

**NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL
2006 SECOND SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT
PRIMARY 5**

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2: BOOKLET A
TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 h 50 min

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There are a total of 80 questions – 30 MCQ and 50 open-ended questions.

Instructions to pupils:

- 1. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.**
- 2. Follow all instructions carefully.**
- 3. Answer all the questions**
- 4. Shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.**
- 5. There are 19 printed pages, including the cover pages of Booklets A and B.**

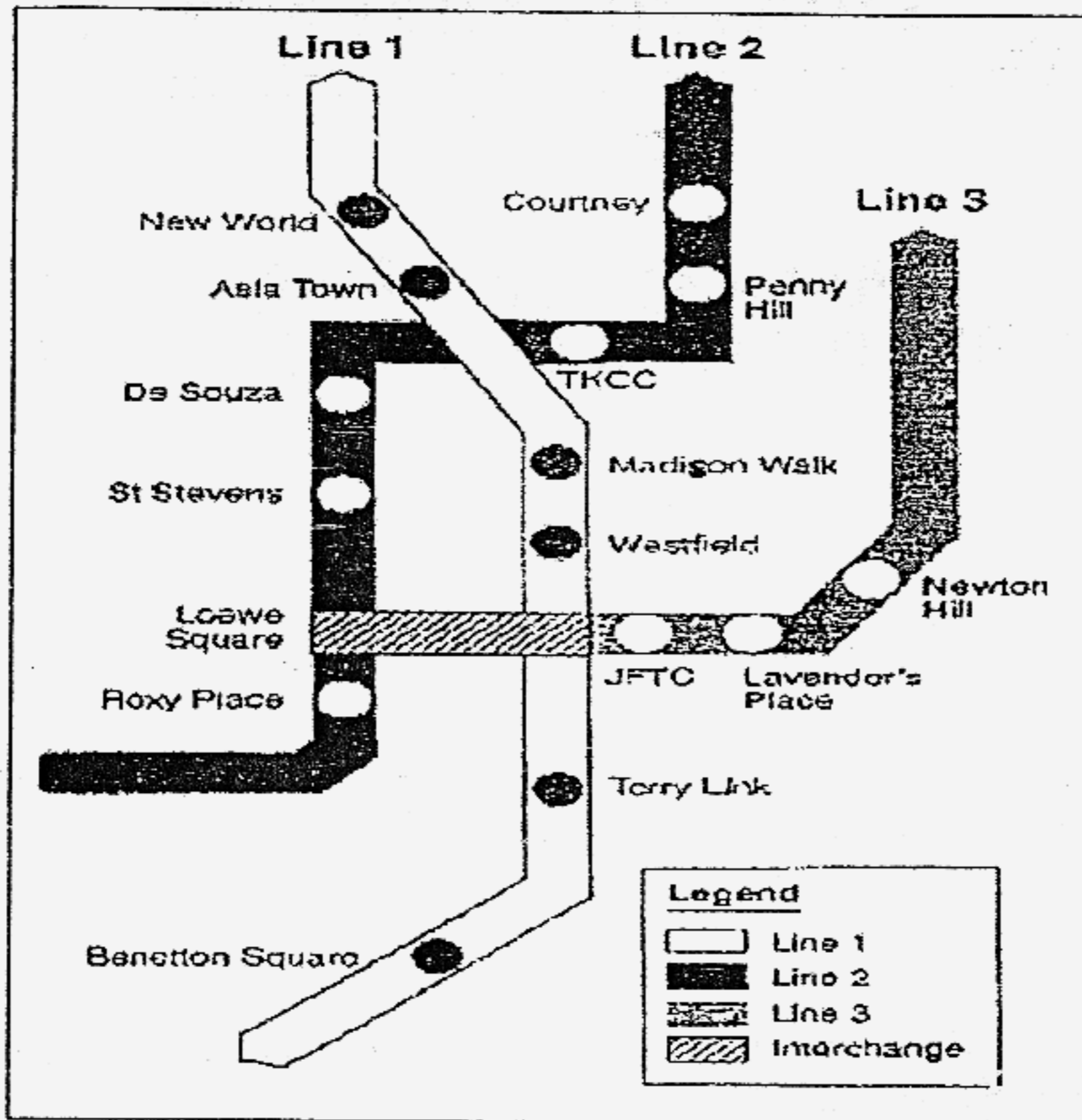
Section A: Graphic Stimulus (5x1 m = 5m)
 Study the brochure below and answer questions 1 to 5.

Endless Excitement On The Baiyoke Transit System

Where to go? What to do?



Summer Hill
 -Hop off at *Madison Walk* and shop till you drop at *Maisy 10, Jewel Plaza, Oakley Plaza*, just to name a few places.
 In the evening, relax to a pleasant café meal and admire the twinkling lights of Summer Hill.



TKCC
 -The magnificent *TK Tower*, currently the tallest tower in Asia is not to be missed. The *Dome Shopping Complex* offers a tremendous range of top international brand names.

Bazaars and markets
 - Alight at New World, Asia Town, De Souza or St Stevens if you are looking for genuine, locally produced cultural items to bring home or simply grab the best deals in Baiyoke!

Culture Vulture! Watch out!
 -Cultural shows nightly at *Rondez Trade Centre*, just alight at JFTC; *Jillian's Art Museum* is beside Westfield station and *Games Fantasia* is located at Lavender's place.



For each question from 1 to 5, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. This brochure is meant for _____.
 - (1) shoppers only
 - (2) visitors to Baiyoke
 - (3) insurance agents staying in Baiyoke
 - (4) people who are interested in cultural things

2. Where can you get to select and buy goods from top international brand names?
 - (1) Maisy 10
 - (2) TK Tower
 - (3) Rondez Trade Centre
 - (4) Dome Shopping Complex

3. At which station should you alight to look for authentic made-in-Baiyoke goods?
 - (1) JFTC
 - (2) TKCC
 - (3) De Souza
 - (4) Madison Walk

4. Where will you need to change trains if you are going from TKCC to Lavender's place?
It is at _____.
 - (1) JFTC
 - (2) Courtney
 - (3) Terry Link
 - (4) Loewe Square

5. Based on this brochure, the Baiyoke Transit System operates on _____ train line(s).
 - (1) 1
 - (2) 2
 - (3) 3
 - (4) 4

Section B: Grammar Discrete (7 x1m = 7m)

For each question from 6 to 12, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

6. Karen managed to complete proofreading the book _____ three hours.
- (1) of
 - (2) during
 - (3) across
 - (4) within
7. Madam Tan is not in her office. She _____ for her lunch.
- (1) is gone
 - (2) is going
 - (3) has gone
 - (4) had gone
8. Let that lazy boy _____ as he pleases. He is too stubborn to listen to any one of us.
- (1) do
 - (2) did
 - (3) does
 - (4) done
9. My grandfather does not want to buy an apartment _____ other people have lived in before.
- (1) who
 - (2) which
 - (3) whom
 - (4) whose
10. If she had asked me to attend her birthday party, I _____ it.
- (1) will attend
 - (2) am attending
 - (3) will be attending
 - (4) would have attended

11. Jean's teacher made her _____ the folly of her ways.

- (1) see
- (2) saw
- (3) sees
- (4) seen

12. The fried rice on the plates _____ delicious. I am famished.

- (1) look
- (2) looks
- (3) looked
- (4) have looked

Section C: Punctuation (3 x 1m = 3m)

For each question from 13 to 15, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

It was a holiday, so Father took Jane and Mary to the Changi International Airport. It was the children's first visit there(13)

"What a terrific airport (14) exclaimed Jane.

"Look! A plane is taxiing on the runway. It's going to take off!" said Mary excitedly. "I wonder where it is going."

"It could be London (15) Paris or Rome," said Jane, as though she knew.

- 13.
- (1) [.] full stop
 - (2) [?] question mark
 - (3) [."] full stop and inverted commas
 - (4) [!"] exclamation mark and inverted commas

- 14.
- (1) [,] comma
 - (2) [.] full stop
 - (3) [?"] question mark and inverted commas
 - (4) [!"] exclamation mark and inverted commas

15. (1) [,] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [?] question mark
(4) [!] exclamation mark

Section D: Vocabulary (5 x 1m = 5m)

For each question from 16 to 20, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

16. The domestic helper was _____ in the Subordinate Court today for stealing her employer's money.
- (1) concealed
(2) concerned
(3) convinced
(4) convicted
17. The chandelier has not been polished for a long time and it lacks _____.
- (1) glare
(2) lustre
(3) dignity
(4) obscurity
18. The alert firemen detected a _____ of petrol.
- (1) puff
(2) wave
(3) scent
(4) whiff
19. The driver who was trapped in his seat had to be _____ by the Civil Defence officers.
- (1) preserved
(2) retrieved
(3) extricated
(4) emancipated

20. The guest-of-honour gave a _____ speech and the reception commenced shortly after it.

- (1) fast
- (2) brief
- (3) quick
- (4) prompt

Section E: Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1m = 5m)

For each question from 21 to 25, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

Long time ago, deep in the jungles of Java lived a tribe who was known to be extremely (21) unfriendly. They were experts at hunting with their blowpipes. Towards outsiders, they were (22) distrustful and thus made many enemies because of this.

One day, an adventurous man named Rahman told his friends, "I'm going to trade with the natives. They will definitely be (23) interested and excited by what I have to show them."

When he arrived at the village of the tribe, he laid out bottles of liquid soap in a clearing. He sat down and began blowing pretty bubbles into the air. Soon he noticed that he was being (24) watched. Before long, many tribesmen from the jungle surrounded him. They watched in silence, overcome with pleasure, as the bubbles floated before them in delicate colours.

Many tribesmen wanted to try blowing the bubbles. Rahman had successfully made friends with the tribesmen and got them interested in his product.

Rahman made a roaring trade with his liquid soap in exchange for some (25) finely and delicately woven baskets and beadwork ornaments. He also became their good friend.

21. (1) hostile
(2) hateful
(3) heinous
(4) hysterical
22. (1) surly
(2) suspicious
(3) susceptible
(4) suspenseful
23. (1) exposed
(2) enhanced
(3) enthralled
(4) enlightened
24. (1) seized
(2) scoured
(3) summoned
(4) scrutinised
25. (1) intensely
(2) intimately
(3) intricately
(4) intermittently

Section F: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1m = 5m)

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

London - A confidential report, received from Broadmarsh Studios, indicates that the filming of Jerry Holloway's latest movie is experiencing major problems. Movie lovers will remember that Holloway, an American who stars in the blockbuster- "**Conqueror**", suffered a badly broken leg last year when part of the scaffolding he was standing on gave way during filming. The accident set the completion of the movie back by six months. That has cost the filmmakers an estimated 12 million dollars. 5

Now it seems that the studio is heading for more trouble, if reports from the small Spanish village where the epic is being shot are true. A French actor, who asked not to be named, said that he and others in the film were extremely unhappy with their working conditions. 10

"Work has stopped on the set and the cast and crew have been meeting with the company for several days. We feel that we have been cheated," said the actor. "Several promises made when contracts were discussed have been ignored and the Spanish extras hired for crowd scenes are furious - even Jerry Holloway has yet to receive the special conditions in his contract." Holloway, however, was not prepared to discuss this when interviewed by our reporter. 15

The unnamed source also claimed that several scenes had been changed at the last minute, which resulted in new background music and dialogue having to be rewritten. This means that weeks spent memorising lines had been a total waste of time. "This movie set is doomed," he remarked. "To make matters worse, expensive lighting equipment has mysteriously vanished and this held up shooting for days while they transported replacement equipment from France. Then, when shooting started again, the lighting wasn't adequate and many scenes had to be re-shot." 20 25

Is human failure to blame, or is something more disturbing involved here? Professor Elpontri, a historian and an expert on ancient legends, believes that there could be mysterious forces at work. According to the professor, the historic location chosen for the movie is the exact site where the infamous conqueror made his last stand against an angry population. Several archaeological fields in the area point to it as being the burial ground of the conqueror. His grave was cursed by freedom fighters. Could it simply be this curse that has beset Holloway's latest project? 30

-- The Movie Times--

For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

26. What problem initially delayed the filming of the movie "Conqueror"?

- (1) It rained continuously.
- (2) The star broke his neck.
- (3) The studio ran out of money.
- (4) The set and scaffolding collapsed.

27. This movie is being filmed in _____.

- (1) Spain
- (2) France
- (3) London
- (4) America

28. How do the actors feel about being in the movie "Conqueror"?
They were _____.

- (1) enthusiastic and excited about the movie.
- (2) anxious because mysterious things are happening on the set.
- (3) disgruntled due to the many changes being made during filming.
- (4) privileged and honoured to be a part of such a high budget epic movie.

29. What happened to the special lighting equipment?

- (1) It disappeared.
- (2) It was working effectively.
- (3) It was blown down in a violent storm.
- (4) It broke when the scaffolding collapsed.

30. According to Professor Elpontri, the difficulties could have been caused by _____.

- (1) historical events.
- (2) broken promises.
- (3) Dissatisfied actors.
- (4) a mysterious curse.

END OF BOOKLET A

Section G: Grammar Cloze (10 X 1m = 10m)

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking.

Use each **WORD** once **ONLY**

A) a	D) are	G) despite	K) of	N) the
B) an	E) but	H) he	L) on	P) was
C) at	F) by	J) is	M) she	Q) with

Asia has its own tales of moon-inspired madness. Chinese poet Li Po is said to have once invited the moon down for a drink. He then drowned when he tried to catch its reflection in a lake. _____ Li Po's tragic end, the moon generally played an important role in Chinese culture.

(31)

Many centuries ago, the Chinese began dedicating _____ annual festival to the moon. Falling _____ the 15th day of the eighth moon, the Mid-Autumn Festival, as it is known today, _____ celebrated in Chinese communities all over the world. It is marked _____ family reunions, gazing at the moon and eating moon cakes, which are round pastries traditionally made _____ a preserved duck egg yolk in their centres.

(32)

(33)

(34)

(35)

(36)

Chinese folklore includes several moon stories, such as _____ tale of Chang Er, the beautiful wife _____ the archer, Hou Yi. As the legend goes, _____ swallowed a pill of immortality and _____ doomed to live in the moon, separated from her lover forever. According to the legend, the moon is also home to a jade rabbit, which the Chinese children look for in the moon during the festival.

(37)

(38)

(39)

(40)

Marks

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Section H: Spelling and Grammar (10 x 1m = 10m)

Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each underlined word for grammar.

The common birdwing butterfly used to be seen all over Singapore, but not

(41)

any more. Today, it is spotted **ocassionaly** at a few places, such as the Singapore Zoological Gardens and Botanical Gardens.

(42)

The native butterfly is classify as endangered in Singapore's Red Data Book, which lists endangered animals and plants.

A major reason for the species' decline is the clearance of forested areas.

(43)

(44)

This led to the **disapperence** of the aristolochia tagala, which is the **sol** food plant of the common birdwing caterpillars.

(45)

(46)

In fact, this plant chemicals are accumulated and **consentreted** within the

(47)

body of the caterpillars, making it unpalatable to predators like birds and squirrels.

(48)

The staff of Singapore Zoological Gardens has been breed the common birdwing in small numbers and releasing them in the wild. The birdwing is

(49)

(50)

very difficult for breed and maintain. Its fussy eating habits have **proberly**

contributed to its already declining numbers.

Marks

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Section I: Synthesis/Transformation (5 x 2m = 10m)

For each of the questions 51 to 55, 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).

51. Mrs Taylor colours her hair every month. It makes her happy.

Colouring _____

52. You should boil the soup first. The chicken wings should be fried later.

_____ before

53. Aidil has not returned his library books yet. Everyone else has done so.

All but _____

54. Neither Yanhua nor Yanling went for the cable car ride last night.

Both _____

55. "You must get home by seven o'clock tonight," Mrs Chan told the children.

Mrs Chan told the children _____

Marks

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Section J: Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1m = 15m)

In the following passage, there are 15 blanks numbered 56 to 70. Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

One evening, Ma Shwe, a work elephant, and her three-month-old calf were trapped in rising flood waters in a river in Myanmar. Elephant handlers rushed to the _____ when they heard the calf screaming, but could do nothing to _____ for the banks were 12 to 15 feet high. Though Ma Shwe's feet were still on the river bottom, her calf was floating. Ma Shwe tried to use her trunk to hold the _____ against her body, but soon the fast rising water _____ the calf away.

Ma Shwe plunged 50 yards down-stream to _____ it. She pinned the calf against the bank with her head, lifting it in her trunk, reared up on her hind legs and placed it on a rocky ledge five feet _____ the water. Then Ma Shwe fell back into the the torrent and _____ down-stream. The elephant handlers turned their _____ to the calf, which could barely fit on the narrow _____ where it stood shivering.

Half an hour later, the manager of the elephant camp, was peering down at the calf, wondering how to rescue it. Then he heard the grandest sounds of a mother's love he could remember. Ma Shwe had _____ the river and got up the bank and was making her way back as _____ as she could, calling the whole time ~~in a~~ defiant roar, but to her calf it was music. The two tiny _____ like little maps of India, were cocked forward, listening to the only _____ that mattered, the call of her mother.

When Ma Shwe saw her calf _____ on the other side of the bank, her call changed to the rumble that elephants typically make when pleased. The handlers left the two _____ where they were. By morning, Ma Shwe had crossed the river, no longer flooding, and the calf was off the ledge.

Marks

Section K: Comprehension Open-ended (10 x 2m = 20m)
Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

Still appreciating the vast view, Ann and Christine followed the curving path for a few moments. Then Ann stared into the meadow. "Christine, look! Bears! A grizzly and her two cubs are about 300 yards away."

Suddenly, the bears ran towards them. Christine glanced nervously at Ann. Without trees to climb, they had limited options. 5

"They are still so far away that they are probably running after something else," Ann thought, remembering that bears often fake attacks to frighten intruders. However, the mother bear kept coming at an incredible speed. The two hikers began yelling and waving their arms to threaten the bear. When the animal did not flinch, the women started running. Then Ann stopped. 10

"Don't run!" Ann yelled. She suddenly remembered that if you run, bears think you are easier prey and are more inclined to attack. Christine slowed, and both women walked down a bank out of sight of the grizzly. She still did not think the bear would actually attack. "Please be gone," she prayed. Then the head of the grizzly popped up over the ridge just 15 feet away. 15

Ann unlatched her bear *mace* from its holster, pulled the safety clip and aimed at it. "I have one chance to do this right," she thought as the bear closed in. Five feet away, the seven-foot animal rose up on its hind legs, towering over her. **Their** eyes locked. Ann froze, her attention held by the fierce black stare. Then she pressed the trigger, releasing a burning red spray into the bear's face. Reeling in pain, the grizzly dropped to the ground and ran right past her. Ann breathed a sigh of relief. Then she remembered Christine, who was behind her. Ann turned around. 20 25

Before Christine could even react, the grizzly ran right at her and clamped its teeth onto her left arm. Taking her elbow deep within its jaws, the bear started savagely thrashing her back and forth. At 115 pounds, Christine was powerless against its tremendous might. She knew she was about to die. Ann ran over and sprayed the *mace* on the bear again. Raging, the bear threw Christine aside and lunged at Ann. She tried the spray a third time. To her horror, the can was empty. Clamping huge teeth around Ann's outstretched right arm, the grizzly knocked her over. Together they rolled down a slope, with Ann screaming in pain. 30 35

At that moment her mind cleared of panic, and everything she had learned about bears came flooding back. "I have to play dead," she realised, "or the bear will never leave me alone." Pulling her ravaged arm free, Ann rolled onto her stomach, trying to protect her vital organs. But with one violent swipe, a powerful paw with three-inch claws slashed through the baseball cap she was wearing. 40

Mace - a chemical which makes your eyes and skin sting painfully

Christine crouched in the bushes where the bear had thrown her. **"I can't sit here and watch Ann being mauled to death,"** she thought. "If we're going to die, I'll at least put up a fight." 45

Wearing hiking boots that were only slightly sturdier than running shoes, Christine kicked the bear's head. The force of the kick made her lose her balance, and she fell back. Then, recalling that the snout is the bear's most sensitive spot, she gave the grizzly a swift, solid kick in the nose. The bear sprang back and with a final huff, the grizzly ran downhill behind some bushes out of sight. 50

(Adapted from Reader's Digest, May 1997 issue)

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. What do you think Ann and Christine were doing when they first spotted the bears?

72. Give two reasons why Ann was not afraid of the bears when she first spotted the bears running after them?

73. From paragraph 4, what did Ann do to show that she was actually not sure that the bear would not attack again?

74. Who does the word "Their" in line 23 refer to?

75. Which word in the sixth paragraph indicates that the bear was very angry?

Marks

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Ann

76. In paragraph 7, what did ~~Anne~~ think would be the best thing to do to make the bear go away?

77. Christine said, "**I can't sit here and watch Ann being mauled to death.**" (line 44). What does this sentence suggest about Christine's character?

78. Quote the sentence to show that Christine has a strong spirit.

79. How did Christine finally overcome the bear?

80. Based on your reading of the passage, what possibly caused the bear to attack Ann and Christine?

Marks

END OF BOOKLET B

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Answer Sheets

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
2	4	3	4	3	4	3	1	2	4
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
1	2	1	4	1	4	2	4	3	2
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
1	2	3	4	3	4	1	3	1	4
Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
G	B	L	J	F	Q	N	K	H	P

41. occasionally 46. concentrated 56. scene 61. above 66. fast
42. classified 47. them 57. help 62. went 67. ears
43. disappearance 48. breeding 58. calf 63. attention 68. sounds
44. sole 49. to 59. swept 64. ledge 69. standing
45. these 50. probably 60. save 65. crossed 70. elephants

51. Colouring her hair every month makes Mrs. Taylor happy.
52. You should boil the soup before you fry the chicken wings.
53. All but Aidil have returned their library books.
54. Both Yanhua and Yanling did not go for the cable car ride last night.
55. Mrs. Chan told the children that they had to be home by seven o'clock that night.
71. They were hiking.
72. She thought that the bears were either running after something else or faking the attack to intimidate them.
73. She prayed that the bear would disappear.
74. It refers to Ann and the grizzly.
75. The word is 'Raging'.

76. She thought it would be best to play dead.
77. It suggests that Christine is faithful, loyal friend.
78. The sentence is "If we're going to die, I'll at least put up a fight'.
79. She kicked the bear's nose.
80. The bear thought that Ann and Christine were going to attack her cubs.