

**2016 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION**  
**ENGLISH LANGUAGE – PAPER 2**  
**LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION**  
**PRIMARY 6**

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ (       )

Class : Primary 6 / \_\_\_\_\_

Date : 24 August 2016

**BOOKLET A**

**28 Questions**

**28 Marks**

**Duration of Paper: 1 h 50 min**

**Note:**

- 1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.**
- 2. Read carefully the instructions given at the beginning of each part of the booklet.**
- 3. Do not waste time. If a question is difficult for you, go on to the next one.**
- 4. Check your answers thoroughly and make sure you attempt every question.**
- 5. In this booklet, you should have the following:**
  - a. Page 1 to Page 8**
  - b. Questions 1 to 28**

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

1 The students \_\_\_\_\_ their project this morning.

- (1) completed
- (2) have completed
- (3) had completed
- (4) are completing

2 \_\_\_\_\_ the fact that Jane hates animated cartoons, she enjoys watching 'Zootopia'.

- (1) But
- (2) Since
- (3) Despite
- (4) Although

3 Many of us felt sympathetic \_\_\_\_\_ the homeless man who lost his leg in the accident.

- (1) of
- (2) for
- (3) with
- (4) towards

4 "Please give me a hand with \_\_\_\_\_ carton of drinks here," said Mr Lee to his son.

- (1) this
- (2) that
- (3) these
- (4) those

5 Not all plants \_\_\_\_\_ green leaves.

- (1) has
- (2) have
- (3) had
- (4) are having

6 The pharmacy in \_\_\_\_\_ you can get this medication is closed on Sundays.

- (1) how
- (2) when
- (3) which
- (4) where

7 Billy \_\_\_\_\_ the piano for almost a year when Mr Elliot became his teacher.

- (1) played
- (2) was playing
- (3) has been playing
- (4) had been playing

8 "We \_\_\_\_\_ in the new year in ten minutes' time," announced the host.

- (1) usher
- (2) will usher
- (3) are ushered
- (4) have ushered

9 "This tray of eggs is fresh but those in the basket \_\_\_\_\_," Mrs Baia told the grocer.

- (1) is
- (2) are
- (3) isn't
- (4) aren't

10 "Tourists frequent Gardens By The Bay, \_\_\_\_\_ they?" Tommy asked his teacher.

- (1) do
- (2) don't
- (3) didn't
- (4) doesn't

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

11 When she saw her daughter all dressed up, it suddenly \_\_\_\_\_ on her that her daughter was no longer a child.

- (1) lit
- (2) shone
- (3) dawned
- (4) beamed

12 Jacqueline planned her own \_\_\_\_\_ to visit places of interest in New Zealand.

- (1) route
- (2) journey
- (3) itinerary
- (4) timetable

13 He was let off with a stern warning because the victim's family has decided to \_\_\_\_\_ all charges against him.

- (1) drop
- (2) push
- (3) throw
- (4) knock

14 The teacher had to \_\_\_\_\_ John \_\_\_\_\_ as he refused to cooperate with his project members.

- (1) chew...on
- (2) chew...up
- (3) chew...out
- (4) chew...over

15 When the \_\_\_\_\_ guest arrived, the student emcees invited all prize recipients to stand and welcome him.

- (1) prolific
- (2) privileged
- (3) diplomatic
- (4) distinguished

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

On 9<sup>th</sup> August 2016, the Singapore Sports Hub came alive. It was an evening of splendour. People, from all walks of life, had come together to celebrate the nation's birthday (16)  
in pride. There was a big and impressive parade, a mass display of dance and movements, (17)  
followed by an embellished display of fireworks. The crowd danced to the music. They (18)  
cheered and waved as everyone was captivated by the glamour of the evening. It was (19)  
indeed a one of its kind experience one could ever imagine. (20)

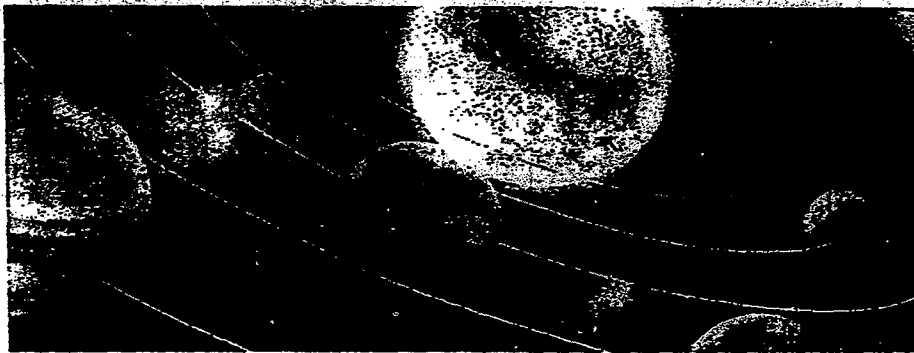
- 16 (1) grandeur  
(2) shimmer  
(3) richness  
(4) glitter
- 17 (1) show  
(2) march  
(3) procession  
(4) performance
- 18 (1) a long  
(2) a special  
(3) an elaborate  
(4) an expensive
- 19 (1) captured  
(2) electrified  
(3) fascinated  
(4) astonished
- 20 (1) rare  
(2) unique  
(3) marvellous

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

# Planet Mania

*a stunning 3D film about the mysterious wonders in our solar system*

brought to you by Singapore Omni Theatre



Planet Mania is a 3D film about all the planets in the solar system. This award-winning documentary has taken the world by storm with its dazzling visual effects and never-seen-before footage of the planets taken during various space expeditions over the past 5 decades!

Join our narrator, world-renowned astronomer Peter Shay, as he takes you on a breathtaking journey of wonder and discovery. Get to know the planets that make up our solar system intimately and see them up close, at angles and perspectives you never thought possible!

## Showtimes

Mon - Fri: 10am and 6pm

Sat - Sun: 11am, 2pm, 5pm and 8pm

Tickets are available at Singapore Omni Theatre Box Office from 9am - 8pm daily.

\*Ticket bundles and discounts available for student groups and community organisations.  
Please call 6123 4567 or visit [www.sporeomni theatre.com.sg](http://www.sporeomni theatre.com.sg) for more details.

**FOR A  
LIMITED  
TIME ONLY!**

## KING OF GODS, KING OF PLANETS

Jupiter is the largest planet in the solar system. Approximately 143,000 kilometres wide at its equator, Jupiter is so large that all of the other planets in the solar system could fit inside it. More than 1,300 Earths would fit inside Jupiter!

Jupiter is the fifth planet from the sun, named after the king of the Roman gods. It is usually the second brightest planet in the sky, after Venus.



- One of the most extraordinary features is the Great Red Spot. It is a giant spinning storm, resembling a hurricane.
- At its widest point, the Great Red Spot is about three-and-a-half times the diameter of Earth. Its edge spins counter-clockwise around its centre at a speed of about 360 kph.
- The colour of the storm, usually varies from brick red to slightly brown, may come from small amounts of sulphur and phosphorus in the ammonia crystals in Jupiter's clouds.
- The spot grows and shrinks over time, and every now and again, it seems to fade entirely.
- Jupiter rotates or spins faster than any other planet. A day on Jupiter is only about 10 hours long!
- Jupiter has 62 known moons. The most recent moons were discovered in 2003.
- The planet's four largest moons are called the Galilean satellites. They were first observed in 1610 by Italian astronomer, Galileo Galilei, when he was using an earlier version of the telescope.
- Jupiter has three thin rings. The rings were discovered in 1979 by NASA's Voyager 1 spacecraft. These rings are made up mostly of tiny dust particles.
- A new spacecraft named Juno is on its way to Jupiter. It was launched in August 2011 and will arrive at Jupiter in 2016. The goal of Juno is to help scientists better understand the origin and evolution of Jupiter and how planets form.



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

21 Planet Mania is a/an \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) non-fiction film
- (2) animated show
- (3) space expedition
- (4) study of astronomy

22 Who is Peter Shay?

- (1) a popular author who has written many books about planets and stars
- (2) an international scientist who loves reading about planets, stars and moons
- (3) an award-winning filmmaker who has made many films about the solar system
- (4) a famous scientist who studies stars, planets, moons and other celestial objects

23 Several members of an astronomer's club would like to watch Planet Mania. Their chairman should \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) book a show for Friday at 4pm
- (2) buy the tickets from [www.sporeomnitheatre.com.sg](http://www.sporeomnitheatre.com.sg)
- (3) call 6123 4567 to inquire about ticket bundles and discounts
- (4) visit the Singapore Omni Theatre Box Office to get a discount

24 The main aim of the flyer on page 6 is to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) advertise the film on planets
- (2) introduce Galileo Galilei to the visitors
- (3) promote the sale of tickets to theatre
- (4) create greater awareness of Jupiter among visitors



**25 Which one of the following statements is true?**

- (1) Jupiter was first discovered in 1610.**
- (2) Jupiter is the biggest planet in the solar system.**
- (3) Jupiter is the brightest planet in the solar system.**
- (4) Jupiter has the 4<sup>th</sup> largest moon in the solar system.**

**26 Jupiter's four biggest moons are called Galilean satellites because**  
\_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) they were discovered in 1610**
- (2) they are part of the 62 known moons**
- (3) they are the largest objects in Jupiter's atmosphere**
- (4) they were named after the first astronomer who observed them**

**27 Jupiter's rings were discovered in** \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) 1610**
- (2) 1979**
- (3) 2003**
- (4) 2011**

**28 Juno is a** \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) spacecraft that is scheduled to reach Jupiter in 2016**
- (2) new moon that has recently been observed in Jupiter**
- (3) new planet that helps scientists understand how planets form**
- (4) spacecraft that is orbiting the Earth so that scientists can better understand its evolution**



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**BOOKLET B**

**52 Questions**

**67 Marks**

**In this booklet, you should have the following:**

- a. Page 9 to Page 19
- b. Questions 29 to 80

BOOKLET	OBTAINED	POSSIBLE
BOOKLET A		28
BOOKLET B		67
TOTAL		95

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) about | D) at      | G) from | K) of   | N) was  |
| B) and   | E) between | H) in   | L) than | P) were |
| C) are   | F) for     | J) is   | M) then | Q) who  |

A new shuttle train service between Singapore and Johor Bahru kicked off on Wednesday.

The service, called Shuttle Tebrau, \_\_\_\_\_ currently operated by Malaysia's  
(29)  
Keretapi Tanah Melayu (KTM). It ferries commuters \_\_\_\_\_ the Woodlands  
(30)  
Checkpoint and JB Sentral \_\_\_\_\_ just five minutes.  
(31)

The service was popular with Malaysians, \_\_\_\_\_ took advantage of the quicker  
(32)  
border crossing to get to work and school here.

Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ the first train service leaving JB Sentral on Wednesday morning  
(33)  
at 5.30am \_\_\_\_\_ sold out. There is a total \_\_\_\_\_ seven trips from Johor  
(34) (35)  
and another seven from Woodlands every day. Each trip can carry \_\_\_\_\_ 320  
(36)  
passengers.

Commuters said the shuttle - which costs RM5 (S\$1.79) from JB and S\$5 from  
Woodlands - was more efficient \_\_\_\_\_ taking the bus, which could take  
(37)  
\_\_\_\_\_ least 45 minutes to over two hours if there was a jam.  
(38)

Shuttle trains leaving from Singapore yesterday morning, however, were relatively  
empty. On the 6.30am train which The Straits Times took from Woodlands, there were only  
ten passengers onboard.



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

The mother bear and her male cub were left undisturbed for three months following the cub's arrival. By the time the pair was released into the (39)  (40)  outside ancloshire, their swimming pool had been filled with a thick protect (41)  layer of straw instead of water. Visitors gathers to witness the cub's first (42)  public apeerence.

As soon as the pair emerged, the fluffy cub began the explore of his (43)  (44)  surroundings. He waddled up to a diving platform on the pool. Suddenly, the (45)  layer of straw seemed inaddequete. Everyone held their breath.

The cub peered down at the long drop below. He lean forward and lost his (46)  (47)  balance, dangling helpless by his forepaws from the edge of the platform. (48)  Realising his predikament, the cub let out an anguished howl.

(49)  (50)  His mother was from the far end of their surroundings, obleevious to her newborn's troubles. At the sound of his distress, she jumped into the pool quickly to save him.

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

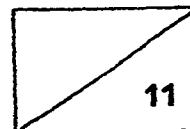
(15 marks)

A dog's body language can be as complicated as a human's. We may interpret that a dog is telling us something, but in \_\_\_\_\_ it might be telling us an \_\_\_\_\_ different thing. It is time to take our communication with dogs to the next \_\_\_\_\_.

A team from 'Nordic Society for Invention and Discovery' has \_\_\_\_\_ a gadget, the dog translator, to enable us to understand our pet dogs. The goal of the invention, 'No More Woof', is to make communication between humans and dogs a two-way \_\_\_\_\_.

The gadget is a headphone that is \_\_\_\_\_ over a dog's head. It analyses the basic thought patterns of a dog and expresses \_\_\_\_\_ in English via an enclosed mini speaker. According to the team, they are \_\_\_\_\_ to recognise the basic thought patterns of a dog such as tiredness, excitement and hunger.

The inventors of 'No More Woof' acknowledge that the gadget is still in its experimental stage as research is still being \_\_\_\_\_ out. Even so, the gadget is already \_\_\_\_\_ a scientific breakthrough in modern world. \_\_\_\_\_ than recognising basic thought patterns, the team aims to decipher a combination of thoughts.



This can help a guide dog to better assist the blind to \_\_\_\_\_ the roads safely.  
(62)

The gadget will also enable a dog to \_\_\_\_\_ a household of danger when there is  
(63)  
an intruder.

'No More Woof' may also \_\_\_\_\_ the doors to amazing opportunities that  
(64)

\_\_\_\_\_ the communication gap between humans and other animals, like seals.  
(65)

Imagine what it would be like if these animals could articulate their thoughts to us using  
similar devices too?

*Adapted from 'Dog Talk', Science Spy, November – December 2014*



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 "Who lay on my new sofa?" Mrs Amina asked her children.

Mrs Amina asked her children \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

67 She is a habitual shoplifter. Her parents are worried.

Her parents find it \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

68 Television stations all over the world broadcast news of the terrorist attacks yesterday.

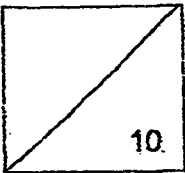
News of the terrorist attacks \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

69 Aisha can play the cello. No other student in the class can do so.

The only \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

70 All the hawkers at the food centre except Uncle Ramy agreed to pay for the renovations.

Apart from \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_





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Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

They travelled down with the teacher in his truck, arriving far too early for the ceremony, and spent several hours sitting in the Museum yard, waiting for the doors to open. At last they did, and others came: principals, teachers, students, parents and photo-journalists from the newspapers. Then the Minister arrived in a black car and people put down their glasses of orange juice and hurriedly swallowed the last of their sandwiches, before entering the auditorium. 5

She saw her picture hanging in a special place, on a room divider, and there was a small card pinned underneath it. Happily, she went with her teacher to look at it, and she saw, with a leaping heart, her name neatly typed out beneath the picture: PRECIOUS RAMOTSWE (10 YEARS OLD) (MOCHUDI GOVERNMENT JUNIOR SCHOOL). And underneath that, also typed, the title which the organiser of the art competition – the Museum itself – had provided: 'Cattle beside Dam'. She stood rigid, suddenly flabbergasted and appalled. This was not true. The picture was of goats, but they had thought it was of cattle! She was getting a prize for a cattle picture, by false pretences. 10 15

"What is wrong?" asked her father, Obed Ramotswe, looking puzzled. "You must be very pleased. Why are you looking so sad?"

She could not say anything. She could feel the fear surging through her. She was about to become a criminal, a perpetrator of fraud. She could not take a prize for a cattle picture when she simply did not deserve it. 20

By then the Minister was standing beside her, and he was preparing to make a speech. She looked up at him, and he smiled warmly.

"You are a very good artist," he said. "Mochudi must be proud of you."

She looked at the toes of her shoes. She would have to confess. "It is not a picture of cattle," she said. "It is a picture of goats. You cannot give me a prize for a mistake." 25

The Minister frowned and looked at the label. Then he turned back to her and said, "They are the ones who have made a mistake. I think those are goats too. I do not think they are cattle."

He cleared his throat and the Director of the Museum asked for silence.

"This excellent picture of goats," said the Minister, "shows how talented the young people of this country are. This young lady will grow up to be a fine citizen and maybe a famous artist. She deserves the first prize and I am now giving it to her." 30

Relieved, she took the prize which he gave her, felt his hand upon her shoulder, and heard him whisper reassuringly, "You are the most truthful child I have ever met. Well done!"

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Soon the ceremony was over, and a little later, the three of them were returning to Mochudi in the teacher's bumpy truck, a heroine returning, a bearer of prizes. Precious looked at her father. Sometimes he had difficulty breathing as his lungs had been filled by dust in those mines where he worked. He would scrimp and save every cent. His only wish was for her to have a better life. She was overcome by a strong emotion, held his hand and said, "Thanks, Papa." At that moment, she instinctively vowed that she had to live up to the Minister's commendations of her at the ceremony.

*Adapted from 'The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency' by Alexander McCall Smith*

- 71 Cite a piece of evidence from the first paragraph which shows that the ceremony would be reported in the newspapers. [1m]

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- 72 Which four-word-phrase from lines 7–15 tells us how Precious felt when she first realised that her picture had been wrongly named? [1m]

- 73 Precious's father was 'puzzled' (line 16) by Precious looking sad when she was about to receive a prize. Why? [2m]

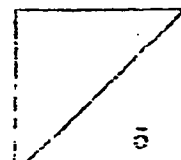
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- 74 What prize was Precious receiving? [1m]

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

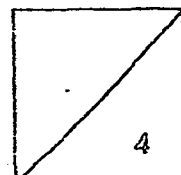
\_\_\_\_\_ The Minister told Precious that the animals in the picture looked like goats and not cattle.

\_\_\_\_\_ Precious was fearful that she would be accused of being a fraudster.

\_\_\_\_\_ Precious decided to tell the Minister the truth.

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

	True/False	Reason
Precious and her group had arrived at the Museum late.		
The Museum had made a mistake in naming the picture.		
Obed Ramotswe had bouts of breathlessness as he was asthmatic.		



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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. The first one has been done for you. [3m]

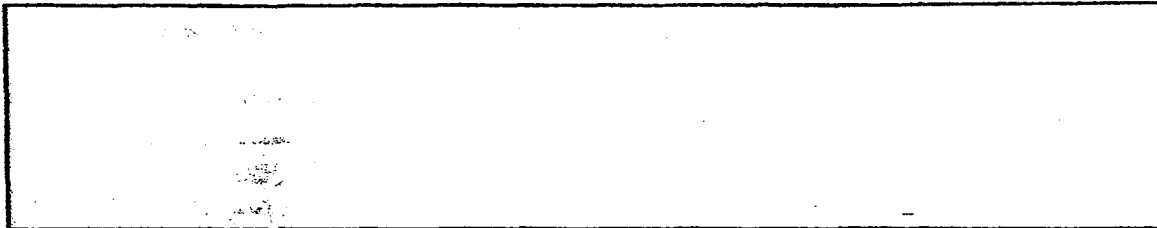
Words from the passage	What the word(s) refer(s) to
they (line 3)	doors of the Museum
They (line 1)	
This (line 13)	
the ones (line 27)	

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Based on the information from lines 7-35, fill in the blanks in the following table. [4m]

How Precious felt	What made Precious feel that way	What Precious did as a result
happy	She saw her picture displayed in the Museum.	
	She was about to become a criminal and a perpetrator of fraud for taking a prize which she did not deserve.	
relieved		She received the first prize without feeling guilty.

- 79 Which sentence from lines 36-42 shows what Precious strove for in life after the ceremony? [1m]

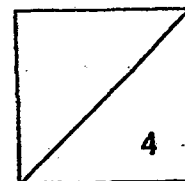


- 80 What do you think was the 'strong emotion' (lines 40-41) Precious felt when she 'looked at her father' (line 38)? Support your answer with a reason why she felt this way. [3m]

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**BOOKLET A**

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

**BOOKLET B**

Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
J	E	H	Q	F	P
Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
K	A	L	D	enclosure	protective
Q41	Q42	Q43	Q44	Q45	Q46
gathered	appearance	exploration	Over	inadequate	leaned
Q47	Q48	Q49	Q50		
helplessly	predicament	at	oblivious		

Q51 fast Q52 entirely Q53 level Q54 invented

Q55 process Q56 placed Q57 then Q58 able

Q59 carried Q60 considered Q61 Other Q62 cross Q63 alert

Q64 open Q65 close

**Q66 Mrs Arina asked her children who had lain on her new sofa.**

**Q67 Her parents find it worrying that she is a habitual shoplifter.**

**Q68 News of the terrorist attack was broadcast by television stations all over the world yesterday.**

**Q69 The only student in the class who can play the cello is Aisha.**

**Q70 Apart from Uncle Ramy, all the hawkers at the food center agreed to pay for the renovations.**

**Q71 Photo journalists from the newspaper were at the ceremony.**

**Q72 suddenly flabbergasted and appalled**

**Q73 He expected to be happy to receive a prize but she was not.**

**Q74 She was receiving the top prize at an art competition.**

**Q75 3, 1, 2**

**Q76 False- Precious and her group arrived early.**

**True- The museum had named the picture "cattle beside Dan' when it was a picture of goats.**

**False- Obed Ramotswe had bouts of breathness as his lungs had been filled by dust in mines where he worked.**

**Q77 They (line1) - Precious and her father**

**This (line13) - the title of Precious's drawing**

**The ones (line 27) - the museum**

**Q78 Happy- She went with her teacher to look at it.**

**Fearful- She confessed to the Minister that the picture was of goats and not cattle.**

**Relieved- The Minister had clarified with the audience that the picture was of goats and not of cattle.**

**Q79 At that moment, she instinctively vowed that she had to live up to the Minister's commendations of her at the ceremony.**

**Q80 Precious felt grateful towards her father as he had scrimped and saved so that she could have a better life.**