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CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)



Primary 5

Semestral Assessment 1

3 May 2018

English Language

Paper 1

Duration of Paper: 1 hour 10 min

2 questions 55 marks

Instructions to Candidates: Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so. Follow all instructions carefully. Answer question 1 and question 2.

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Part 1: Situational Writing (15 Marks)

Question 1

The pictures below show Jeremy and his parents discussing plans for the upcoming school holidays. Study the pictures carefully.



Your Task

Imagine you are Jeremy.

Write an email to your grandmother to tell her that your family will be visiting her during the upcoming school holidays.

You are to refer to the given information for your email.

In your email, include the following information:

- how your family will get to her place

- when your family is arriving

- how long your family will stay
- why you will not be taking long walks with her
- two activities you will be doing with her instead

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

Part 2: Continuous Writing (40 marks)

Write a composition of <u>at least 150 words</u> about **perseverance**.

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 challenge?
- How did the person(s) overcome it?

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







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Primary 5 Semestral Assessment 1 7 May 2018

English Language Listening Comprehension

Duration of Paper: 40 minutes

20 questions 20 marks

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For each question from 1 - 20, three options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2 or 3). Shade the correct oval (1, 2 or 3) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

<u>Text 1</u>

1. Which picture shows where Tom was calling from?



2. Which picture shows where Mary was when she received Tom's call?



3. Which activity is Jason's sister not interested in?



4. Which one of the three lines shows the order of the places that Jason and his sister will go to?



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5. Which picture shows the venue for the Melody1.1FM Road Show?



6. Where will the 2nd prize winner be sitting?



7. Which picture shows what the 13 winners will be doing after the concert?



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- 8. Why were Jack and his classmates eager to go on the learning journey?
 - (1) A boat ride was included in the trip.
 - (2) It was a chance for them to be out of school.
 - (3) They had been anticipating the trip for months.
- 9. Why do you think the bus ride to the destination was the worst part of Jack's day?
 - (1) The bus ride made Jack feel sick.
 - (2) Being caught in a traffic jam made Jack feel anxious.
 - (3) The bus driver's reckless driving made Jack feel like he was on a roller coaster ride.

Text 5

10. Which activity is Dolly not interested in?

- (1) painting
- (2) sewing
- (3) cooking
- 11. Why could Dolly not make up her mind about which course to sign up for?
 - (1) She had too many courses to choose from.
 - (2) She did not want to disappoint her mother.
 - (3) She felt the courses were too limited.

12. What was it about the Martial Arts course that attracted Dolly?

- (1) Her father was thinking about it.
- (2) She wanted to pick up something useful.
- (3) She had watched a Martial Arts movie and liked it.

13. Which of the following is true?

- (1) Coffee is starting to become popular.
- (2) Many people only love coffee for its taste.
- (3) Some people love to hear the grinder grinding the coffee beans.
- 14. Why do people use coffee as a mask?
 - (1) They love the colour of the coffee.
 - (2) They love the smell of the coffee.
 - (3) They love the feel of the coffee.
- 15. What can be said about the coffee chips?
 - (1) It is not available just yet.
 - (2) It is available in all supermarkets.
 - (3) It is what many people are waiting for.
- 16. What does the fact that about 100 million people in America consuming coffee every day tell you?
 - (1) Coffee originated in America.
 - (2) The drinking of coffee is widespread in America.
 - (3) Americans must cut down on their coffee intake.

<u>Text 7</u>

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17. Where is the Singapore Botanic Gardens located?

- (1) a distance away from the shopping district
- (2) in the centre of the shopping district
- (3) at the edge of the shopping district

18. Which of the statements about the Singapore Botanic Gardens is true?

- (1) It is open to visitors every day of the year.
- (2) It is open to foreigners on public holidays only.
- (3) Its opening hours are similar to other gardens in the world.

19. How many sites in Singapore are UNESCO Heritage Sites?

- (1) one
- (2) two
- (3) three

20. How do you know that the Tembusu Tree is significant to Singapore?

- (1) It has 150 years of history.
- (2) It is on the Singapore \$5 note.
- (3) It is well known for its unpleasant scent.

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Primary 5

Semestral Assessment 1

7 May 2018

English Language Paper 2 Booklet A

Duration of Paper (Booklets A & B): 1 h 50 min

28 questions 28 marks

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

(10 marks)

1 This cup of coffee tastes much ______ than the one I drank yesterday.

- (1) best
- (2) good
- (3) better
- (4) worst

2 "Where can I ______ a new pair of spectacles?" Grandfather asked Mother.

- (1) get
- (2) got
- (3) gotten
- (4) getting

_____ Samantha goes to bed, she brushes her teeth.

(1) After

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- (2) Before
- (3) Unless
- (4) Because

4 The traffic ______ so heavy at this hour that the vehicles are moving at a snail's pace.

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

5 I saw the building ______ during the earthquake.

- (1) collapse
- (2) collapses
- (3) collapsed
- (4) was collapsing

"Grace would have been punctual if she could, ______ she?" her form teacher asked. 6

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

It was Amy, and not the boys, who prepared the food by _____. 7

- (1) itself
- .(2) herself
- (3) himself
- (4) themselves

If she ______ the cage door, her pet rabbit will not escape. 8

- (1) locks
- (2) locked
- (3) had locked
- (4) have locked
- 9 _ of these pencils is mine.
 - (1) All
 - (2) Both
 - (3) None
 - (4) Some

Thomas has an advantage_____the other competitors as he has been training under a 10 well-known coach.

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- (1) in
- (2) to
- (3) with
- (4) over

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

(5 marks)

Jane ______ trying to complete her project which was due the next day.

(1) broke her back

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- (2) made a beeline
- (3) held her horses
- (4) sat on the fence

12 Before taking any photographs, it is advisable to read the ______ to find out how to operate the camera.

- (1) menu
- (2) recipe
- (3) manual
- (4) questionnaire

13 She is ______ as to which restaurant she should go to for dinner.

- (1) intolerant
- (2) indecisive
- (3) insensitive
- (4) independent

14 After being given a severe _____, the naughty boy learnt his lesson and turned over a new leaf.

- (1) backing
- (2) prodding
- (3) thrashing
- (4) pounding

15 With his ______appetite, he can surely finish the whole pot of rice.

- (1) voracious
- (2) scrupulous
- (3) meticulous
- (4) sumptuous

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)

"Your wife is in a serious condition," the doctor said. "Whom do you want?" "Whom do I want?" Mr Wick asked, standing outside the labour ward of the run-down hospital. There was an <u>awkward</u> pause. (16)"Do you want to save your wife or your baby? We cannot save them both." Mr Wick paused. "Save my wife," he said, holding back his tears. He could not give up the chance of saving her. He hoped his wife of ten years could pull through. There were five more (17) (18) children waiting for her at home. In the operating room, Mrs Wick was in agony. It was no ordinary labour pains. She gathered (19) her hands together and prayed. She had great faith within her tiny frame. The nurses stared at the sight of heavily-pregnant woman, crying out to her God. They were at their wits' end. Little did they know a miracle was about to happen. (20) Adapted from 'My Adventure of Faith' by Colton Wickramaratne

- 16 (1) unlucky
 - (2) unexpected
 - (3) unexplainable
 - (4) uncomfortable

17 (1) plan

- (2) invitation
- (3) suggestion
- (4) opportunity

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18 (1) retire (2) awake (3) rescue (4) survive

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19 (1) similar (2) normal (3) familiar (4) unusual

20	(1)	careless
	(2)	helpless
	(3)	faithless
	(4)	reckless

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Study this article from a magazine, Shopaholic, carefully and then answer questions 21 to 28.



How did S - Mart come about?

37-year-old Sheila Kang started S - Mart two years ago. At that time, she was a tour guide and travelled frequently. When her parents developed health problems, Sheila decided to quit her full-time job. To her, it was <u>a necessary move</u>. Being an only child, she felt that it was her duty to take good care of them. Although Sheila had some savings to fall back on, she knew that it would run out in a few years' time.

"I had chosen to be there for my parents, but I wanted to make enough money to give them a comfortable life as well. I had just discovered online shopping then. It was so convenient! I was amazed by how I could buy almost anything without stepping out of my house and braving the crowd! It struck me that I could try setting up an online shop," Sheila candidly shared.

When Sheila was leading tours overseas, she kept a lookout for quirky, innovative products. She knew of countless fascinating and useful products that were not available in Singapore yet. Hundreds of those products can now be purchased online at S - Mart.













Contribute to "The Shopping Guide"

Good things must be shared!

If you know of a noteworthy online shop, send your recommendation to our

reporter, Hayley Wong, at <u>Hayley.wong@tsg.sg</u>.

You will receive an exclusive "The Shopping Guide" goody bag if your recommendation is featured!

For each of the questions from 21 to 28, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make a choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet

(8 marks)

- 21 Why were exclamation marks used in the section Review on S Mart?
 - (1) to shock the readers
 - (2) to show the excitement of the writer
 - (3) to encourage the readers to buy the magazine
 - (4) to emphasize the importance of shopping online
- 22 Which of the following statements about the products that Hayley Wong had bought is correct?
 - (1) They are common in Singapore.
 - (2) The camping stove is battery-operated.
 - (3) A specific time can be set to unlock the timer jars.
 - (4) The heated butter knife can be used to toast bread.

23 Look at the section "How did S - Mart come about?" The phrase 'a necessary move' in paragraph 1 refers to Sheila _____.

- (1) using her savings
- (2) starting an online shop
- (3) quitting her full-time job
- (4) discovering online shopping
- 24 Sheila Kang learnt about the products that she sells on S Mart through
 - (1) shopping online
 - (2) magazine articles
 - (3) her previous work experience
 - (4) her friend's recommendations
- 25 Which of the following statements about Sheila Kang is <u>not</u> true?
 - (1) She has no siblings.
 - (2) She is a filial daughter.
 - (3) She saves for rainy days.
 - (4) She leads tour groups in Singapore.

26 What is Hayley Wong's occupation and the nature of her work?

- (1) She is a reporter and she reports on what online shops sell.
- (2) She is a tour guide and she does research and visit countries.
- (3) She is an online seller and she puts up items on sale on a website.
- (4) She is an online shopper and she helps people to buy useful things online.
- 27 According to the article, a reader can receive an exclusive "The Shopping Guide" goody bag when _____.
 - (1) the reader sends in a recommendation
 - (2) the reader's recommendation is published
 - (3) Hayley Wong receives the reader's recommendation
 - (4) the reader buys from the online shop recommended by Hayley Wong

28 What is the main purpose of the article?

- (1) to give readers a chance to win exclusive goodie bags
- (2) to get readers to contribute to The Shopping Guide
- (3) to attract readers to read The Shopping Guide
- (4) to inform readers of how S Mart came about

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Primary 5 Semestral Assessment 1

7 May 2018

English Language Paper 2 Booklet B

Duration of Paper (Booklets A & B): 1 h 50 mir,

52 questions 67 marks

Instructions to Candidates: Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so. Follow all instructions carefully. Answer all questions.



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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)	and	(D)	but	(G) in	(K) when	(N) with
(B)	are	(E)	can	(H) is	(L) while	(P) of
(C)	before	(F)	few	(J) mar	ny (M) who	(Q) up

Having a pet can benefit children in more ways than one. ______ parents hope (29) that their children can become more caring ______ responsible with a pet around. (30) Looking after a pet can help children develop empathy. They learn to read the pet's different behaviours such as ______ he needs food, comfort or medical attention. They (31) also learn to tune ______ to an animal's feelings of wanting love and companionship. (32) Such children typically grow up into caring adults ______ will be more sensitive to (33)

Pets require regular feeding and exercise. _______ older children can groom and (34)
walk the pet, younger children ______ learn to manage simple tasks such as filling the
(35)
pet's water and food bowls. Having pets ______ a great way to make children not only
(36)
more responsible, but also gain confidence in doing so.

However, taking into account the day-to-day responsibilities ______ pet (37) ownership, parents should think twice ______ getting a pet. After all, keeping a happy (38) and healthy pet is a lifetime commitment.

Adapted from "Should we get Junior a Pet" in My Alvernia, Issue 30

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

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Reade	ers love stories wi	th a plot twist.	When it is o	one well, it gives
	(39)			
the readers something	ing new and intresting	. It also makes the	e readers want to	read more. But make
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no mistake, unex	xpected story deve	lopemt is one	of the hardes	st things to write.
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There is however, s	some strategies you ca	an use to make wi	riting easier.	
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Plot twists n	may <u>appeearr</u> anywhe	ere within a story.	<u>After</u> introducin	g a plot twist in the
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story, concider what	t the readers expect to	o read. Then, find	ways to give them	more than what they
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have expected and	you will have success	fully pulled <u>up</u> a de	elighted plot twist.	· · · · ·
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When setting	g up a plot twist, it	is also important	not to reveal to	o many information.
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Otherwise, the rea	aders will be able t	to guess what v	vill happen and	they are not going
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to be <u>suprised</u> .	Withholding inform	nation also hel	ps to create	susspence in the
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story, <u>kept</u> the read	ers on the edge of the	ir seats.		

Last but not least, remember not to overuse plot twists. We do not always need to include a (50) _______ plot twist to weaved a compelling story. Sometimes, the less plot twists you use, the more

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intrigued your readers will be.

Adapted from Writer's Digest, October 2017

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Honey has been used by countless cultures all around the world. It goes back so many years that it is impossible to ______ out exactly when the use of honey (51) first (52) Honey is the product because of the hard work of bees. In spring, worker bees fly _____ flower to flower to collect nectar. They store the nectar in a special type of (53) ____ converts it to honey. _____ returning to their hive, these (55) stomach_ (54) worker bees will feed the honey to the bee larvae. But what makes honey so popular? Perhaps, it is the ease with which it can _____ One can eat it directly, put it on bread ______ a jam, or mix it in be ___ (57) (56) any beverage for a refreshing drink. Everything is sweeter ____ _____ a touch of honey. (58) There are also people who _____ _____ in the health benefits of honey. To them, (59) (60) their body. honey is a natural source of sugar, providing strength and energy_____ ____consume honey to boost their athletic performance For the same reason, many ____ (61) and to reduce muscle fatigue. Another well-known health benefit of honey is _____ _____ antibacterial properties. (62) Honey is believed to be able to kill certain bacteria that cause infection. Hence, for many years, honey is a common household remedy for sore throat and a large _ of (63) their throats before performances. professional singers use honey to (64)

Almost everyone can use honey ______ for infants under one year old. This is (65)

because their digestive system is not yet ready to breakdown some substances found in honey.

Adapted from http://www.realfoodforlife.com

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 waiter served the diners promptly. The diners _____ _____ Jason dropped out of the competition. His leg was injured. 67 because of Everyone laughed at the girl. She asked a very foolish question. 68 ______ such_____ that _____ Mrs Tan listened to Mary's explanation. She forgave Mary for breaking the vase. 69 Having "I have a piano class after school today" said James. 70 James said .



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Read this passage and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

Ruby and her little sister, Harriet, walked hand in hand down the path of willow trees. It was the time of the year again to go ice skating at Harper Pond. As the chilly wind blew, they walked closer together to stay warm.

At Harper Pond, Ruby saw that her friends were already skating around. She quickly put on her skates and took off with a few powerful strokes while Harriet took her time to put 5 on hers. A line of girls swirled towards Ruby on skates. They circled around her and came to a halt.

"Come on, Ruby," cried Elise, "let's skate together."

"Sure," Ruby shouted, before turning to her sister, "Harriet, I will skate with you later!"

With that, Ruby and her friends skated over the ice at full speed, swinging in and out of the low-hanging branches of the willow trees. Ruby was having a whale of a time. Soon, the group broke off and Ruby crossed over to the other side of the pond. She was skating freely on her own, oblivious to the fact that she was nearing an area where the ice was thin.

All of a sudden, with a crack, the ice under Ruby's feet gave way and Ruby tumbled 15 into the chilly water. Ruby was drawn under and the water closed over her. Thrashing furiously, she surfaced and managed to scream, "Help!" But no one came to her rescue. Ruby looked over to where her friends had been swirling just moments ago. They were all running away.

"Run, the ice is breaking!" somebody shrieked.

Ruby's water-soaked clothes were pulling her down. She struggled to keep her head above the water by clawing at the ice, but it kept breaking away.

"Help," Ruby screamed, "help mel"

Just when Ruby thought all hope was gone, **somebody** was working her way over the ice. With a branch in her hand, Harriet should, "Ruby, I'm coming!" 25

Harriet crawled towards Ruby faster than anyone would have ever thought she could. Stretching out on the ice, she inched forward till the branch was within Ruby's reach. In despair, Ruby grabbed the branch and held on to it for dear life. Although Harriet was scared, she hung on. Ruby wanted desperately to get out of the icy water, but she did not dare to pull too hard. She knew if she tried any harder, she would drag her little sister down 30 into the water too.

Suddenly, a voice cried out from behind Harriet, "Hold on, Ruby! Don't let go, Harriet!" It was Michael, their tall and strong neighbour. Pushing Harriet gently aside, he grabbed the branch with both hands. Ruby felt herself hauled forward and out of the deep, icy water. She lay as still as stone and looked into the pale face of Harriet. Tears streamed 35 down Harriet's cheeks as she whispered, "We made it... we made it!"

"No, sister ... you made it," said Ruby, smiling feebly.

Adapted from 'A Moment of Truth' by Sigrun Srivastav

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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]

_____ Ruby skated alone.

_____ Ruby left Harriet alone.

_____ Ruby screamed for help.

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

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer(s) to			
they (line 3)	Ruby and Harriet			
hers (line 6)				
They (line 18)				
somebody (line 24)				

77 Which four-word phrase from line 15-25 tells us Ruby believed that no one was going to rescue her? [1m]

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78 Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table is 'True' or 'False', then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

	True/False	Reason
Ruby's friends tried to rescue Ruby when she called for help.		
Ruby was worried that she might drag her little sister down into the water with her.		
Ruby only skated round the willow trees.	****	

Which three of the following words correctly describe how Harriet felt in lines 26 - 36? Put a tick \checkmark in the box beside each of your answers. [3m]

angry	frustrated
confused	relieved
determined	anxious

What do you think Ruby meant by saying Harriet 'made it' (line 37) although it was Michael who pulled her out of the icy water. Support your answer by stating how Harriet 'made it'. [2m]

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Booklet A

Q 1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
3	1	2	1	1	4	2	1	3	4
Q 11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
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Q 21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28		
2	3	3	3	4	1	2	3		

Booklet B

Q 29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
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Q54)	which	Q59)	believe	Q64)	soothe		
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Q66)	The diners were served by the waiter promptly.						
Q67)	Jason dropped out of the competition because of his injured leg.						
Q68)	She asked such	a foolish q	uestion that ever	ryone laugi	ned at her.		
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Q69)	Having listened to Mary's explanation< Mrs Tan forgave her for
	breaking the vase.
Q70)	James said that he had a piano class after school that day.
Q71)	Kuby and Harriet were going to go to Harper Pond for ice skating.
Q72)	As the chilly wind blew, they walked closer together to stay warm.
Q73)	Ruby wanted to skate with her friends for a while as they were already skating around.
Q74)	tumbled
	surfaced
	clawing
Q75)	2,1,3
Q76)	(line 6) Harriet's ice skates.
n in	(line 18) Rudy's friends
	(line 24) Harriet
Q77)	All hope was gone
Q78)	False / All of Rudy friends ran away for fear of falling into the water lik Rudy.
	True / Rudy did not dare to pull to hard at the stick Harriet was using t save her. False / Rudy crossed over to the area where the ice was thin.
Q79)	determined relieved anxious
Q80)	Rudy meant that it was Harriet who saved her life as she gave Rudy a branch to hold on to.