

**Test:** Primary 6 English (Prelim) - Henry Park

**Points:** 74 points

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Score:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

Select multiple choice answers with a cross or tick:

- Only select one answer
- Can select multiple answers

### Question 1 of 75

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

**For each question, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. (10 marks)**

Kerrine, as well as her brother, always \_\_\_\_\_ fishball noodles every Friday.

- A) eat
- B) eats
- C) ate
- D) eating

### Question 2 of 75

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

"I remember Mrs Tan \_\_\_\_\_ our class to bring scissors and glue for our next Art lesson," Jane commented.

- A) tell
- B) tells
- C) told
- D) telling

**Question 3 of 75**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

Some ships belonging to that company \_\_\_\_\_ off that coast a decade ago.

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- A) was sunk
- B) were sunk
- C) was sinking
- D) were sinking

**Question 4 of 75**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

"I have explained this concept a few times. \_\_\_\_\_, I will have to run through this topic with you again," said the teacher impatiently.

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- A) Before that
- B) Even though
- C) Nonetheless
- D) Consequently

**Question 5 of 75**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

Ronaldo, the famous soccer player, was greeted warmly by his fans \_\_\_\_\_ his arrival at the airport.

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- A) at
- B) in
- C) on
- D) to

**Question 6 of 75**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

Zachary and his brother were shocked to discover that their luggage \_\_\_\_\_ left behind at the hotel.

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- A) is
- B) are
- C) was
- D) were

**Question 7 of 75**

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My grandfather \_\_\_\_\_ in the company for more than fifty years when he retires next year.

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- A) worked
- B) has worked
- C) will have worked
- D) has been working

**Question 8 of 75**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

The concert \_\_\_\_\_ by the time Lily and her family arrived last evening.

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- A) begins
- B) began
- C) has begun
- D) had begun

**Question 9 of 75**

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"The Principal needs to sign the two documents, \_\_\_\_\_ he?" asked the clerk.

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- A) has
- B) does
- C) hasn't
- D) doesn't

**Question 10 of 75**

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"It's just a \_\_\_\_\_," comforted the nurse as she pointed to the wound on the boy's knee.

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- A) stain
- B) smear
- C) scrape
- D) smudge

**Question 11 of 75**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

Ken Lim was \_\_\_\_\_ the first prize in the essay competition.

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- A) granted
- B) awarded
- C) conferred
- D) honoured

**Question 12 of 75**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

She leaned forward to pat the dog but quickly \_\_\_\_\_ when it growled at her.

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- A) gave in
- B) threw in
- C) took back
- D) drew back

**Question 13 of 75**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

The \_\_\_\_\_ of his controversial online post on social media could be damaging to his career.

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- A) retention
- B) repression
- C) repercussion
- D) reverberation

**Question 14 of 75**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

Thomas drew a picture of a tree, to \_\_\_\_\_ Jonathan added some apples.

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- A) who
- B) what
- C) whom
- D) which

**Question 15 of 75**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

After a long and arduous hike, the \_\_\_\_\_ climbers could not continue with their journey and stopped to take a short break.

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- A) active
- B) weary
- C) drowsy
- D) energetic

**Question 16 of 75**

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**For each question, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. (5 marks)**

During the June holidays, John and his family went on a beach vacation. First on their itinerary was John's favourite, snorkelling! As he swam in the deep blue sea, he marvelled at the beautiful marine life.

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- A) accepted
- B) admired
- C) approved
- D) appreciated

**Question 17 of 75**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

Suddenly, something strange and red caught John's eye. He approached it cautiously, making sure he did not alarm the red sea creature.

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- A) gradually
- B) discreetly
- C) confidently
- D) thoughtfully

**Question 18 of 75**

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To John's horror, it was a turtle stuck in a red plastic bag. John felt **anxious** as he watched the turtle trying desperately to free itself from the bag. John's father helped to remove the bag from the turtle and it swam away to freedom.

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- A) worried
- B) crossed
- C) flattered
- D) heartened

**Question 19 of 75**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

Since then, John and his family made a **determined and intentional** effort to reduce their plastic footprints.

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- A) profound
- B) pervasive
- C) conscious
- D) composed

**Question 20 of 75**

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John became an active marine conservation **advocate** and often takes part in activities to help raise public awareness and support for the protection of marine life.

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- A) activist
- B) contributor
- C) stakeholder
- D) broadcaster

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What is the similarity between "FAMILY DAY OUT" and "CLASSICAL NIGHT FEVER"?

- A) The tickets are sold at \$10 per participant.
- B) They encourage families to take part together.
- C) The minimum age for a participant is 7 years old.
- D) The workshops last for an hour with short breaks in between.

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Alice and her best friend Sharon, are interested in learning a dance from which develops their poise and performance skills. They can only afford to spend one hour per session in the evening.

They are recommended to participate in \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) POP NIGHT
- B) BABY STEPS
- C) FAMILY DAY OUT
- D) CLASSICAL NIGHT FEVER

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The main reason of putting visuals in the descriptions of the 4 workshops is to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) show all the professional instructors involved
- B) demonstrate all the dance steps involved in the workshops
- C) show one of the possible dance forms that will be taught in the workshops
- D) explain the health benefits gained from joining the dance workshops

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Bhangra  
K-pop  
Hip hop  
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Swing  
Tango

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The main purpose of the flyer is to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) list the different types of dance workshops
- B) promote bonding amongst senior citizens and toddlers

- C)** encourage people to discover the joy of learning new dance moves
- D)** encourage people to meet different dance experts and compete in the dance competition.

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The main organiser of FOOTWORK is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) DANCE Festival
- B) The Ballet School
- C) Popculture company
- D) VANS "OFF THE WALL"

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- A) The dance workshops are held during the *DANCE* Festival.
- B) There are only 4 dance workshops held during this festival.
- C) TO book a minimum of 10 tickets, one should call 6478 2957.
- D) A minimum of 2 participants is required to participate in "Baby Steps".



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The DANCE Festival is held \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) Once a year
- B) Twice a year
- C) Once every 2 years
- D) Once every 2 weeks

**Question 28 of 75**

Primary 6 English (Prelim)

1 pt

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- A) A couple signing up for "BABY STEPS"
- B) A family of 3 signing up for "CLASSICAL NIGHT FEVER"
- C) A group of 4 friends signing up for "POP NIGHT" and "BABY STEPS"
- D) A family signing up for "FAMILY DAY OUT", "POP NIGHT" and "BABY STEPS"

**Question 29 of 75**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 0 pts

For each of the question, 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)

**"Don't tell me how you have managed to solve the puzzle," John told his sister.**

**John told his sister** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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**Question 30 of 75**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 0 pts

**Arun had not baked a cake before and made a huge mess in the kitchen.**

**Not** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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**Question 31 of 75**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 0 pts

**Peter is friendly and helpful. His friends sing praises of him.**

\_\_\_\_\_ because of his  
\_\_\_\_\_

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**Question 32 of 75**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 0 pts

**It can be very tiring to work all day without taking a break**

**Working** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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**Question 33 of 75**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 0 pts

**The students were dismissed early. The canteen vendors panicked as the food was not ready.**

**With the early \_\_\_\_\_**

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**Question 34 of 75**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

**Fill in each blank with a suitable word. (15 marks)**

Elephants are fast disappearing from the wild. Without urgent international action, \_\_\_\_\_ could be gone within a generation.

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**Question 35 of 75**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

Most people know that elephants have long been \_\_\_\_\_ for their ivory. In the 1970s, half of the elephant population in Africa disappeared - ruthlessly slaughtered for their ivory tusks.

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**Question 36 of 75**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

In 1989, \_\_\_\_\_ international ban was imposed on the ivory trade.

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**Question 37 of 75**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

This means that while it is still legal to sell ivory within one's own country, it is \_\_\_\_\_ to export it to other countries.

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**Question 38 of 75**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

Unfortunately, many tourists still purchase ivory jewellery and art objects while \_\_\_\_\_ African and Asian countries, resulting in a constant demand for ivory.

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**Question 39 of 75**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

In addition to \_\_\_\_\_ threatened by the ivory trade, Asian elephants are also hunted for their hide and bone. In Thailand, the hide is made into shoes and handbags.

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**Question 40 of 75**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

And in China, the bone is \_\_\_\_\_ into bone ash and .....

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**Question 41 of 75**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

..... and used in traditional medicines to \_\_\_\_\_ ulcers of the skin and stomach.

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**Question 42 of 75**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

An even greater \_\_\_\_\_ to elephants than poaching may be habitat loss.

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**Question 43 of 75**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

As human populations expand, more land is used for agriculture. Human beings \_\_\_\_\_ encroached into elephant habitats.

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**Question 44 of 75**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

The critical overlap of human and elephant habitats has cause problems for both the elephants and humans. Occasionally, it is the elephants \_\_\_\_\_ accidentally harm the humans.

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**Question 45 of 75**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

Elephants sometimes raid farmers' fields and damage their crops as well. Human attempts to drive elephants \_\_\_\_\_ from their land sometimes lead to them being injured, accidentally or deliberately.

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**Question 46 of 75**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

In Asia, \_\_\_\_\_ people would rather capture a wild elephant and train it.....

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**Question 47 of 75**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

..... and train it \_\_\_\_\_ purchase one.

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**Question 48 of 75**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

They find it much more attractive to have a large, productive adult elephant at hand, than to breed elephants and wait ten years for the babies to \_\_\_\_\_ up. Unfortunately, many of the methods used to capture elephants result in the death of these animals. The fate of these wild elephants depends on the willingness of human beings to act with compassion and integrity.

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**Question 49 of 75**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

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

When you think of wolf, one of the first things that probably comes to mind is their loud howl at full moon. These creatures were thought to be one of the most ferocious predators in the animal kingdom.

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**Question 50 of 75**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

The wolf is a highly social animal. It lives within the same group for many of its life.

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**Question 51 of 75**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

The members of the pack cooparate in hunting, feeding and caring for the young and.....

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**Question 52 of 75**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

..... and even defending their territory **with** other packs.

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**Question 53 of 75**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

Only 'Alphas' which are the top male and female wolves are **permit** to breed, while any attempts to do so by others are punished.

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**Question 54 of 75**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

Generally, wolves are very **altheletic**, .....

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**Question 55 of 75**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

..... capable of incredible endurance such as **persueing** a prey over long distances or ploughing through chest-high snow for long periods.

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**Question 56 of 75**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

**Through** quite capable of ripping apart.....

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**Question 57 of 75**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

..... ripping apart even the **strong** of men, the wolf in the wild is extremely fearful of people.

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**Question 58 of 75**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

These animals will not usually attack humans unless they are **provoked**. They are carnivores and they eat everything from deer and moose to rabbits and mice.

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**Question 59 of 75**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

Wolves have great **adabtability** and high intelligence.

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**Question 60 of 75**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

They have tremendous **strenght** which allows them to take down their prey easily. They work in teams to hunt large animals. Their hunting skills are so advance that they can survive anywhere.

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## Question 61 of 75

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 10 pts

There are 10 blanks in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

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1. [ ] Winters were always bitter and harsh in Albert's hometown. There was \_\_\_\_\_ severe snow storm looming with strong winds and the visibility was greatly reduced.
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2. [ ] Albert and his sibling \_\_\_\_\_ to stay away from school because of the threatening blizzard.
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3. [ ] All the children in the village \_\_\_\_\_ forced to stay at home .....
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4. [ ] .....as the schools were closed \_\_\_\_\_ of sheer boredom, Albert and his siblings had to think of ways to occupy themselves.
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5. [ ] They attempted to entertain themselves \_\_\_\_\_ some board games in their cottage on the hill.
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6. [ ] After playing the games for \_\_\_\_\_ time, they decided to venture out of their cottage to sculpt a snowman.
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7. [ ] In no time, the cold and chill sent Albert's siblings scrambling back \_\_\_\_\_ their house.
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8. [ ] However, Albert was oblivious to the brewing storm. \_\_\_\_\_ he was sculpturing a snowman, a howling gust of wind swept him off his feet.
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9. [ ] He fell heavily on his back He yelled for help frantically \_\_\_\_\_ his hoarse voice was drowned out by the swirling wind.
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10. [ ] All of a sudden, he heard some voice. A great sense of relief surged \_\_\_\_\_ his numb and cold body. He knew he was safe.
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- K. out
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- L. while
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M. into

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N. with

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O. but

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**Question 62 of 75**

Primary 6 English (Prelim)

1 pt

<p>"Talking of the prices of birds, I've seen an ostrich that cost \$300," said the old man, recalling his travels in his youth. "\$300!"</p>	
<p>I looked at him over my spectacles. I had seen another that the owner refused to sell at \$400. You would have thought that five ostriches would have been cheap. But the point was, one of them had swallowed a diamond.</p>	5
<p>The ostrich got it off Sir Padishah from India who was wearing a turban, with the diamond on it. The bird pecked at it suddenly and had it. It then went and mixed with the others. The birds' keeper was not present at that moment, so he did not know which bird it was. The news about the incident spread throughout the ship. In no time, everyone was talking about it. Padishah was greatly affected by the loss.</p>	10
<p>I did not feel very sorry for him. The owner had been boasting about his diamond ever since he boarded the ship that was travelling from Bombay to Southampton.</p>	
<p>The keeper of the five ostriches refused Padishah's proposals to get it out by way of medicine or stomach pump.</p>	15
<p>One of the passengers whose son was a lawyer in London, argued lawfully that what the bird swallowed had become part of it. The only thing that Padishah could do was to sue for damages. Thus, he went privately to the keeper and made an offer for all five ostriches.</p>	
<p>However, the keeper said that he did not have the authority to sell them. He was asked to approach the owner, Mr. Potter who was also onboard the ship.</p>	20
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<p>Potter offered to sell the birds separately to different people by auctioning off each bird at a starting price of \$80.</p>	
<p>You must understand this diamond was a valuable one – a diamond merchant from Belgium, who was with us, had priced it at \$3000 to \$4000 when Padishah had shown it to him and this idea of an ostrich gamble caught on.</p>	30
<p>So the auction began with the diamond merchant finally getting a bird that seemed to be sick, possibly due to indigestion, with a winning bid of \$180. At once,</p>	

<p>he got a gun and shot it. There was no diamond when the dissection was over. This total disregard for the creature's life persuaded Potter to state that the remaining ostriches were not to be put down until the ship reached Southampton.</p>	35
<p>Obviously, the bids for the other birds were higher. Oddly enough, Padishah did not secure any of them. He claimed that he would file a lawsuit. Later, he even gave his name and address to those who had bought the birds so that they would know where to send the diamond. None of them wanted his name and address and none of them would give him theirs.</p>	40
<p>How did it end? A week or so after arriving at Southampton, I was shopping in London and guess who I saw? Padishah and Potter were walking arm-in-arm and having a grand time.</p>	

If you think about it, and yes, I have thought of that too. There is no doubt the diamond was real and Padishah was a famous Indian prince. I have often seen his name in the newspapers. But whether the bird swallowed the diamond was certainly another matter.

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*Adapted from A Deal in Ostriches by H.G Wells (Published in 1894)*

Based on lines 6 - 15, state whether the statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so.

	True / False	Reason
The narrator liked Sir Padishah.		

- A) TRUE
- B) FALSE

**Question 63 of 75**

Primary 6 English (Prelim)

1 pt

<p>"Talking of the prices of birds, I've seen an ostrich that cost \$300," said the old man, recalling his travels in his youth. "\$300!"</p>	
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<p>Obviously, the bids for the other birds were higher. Oddly enough, Padishah did not secure any of them. He claimed that he would file a lawsuit. Later, he even gave his name and address to those who had bought the birds so that they would know where to send the diamond. None of them wanted his name and address and none of them would give him theirs.</p>	40
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If you think about it, and yes, I have thought of that too. There is no doubt the diamond was real and Padishah was a famous Indian prince. I have often seen his name in the newspapers. But whether the bird swallowed the diamond was certainly another matter.

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Based on lines 6 - 15, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so.

	True / False	Reason
No one could identify which ostrich took the diamond		

- A) TRUE
- B) FALSE

**Question 64 of 75**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

<p>"Talking of the prices of birds, I've seen an ostrich that cost \$300," said the old man, recalling his travels in his youth. "\$300!"</p>	
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Based on line 6 - 15, state whether the statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so.

	True / False	Reason
The keeper stood his ground in not retrieving the diamond.		

- A) TRUE
- B) FALSE

**Question 65 of 75**

Primary 6 English (Prelim)

0 pts

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Do you think the narrator believed that one of the ostriches swallowed the diamond? Support your answer from the passage. (2 marks)

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## Question 66 of 75

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Which sentence from the third paragraph tells us that the ostrich has swallowed the diamond? (1 mark)

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Primary 6 English (Prelim)

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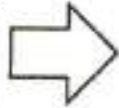
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Based on lines 16 - 26 and lines 35 - 39, fill in the blanks below to show how Sir Padishah responded to each situation. (2 marks)

When he realised that he could only sue for damages,



he \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

When Potter said that he would kill the ostriches one by one,



he \_\_\_\_\_  
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Based on the whole story, what made Potter announce to the potential buyers that the remaining ostriches were to remain alive until they reached Southampton? (2 marks)

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What was the effect on the auction when the first ostrich was shot? Why was that so? (2 marks)

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Which two words from lines 22 - 36 show that Potter changed his plan about the ostriches? The two words are found in separate paragraphs. (2 marks)

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2 pts

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Which two of the following words best describe how the buyers of the ostriches felt in lines 36 - 39? DO NOT CHOOSE MORE THAN TWO OPTIONS.

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- A) generous
  - B) selfish
  - C) proud
  - D) greedy
  - E) anti-social
  - F) sorry



**Question 73 of 75**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

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Look at the word below. What do the word in the left column refer to in the passage? (1 mark)

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer(s) to
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Choose 1, 2 and 3 below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the story.

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2. [ ] The diamond was swallowed by one of                      B.    1  
the ostriches.

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3. [ ] Padishah showed off the diamond after                      C.    3  
boarding the ship.

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