

**Test:** Primary 6 English (Prelim) - MGS

**Points:** 71 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

Generic 1 pt

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

"Look! The blades of the fan \_\_\_\_\_ broken!" Jacob exclaimed to Mei Ling.

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

### Question 2 of 75

Generic 1 pt

Rosnah's teacher gave her a/an \_\_\_\_\_ testimonial as she had been a good role model to her classmates.

- A) shining
- B) glowing
- C) touching
- D) appealing

**Question 3 of 75**

Generic 1 pt

We must be careful of fake news. Some news programmes attempt to \_\_\_\_\_ the truth in order to increase viewership.

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- A) guard
- B) distort
- C) violate
- D) misalign

**Question 4 of 75**

Generic 1 pt

In a short period of time, the twin sisters have \_\_\_\_\_ their new piano teacher as she is patient and fun-loving.

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- A) taken to
- B) taken on
- C) taken over
- D) taken after

**Question 5 of 75**

Generic 1 pt

Mother was very disappointed \_\_\_\_\_ Muthu for cheating during the examination.

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- A) with
- B) over
- C) about
- D) towards

**Question 6 of 75**

Generic 1 pt

You will eventually achieve your goal if you \_\_\_\_\_ your mind to it.

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- A) would set
- B) had set
- C) will set
- D) set

**Question 7 of 75**

Generic 1 pt

Gopal took his dog for a walk last evening, \_\_\_\_\_?

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- A) won't he
- B) didn't he
- C) hasn't he
- D) doesn't he

**Question 8 of 75**

Generic 1 pt

Johan resisted \_\_\_\_\_ for help as he was determined to complete the project by himself.

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- A) ask
- B) asked
- C) asking
- D) to ask

**Question 9 of 75**

Generic 1 pt

Kumar is an introvert. \_\_\_\_\_ is known about his upbringing and background.

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- A) Few
- B) Little
- C) Much
- D) Some

**Question 10 of 75**

Generic 1 pt

The speaker spoke with such \_\_\_\_\_ against drug abuse that she inspired many youths to support the anti-drug campaign.

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- A) precision
- B) conviction
- C) contention
- D) persuasion

**Question 11 of 75**

Generic 1 pt

To my horror, I realised at the airport that I \_\_\_\_\_ to bring my passport!

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- A) forget
- B) had forgotten
- C) have forgotten
- D) would have forgotten

**Question 12 of 75**

Generic 1 pt

Wen Yi made her brother \_\_\_\_\_ the toys before they went to the playground.

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- A) pack
- B) packs
- C) packed
- D) packing

**Question 13 of 75**

Generic 1 pt

"\_\_\_\_\_ I attend Mr Ishak's drum class today?" the child asked his mother eagerly.

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- A) Can
- B) Will
- C) Must
- D) Need

**Question 14 of 75**

Generic 1 pt

We were trapped in the lift for almost an hour \_\_\_\_\_ help finally arrived.

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- A) as
- B) before
- C) unless
- D) although

**Question 15 of 75**

Generic 1 pt

Be \_\_\_\_\_ at tourist sites as there are many pickpockets in these areas.

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- A) wise
- B) aware
- C) diligent
- D) vigilant

**Question 16 of 75**

Generic 1 pt

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

Running a hand over my white dress, I took a step out from behind the curtains. Standing in the bright lights of the stage, I shut my eyes for a moment, and then opened them.

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- A) briefly
- B) hastily
- C) rapidly
- D) instantly

**Question 17 of 75**

Generic 1 pt

I willed myself to move across the stage .....

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- A) forced
- B) exerted
- C) coerced
- D) demanded

**Question 18 of 75**

Generic 1 pt

..... and to ward off any negative thoughts from entering my mind. I concentrated on taking graceful steps over to the big, black musical instrument.

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- A) rebut
- B) distract
- C) prevent
- D) interrupt

**Question 19 of 75**

Generic 1 pt

Finally, I reached the grand piano. My hand gently touched its frame as I sat down on the stool, my beautiful white dress spreading out on it. I took a deep breath as I adjusted the position of the stool.

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- A) adapted
- B) changed
- C) arranged
- D) converted

**Question 20 of 75**

Generic 1 pt

My fingers then swiftly skated across the keys. They made no sound, only the sound of my fingernails tapping on the glossy keys. I inhaled and exhaled, feeling the eyes of the audience on me.

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- A) glided
- B) drifted
- C) floated
- D) skimmed

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Generic

1 pt

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In the second paragraph of the Cyber Savvy Programme article, what does the word 'perils' refer to?

- A) the benefits of using the internet
- B) the potential dangers on the internet
- C) the inconveniences of using the internet
- D) how to stay safe on social networking sites

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According to the article, anyone who is cyberbullied should \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) avoid going online
- B) confide in a friend only
- C) refrain from confronting the bully
- D) contact the bully to gather evidence

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Primary 4 pupils who sign up to be a "Cyber Savvy Champion" will be responsible to spread internet safety messages to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) the whole school
- B) the Lower Primary pupils
- C) the Primary 5 pupils next year
- D) the Primary 4 pupils next year

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Based on the article, which of the following is not true?

- A) Primary 6 pupils will attend the Be Cyber Smart workshop before PSLE.
- B) Primary 5 pupils who complete the Cyber Savvy cards can redeem a gift.
- C) Primary 4 pupils who sign up for the camp will be given a free camp t-shirt.
- D) Primary 2 and 3 pupils will learn about the different educational resources available online.

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Look at what Mr Robin Leong is saying. Why is the first letter of each word of "Cyber Savvy Champion" in capital letters?

- A) It is the name of a position.
- B) The words need to stand out.
- C) The capital letters stand for other words.
- D) It is to show the importance of his message.

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What is the main purpose of the article?

- A) to advise pupils how to stand up to cyberbullying
- B) to excite pupils about the Cyber Savvy Programme
- C) to provide pupils with registration details of upcoming activities
- D) to inform pupils about the commemoration of Safer Internet Day



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- A) to prepare pupils for Safer Internet Day
- B) to show pupils how to explore the internet
- C) to teach pupils to be safe when using the internet
- D) to build pupils' confidence to navigate the internet

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*Mr Robin Leong  
Teacher-in-charge of the Cyber Savvy Programme*

Which of the following statements about the Cyber Savvy Programme is correct?

- A) It is commemorated in the month of February.
- B) It targets all primary school pupils in Singapore.
- C) It has different activities for pupils at different levels.
- D) It has a specific programme on cyberbullying for every level.

**Question 29 of 75**

Generic 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)

Siti was forgetful. She left the bird cage open and the bird flew off.

As a result of her \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

*This question is designed for extended answers that parent/ teacher will have to assign and guide child to attempt after the test has been completed.*

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**Question 30 of 75**

Generic 0 pts

Nobody has seen the boys since last week.

The boys \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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**Question 31 of 75**

Generic 0 pts

Sam is flexible. Thus, he is an outstanding gymnast.

Because of Sam's \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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**Question 32 of 75**

Generic 0 pts

Mrs Nathan told the members of the club that all of them had to report to her the next day by eight in the morning.

Mrs Nathan told the members of the club, " \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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**Question 33 of 75**

Generic 0 pts

**Wei Ming closed his eyes. He heard someone shouting outside the window.**

**No sooner** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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**Question 34 of 75**

Generic 1 pt

**Fill in each blank with a suitable word.**

Anyone who needs an operation will know that you have to be put to sleep before the operation begins. When you \_\_\_\_\_ up, it is over. The substance that lets you sleep through the doctor's cutting, probing, and sewing is known as anesthetic.

**Question 35 of 75**

Generic 1 pt

\_\_\_\_\_ anesthetic was discovered, most people who needed an operation for an ailment could die.

**Question 36 of 75**

Generic 1 pt

This was because the pain from cutting the person open while he or she was awake often \_\_\_\_\_ a heart attack.

**Question 37 of 75**

Generic 1 pt

For example, people in the past would walk around with a mouth full of \_\_\_\_\_ decay .....

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**Question 38 of 75**

Generic 1 pt

..... and they only went to a dentist if they could no longer \_\_\_\_\_ the pain.

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**Question 39 of 75**

Generic 1 pt

The dentist then had to \_\_\_\_\_ the tooth without any pain reliever and the person would be in agony.

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**Question 40 of 75**

Generic 1 pt

Sometimes doctors tried to dull their patients' pain by pouring alcohol down their throats so that the drunken patient would fall asleep. But more \_\_\_\_\_ than not, the alcohol did not help much.

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**Question 41 of 75**

Generic 1 pt

A substance called ether was the first anesthetic. It was observed that when people sniffed ether, they would \_\_\_\_\_ their senses and stumble around.

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**Question 42 of 75**

Generic 1 pt

If they had sustained any type of serious injury, like a \_\_\_\_\_ bone or a bad gash, .....

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**Question 43 of 75**

Generic 1 pt

..... they did not seem to feel any \_\_\_\_\_ because they had sniffed ether.

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**Question 44 of 75**

Generic 1 pt

When a doctor, Dr Crawford Long, saw this, he wondered \_\_\_\_\_ ether could end the pain of his patients.

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**Question 45 of 75**

Generic 1 pt

Dr Long told a patient, who had a tumour at the back of his neck, that he needed to have an operation to remove it. Upon hearing this, the man refused. He only \_\_\_\_\_ when Dr Long suggested using ether and explained the benefits of using it.

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**Question 46 of 75**

Generic 1 pt

The man sat on a chair and breather a towel soaked in ether. Dr Long cut away the tumour while the man slept. Both the patient and the doctor \_\_\_\_\_ thrilled that it worked.

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**Question 47 of 75**

Generic 1 pt

Although Dr Long used ether on his first patient in 1842, he only published his discovery \_\_\_\_\_ 1849.

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**Question 48 of 75**

Generic 1 pt

In the meantime, thousands of patients had endured many major surgeries \_\_\_\_\_ It During the years between Long's discovery and when he wrote his article, other doctors had discovered ether too. Thus, it is impossible to determine who should get the credit for one of the most important discoveries ever made.

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**Question 49 of 75**

Generic 1 pt

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

Twenty-four inmates at Tanah Merah Prison were allowed an open visit where they could hug and hold their loved ones, especially their children. This was part of their Children's Day celebraetions in 2017.

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**Question 50 of 75**

Generic 1 pt

Inmates are usually seperated from visitors by a glass panel.

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**Question 51 of 75**

Generic 1 pt

One 40-year-old inmate, **served** a seven-year sentence for a drug-related.....

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**Question 52 of 75**

Generic 1 pt

..... for a drug-related **offend**, was able to touch his three-year-old son.....

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**Question 53 of 75**

Generic 1 pt

..... three-year-old son **in** the first time.

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**Question 54 of 75**

Generic 1 pt

This **sphechal** day was the culmination of a family care programme to help inmates and their families build much stronger bonds.

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**Question 55 of 75**

Generic 1 pt

The aim was to enable the inmates to reconnect and **rekonsile** with their families.

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**Question 56 of 75**

Generic 1 pt

Mendaki and the Singapore Children's Society also run programmes **regular** to help inmates build stronger ties with their families.

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**Question 57 of 75**

Generic 1 pt

They are taught how to **comunikate**, relate and express their love for their loved ones.

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**Question 58 of 75**

Generic 1 pt

Such instruction is **necessity** as ties are often strained between inmates and their families.

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**Question 59 of 75**

Generic 1 pt

Inmates' children also **resieve** help from social workers to cope with the family situation.

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**Question 60 of 75**

Generic 1 pt

When inmates connect with their families, there is a lower chance of them **commit** crimes again. After all, humans thrive when they know they are loved.

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## Question 61 of 75

Generic 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)

1. [ ] It has always been a widely held notion that a person's character is set the moment he is born. Some believe that one's personality \_\_\_\_\_ determined by his own genes though small changes can still be made to his character.

A. much

2. [ ] Such a belief has \_\_\_\_\_ roots in scientific reasoning.

B. its

3. [ ] Children are usually similar to their parents in terms \_\_\_\_\_ temperament and behaviour, .....

C. are

4. [ ] ..... \_\_\_\_\_ the idiom "a chip off the old block".

D. of

5. [ ] \_\_\_\_\_, in recent years, research has shown that it is mainly the environment that shapes one's character and mindset.

E. whom

6. [ ] For most people, their environment comprises the people they interact \_\_\_\_\_.

F. has

7. [ ] For a child, the people \_\_\_\_\_ he spends most of his time with are his family and friends. The presence of good role models is thus important in shaping one's character as children will often copy or imitate the body language and behaviour of the people around them.

G. many

8. [ ] There \_\_\_\_\_ been examples of people learning the wrong things in their younger days, .....

H. is

9. [ ] ..... but totally transformed after \_\_\_\_\_ effort.

I. which

10. [ ] Often, when people go through tough periods of their lives, they have to change how they view their situations, and adopt a different mindset to solve their problems. Therefore, such a mindset may not necessarily be set \_\_\_\_\_ with knowledge, insight and changed into something totally different through the shaping of one's experiences.

J. with

K. yet

L. their

M. at

N. hence

O. have

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**Question 62 of 75**

Generic 2 pts

Clyde had been looking forward to travelling across the country with his family last winter. However, due to the fact that his father was busy at work, the family had to change the holiday plan. The disappointment was initially too much for him. Then, he decided to plan for a similar trip, this time with two friends. However, at the last minute, they too dropped out. By then, Clyde had already resolved to go ahead with his plan, even if he had to do so alone. So he decided to leave with the family car without telling his family. When his father realised that his son had left, he was worried. Not knowing about Clyde's whereabouts, he immediately alerted the police with details of the car.

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Meanwhile, Clyde drove steadily on the highway with the car radio as his sole company. His mind wandered to what his father had said before. "An eighteen-year-old is not mature enough to drive across the country alone." Those words bothered Clyde.

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After travelling for a long while, Clyde decided to stop by a petrol station. It was there that he first saw the little red sports car which thrilled him. He had an eye for that car. The man at the wheel was around sixty and seemed cordial. He somehow reminded Clyde of his grandfather. Clyde could not peel his eyes off the car as the man drove away from the petrol station.

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After that stopover, Clyde continued with his journey. However, after some time, up ahead on the road shoulder, he saw a familiar car from afar and its owner was waving him down.

"Hi, I was hoping you would come along," the owner remarked.

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"What happened?" Clyde asked.

"I don't know. The car just stalled. Can you give me a lift to the next town? I should be able to find a mechanic there," he replied.

"Hop in," Clyde said.

About ten minutes into the drive, the man suddenly remarked, "I notice that you don't speed."

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"I don't want to be stopped by the police," replied Clyde.

Upon hearing that, the man smiled and said, "Me too."

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The man smiled again – this time a sinister one. He took a knife from the inside pocket of his jacket and waved it at Clyde. "Now you know," he said, "why I don't want to be stopped by anyone. So let's take it nice and easy."

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"What do you want me to do?" Clyde asked.

"You are going to take me to the next town where I can slip out of sight."

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"Yes, sir." Clyde was puzzled over the question.

"Let me take a look at your driver's licence," the officer requested. Before checking the licence, he glanced at the man at the front passenger seat and asked, "Who's your passenger?"

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"Yes, Dad. You see, I talked Grandpa into going with me," Clyde replied calmly.

"You what?" Clyde's father exclaimed, shocked by his reply.

"Grandpa is here with me. He'll see that everything is okay," Clyde continued. 60

"Listen to me, son. I understand what you need me to do. Now let me talk to the officer." Clyde sighed in relief.

"Dad wants to thank you," said Clyde as he handed the mobile phone to the police officer. The officer's eyes narrowed as he heard the voice over the phone.

"Investigate that man! The boy's grandfather is dead!"

Adapted from *The Journey* by Charles Land

Which two of the following words best describe Clyde's character in lines 43-48?

DO NOT CHOOSE MORE THAN TWO WORDS.

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- A) adventurous
  - B) clever
  - C) ignorant
  - D) impulsive
  - E) irresponsible
  - F) quick-thinking

**Question 63 of 75**

Generic 1 pt

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

The man wanted to go to the next town find a mechanic to fix his car.

- A) TRUE
- B) FALSE

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Clyde was cautious while driving.

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

The police officer stopped Clyde on the road because he was suspicious of the passenger in Clyde's car.

- A) TRUE
- B) FALSE

**Question 66 of 75**

Generic 0 pts

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

How Clyde felt	What made Clyde feel that way	What Clyde did as a result
	His parents and friends backed out from the planned trip.	He decided to go on the trip alone.
Excited	He saw the little red sports car at the petrol station.	
Afraid		

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What did Clyde's father mean when he said "I understand what you need me to do" (line 61)? (2 marks)

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Why did Clyde not tell his family that he was going on the trip alone? (1 mark)

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Look at the table below. What do the word in the left column refer to in the passage?

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his plan (line 5)	

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Explain clearly why Clyde did not think twice about giving the man a ride. (2 marks)

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The man smiled again – this time a sinister one. He took a knife from the inside pocket of his jacket and waved it at Clyde. "Now you know," he said, "why I don't want to be stopped by anyone. So let's take it nice and easy."

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"What do you want me to do?" Clyde asked.

"You are going to take me to the next town where I can slip out of sight."

Clyde continued driving carefully as he wondered what his father would do if he were in his place. Not long after, a car was fast approaching them. With its siren screaming, it pulled up beside them.

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Before he put the knife back into his pocket, the man talked through his teeth, "Don't you dare reveal my identity, or you'll be sorry!"

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"Yes, sir." Clyde was puzzled over the question.

"Let me take a look at your driver's licence," the officer requested. Before checking the licence, he glanced at the man at the front passenger seat and asked, "Who's your passenger?"

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"He's no passenger, he's my grandfather," Clyde answered immediately.

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"Yes, Dad. You see, I talked Grandpa into going with me," Clyde replied calmly.

"You what?" Clyde's father exclaimed, shocked by his reply.

"Grandpa is here with me. He'll see that everything is okay," Clyde continued. 60

"Listen to me, son. I understand what you need me to do. Now let me talk to the officer." Clyde sighed in relief.

"Dad wants to thank you," said Clyde as he handed the mobile phone to the police officer. The officer's eyes narrowed as he heard the voice over the phone.

"Investigate that man! The boy's grandfather is dead!"

Adapted from *The Journey* by Charles Land

1 mark

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer(s) to
Good work (line 53)	

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**Question 73 of 75**

Generic 0 pts

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Meanwhile, Clyde drove steadily on the highway with the car radio as his sole company. His mind wandered to what his father had said before. "An eighteen-year-old is not mature enough to drive across the country alone." Those words bothered Clyde.

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After travelling for a long while, Clyde decided to stop by a petrol station. It was there that he first saw the little red sports car which thrilled him. He had an eye for that car. The man at the wheel was around sixty and seemed cordial. He somehow reminded Clyde of his grandfather. Clyde could not peel his eyes off the car as the man drove away from the petrol station.

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After that stopover, Clyde continued with his journey. However, after some time, up ahead on the road shoulder, he saw a familiar car from afar and its owner was waving him down.

"Hi, I was hoping you would come along," the owner remarked.

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"What happened?" Clyde asked.

"I don't know. The car just stalled. Can you give me a lift to the next town? I should be able to find a mechanic there," he replied.

"Hop in," Clyde said.

About ten minutes into the drive, the man suddenly remarked, "I notice that you don't speed."

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Why was Clyde "puzzled over the question" (line 44)?

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Which three-word phrase from lines 10 to 11 tells you that Clyde's father thought that Clyde was not ready to drive across the country alone?



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What do the words "felt himself grow cold" (lines 31-32) tell you about how Clyde felt? Explain clearly why he felt that way. (2 marks)

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