ Singapore in the 100 metres butterfly at the 2016 Rio Olympics. His winning time of 50.39 seconds (30) _____ an Olympic record.

Schooling, born and raised in Singapore is (31) _____ Eurasian ethnicity. He is (32) _____ child of May and Colin Schooling and is a third-generation Singaporean.

Schooling received his primary education (33) _____ Anglo-Chinese School (Junior) in Singapore. He then attended Anglo-Chinese School (Independent) (34) _____ left after the second year of his secondary school for America. (35) _____ the completion of his education at the Bolles School in Florida, he accepted a swimming scholarship to the University of Texas.

(36) _____ he was 13, the US Swim Team had a stopover training camp in Singapore. Schooling met swimmer Michael Phelps, (37) _____ was a source of inspiration for him, and (38) _____ he would beat in the 100 metres butterfly at the 2016 Rio Olympics. That was the first-ever Olympic gold medal for Singapore.

Adapted from articles on "Joseph Schooling"

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| Score: |
|--------|

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

On July 17, 1902, Willis Carrier designed the first modern-day air conditioning

(39)

system. He launch an industry that would improve the way we live, work and play.

(40)

Carrier would grow up to solve mankind's eloosif challenges – controlling the indoor

(41)

enviromant. His mother taught him fractions by cutting whole apples into various-sized

fractional pieces. He later said that this was the most important lesson that he had ever

(42)

learned as it teach him the value of intelligent problem-solving.

(43)

Ideas can struck at any moment. For Carrier, it was on a foggy Pittsburgh train

(44)

platform in 1902. He stared through the mist and realised that he can dry air by passing

it through water to create fog. By doing that, it would be possible to manufacture air with

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spurcific amounts of moisture in it.

(46)

The "Father of Air Conditioning", Willis Carrier's invent gave rise to numerous

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industries. Manufacturing of everything, from baked goods to wartime supplys, was

made possible because of air conditioning. Air conditioning also led directly to summer

(48)

movie blockbusters as people seek to escape the heat. The control of tampreature and

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(50)

humidity now allows us to sleep in comfort and not in pursperation. Air conditioning is

now used throughout the world.

Score:

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Have you ever been caught in a storm or some other examples of nature gone wild? Meet Warren Faidley, an American extreme weather journalist, storm and disaster survival expert, photographer, and cinematographer.

Faidley was the storm chaser who created a professional (51) _____ solely from pursuing severe weather like tornadoes, hurricanes and other natural (52) _____. He would chase these storms anywhere and anytime and capture these events (53) _____ film.

Faidley's interest in storm chasing can be (54) _____ back to his childhood when he spent his time riding his bicycle into the dust devils. His childhood "chases" nearly killed him after he was swept (55) _____ by a flash flood. His professional career was launched after he took a photograph of lightning (56) _____ a light pole in an oil and gasoline tank farm in Arizona. The image was (57) _____ in a magazine which earned him the title of "Storm Chaser".

One of the biggest storms he has ever chased was Hurricane Andrew in August 1992. Andrew hit South Florida (58) _____ winds of 260 kilometres per hour but Faidley found it both exciting and frightening to be in the (59) _____ of a "category 5" storm, the strongest of all hurricanes.

He had to be very careful because the rain hit him so hard that it (60) _____ like bees. Large trees were (61) _____ and debris flew through the air. Huge waves crashed inland, (62) _____ boats and wreckage towards him. He had to use all of his experiences as a storm chaser to (63) _____ to see another day. He wore safety glasses to protect his eyes and he kept his camera equipment in waterproof cases. When the storm finally (64) _____, he was safe but was also tired and wet.

Faidley is also an advocate for extreme weather and disaster education and has received numerous (65) _____ for his photography, journalism, educational and public service contributions. In 2006, he authored "The Ultimate Storm Survival Handbook" which includes severe weather and disaster survival tips based on his first-hand experiences.

Adapted from 'Nature's Fury with Warren Faidley'

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). (10 marks)

66. The weather is bad. Mary was still able to arrive at the station on time.

In spite of _____

67. The pupils were not satisfied with their performance. Their coach was not satisfied with their performance.

Neither _____ nor _____

68. Mr Tan praised Jay for his diligent work.

Jay _____

69. Mr Chen will be unhappy with your conduct. You need to be better behaved.

Unless _____

70. Mr Lim warned Peter not to touch the hot test tube with his bare hands.

_____ warned Mr Lim.

Score:

Read the passage and answer questions 71 to 80. (20 marks)

Dear Beloved Grandchildren,

As I celebrate my 80th birthday today, I thought to share a story about Professor Ed who was an inspiration to me.

I had always been the perfect student with fantastic grades, outstanding sporting achievements and character awards until my fourth year at university when I received 100% achievement in all my modules, except for one. Although the university recognized it as the highest ever achievement in their proud history, I was perturbed as I knew that while my classmates respected my brilliance, they also hated the snobbish manner in which I spoke to them. So, I glared at them as I walked off the stage after receiving my award. Ed congratulated me and invited me to take a walk down to the Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame turned out to be just a huge wall behind an old staircase! Ed pointed to a picture of my grandfather, Chad William, and I was surprised to see it hanging there! Ed shared that although I had received the Distinguished Gold Medal, he believed that I could feel that there was something missing. His words struck a chord and I felt a chill run down my spine. Everyone knew that I was a competitive individual but they just did not understand that what I really wanted was to get a perfect score for all my modules! I almost achieved it if not for that final module in Service Learning where I scored a B!

I pretended that it did not affect me but Ed continued with his explanation that Service Learning was not about developing an intellectual genius. He recognised my efforts but my true **intention** was not correct. He reckoned that I was not doing it for the old folks but I was doing it for the grade. I insisted that I should not be judged for my intent and said that my classmate, Ben, did not deserve an 'A plus!' as he did not write and present his ideas as well as I did. Ed did not relent but explained that Ben spent hours talking to the old folks and finding out what their real needs were. He explained further that I may have beaten Ben with my eloquence but in terms of an untainted intention to help, Ben had won and the founders of Anglo-Chinese School would be so proud of him because he held true to the original vision of the school.

With that, I remembered what my grandfather used to say. He said that good grades would only take one so far in life but after that, there would be a whole host of other skills that one needed to succeed like putting others before self. Your great grandfather pursued academic excellence but he was also a man of pure character, dedicated to a life of service to others.

So my dear grandchildren, I hope you have learnt a lesson from this story and you will find great joy in going to school. Do remember that grades are not everything and it is important that you receive a holistic and complete education of the mind, heart and body. The Best Is Yet To Be.

Your loving Grandpa

71. Which word from paragraph 1 tells us that Professor Ed had a great influence on the writer's education at University? [1m]

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72. What does 'it' in line 13 refer to? [1m]

☐

73. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred. [1m]

_____ Walking to the Hall of Fame

_____ Receiving the Distinguished Gold Medal

_____ Participating in the Service Learning Project

☐

74. Based on the story, state whether each statement in the table is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

| | True/False | Reason |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|--------|
| The writer had always been the perfect student throughout his four years at university. | | |
| The writer's classmates hated his arrogance. | | |
| The founders of ACS were proud of the writer's Service Learning module as he held true to the original vision of the school. | | |

☐

75. What and who was the cause of the writer's dissatisfaction with regards to his academic performance? [2m]

☐

76. Why did the writer feel that Ben did not deserve an "A Plus" for his Service Learning module? [2m]

☐

77. Which three word phrase between lines 10 – 19 tells us that Professor Ed was accurate about what he said to the writer. [1m]

☐

78. Based on information from lines 4-19, fill in the blanks using information from the letter.[4m]

| How the writer felt | What made the writer feel that way | What happened as a result |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| | he had always been the perfect student with fantastic grades | |
| pérturbed | his classmates respected his brilliance, they also hated his snobbish manner. | |
| | he almost achieved it if not for that final module in Service Learning where he scored a B! | he pretended that it did not affect him |

☐

79. Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in Grandpa's message? Write your answers in the column on the right. [3m]

| Words from the passage | What do the word(s) refer(s) to |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| I (line 2) | The writer |
| it (line 7) | |
| intention (line 22) | |
| their (line 27) | |

80. What two life lessons did Grandpa want his grandchildren to learn [2m]

END OF BOOKLET B

Score:

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT EXAM PAPER 2016

SCHOOL : ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOL (JUNIOR)
SUBJECT : ENGLISH
TERM : SA2

BOOKLET A

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

BOOKLET B

- Q29. G Q30. H Q31. J Q32. K Q33. D Q34. C
- Q35. L Q36. M Q37. P Q38. Q Q39. launched
- Q40. elusive Q41. environment Q42. taught Q43. strike
- Q44. could Q45. specific Q46. invention Q47. supplies
- Q48. sought Q49. temperature Q50. perspiration Q51. occupation
- Q52. disaster Q53. on Q54. traced Q55. away Q56. striking Q57. featured
- Q58. with Q59. middle Q60. stung Q61. uprooted Q62. sending
- Q63. live Q64. stopped Q65. awards
- Q66. In spite of the bad weather, Mary was still able to arrive at the station on time.
- Q67. Neither the pupils nor their coach was satisfied with their performance.
- Q68. Jay was praised by Mr Tan for his diligent work.
- Q69. Unless you are better behaved, Mr Chen will be unhappy with your conduct.
- Q70. "Peter, do not touch the hot test tube with your bare hands," warned Mr Lim.
- Q71. inspiration

Q72. It refers to the picture of the writer's grandfather hanging in the hall of fame.

Q73. 3 – Walking to the Hall of Fame

2 – Receiving the Distinguished Gold Medal

1 – Participating in the Service Learning Project

Q74. 1. False – The writer received perfect achievements until the fourth year at university where he got B for Service Learning.

2. True – The writer's classmates hated the snobbish way he spoke to them.

3. False – It was not the writer but Ben whom the founders were proud of as he held true to the original version of the school.

Q75. Not getting an 'A plus' but getting a 'B' and losing to Ben in terms of the Service Learning module were the causes of the writer's dissatisfaction with regards to his academic performance.

Q76. The writer felt that way as Ben did not write and present his ideas as well as he did.

Q77. The phrase is "struck a chord".

| How the writer felt | What made the writer feel that way | What happened as a result |
|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Arrogant | He had always been the perfect student with fantastic grades. | He received the Distinguished Gold Medal award. |
| Perturbed | His classmates respected his brilliance, they also hated his snobbish manner. | The writer glared at them as he walked off the stage after receiving his award. |
| Disappointed | He almost achieved if not for that final module in Service Learning where he scored a B! | He pretended that it did not affect him. |

Q78.

Q79. "it" (line 7) – The writer's achievement during his 4 years at the university.

**"intention" (line 22) – The writer was not interested in helping the elderly but only
the grade.**

"their" (line 27) – The old folks.

Q80. Grandpa wants his grandchildren to find a great joy in going to school and remember that good grades are not everything but to receive a holistic and complete education of the mind heart and body is.

