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ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 1 (WRITING)

Total Time for Paper 1: 1h 10 min

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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- 2. Answer all questions.

This booklet consists of 4 printed pages.

Part 1: Situational Writing (15 marks)

1 The picture below shows Kelly and her sister, Tammy, discussing a notice that they saw in the newspaper on 21 October 2023. Study the picture carefully.



Your Task

Imagine you are Kelly.

Write an email to Mr Tan, the teacher in charge of your school band, asking him if you could be excused from band practice.

You are to refer to the picture and information on page 2 for your email.

In your email, include the following key information:

- the date you wish to be excused from band practice
- the event you wish to attend and the time it will be held
- two reasons you would like to attend the event
- what you will do if you are excused from band practice

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

Part 2: Continuous Writing (40 marks)

2 Write a composition of at least 150 words about a difficult task.

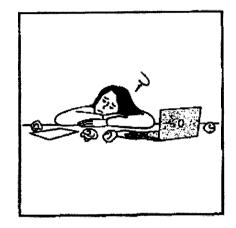
The pictures are provided to help you think about this topic.

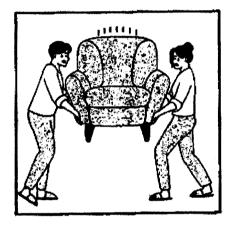
Your composition should be based on one or more of these pictures.

Consider the following points when you plan your composition:

- What was the difficult task?
- Was the task accomplished?

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







End of Paper

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SINGAPORE CHINESE GIRLS' SCHOOL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2023

PRIMARY 6

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION) BOOKLET A

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- 1. Write your Index No. in the boxes at the top right-hand corner.
- 2. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
- 3. Follow all instructions carefully.
- 4. Answer all questions.
- 5. Use a 2B pencil to shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

This booklet consists of 10 printed pages.

For Mak	each q e your	uestion from 1 to 10, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (10 marks)
1	Altho	ough the basketball team met with many obstacles, they managed to win the
	chan	npionship all odds.
	(1)	amidst
		despite
		against
	(4)	through
2	Му	colleagues and treated our new colleague, Amy, to a
	SCT	imptious meal to welcome to the team.
		Ishe
		Iher
		meshe
	(4)	meher
3		lliam never came over again after you picked a quarrel with him,
	he?	" Mother asked.
	(1)	did
	(2)	had
	(3)	
	(4)	hadn't
4	If S	iti her work, she would have gone to the party.
	(1)	completes
	(2)	completed
	(3)	has completed
	(4)	had completed
5		e boys for over an hour under the sun. Let's give them a 10- lute break," said Mrs Lee.
	(1)	work
	(2)	
	(3)	
	(4)	have been working

6	Neit	her Mary nor her siblings where the party will be held.
	(1)	know
	7. *	knows
	(3)	has known
	(4)	have known
7	The	generous emperor donated sacks of rice to the commoners
	whe	n famine struck.
	(1)	few
		a lot
		much
	(4)	many
8	The	students' eagerness palpable as they prepare for their
	upco	oming learning journey to the nursing home for the elderly.
	(1)	
		are
		was
	(4)	were
9	Man	y Singaporeans have taken to their own vegetables in their HDB
	flats	
	(1)	grow
	(2)	grows
		growing
	(4)	are growing
10	**	it is perfectly normal to feel happy when we have done well in our
	exar advi	minations, we should not boast about our achievements and be too proud," sed Mr Ang.
	(1)	As
	(2)	While
	(3)	Unless
	(4)	However

For e answ Shee	er. Ma	uestion from 11 to 15, four options are given. One of them is the correct ke your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer (5 marks)
11	Pat I they	of the times she vacationed with her family, and bring a smile to her face whenever she thinks of them.
	(1)	testimonies
	(2)	descriptions
	(3)	
	(4)	compositions
12		natter how formidable her opponent was, she fought and never thought of giving up.
	(1)	finally
	(2)	effortiessly
	(3)	relentlessly
	(4)	conclusively
13	Adar wher	n was shocked when his usually friendly neighbour gave a reply he asked her about her weekend.
	(1)	curt
	(2)	charge _
	(3)	expressive
	(4)	sentimental
14	The post	disgruntled customer tried to the reputation of the restaurant by ing negative comments on social media.
	(1)	belittle
	(2)	tamish
	(3)	withdraw
	(4)	admonish
15	The scho	new initiatives from the students positive changes to their oil.
	(1)	brought up
	(2)	brought off
	(3)	brought about
	(4)	brought down

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

Singaporeans are keeping isopods as pets. They are catching up on this new and bizare hobby. Isopod enthusiasts mentioned that there has been a spike in interest in these creatures during the circuit breaker. People were cooped up at home and many of them were bored. Since then, the number of hobbyists has been increasing bit by bit. Some isopod enthusiasts breed thousands of them in their (18) homes. In the wild, isopods function as natural decomposers. In captivity, isopods require minimal maintenance, and they can be fed simple food such as vegetable (19) scraps. Some breeders attempt to breed them and find it very gratifying when they succeed. However, environmentalists warn against keeping isopods as pets.

*Isopods are animals without backbones but have expskeletons.

Adapted from The Straits Times, 'Nature's cleanup craw, Man's pels, 2023

- 16 (1) erratic
 - (2) peculiar
 - (3) unstable
 - (4) extraordinary
- 17 (1) encased
 - (2) confined
 - (3) sheltered
 - (4) enveloped
- 18 (1) unevenly
 - (2) gradually
 - (3) uniformly
 - (4) drastically
- 19 (1) care
 - (2) effort
 - (3) application
 - (4) preservation
- 20 (1) alluring
 - (2) rewarding
 - (c) icadinish
 - (3) productive
 - (4) entertaining

Study this article from a magazine, Youth Vibes, and then answer questions 21 to 28.

Outdoor Adventures: Good Safety Tips

by James Liew
22 September 2023

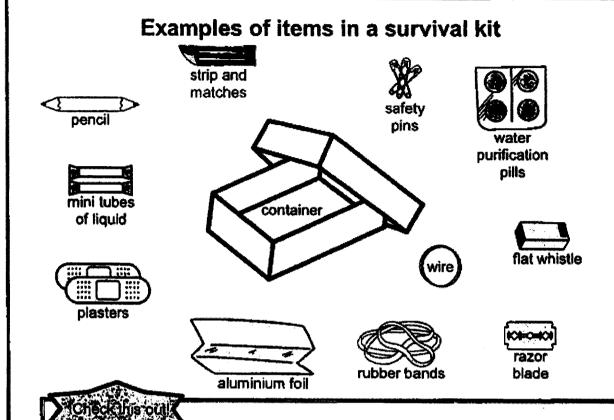


If you do not have any plans for the school holidays, you may want to consider embarking on an outdoor adventure. How about doing some hiking in a forest? Or perhaps going on a camping trip with your family or friends? Such activities offer you excellent opportunities to have fun and get close to nature at the same time, but safety needs to be your number one priority. Whatever you do, make sure you pick up essential survival skills and pack wisely before setting off.

Unexpected things can sometimes happen in the great outdoors. Since you can never anticipate exactly what might go wrong, carrying a survival kit in your pocket is always worthwhile. Let's look at how we can find ways to utilise every tiny bit of space inside a small, lightweight and waterproof container and include as many useful everyday items as possible!

How to assemble a personal survival kit:

- Find a pocket-sized plastic or metal container.
- Cut out the rough strip at the side of a matchbox. Bundle the strip and a few matches together in plastic wrap to keep them dry.
- Snap a pencil in two, making sure one of the pieces can fit into your container. Sharpen both ends of that piece.
- Cut plastic straws into pieces that can fit into your container and tape up one end of each piece. After filling each handmade mini tube with small amounts of liquid, especially hand sanitiser and antiseptic cream, tape up the other end.
- Find some plasters of different sizes.
- Fold up a few large sheets of aluminium foil as small as you can.
- Place the above basic items inside your container first. Estimate how much space
 you have left, then think of other items that might come in handy and fit as many
 as possible into your personal survival kit!



Camp Leap

Dates: 4 to 7 December 2023 Venue: Sunny Forest Campsite

Fee: \$120 per participant

For children, aged 10 to 12 Early Bird Offer
Register by 2 31 October 2023 and pay only \$100

Camp Leap is back by popular demand! Organised by Team Leap, this outdoor adventure camp will cater for up to 100 participants this year – the largest number thus far! Visit www.teamleap.sg from now until 15 November 2023 to register and pay the fee online. Registration will close early if all places are filled, so leap into action to avoid disappointment!

Safety Precautions:

- ✓ First aid kits will be readily available, and instructors are trained to deal with emergencies. However, take note that they are not allowed to administer medication.
- Participants must declare all medical conditions during registration. Those with medical conditions may be asked to sit out strengous camp activities.

For eacl Sheet.	question from 21 to 28, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optic	al Answer
21	The purpose of the questions in the first paragraph is to	
	 tell readers about hiking and camping let readers know what the article is about give readers suggestions for outdoor adventures ask readers about their plans for the school holidays 	
22	According to the article, it is important to carry survival kits in the great outdoors because we	ıt
	can bring along useful everyday items can foresee problems and prepare for them must make full use of the space in the containers must prepare ourselves for unexpected situations	
23	According to the instructions on assembling a personal survival kit, was fitne following items should be placed inside such a kit?	hich
	1) a box of matches 2) a metal container 3) some rubber bands 4) some antiseptic cream	
24	According to the instructions on how to assemble a personal survival we should	kit,
	pack the basic items into the container last try to make use of all the space inside the container measure how much space is available in the container choose a container that can hold all the items we want to incl	ude
25	Which statement is not true about Camp Leap?	
	Not all children will be able to participate in it. Up to 100 children can participate in it every year. Registration may close before the stated deadline. The registration fee is reduced for more than a month.	

- 26 Why is the exclamation mark used in the sentence, "Camp Leap is back by popular demand!"?
 - (1) to emphasise that the camp was held before
 - (2) to show that only repeat campers can register
 - (3) to draw attention to the name of the camp, Camp Leap.
 - (4) to convey excitement that the sought-after camp is back
- Which of the following will the organiser not do? The organiser will not
 - (1) allow instructors to administer medication
 - (2) ensure that the first-aid kits are always on hand
 - (3) request that participants declare all their medical conditions
 - (4) allow some participants with medical conditions to join the camp
- 28 What is the main purpose of the article?
 - (1) to attract readers to sign up for an outdoor adventure camp
 - (2) to emphasise the importance of following safety precautions
 - (3) to share tips on how to select items for a personal survival kit
 - (4) to offer readers advice on having outdoor adventures in safety

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(20 marks)

Benny was trekking alone in the woods when something caught his eye. Spotting something shiny at a distance, Benny's curiosity was piqued, and he approached the strange-looking object that was crinkled and entangled in a fallen tree. Upon closer inspection, Benny realised that it was a weather-worn balloon. He also noticed that there was something attached to it – a child's Christmas wish list.

The note, written in the sloppy handwriting of a child, read, "My name is Laura. I am six years old. This year I have been good. I would like chocolates, a doll and a dog. Love, Laura."

Reading the wish list stirred up old memories for Benny. As a child, he had always written similar lists to Santa, hoping to find his presents under the Christmas tree, but those hopes had been dashed each year when Santa never responded. Holding Laura's note excitedly, a plan sparked in 10 Benny's mind. He wanted to find Laura and make her wishes come true, so she would not experience the same disappointment he had. However, he did not know where to begin. Just as Benny was about to put the balloon and note back where he had found them, a notification appeared on his phone. An idea struck him.

"That might work!" he exclaimed. He remembered hearing stories of many people finding their 15 long-lost relatives through social media. Filled with renewed hope, Benny posted a picture of the balloon and the Christmas list on social media. To ensure that his efforts would bear fruit, he even posted a video of him appealing to the online community to help him locate Laura. At first, he was not confident that the strategy would work. Gradualty, he saw the number of people sharing his post creep into the hundreds. Benny felt whatever he was feeling turn to optimism in his attempt to trace Laura. 20 Despite the positive start, Benny's hopes of finding Laura without any details grew dimmer with each passing day. It did not help that some users played pranks on him by pretending to be Laura, and it was not easy having to identify the "real" Laura. He felt like he was looking for a needle in a haystack.

Fortunately, he saw a glimmer of hope when he received a message from Diana, a friend of Laura's mother. Diana shared that Laura's family had been struggling to make ends meet and her 25 mother wanted to bring some cheer to their home, so she suggested sending a letter to Santa by balloon. "So glad to have chanced upon your post and I immediately recognised Laura's handwriting! Many netizens have spread your post. I can't believe a complete stranger would go to great lengths to help fulfil Laura's wish," Diana added. Together, Benny and Diana hatched a plan to surprise Laura and bring her wishes to fruition. Benny found a puppy from an animal shelter, while Diana prepared 30 homemade chocolates and made a doll for Laura. However, Diana was apprehensive about giving Laura the doll as the stitches were not perfect, and the chocolates might not be to Laura's liking.

Soon, the day of the surprise finally arrived. Decked in a Santa's sult, Benrry was a bundle of nerves as he did not know if Laura would like the surprise. Laura squealed in delight when she saw Benny and Diana entering her house with the gifts that she had wished for. Benrry heaved a sigh of 35 relief. "I like the yummy chocolates! I really love this beautiful dol!!" Laura exclaimed as she embraced Santa. Even though it was a simple gesture, being able to help Laura fulfil her wishes warmed Benny's heart. At that moment, it was as if through Laura, he was experiencing the joyous Christmas morning he had always yearned for as a child.

"I'm glad I made that decision," Benny smiled.

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Story idea adopted from https://www.rd.com/er/fole/thias-men-fulfilled-a-childa-christmas-wish/

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION) BOOKLET B

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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- 2. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
- 3. Follow all instructions carefully.
- 4. Answer all questions.
- 5. Use a dark blue or black ballpoint pen to write your answers in the space provided for each question.
- 6. Do not use correction fluid/tape or highlighters.

	Highest Possible Marks	Marks Obtained	Parent's Signature
Booklet A	28		
Booklet B	67		
Subtotal	95		

This booklet consists of 8 printed pages.

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)

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(A) (B) (C)	and are during	(D) (E) (F)	from his	(G)	have how is	(K) my (L) or (M) the	(N) (P) (Q)	who which upward
In	one of Ms k	(awano)	's classes, m	ore than	a dozen	students held mirrors	to their	faces. They
(36)	_to smile. It	is not so	omething mo	(29) st people	would th	heir fingers. The stud	(awano':	services as
	•	(31)				npan, where mask-we on what a smile is.	aring wa	s mandatory
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courses smile. "1	to prepare h	ner for ,	jo (34) facial n	b marke	(33) t She ex	ook the class. It was	eded to	work on her
M	is Kawano's	compa	ny, Egaoiku	, which l	iterally m	eans "Smile Educati	on",(36) seen
a more t	han four-fold	l jump ir	n demand	(37)	the previo	ous year. An hour-lon	g one-o	n-one l esson
costs 7	,700 yen (S \$ 74).	Her trade	marked	"Hollywo	ood Style Smiling	Techniq	ue" method
incorpor	rates "cresce	ent eye:	s", "round cl	neeks" _	(38)	shaping the edges of	of the m	outh to bare
eight pe	arly whites i	in the u	ipper row. S	Students	can try c	out these techniques	on a ta	blet to get a
score o	n their smiles	3.		https://ww hollywood	w.lodayonline I-smlles-mask	a.com/world/japanese-get-trains a-slowly-come	*	10

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes. (12 marks)
(39)
It was the year-end holidays! Siti was in seventh heaven. She and her family be going
(40)
to Korea for a ten-day holiday. It was her first time flying and she was absolutely thriled.
Siti was still busy packing on the day of her departure. She wanted to make sure that she
(41)
had put everything she needed in her lagauge. She double-checked against her packing list
(42)
and was totally satisfy that she did not miss out anything.
(43)
Her elder sister felt that she was excess cautious and laughed at her. Her parents
(44)
simply looked on induljentlee. All too soon, it was time to leave for the airpart. Just as we
(46)
were about to board the taxi to the airport, Siti realised that she had forget to pack in her
(47)
favourite teddy bear. She could not sleep without it! Without hairseatation, her father
(48)
dashed into her bedroom and grab the bear. Siti heaved a sigh of relief.
(49)
Finally, they reached the airport. There was a snaking <u>cuve</u> to check in but that did not
dampen Siti's spirits. She just wanted to reach Korea to start her holiday. In the twinkling
of an eye, they were in front of the check-in counter. Siti's father reached into his bag to
(50)
get the passports. He let out an <u>awdeeble</u> gasp when he could not find them. Just then, he
realised that he had left them on the dining table at home!
Everyone was flabbergasted! Teacher-created 12

(15 marks)

Bread Run is a programme by Food from the Heart, a food charity that feeds the needy in
Singapore. It was born from a newspaper article about bakeries discarding their unsold bread. Upon
reading that article, the founders of Food from the Heart, Christine and Henry Laimer, spotted an
to make the most out of the situation – to channel unsold bread to the needy (51)
instead of letting them go to waste. Although it was an uphill to convince the
(52) bakeries to donate their unsold bread at the end of the day, the couple persevered. Eventually, some
bakeries, incurring additional work and staff duties, agreed. Involvement in
the floor of the properties and 120
the Bread Run programme steadily from only a few bakeries and 120 (54)
volunteers to 111 bakeries and 1,700 volunteers today.
The typical Bread Run involves bakery staff setting the unsold items
(55)
at the end of the day before them individually to ensure food safety. These
(56)
are passed to the volunteer Bread Runner comes around at closing time.
are passed to the volunteer Bread Runner comes around at closing time.
The bread is immediately delivered to the location where the bread will be (58)
(58)
distributed the following day for consumption within 24 hours for food safety reasons.
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The delivery of the bread completed by volunteers every day of the
vear, be it rain or Each volunteer is assigned a delivery route that
year, be it rain or Each volunteer is assigned a delivery route that
the pick-up of bread from the Bread Run partners and the drop-off of bread
(61)
at various bread distribution points in Singapore. Due to this programme, 28000 kg of bread is
from the bins every month, which works out to 1350 trolleys worth of bread!
(62)
Over the Bread Runs did encounter disruptions in their daily
(63)
operations. Some bakeries did not have enough bread to donate they
(64)
were sold out for the day and in some cases, the volunteers were unable to make it for their routes.
A few of the bakery partners had also operations due to the economic (65)
slowdown. Nevertheless, Food from the Heart hopes to continue to engage more bakeries to come
on board so that it can continue feeding the needy. https://www.foodfromtheheart.sg/hightights/breed-run-programme-11:

You	each of the questions from 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. If answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the aning of the given sentence(s). (10 marks)					
66	David can only go to the park to play after he completes his homework.					
	must					
67	Frustrated, Betty sighed. She lamented that she was making little progress in her project. Sighing in					
68	"Why did you break your brother's toy car?" Mother questioned me. Mother wanted to know					
69	Starting next Monday, the shopping mall will extend its opening hours. With effect					
70	The police assured the flood victims that help would arrive soon. The flood victims were given the					
	10					

eac	the passage on page 10 of Booklet A	and answer questions 71 to 80.				
	Based on lines 1-5, why was Benny o	curious? [1m]				
}	Based on lines 8-14, how did Benny	show that he had given up executing his plan? [2m]				
3	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				
	a) wish list (line 5)					
	b) a plan (line 10)					
	c) the positive start (line 21)					
4	From lines 15-23, pick out a three-we plan would work again. [1m]	ord phrase that tells us that Benny believed that his				

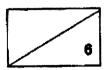
enny went the extra ille to get the online ommunity to find aura.		
iana did not expect nyone to reply to aura's note.		And the second s
Managing 1988 1988 1988 1988 1988 1988 1988 198		
People	who helped Benny ful	fil Laura's wish list
(a)		(b)

79 Fill in the following table with information from lines 24-39. [4m]

	What Diana thought of it	What Laura thought of it
The doll	(a)	(b)
Chocolates	(c)	(d)

(b) W	ny did Benny choose t th evidence from the p	o make "that decisio assage. (1m)	n" in the first plac	e? Support your an

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Q 1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
3	2	1	4	4	1	4	1	3	2
Q 11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
3	3	1	2	3	2	2	2	1	2
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
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В	С	N	M	K	F	D	Α		

were	Q44)	indulgently	
thrilled	Q45)	they	
luggage	Q46)	forgotten	
satisfied	Q47)	hesitation	
excessively	Q48)	grabbed	
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Q49)	queue	Q54)	progressed	
Q50)	audible	Q55)	aside	
Q51)	opportunity	Q56)	packing	
Q52)	struggle	Q57)	who	
Q53)	despite	Q58)	then / always	

Q59)	is	Q64)	because	
Q60)	shine	Q65)	discontinued	
Q61)	includes			
Q62)	saved			
Q63)	time			

Q66)	David must complete his homework before he can go to the park to
	play.
Q67)	Sighing in frustration, Betty lamented that she was making little
	progress in her project.
Q68)	Mother wanted to know why I had broken my brother's toy car.
Q69)	With effect from next Monday the shopping mall will extend its
	opening hours.
Q70)	The flood victims were given the assurance by the police that help
	would soon arrive.
Q71)	When he was trekking alone in the woods, he spotted something
	shiny at a distance.
Q72)	He was going to put the balloon and note back to where he had
	found them.
Q73)	a) a child's wish that they would like chocolates, a doll and a
	dog for Christmas.
	b) to find Loura and make her wishes come true.
	c) the number of people sharing Benny's post creep into the
	hundreds.
Q74)	with renewed hope or turn to optimism
Q75)	Benny had no details about Laura and many people played pranks
	on him by pretending to be Laura, it was not easy for him to find the
	real Laura.
Q76)	True / Benny first posted a picture of the balloon and the Christmas
	wish list but he even posted a video of him to appeal to the
	community to help him locate Laura.

	True / Diana could not believe that a complete stranger would go to great length to help fulfil Laura's wish.
Q77)	a)Diana b)The online community
Q78)	Before Benny entered Laura's house, he was in a bundle of nerves and did not know if Laura would like the surprise.
Q79)	 a) the stitches were not prefect b) The doll was beautiful c) The chocolates may not be to Laura's liking d) The chocolates were yummy
Q80)	 a) The decision was to help Laura fulfil her wish of getting chocolates, a doll and a dog. b) When he was a child, he had always written similar lists to Santa, hoping to find his presents under the Christmas tree but it would never happen so he did not want Laura to experience the same disappointment as him.