

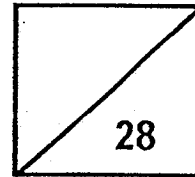


ROSYTH SCHOOL  
2018 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
PAPER 2  
PRIMARY 6

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## BOOKLET A

Instructions to Pupils:

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Read the questions and follow all the instructions carefully.
3. This booklet consists of 28 questions (Questions 1 to 28).
4. Answer ALL the questions and shade them in the correct ovals on the OAS provided.

\* This paper consists of 11 pages altogether (including the cover page)

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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. When Mrs Low \_\_\_\_\_ the dishes, she heard a loud knock on the door.  
(1) washed  
(2) had washed  
(3) was washing  
(4) would be washing
2. The singer was taken aback \_\_\_\_\_ the negative response from the audience.  
(1) by  
(2) for  
(3) from  
(4) about
3. The soccer coach could not feel at ease \_\_\_\_\_ victory was assured.  
(1) if  
(2) until  
(3) since  
(4) because
4. Mr Keh is the applicant \_\_\_\_\_ the staff is interviewing for the new job.  
(1) who  
(2) which  
(3) whom  
(4) whose
5. Rashid, as well as his classmates, \_\_\_\_\_ at the orphanage since the beginning of the year.  
(1) volunteered  
(2) has volunteered  
(3) had volunteered  
(4) have volunteered

6. Ali \_\_\_\_\_ if his mother had not encouraged him to revise regularly.

- (1) will fail
- (2) would fail
- (3) will have failed
- (4) would have failed

7. Mrs Raja was disappointed with her son as she \_\_\_\_\_ not understand why he had lied to her.

- (1) must
- (2) could
- (3) would
- (4) should

8. Brian asked, "He hardly goes to the library, \_\_\_\_\_?"

- (1) is it
- (2) isn't it
- (3) does he
- (4) doesn't he

9. I told Emily, "My book is in the cupboard so this book must be either \_\_\_\_\_ or Darren's."

- (1) ours
- (2) mine
- (3) yours
- (4) theirs

10. The park ranger caught Colin littering and made him \_\_\_\_\_ the trash into the rubbish bin.

- (1) throw
- (2) threw
- (3) thrown
- (4) throwing

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

11. Diane leapt at the \_\_\_\_\_ when her teacher asked for volunteers to take part in the donation drive.

- (1) situation
- (2) occasion
- (3) condition
- (4) opportunity

12. The boy threw a/an \_\_\_\_\_ after his mother refused to buy him an ice-cream.

- (1) rage
- (2) uproar
- (3) tantrum
- (4) outburst

13. The officials decided to \_\_\_\_\_ down the house as it was badly damaged and posed a danger to passers-by.

- (1) cut
- (2) put
- (3) pull
- (4) drag

14. Kim's mother warned him not to \_\_\_\_\_ any information and tell her all the details about the incident.

- (1) grasp
- (2) retain
- (3) control
- (4) withhold

15. The students were disappointed when their teacher told them that the ideas for their project proposal were \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) unjust
- (2) unstable
- (3) unsound
- (4) unthinkable

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

Craig was taking a leisurely stroll home from school. As he walked down the street towards his block, he heard footsteps behind him. Feeling apprehensive, Craig quickened his pace. He had remembered his mother's advice to be careful when unaccompanied in a public area.

(17)

However, the footsteps grew louder as the person behind him was clearly catching up. Craig became panic-stricken as he feared for his safety. Suddenly,

(18)

the person called out, "Craig, wait up! It's me, Don!" Without a second thought,

(19)

Craig stopped when he realised it was his best friend.

After catching up with Craig, Don said breathlessly, "Here's your wallet. You left it on your desk before rushing off. I promptly picked it up and followed you

(20)

to return it." Craig smiled and thanked Don profusely.

16. (1) angry  
(2) anxious  
(3) agitated  
(4) astonished
17. (1) alone  
(2) isolated  
(3) secluded  
(4) withdrawn

18. (1) distressed  
(2) dissatisfied  
(3) discouraged  
(4) discontented

19. (1) hesitation  
(2) justification  
(3) clarification  
(4) explanation

20. (1) eagerly  
(2) diligently  
(3) cautiously  
(4) immediately

## Visual Text Comprehension (8 marks)

Study this web-page carefully and then answer questions 21 to 28.

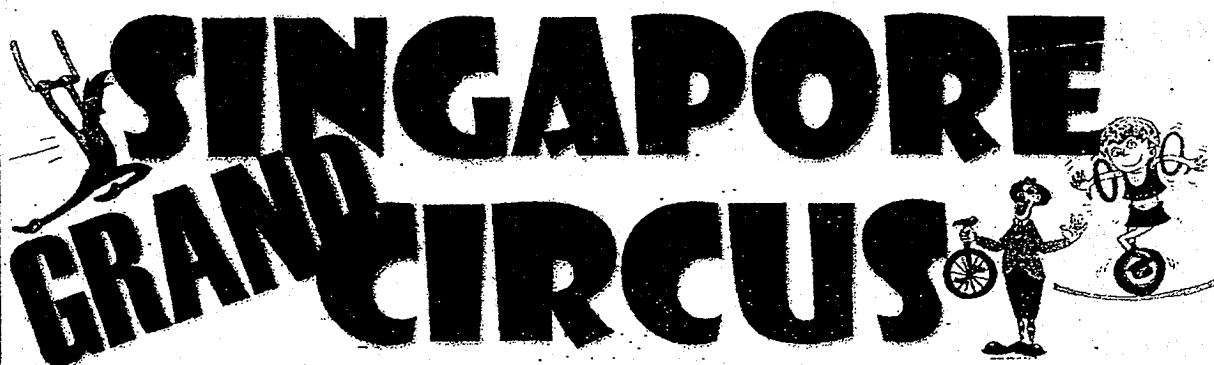
Grand Singapore Circus



[http://www.booking.sg/singapore\\_circus\\_2018](http://www.booking.sg/singapore_circus_2018)

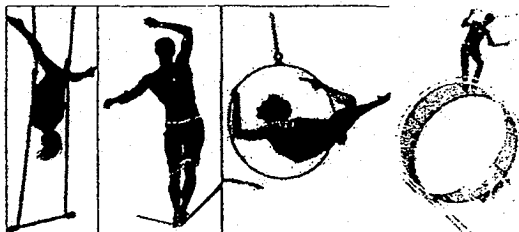
Grand Singapore Circus is back in Singapore after a 10-year absence with over 50 performers including acrobats, gymnasts, jugglers and clowns! All our performers are renowned worldwide for their breath-taking abilities.

# SINGAPORE GRAND CIRCUS



Bringing you the most dangerous acts in the world, Grand Singapore Circus promises a thrilling time for the whole family. Be entertained by acts such as 'Wheel of Danger', 'Sphere of Fear' and 'Ropes of Terror' under our Big Top. Spend a fun-filled two hours with our highly skilled and talented performers.

## Experienced Global Talents



Our performers are talented men and women who have learnt their trade through long hours of training and dedication. They come from all corners of the globe and have many years of experience performing throughout the world.

## No Animal Acts

### We support animal welfare

Our circus does not include animal acts. Besides acts by acrobats and gymnasts, traditional circuses still put animals like lions, tigers, and elephants on show. Animal welfare is our main concern as no animal naturally does tricks in the wild. We do not believe in forcing animals to perform by abusing them and restricting their freedom.



**ANIMAL  
FREEDOM**

**DETAILS****FRINGE ACTIVITIES****TRANSPORT****Performance Dates**

6 Nov 2018 to 2 Dec 2018

**Times**

Tuesdays to Fridays: 8.00 p.m.

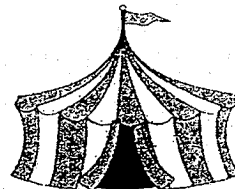
Saturdays: 2.00 p.m. &amp; 8.00 p.m.

Sundays: 1.00 p.m. &amp; 7.00 p.m.

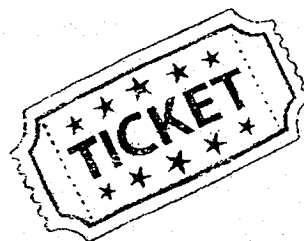
**Venue**

Big Top at Raffles Gardens Drive, located beside Raffles Cove Hotel.

Big Top is a specially-erected tent and is fully air-conditioned for the comfort of our audience.

**Ticket Sales****For Customers of ROSBANK only**

- **Through the Internet**  
From 27 Aug 2018, 12.00 a.m. onwards
- **At Ticketing Counters\***  
From 27 Aug 2018 onwards, 10.00 a.m. to 9.00 p.m.

**For General Public**

- **Through the Internet**  
From 1 Sep 2018, 12.00 a.m. onwards
- **At Ticketing Counters\***  
From 1 Sep 2018 onwards, 10.00 a.m. to 9.00 p.m.

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VIEW LOCATION  
OF TICKETING  
COUNTERS**

\* More than 40 locations  
in Singapore

**Ticket Prices #****Standard (13 years old & above)**

Type 1 Seats - \$160.00 (ringside)

Type 2 Seats - \$135.00

Type 3 Seats - \$110.00 (restricted view)

**Children (2 to 12 years old)**

Type 1 Seats - \$120.00 (ringside)

Type 2 Seats - \$95.00

Type 3 Seats - \$70.00 (restricted view)

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# Terms and conditions apply. No exchange of tickets and tickets purchased are non-refundable. For all enquiries, contact Jen at our hotline 66111777 during office hours.

Organised by  
Enjoy Entertainment



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ROSBANK



For each question from 21 to 28, choose the most appropriate option (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (8 marks)

21. The performers of Grand Singapore Circus \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) have ten years of experience
- (2) have performed in different countries
- (3) only come from neighbouring countries
- (4) require little practice as they are talented

22. Grand Singapore Circus does not have animal acts because \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) it is against animal welfare
- (2) it is difficult to train animals to do tricks
- (3) it believes it is wrong to treat animals badly
- (4) other circuses are better at taking care of animals

23. Based on the information from the website, which of the following statements about Grand Singapore Circus is TRUE?

- (1) It is sponsored by Enjoy Entertainment.
- (2) It has been performing in Singapore for the past ten years.
- (3) The performances at the circus are not suitable for children.
- (4) The performances will be held in a special tent known as Big Top.

24. Audiences attending the circus would find it thrilling because \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) it is performing in Singapore for the very first time
- (2) all its performers learn their trade through training
- (3) the performances at the circus include dangerous acts
- (4) it has acrobats and gymnasts which traditional circuses do not

25. What is one advantage customers of ROSBANK have over the general public?

- (1) They can make enquiries using the hotline number.
- (2) They can buy tickets before sales start for the general public.
- (3) They can ask for a refund of the tickets they have purchased.
- (4) They can buy tickets at a lower price compared to the general public.

26. Why is the title on the webpage 'Grand Singapore Circus' written in capital letters?

- (1) It is to attract the attention of readers.
- (2) It is to inform readers of the country of origin.
- (3) It is to emphasise that the circus will be interesting.
- (4) It is to show that the circus has over 50 performers.

27. The Grand Singapore Circus performances are put up \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) throughout November
- (2) every day of the week
- (3) twice daily on weekends
- (4) at the same time each night

28. The most likely reason why some people may not want to buy Type 3 seats is that \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) part of the view of the performances will be blocked
- (2) these seats are the closest to the performers in the ring
- (3) these seats cost the least among the three types of seats
- (4) the number of tickets that can be bought for these seats is restricted.

**End of Booklet A**





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## BOOKLET B

Instructions to Pupils:

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Read the questions and follow all the instructions carefully.
3. This booklet consists of 52 questions (Questions 29 to 80).
4. **Answer ALL the questions and write all the answers in this booklet.**

	Maximum	Marks Obtained
<b>Booklet A</b>	28	
<b>Booklet B</b>	67	
<b>Total</b>	95	

Component	Question Numbers	Marks Obtained
<b>Comprehension Cloze</b>	51 – 65	
<b>Comprehension Open-ended</b>	71 – 80	

\* This booklet consists of 9 pages altogether (including this page).

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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.**

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(A) about	(D) are	(G) is	(K) themselves	(N) who
(B) across	(E) may	(H) on	(L) upon	(P) with
(C) and	(F) himself	(J) onto	(M) which	(Q) yet

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Owning a smartphone that is equipped with a good camera lens makes it so much easier to take photos when one is on the move. Likewise, \_\_\_\_\_ the accessibility of social media, people today love to take photos or 'selfies' of \_\_\_\_\_. In fact, taking, posting and viewing selfies has become a daily habit for many. Such actions are sometimes frowned \_\_\_\_\_ by some because they feel that those who constantly take selfies only admire and think \_\_\_\_\_ themselves too much.

Recently, a new study suggests that the millions of people \_\_\_\_\_ take selfies believe that their actions are acceptable as long as they do not post it. \_\_\_\_\_ the contrary, it is reported that such people feel that only those who post their selfies \_\_\_\_\_ not doing the right thing

University professor, Dr Sarah, revealed that 70 percent of the 200 people \_\_\_\_\_ Europe regularly took selfies and posted them on social media. Such people feel that their own selfies are more genuine than those taken by others. This \_\_\_\_\_ explain why so many people carry on taking selfies. \_\_\_\_\_, a vast majority said they would rather see other types of photos instead of selfies.

It is odd that, despite the research, selfies continue to be popular on social media.

Source: <http://www.health.com/healthday/selfie-paradox>

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

I hurried through the darkening city, trailing the two boys, Neymar and Oscar

(39)

at a distance. A purple streak lingered on the edge of the horizon, give the streets a

smoky hue. The moon hung like a great silver bowl in the sky. Snatches of light

(40)

(41)

fleekered from windows. I had never saw Brazil after sunset.

As Neymar and Oscar neared the public bath, they were joined by a group of

(42)

older boys. Soon, all the boys were in the move. I raced after them through the

(43)

(44)

abendened market square. It was not long before the street turned about a dark lane.

(45)

(46)

Deelapedated huts replaced the fine houses. The fraygrencce of flowers turned to

(47)

stinking garbage. It is as if we had walked into a different world.

(48)

(49)

I reached the rubble and stanch of the city dumping grounds and I soon lawst

sight of Neymar and Oscar in the crowd.

(50)

"Why are you following us?" a tall boy asked as he singled me out. So, I cringe

as he demanded an answer.

I deepened my voice to sound confident. "I'm here to search for my missing

bag," I replied and walked away.

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Much of the mercury in our bodies comes from eating fish and other seafood. Have you ever wondered how the mercury got there in the first \_\_\_\_\_ ?  
(51)

Mercury is a toxic element. However, unknown \_\_\_\_\_ many, it is released \_\_\_\_\_ natural sources, such as plants and soil, through simple processes \_\_\_\_\_ evaporation. Mercury is also discharged mainly from industrial activities. It is pumped directly into rivers or seas \_\_\_\_\_ factory waste or released into the air by man's actions of \_\_\_\_\_ fossil fuels like coal.  
(52)  
(53)  
(54)  
(55)  
(56)

This airborne mercury first circulates in the atmosphere \_\_\_\_\_ being driven into rivers and oceans by the rain. Most of the mercury that ends up in the water \_\_\_\_\_ not easily absorbed by living things. After eating it, they are able to get \_\_\_\_\_ of it rather quickly, so it does not accumulate in their bodies. However, some types of bacteria in water converts this mercury into methylmercury. This form, on the \_\_\_\_\_ hand, is hard to excrete. Hence, over time, methylmercury gradually \_\_\_\_\_ up in the bodies of living things.  
(57)  
(58)  
(59)  
(60)  
(61)

In a food chain, methylmercury is absorbed by algae in the water, then eaten by tiny organisms like shrimp and krill. They need to eat a lot of algae to survive, so the amount of methylmercury stored in \_\_\_\_\_ bodies increases the longer they live. Shrimp and krill are preyed on by fish, \_\_\_\_\_ are in turn eaten by bigger fish. Each fish then consumes and retains the methylmercury.  
(62)  
(63)

As a result, the largest fish species nearer \_\_\_\_\_ end of the food chain can accumulate up to ten million times the \_\_\_\_\_ of methylmercury that is found in seawater. Ultimately, mankind consumes this. Thus, if man does nothing to manage his actions on this earth, has he considered the final effects it has eventually?  
(64)  
(65)

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. John did not give up. He persevered to complete his revision.

Instead of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

67. "Do you know the ending to this mystery story?" Tessa asked her father.

Tessa asked her father \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

68. The mischievous dog scampered away when it saw its owner enter the room.

\_\_\_\_\_ upon  
\_\_\_\_\_

69. Azlina is travelling to Thailand for a cultural exchange programme. Her classmates are travelling there as well.

\_\_\_\_\_ together with \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

70. Mother stared at the pizza on the kitchen ceiling. She was bewildered.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80. (20 marks)**

I was with a filming crew in Argentina on an expedition to capture large colonies of fur seals in action. However, by noon, I thought that I had taken a wrong turn. When I saw a small farm up ahead, I immediately approached it. Three farmers with wide smiles came out to greet us because visitors were a rare sight. They were fascinated that we had travelled so far from England just to film fur seals. Although the locals must have thought we were insane, they were too well-mannered to say so. In fact after giving us some directions, they helped us on the subject of fur seals too.

The farmers explained that the female seals by this time would have had their pups. This meant that the colonies were no longer easily found at one spot on the beach. Instead, they drifted frequently along the coast, depending on their moods. Thus, the farmers helped us mark areas on the map to show us where the biggest concentration of seals lived.

We found the seals by the evening. A short walk through tall grass led us to the edge of a cliff. There on the beach below us, by the edge of the waves, lay the fur seal colony. From where we stood, the animals greeted us like a thunderous cauldron of boiling porridge. The colony of about seven hundred animals lay spread out along the beach. As they moved in the sunlight, they gleamed like a swarm of golden bees. I was mesmerised by this sight. I forgot about filming. Instead, I squatted and stared.

In our following observations, we paid greater attention to the seal pups of the colony. These lively little ones playfully moved with the mass of adult seals. I took a particular interest in a pup that had obviously been born later than the others. Oswald, as I named him, was half the size of other pups. Yet, what Oswald lacked in bulk, he more than made up for in his determination. 20

We had previously seen the swimming lessons carried out by the father seals and we found it stressful. I especially felt quite sorry for Oswald. His father paused at the edge of the water, held Oswald with his teeth by the back of his neck. The father shook Oswald to and fro so vigorously, until one would think that the pup's neck was broken. Then, he hurled Oswald further out into the deep waters. After a while, Oswald eventually surfaced, spluttering and flapping his flippers desperately, before attempting to swim back towards the shore. However, his father lumbered into the water, caught him before holding him under the water for another ten seconds and eventually releasing him. When Oswald popped up, he was gasping for breath.

This happened a few times before a frightened and exhausted Oswald protested by crying out at his father like a small dog trying to attack an elephant. However, his stern father simply picked him up and flung him out again. This whole process repeated itself. Eventually, when it was obvious that Oswald was too tired to swim, his father took him into the shallow waters for a rest. He was inflexible and ensured that Oswald did not escape. After Oswald had rested, his father was persistent. He picked the pup up and threw him out to sea again. This would have carried on if another male seal had not picked a quarrel with Oswald's father. While the adults were fighting, I unclenched my hands as I spotted Oswald scrambling back to shore. He looked utterly wet and emotionally-defeated.

These swimming lessons were an agony for us. Not only was the terror of the pups so pitiful but I was also convinced that the fathers might accidentally drown them. Surprisingly, the seal pups had the willpower to survive these swimming lessons, and none of them seemed to give up. We often forget that one's capacity for overcoming difficulty is stronger than what one would believe at first glance. In fact, it was indeed a lesson for me, one that I would vividly remember. 45

**ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.**

71. Which word in **paragraph 1** suggests that it was not common for people to go to Argentina to film fur seals? (1m)

72. Give a reason why the filming crew was going to face obstacles in spotting the colony of seals. (1m)

73. From paragraph 3, which sentence tells you that the colony of seals made a lot of noise? (1m)

74. 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)

<u>Statement</u>	<u>True / False</u>	<u>Reason</u>
The farmers did not hesitate to tell the filming crew that what they were doing was crazy.		
Oswald was smaller than other seal pups.		
The narrator enjoyed watching the father seals teach their pups how to swim.		

75. From lines 26 to 30, list two things that Oswald's father did to teach him how to swim. (2m)

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

76. Which **three** words from lines 33 to 37 tell you Oswald's father was demanding as his swimming instructor? (3m)

77. Based on the information from the story, fill in the blanks in the following table. (3m)

How the narrator felt	Why the narrator felt this way	What the narrator did as a result
mesmerised	He had never seen so many seals before.	
full of admiration		He gave the seal pup a name and he observed it more closely than others.
	He thought Oswald would not survive the swimming lesson.	He clenched his hands.

78. 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
this sight (line 17)	
others (line 20)	
it (line 24)	

79. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the passage. (1m)

\_\_\_\_\_ The filming crew lost their way.

\_\_\_\_\_ The filming crew travelled to Argentina.

\_\_\_\_\_ The filming crew was mesmerised by the seals.

80. In your own words, explain why the narrator said "it was indeed a lesson for me" in line 45. (2m)

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**EXAM PAPER 2018 (P6)**

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**SUBJECT : English**

**TERM : Prelims**

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

**Booklet B**

Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
P	K	L	A	N	H	D	B	E	Q

Q39	giving	Q48	stench	Q57	before
Q40	flickered	Q49	lost	Q58	is
Q41	seen	Q50	cringed	Q59	rid
Q42	on	Q51	place	Q60	other
Q43	abandoned	Q52	to	Q61	builds
Q44	into	Q53	from	Q62	their
Q45	dilapidated	Q54	like	Q63	which
Q46	fragrance	Q55	as	Q64	the
Q47	was	Q56	burning	Q65	amount

- Q66** Instead of giving up. John persevered to complete his revision.
- Q67** Tessa asked her father if he knew the ending to that mystery story.
- Q68** The mischievous dog scampered away upon seeing its owner enter the room.
- Q69** Azlina, together with her classmates, is travelling to Thailand for a cultural exchange programmed.
- Q70** Mother stared at the pizza on the kitchen ceiling in bewilderment.
- Q71** rare
- Q72** The colonies were no longer easily found at one spot at the beach but drift frequently along the coast, depending on their moods.
- Q73** From where we stood, the animals greeted us like a thunderous cauldron of boiling porridge.
- Q74**

	True / False	Reason
The farmers did not hesitate to tell the filming crew that what that were doing was crazy.	False	The farmers were too well mannered to tell the filming crew that going to Argentina from England just to film seals was crazy.
Oswald was smaller than other seal pups.	True	Oswald was half the size of other seal pups.
The narrator enjoyed watching the father seals teach their pups how to swim.	False	The narrator found watching the father seals teaching their pups how to swim stressful and agonizing.

**Q75**

1. Oswald's father held Oswald with his teeth by the back of his neck and shook Oswald to and fro vigorously.
2. Oswald's father hurled Oswald further out in the deep waters.

**Q76** Persistent, stern, inflexible.

**Q77**

Mesmerised	He had never seen so many seals before.	He squatted and stared.
Full of admiration	He saw Oswald's determination although Oswald was half the size pf the other pups.	He gave the seal pup a name and he observed it more closely than other.
Anxious	He though Oswald would not survive the swimming lesson.	He clenched his hands.

**Q78**

This sight	The colony of about seven hundred pups gleaming like a swarm Of golden bees as they moved in the sunlight.
Others	The rest of the fur seal pups that were born earlier.
It	The swimming lessons carried out by the father seals.

**Q79 2 > 1 > 3**

**Q80 After seeing Oswald's determination to survive the difficult swimming lessons despite being smaller than the others, the narrator learnt that one can overcome any difficulty through determination and perseverance even if he may doubt himself.**