

SINGAPORE CHINESE GIRLS' SCHOOL
PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2019
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY SIX

Name: _____ () Date: 19 August 2019

Class: Primary 6 SY / C / G / SE / P

	Marks Obtained	Highest Possible Marks
Part 1		15
Part 2		40
Sub-total		55

PAPER 1
(WRITING)

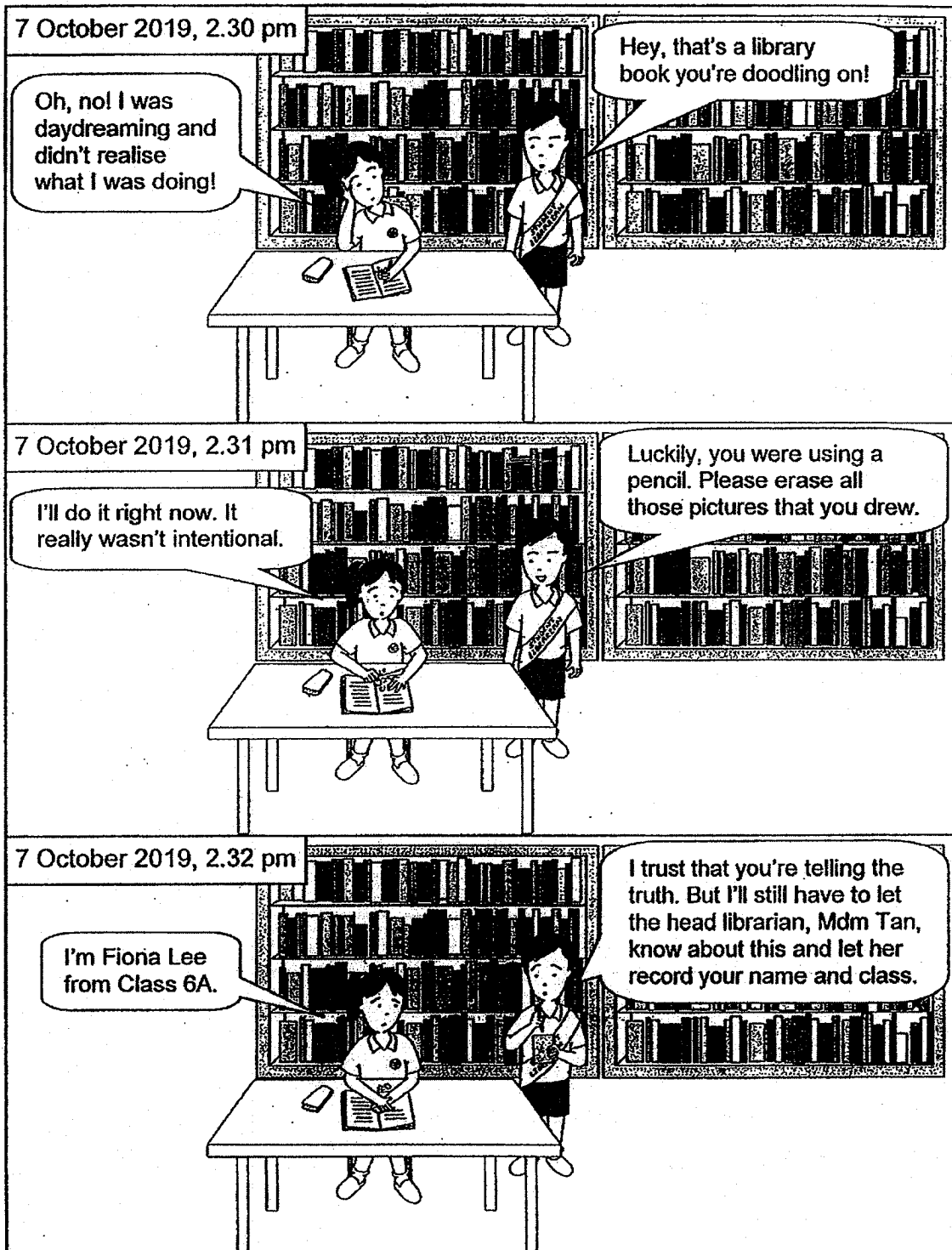
Total Time : 1 hour 10 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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- 2 Answer all questions.

Part 1: Situational Writing (15 marks)

1. The pictures below show an incident that happened during recess. Study the pictures carefully.



Your Task

Imagine you are Alex.

Write an email to the head librarian, Mdm Tan, to inform her about the incident.

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

In your email, include the following key information:

- the date of the incident
- why you approached Fiona
- how Fiona first responded to your comment
- what you told Fiona to do
- two pieces of information about Fiona that Mdm Tan needs to take note of

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

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**ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
(BOOKLET A)**

Total time for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Write your Index No. in the boxes at the top right hand corner.
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4. Answer all questions.
5. Shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

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 Optical Answer Sheet.
(10 marks)

1 _____ she did not like the taste of the dish, she finished it.

- (1) As
- (2) Since
- (3) However
- (4) Although

2 Madam Lee smelt something _____ and rushed into the kitchen.

- (1) burn
- (2) burns
- (3) burning
- (4) was burning

3 "Wouldn't David be thrilled when he _____ that he has won the first prize in the writing competition?" asked Mandy.

- (1) knew
- (2) knows
- (3) has known
- (4) had known

4 Much to the relief of Farmer Brown, most of the deer _____ rescued from the burning ranch this morning.

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

5 Since he stepped down as the chairman of the company, he had _____ say in the management of the company.

- (1) few
- (2) little
- (3) many
- (4) much

- 6 Madam Tan is excited about meeting her long-lost brother _____ she had not seen or heard from for the past twenty years.
- (1) which
 - (2) whom
 - (3) whoever
 - (4) whichever
- 7 The competitors are to abide _____ the rules of the game or they risk being disqualified.
- (1) to
 - (2) by
 - (3) with
 - (4) across
- 8 All advice _____ ignored as the twins continue playing their computer games.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
- 9 Mrs Teng asked her helper, "You've completed all the chores, _____?"
- (1) don't you
 - (2) didn't you
 - (3) hadn't you
 - (4) haven't you
- 10 Roshan and _____ will be the emcees for the upcoming concert.
- (1) I
 - (2) my
 - (3) me
 - (4) mine

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 Optical Answer Sheet.

(5 marks)

- 11 I need to _____ this new pair of running shoes before the competition so that I will be comfortable wearing them.
- (1) break in
 - (2) break away
 - (3) break down
 - (4) break through
- 12 She _____ with her studies in spite of financial problems.
- (1) dealt
 - (2) grappled
 - (3) persisted
 - (4) struggled
- 13 Mr Hadad gave me an _____ glance and said, "You've done a great job, Azlin! I look forward to seeing more great work from you."
- (1) alarmed
 - (2) approving
 - (3) anguished
 - (4) ambiguous
- 14 The six-year-old _____ declared that she had not showered that morning due to the cold weather. She was unconcerned about her friends' reactions.
- (1) sheepishly
 - (2) unabashedly
 - (3) surreptitiously
 - (4) absentmindedly
- 15 People are buying extra groceries in _____ of heavy snowstorms so that they will not go hungry.
- (1) honour
 - (2) possession
 - (3) anticipation
 - (4) replacement

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

Linen is a natural fibre made from the stalk of a plant. It was the first fibre used to weave fabric and dates back over 8000 years. First used by Mediterranean civilisations, it was quickly adopted by Europe and it became popular during the medieval times. It was the most readily available fabric and remained the most popular even after the introduction of cotton fabrics by the Arabs during the 1300s.

Linen remained the fabric of choice until the eighteenth century when the introduction of spinning machines became much more affordable than the traditional linen techniques.

Presently, because of the laborious time it takes to produce linen, and the manual processes that have to be undertaken, linen has become a higher-priced commodity. It is considered, among many, to be a "luxury" fabric.

Adapted from www.truthaboutthreadcount.com

- 16 (1) rejected
(2) targeted
(3) received
(4) embraced
- 17 (1) easily
(2) barely
(3) scarcely
(4) excessively
- 18 (1) basic
(2) modern
(3) standard
(4) conventional
- 19 (1) gruelling
(2) indefinite
(3) additional
(4) manageable
- 20 (1) product
(2) invention
(3) concoction
(4) extravagance

Study this article from a magazine, Parents' Bulletin, and then answer questions 21 to 28.

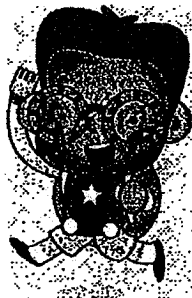
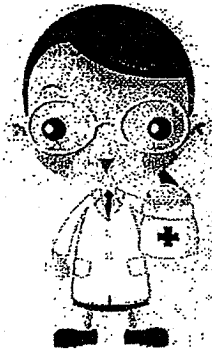
Let's Keep Myopia in Check!

2019

If you live in Singapore, you probably know what myopia is. Myopia, the medical name of short-sightedness, is commonly mentioned in schools as more than half the children here have the condition by the time they are 12 years old.

"Let's Keep Myopia in Check!" is a campaign that was first launched in 2014 to drive home an important message. The campaign organiser, Health Focus Singapore (HFS), wants young children and their parents to understand that having good eye care habits can bring myopia under control.

In the first few years, the campaign targeted primary school students. Eye care teams from HFS visited each school biannually to conduct eye checks and give assembly talks. The campaign received positive responses and support from various sources increased. By 2017, the number of eye care teams had tripled. That allowed HFS to start sending teams to pre-schools as well. This year, HFS plans to celebrate the campaign's fifth anniversary by engaging the general public in a wide range of activities that promote good eye care.



You can visit www.hfs.org.sg/myopiacampaign for details of all the activities as well as special promotions at some of your favourite stores.

Check out what's in store for you right away so that you won't miss out!



Highlights

Eye Checks

Eye care teams from HFS will set up booths at various community centres to conduct free eye checks for the public. Book your appointment online.

Eye Fitness

Perform daily eye exercises to improve your vision. Demonstrations available online.

Eye Relaxation

Studies have shown that some pictures can soothe tired eyes. Images available online.

Eye Health Food Fair

Discover how your diet affects your vision. Get the best deals on food products that are good for your eyes!



Special Promotion at Bright Eyes Optics



The opticians at Bright Eyes Optics are known for their professional and friendly service. Customers not only get information on the eyewear accessories they want to buy, but are also advised on the frames and lenses best suited to their needs. Visit Bright Eyes Optics with this coupon and be entitled to various discounts!

- ☆ Purchase selected frames for \$70 each (Usual Price \$140)
- ☆ Purchase 2 matching pairs of frames for \$120 (Usual Price \$280)
- ☆ Receive a 20% discount on scratch-resistant lenses
- ☆ Receive a 50% discount on the 2nd pair of sunglasses purchased

For each question from 21 to 28, 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 Optical Answer Sheet.

(8 marks)

21 Which of the following is a likely reason why readers might have heard of myopia?

- (1) It is frequently talked about in schools.
- (2) All children have it by the time they turn 12.
- (3) "Let's Keep Myopia in Check!" is a biannual campaign.
- (4) People who live in Singapore have good eye care habits.

22 What was Health Focus Singapore's main reason for starting the campaign?

- (1) the discovery of good eye care habits
- (2) the need to bring myopia under control
- (3) the support received from various sources
- (4) the requests from parents of young children for more information

23 Which of the following statements is correct about the "Let's Keep Myopia in Check!" campaign in 2019?

- (1) It targets mainly school children.
- (2) It includes activities that the public can take part in.
- (3) It aims to further increase the number of eye care teams.
- (4) It will be promoted through assembly talks in secondary schools.

24 What is the similarity between "Eye Fitness" and "Eye Relaxation"?

- (1) They teach people eye care exercises.
- (2) They allow people to make appointments online.
- (3) They invite people to highlight their eye care issues.
- (4) They offer people free access to eye care resources.

- 25 By visiting the "Eye Health Food Fair", Mrs Tan can _____.
- (1) eat a balanced diet
 - (2) get a free eye check
 - (3) find out why she has myopia
 - (4) pay less for certain food products
- 26 The opticians at Bright Eyes Optics provide customers with _____.
- (1) treatment for myopia
 - (2) services on a wide range of health needs
 - (3) advice on appropriate frames and lenses
 - (4) information on the eyewear accessories others are buying
- 27 Anyone who visits Bright Eyes Optics with the special promotion coupon will be able to _____.
- (1) pay \$70 for any pair of frames
 - (2) save on 2 matching pairs of frames
 - (3) get scratch-resistant lenses for free
 - (4) buy a pair of sunglasses at a discount
- 28 What is the main purpose of the article?
- (1) to tell readers about good eye care habits
 - (2) to get readers to visit the opticians at Bright Eyes Optics
 - (3) to tell readers that myopia is a condition that can be treated
 - (4) to get readers involved in the "Let's Keep Myopia in Check!" campaign

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Booklet B		67
Sub-total		95

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2

(BOOKLET B)

Total time for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
2. Follow all instructions carefully.
3. Answer all questions.
4. Write your answers in this booklet.

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.

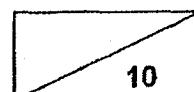
(A) although	(D) but	(G) has	(K) their	(N) to
(B) another	(E) from	(H) have	(L) these	(P) were
(C) are	(F) for	(J) or	(M) this	(Q) when

Drinking straws represent one of the oldest eating utensils ever made. Its ability to transfer a beverage from its container to the user's mouth provided some benefits in cases _____ drinking directly from containers is not desirable or effective. The eating tradition (29) of 19th century Europe and United States was _____ factor to account for its (30) widespread use.

The earliest drinking straws were created over 5000 years ago. In the ruins of the Sumerian cities and tombs, archaeologists managed _____ find straws made from gold (31) and the precious stone - lapis lazuli. _____ expensive 3000-year-old artefacts can give (32) us the proof that the more simple designs were used far earlier than that. These were most probably created from carved wood _____ natural hollow plants. According to (33) scientists, the ancient Sumerians used straws to drink _____ beer which was prepared (34) in very simple fermentation cases. On the other side of the world, the natives of Argentina _____ used drinking straws for several thousands of years. (35)

In the 1800s, the fashion of drinking _____ cheap and easily created rye grass (36) straws came into popularity, _____ their weak structure prevented them from being (37) used in prolonged sessions. In 1888, an American inventor created the first model of the modern drinking straw. _____ it was made of paper, it was suitable for use over a (38) longer period. In 1937, Joseph Friedman invented the bendy straw. With the ongoing concern over the environmental impact of single-use plastics, many international companies are starting the manufacture of biodegradable drinking straws.

Adapted from www.eatingutensils.net



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

After the backbreaking 152-kilometre ride the day before, I was not looking forward

(39)

to Day 6 of RAB (Ride Across Borneo). We are definitely very tired but that was what I had

(40)

sign up for.

(41)

To be fair, we met numeres well-mannered truck drivers on the road the day before.

(42)

That big truckers slowed down to a crawl to make sure they did not scare us and took

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their time to overtake us. I really aprechiated their road manners. Every single day,

(44)

(45)

regardless of the deestance, the heat was either the same as the previous day or merciless

(46)

worse. What did I need to do aside from drinking up, applying sunskrin, wearing my arm

(47)

sleeves and finding shade? It was temting to stay in Niah National Park for another day

(48)

and rest, but the show would go on. It is not often that I am given the chance to ride such

a distance in Borneo and I know I am passing by places or villages. Fortunately, I am not

(49)

here for research or a historically lesson. I am just riding through and basking in the

(50)

eksperiens. If I was not sure about anything or if I wanted some information, I could always

ask the locals at the rest stop.

Adapted from *The Man Who Rode Around Borneo* (2014) by Rahim Resad. Black Unicorn Publishing Company, Singapore

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Furoshiki is a square piece of cloth or fabric used for gift wrapping, transporting items and home decor. The _____ (51) refers to both the cloth, which usually has an elegant, decorative design, and the craft. *Furoshiki* has become increasingly popular around the world _____ (52) it has transformed the art of gift-giving.

Furoshiki originated in Japan around 710 BC during the Nara period. During this time, the cloth that an object was wrapped in was _____ (53) to as *tsutsumi*, meaning "package" or "present". It was used to wrap important goods and treasures found _____ (54) Japanese temples. The term *furoshiki* was applied during the Muromachi period which lasted _____ (55) 1136 to 1573. It is believed that a *shogun* – a chief military commander in feudal Japan – installed a large bathhouse in his residence and invited people of importance to stay and use the facility. Many stood on the fabrics while drying after _____ (56), hence the translation of the word to "bath spread".

Furoshiki was soon _____ (57) with all members of society as bathhouses became the designated area to wash, relax and socialise. It did not take long _____ (58) the custom spread to other avenues such as wrapping books, gifts and merchandise.

In 2006, the Japanese Minister of the Environment _____ (59) *furoshiki* cloth in an effort to increase environmental awareness and _____ (60) the use of plastic. Plastic harms the environment. It is during this period that the spread and modern practices increased in use. Today, it is commonly _____ (61) by Japanese schoolchildren to carry bento boxes.

Furoshiki cloth is used by gift-givers around the world as an _____ (62) friendly way to wrap gifts. All that is needed to tie *furoshiki* is the cloth itself. It comes in a _____ (63) of different sizes. The only requirement is that the cloth must be square. Depending on the _____ (64) of the gifts, the cloth may be as small as the palm of one's hand _____ (65) as large as a car. The gift wrapper can fully customise the look everything from the pattern of the fabric to its thickness and size can be selected by the gift-giver.

Adapted from www.invaluable.com

For each of the questions from 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 "Can you pass me the steamed vegetables?" Mr Fuad asked his daughter.

Mr Fuad asked _____

67 None of her pupils was hurt in the collision. Madam Reeta was relieved.

To Madam Reeta's _____

68 Alex suddenly refused to participate in the Spelling Bee. His teacher was baffled.

Alex's teacher was baffled by _____

69 Joo Hoon swam twenty laps across the Olympics-sized pool. He was exhausted.

Having _____

70 I placed my head on the pillow. The screams started.

Scarcely had _____

Read this passage and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

Sora observed in amazement as Weilun picked up two large metal cans and carried them out the door. She trailed behind Weilun with a pail of clothes, watching him carry the two cans effortlessly. They were large and were covering Weilun's small frame. "This way," he said. "We must go to the river to wash these clothes and fill the cans with water."

Sora's father had sent her to the village to learn about rural life. Having grown up in a privileged environment, Sora had never once done any household chores back home. The rural was too dull for her to bear and she could not wait to return home. Her resistance to learning new things only further dampened her mood. Sora's friends even quipped that she would not be able to survive in the village. She did not understand why her father would always chant "Where is your willingness to learn?" whenever she asked him if she could stay home for the holidays. Her father had given her a checklist on the life skills that she needed to pick up before she returned home, one of which was to wash clothes. She recalled washing a table cloth after an art lesson in school. That was easy, she thought. She was confident that she would be able learn all of them without any help.

"Where are your clothes? I will help you wash them," Sora gestured Weilun to the rocks by the river.

"You don't look like you know how to do it," Weilun said as he shot Sora an incredulous glance.

"Why not?" Sora huffed, irritated by his lack of confidence in her. She swiftly picked up the clothes and started to scrub them against the rocks. Sora giggled inwardly as she imagined how proud her father would be of her to know that she could wash clothes without any supervision. "Why would I need a young boy to teach me how to do such a simple chore?" muttered Sora as she put on her earphones to drown out Weilun's voice.

"Remember to rinse the detergent in the pail, not in the river," Weilun reminded Sora. Sora continued with her task, not knowing what exactly Weilun had said.

Wringing out the last piece of clothing, Sora carefully placed it back in the pail. Suddenly, a bird descended from the sky. Sora released her grip of the pail in shock as she dodged the incoming bird thinking that it wanted to attack her. She heaved a sigh of relief when she realised that the bird was aiming for a worm that was inches away from her. Sora diverted her gaze back to the pail of clothes. "Oh no!" she yelled in horror. "They have drifted off in the river!" She paced up and down the river bank, not knowing what to do. Weilun, who was filling the large cans with water at the far end of the river, stood up and ran towards Sora.

"What happened to the clothes?" Weilun asked puzzledly. Sora quickly shifted the blame to the bird. He pointed at the detergent foam that gathered on the surface of the river. "Don't tell me you rinsed the detergent from the clothes in the river? Don't you know that it may kill the river creatures? You were the one who caused the problem, not the bird!" Sora looked down in shame. "You think that you know everything, but you actually don't. I wanted to teach you, but you refused. You won't understand," Weilun sighed. He proceeded to retrieve the pail of clothes that had rolled towards a tree.

Sora closed her eyes to let Weilun's words sink in for a moment. She finally understood the meaning behind her father's chants and realised that both Weilun and her father had taught her the same lesson. She walked towards Weilun and whispered, "Could you teach me all the life skills that my father had planned for me to learn?"

71 Why was Sora amazed in the first paragraph? [2m]

72 Based on the second paragraph, list **two** reasons why Sora's father decided to send her to the village during the holidays. [2m]

i) _____

ii) _____

73 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
a) Sora was willing to go to the village during the holidays.		
b) Sora's friends did not believe that she would be able to adapt well to life in the village.		
c) Weilun was confident that Sora could wash the clothes.		

74 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. [2m]

Word from the passage	What the word refers to
a) them (line 14)	
b) her task (line 25)	

- 75 Based on lines 19-23, fill in the following table by identifying the correct word(s) from the passage. [2m]

Question	Word(s) from the passage
a) Which word tells us that Sora was eager to prove Weilun wrong?	
b) Which two-word phrase tells us that Sora thought it was easy to wash clothes?	

- 76 Why did Sora not know "what exactly Weilun had said" (line 25)? [1m]

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

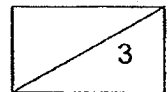
- _____ Sora dropped the pail.
_____ Sora washed a table cloth.
_____ Sora carried a pail of clothes.

- 78 Based on lines 26-39, fill in the following table. [4m]

	What Sora thought had happened	What actually happened
When the bird flew towards Sora.	a)	b)
When Sora lost the pail of clothes.	c)	d)

79 What was "the problem" in line 36? [1m]

80 What do you think Sora "finally understood" (line 40)? Support your answer with an example of how Sora showed this understanding. [2m]



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Booklet A

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

Booklet B

Q 29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
Q	B	N	L	J	K	H	E	D	A
Q39)	were		Q43)	appreciated		Q47)	tempting		
Q40)	signed		Q44)	distance		Q48)	must		
Q41)	numerous		Q45)	mercilessly		Q49)	historical		
Q42)	Those		Q46)	sunscreen		Q50)	experience		

Q51)	name	Q56)	bathing	Q61)	used
Q52)	and	Q57)	popular	Q62)	environmentally
Q53)	referred	Q58)	before	Q63)	variety
Q54)	in	Q59)	promoted	Q64)	size
Q55)	from	Q60)	reduce	Q65)	or
Q66)	Mr Fuad asked his daughter if she could pass him the steamed vegetables.				
Q67)	To Madam Reeta's relief, none of her pupils was hurt in the collision.				
Q68)	Alex's teacher was baffle by his sudden refusal to participate in the Spelling Bee.				

Q69)	Having swum twenty laps across the Olympics-sized pool, Joo Hoon was exhausted .
Q70)	Scarcely had I placed my head on the pillow when before the screams started.
Q71)	Weilun was able to carry the two large cans effortlessly despite being small in size.
Q72)	i)He wanted her to life about rural life. ii)He wanted her to pick up some life skills.
Q73)	a)False --- She asked her father if she could stay home during the holidays. b)True --- Sora's friends even quipped that she would not be able to survive in the village. c)False --- Weilun said Sora does not look like she know how to wash clothes as he shot Sora an incredulous glance.
Q74)	a)the life skills on the checklist her father had given her. b)washing the clothes.
Q75)	a)swiftly b)simple chore
Q76)	Sora put on her earphones to drown out Weilun's voice.
Q77)	3 , 1 , 2
Q78)	a)Sora released her grip of the pail in shock as she dodged the incoming bird thinking that it wanted to attack her. b)Sora heaved a sign of relief when she realised that the bird was aiming for a worm that was inches away from her. c)Sora thought they drifted off in the river. d)The pail of clothes had rolled towards the tree.
Q79)	The clothes a rifted off in the river.
Q80)	She finally understood that she lacked the willingness to learn. She asked Weilun if he could teach her the life skills that her father planned for her to learn.