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Select multiple choice answers with a cross or tick:

- Only select one answer
- Can select multiple answers

### Question 1 of 74

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

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

Mr Lim listened to Aimei \_\_\_\_ her problems with him and gave her some advice.

- A) share
- B) shares
- C) shared
- D) was sharing

### Question 2 of 74

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

Zhiming always wears headphones on the train while watching Korean dramas on his mobile phone \_\_\_\_ he disturb anyone.

- A) last
- B) until
- C) unless
- D) although

**Question 3 of 74**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

"If anyone \_\_\_ where my child is, please contact me immediately," pleaded the desperate mother who had lost her child.

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- A) know
- B) knew
- C) knows
- D) had known

**Question 4 of 74**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

"\_\_\_ you are a busy executive or a homemaker, you are welcome to join us in this cooking course!" promoted the chef.

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- A) If
- B) Before
- C) Whether
- D) Because

**Question 5 of 74**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

It does not require \_\_\_ effort to greet others.

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- A) few
- B) much
- C) some
- D) several

**Question 6 of 74**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

"They were the ones who gave us the chocolates, \_\_\_?" the children asked their mother while pointing at the couple.

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- A) didn't they
- B) hadn't they
- C) weren't they
- D) wouldn't they

**Question 7 of 74**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

The newsletter contains some photographs from the vibrant and joyful celebrations enjoyed by residents \_\_\_ all ages and races.

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- A) of
- B) for
- C) above
- D) beyond

**Question 8 of 74**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

Mr and Mrs Tan instructed their children to pack up their bags quickly as they \_\_\_ the party in five minutes' time.

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- A) left
- B) have left
- C) would be leaving
- D) had been leaving

**Question 9 of 74**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

Her voice was shaking \_\_\_ all her efforts to control it.

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- A) against
- B) despite
- C) besides
- D) including

**Question 10 of 74**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

Sharing details on how the children are coping during peer interactions \_\_\_ to lessen parents' anxieties.

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- A) help
- B) helps
- C) is helping
- D) are helping

**Question 11 of 74**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

The upgrades carried by Hilltop Town Council have \_\_\_\_ the neighbourhood and contributed to a better quality of life for the residents.

- A) deprived
- B) regulated
- C) enlivened
- D) deteriorated

**Question 12 of 74**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

Senior citizens who are \_\_\_\_ can apply for financial assistance to pay for their wheelchairs.

- A) zestful
- B) dynamic
- C) immobile
- D) energetic

**Question 13 of 74**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

Her soothing voice offered me some \_\_\_\_ amid my sadness and I felt better.

- A) relief
- B) agony
- C) misery
- D) aggravation

**Question 14 of 74**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

The children were upset when the planned purchase of the house \_\_\_\_\_. They liked the house as it came with a big garden.

- A) fell out
- B) fell over
- C) fell behind
- D) fell through

**Question 15 of 74**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

The animal enthusiast \_\_\_\_ fought for a ban on the killing of sharks for their fins.

- A) inactively
- B) zealously
- C) lethargically
- D) half-heartedly

**Question 16 of 74**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

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

How did Telok Ayer Street get its name? This curved road with quaint shophouses on both sides used to face the sea, hence its name Telok Ayer, which means "bay water" in Malay.

- A) busy
- B) narrow
- C) charming
- D) unattractive

**Question 17 of 74**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

Telok Ayer Street used to be the first landing point for immigrants to Singapore.

- A) visitors
- B) settlers
- C) tourists
- D) sightseers

**Question 18 of 74**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

These people moved here to find work. Telok Ayer was one of the primary streets designated by Raffles for the Chinese Community.

- A) main
- B) basic
- C) minor
- D) primitive

**Question 19 of 74**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

The buildings at Telok Ayer Street are very **significant** to the cultural history of Singapore.

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- A) trival
- B) specific
- C) relevant
- D) important

**Question 20 of 74**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

Tourists are welcome to take a trip down memory lane to **uncover** the history of Telok Ayer. They will be enchanted by its rich history.

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- A) unveil
- B) unload
- C) unwind
- D) unleash

**Question 21 of 74**

Primary 6 English (Prelim)

1 pt

# Explore the little-known farms in Singapore!

Written by Angela Chong

Farms? Do we have space for them? Surprisingly, even though less than one percent of Singapore's land area is dedicated to farming activities, there is an array of farms here. Whether you are looking for a family-friendly place to go on the weekends or a place to get away from the hustle and bustle, read on to find out more about some options that are truly a breath of fresh air.

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## Healthful Organic Farm



What are organic vegetables? How are they different? Find out at Healthful Organic Farm! The farm owners can give you a free guided tour to learn about organic methods of growing vegetables, watch vegetables being harvested, try your hand at harvesting, and finally, taste the fruits of your labour. Make fresh salad with the vegetables you have picked, and have it with other healthy snacks prepared by the farm's very own chef, with its very own fresh produce.



Tours are by appointment only. Visit [www.healthful.sg](http://www.healthful.sg) to book a tour online at least three days in advance!

2



## Tony's Goat Farm



Did you know you could drink goat's milk? If you have already tried imported goat's milk, you'll find that locally produced goat's milk which is fresh from the farm tastes so much better! Visit Tony's Goat Farm, Singapore's one and only goat farm, to give the best-tasting goat's milk a try! You will not be disappointed! You may choose to take a guided tour to pet the goats, watch them being milked, and have



a go at milking them.

Freshly bottled goat's milk and handmade goat's milk soap are sold on the farm.

Opening hours: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. daily

Admission fee: \$5

Guided tours cost \$2 per person. Each tour caters for up to 6 people.



**3**



*Miko's Retreat*



Perhaps you need a short break. Perhaps you have children who love animals. Farm stays at Miko's Retreat would be ideal weekend getaways!

The farm stays offer guests opportunities to interact with free-roaming animals and learn how a farm works. As buffet-style meals will be served daily, staff must be informed of special dietary needs. Guests have to stay for a minimum of 2 nights. To find out more or make a reservation, call 6410 4100. (Reservations must be made two days in advance.)



Which of the following is a likely reason why readers might not know about the farms in Singapore?

- A) Singapore only has a few farms
- B) Only a tiny part of Singapore is taken up by the farms
- C) The writer of the article wants to take readers by surprise
- D) The farms in Singapore had never been featured in magazines

**Question 22 of 74**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

Look at the section "Explore the little-known farms in Singapore." What does "options" in the last line of the paragraph refer to?

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- A) farms
- B) articles
- C) activities
- D) vacations

**Question 23 of 74**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

Gordon has booked a tour at Healthful Organic Farm. According to the article, he will get to \_\_\_\_\_.

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- A) prepare a dish
- B) plant vegetables
- C) sample fruits and vegetables
- D) create his own recipes for healthy snacks

**Question 24 of 74**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

The writer of the article seems certain that anyone who visits Tony's Goat Farm \_\_\_\_.

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- A) will want to milk the goats there
- B) would have already been to other goat farms
- C) would have already tried imported goat's milk
- D) will enjoy the milk produced by the goats there

**Question 25 of 74**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

What is the similarity between Healthful Organic Farm and Tony's Goat Farm?

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- A) They teach visitors how to run farms
- B) They give visitors free items to take home
- C) They have products available for visitors to buy
- D) They provide visitors with hands-on experiences

**Question 26 of 74**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

Mr Soh wants to do a farm stay at Miko's Retreat. Which of the following is Mr Soh not required to do?

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- A) call 6410 4100
- B) help take care of the animals
- C) plan to stay for 2 nights or more
- D) let the staff know about his food allergies

**Question 27 of 74**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

Hannah showed her parents the article. They promised to take her on a family outing the next day. They can go to \_\_\_\_\_.

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- A) Miko's Retreat only
- B) Tony's Goat Farm only
- C) Healthful Organic Farm and Miko's Retreat
- D) Healthful Organic Farm and Tony's Goat Farm

**Question 28 of 74**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

What is the main purpose of the article?

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- A) to promote the guided tours offered by the farms in Singapore
- B) to inform readers of ways they can relax and enjoy themselves
- C) to suggest that readers should check out the farms in Singapore
- D) to make known that bookings must be made for the guided tours

**Question 29 of 74**

Primary 6 English (Prelim)

10 pts

Match the options below with the most suitable word:

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1. [ ]	Have you ever spotted a shiny grey or silver insect scurrying across your book before? These insects ___ called silverfish.	A. to
2. [ ]	They are thought to be one ___ the oldest insects in the world.	B. as
3. [ ]	Many think that they were about 100 million years ___ dinosaurs roamed the earth. Who would have thought that they would be older than dinosaurs?	C. are
4. [ ]	Silverfish are nocturnal creatures ___ explains why they are usually spotted at night.	D. throughout
5. [ ]	Contrary ___ the assumption that silverfish are harmful, they are not known to bite humans and there is no specific evidence to suggest that silverfish are poisonous.	E. by
6. [ ]	However, they can trigger allergic reactions in some people. Unlike most insects, they shed their skin ___ their entire adult lives. This process is called "moulting".	F. some
7. [ ]	Moulting causes them to leave behind scales. which reserve the husk of a bug. Unfortunately, some people are sensitive to the dust created ___ the scales.	G. before
8. [ ]	Although silverfish are not harmful to humans, they can damage your belongings. ___ diet is rich in starches and protein.	H. their
9. [ ]	Thus, they eat anything that they can find. They will eat cereal, books, wallpaper and cardboard. Harmless ___ they may be silverfish are very difficult to eradicate.	I. of
10. [ ]	Their flat bodies and fast speed make them adept hidiers. Here are ___ steps that you can take to make your house less attractive to silverfish. Firstly, place food such as cereal in airtight containers. Next, use humidifiers in damp areas of your house. Lastly, seal all openings such as seams between walls and ceilings.	J. this

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**Question 30 of 74**

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)

Dear Grandmother,

I hope you are fine. The sweaters that you knit arrived today!

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Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

Thank you for the uneeque sweaters!

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**Question 32 of 74**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

Let me give you some updates regard our family.

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**Question 33 of 74**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

Mother have a new online business called Cupcakez.

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Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

She used to make cupcakes for our neighbours. Apearrantly, one of our neighbours posted a picture of Mother's cupcakes on a social media platform.

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**Question 35 of 74**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

Soon, she started getting more orders through the customers' recommend.

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**Question 36 of 74**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

Father is currently very busy because he is working on his latest innovation.

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**Question 37 of 74**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

Despite his busy work skedule, he sends me to school daily so that he can spend time with me.

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**Question 38 of 74**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

I have been very busy preparing for the mid-year examinations. Mother has been give me extra work to help me improve in my weaker subjects such as Mathematics and Science.

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**Question 39 of 74**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

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**Question 40 of 74**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

However, now I see my grades improving. Mother is ekstatik about my improvements.

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**Question 41 of 74**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

She said that I have been completing my tasks diligent. I have to go now as it is time for dinner. I hope to hear from you soon.

Love, Celia

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**Question 42 of 74**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

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

Have you ever wondered how you can declutter or organise your room or home? In recent years, the KonMari method has taken the world \_\_\_ storm.

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**Question 43 of 74**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

The KonMari method is a system of simplifying and organising your home by throwing away physical items that do not bring joy to your life. The method was created by organising consultant Marie Kondo. Kondo has \_\_\_ a best-selling book titled "The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up".

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**Question 44 of 74**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

In her book, Kondo \_\_\_ you to clear. your belongings by category rather than by room.

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**Question 45 of 74**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

When using this method, you are actively choosing items that sparks, and discarding what does not. The intention \_\_\_ the KonMari method is to end up with a clutter-free home that is better able to bring more joy and prosperity to your life.

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**Question 46 of 74**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

\_\_\_ you are tidying your things, she encourages you to visualise the life you want to live, to be less stressed.

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**Question 47 of 74**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

Any item that would not help you in your journey is not deserving of the \_\_\_ in your house.

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**Question 48 of 74**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

KonMari teaches you to ask a simple \_\_\_ when you go about tidying up your house.

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**Question 49 of 74**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

For each item in your home, you should ask if it sparks joy. If not, get rid of it. Items that spark true joy would not always be practical. For instance, Kondo had an old T-shirt she had \_\_\_ from a shop many years ago.

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Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

The shirt was old \_\_\_ she decided to keep it

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**Question 51 of 74**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

as it brought back good \_\_\_ from a time long gone.

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**Question 52 of 74**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

Many of her friends \_\_\_ at her decision as they could not believe that she would keep the worn, old shirt.

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**Question 53 of 74**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

Pertaining to these less-than-practical items, Kondo writes, "If you can say without a doubt that the item sparks joy, then \_\_\_ what other people think."

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**Question 54 of 74**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

\_\_\_ are items that could you bring you joy in the future, but not in the immediate future. For example, a sleeping bag that you used at a camp years ago might not spark joy as you do not need it for now.

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**Question 55 of 74**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

However, you may attend more \_\_\_ in the future.

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**Question 56 of 74**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

Thus, keeping \_\_\_ is a great idea. The KonMari method is a fantastic tool in decluttering as it can be applied to all parts of your life.

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**Question 57 of 74**

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)**

The people called yesterday. They wanted to buy the house.

\_\_\_\_\_ who \_\_\_\_\_.

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**Question 58 of 74**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 0 pts

Ravi is the most enthusiastic soldier in the whole platoon.

No soldier is more \_\_\_\_\_

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**Question 59 of 74**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 0 pts

The huge order of buns was suddenly cancelled. It caught us by surprise.

The sudden \_\_\_\_\_.

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**Question 60 of 74**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 0 pts

"Will you be going to the concert tonight?" Siti asked Alice.

Siti asked Alice \_\_\_\_\_.

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**Question 61 of 74**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 0 pts

The boy was lazy. This resulted in him failing his examinations.

The boy's \_\_\_\_\_.

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## Question 62 of 74

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 0 pts

Read the passage and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

Mrs Soh was reading the newspaper when an advertisement caught her attention. The company, Robots on Wheels, had the perfect solution for her childcare woes. It was offering a free trial for a robot nanny that was able to take care of any child for up to eight hours a day.

"Let's give it a try!" Mrs Soh exclaimed to her husband as she pointed to the advertisement. Their only daughter, Hannah, was enrolling into Primary 1 and they had no one to take care of her once she returned from school. Mrs Soh was desperate. She needed someone to cook and monitor Hannah when she returned home from school. Both Mr and Mrs Soh worked long hours and they needed someone trustworthy to look after Hannah.

"Are you sure you would like a robot to look after Hannah? What happens if it catches fire when it gets overheated? I am sure a human will be a better caregiver than a robot," replied Mr Soh 10 adamantly. Mr Soh looked at Hannah from the corner of his eye and she did not seem very enthusiastic about the idea too. "Maybe we should sign her up for the after-school care that is run by Mr Ong. There, she will be able to mingle with her peers. She will not be so lonely," Mr Soh added. Hannah's eyes lit up after hearing what her father had said.

"With a robot, I am able to monitor Hannah the way I want her to be monitored!" retorted Mrs 15 Soh. Without much discussion, Mrs Soh took her mobile phone out and dialled the number on the advertisement. After talking to the sales representative, Mrs Soh gleefully announced that the robot nanny trial would start the next day. The whole deal sounded too good to be true.

The next morning, the technician delivered the robot. It was white and matronly-looking. Hannah stared at it with her mouth agape. It stood at a towering height of 1.8 m and it was the size 20 of a refrigerator. It looked intimidating. The technician taught Mrs Soh how to charge the robot and programme it before leaving the house.

Mrs Soh instructed Hannah to press the start button. The robot lit up. Then, it boomed in a chirpy voice, "Welcome home, Master Edwin. I am pleased that you are home."

"Who is Master Edwin?" Hannah roared in amusement. Mr Soh shook his head at the robot 25 disapprovingly.

Mrs Soh pressed the shutdown button and tried to programme it again. Quickly, she rebooted the robot and commanded it to cook macaroni soup. Without hesitation, it made its way to the kitchen. When it reached the entrance of the kitchen, it could not open the door and started going 30 round and in circles as though it was dancing. Hannah laughed at the hilarious sight. Mr Soh analysed the situation, considered the competency of the new hire, and said, "I do not think it will be able to get through the door or cook a meal for Hannah when she comes home from school. I suggest you call the sales representative and ask him to remove the robot from our house." Mr Soh stared at the robot in horror as thick, black smoke escaped from the robot.

"I can't," Mrs Soh replied sheepishly as she pressed its shutdown button again. "I have to 35 keep it for a month as I signed a one-month contract with the company or else I would have to pay a hefty penalty." While Mrs Soh was reaching for the contract in the depths of her bag, a newspaper cutting of the robot advertisement fell out. Before throwing the advertisement into the bin, she landed her foot on it, stomping it angrily. After that, she fished out the contract and started reading it again.

Mr Soh smiled haughtily at his wife and said, "I told you so. Humans are better." He then 40 swiftly made a call.

"I finally understand," Mrs Soh replied as she pushed the robot into the storeroom and locked it up.

Why did the advertisement catch Mrs Soh's attention?

**Question 63 of 74**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 0 pts

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. The first one has been done for you. [2m]

Word(s) from the passage	What the word (s) refer (s) to
It (line 2)	The company, Robots on Wheels.
the idea (line 12)	
what (line 14)	

**Question 64 of 74**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 0 pts

Based on lines 4-18, fill in the following table to show the differing ideas Mr and Mrs Soh had on Hannah's childcare arrangements. [2m]

Characters	Choice of Childcare Arrangements	One reason why they thought that their idea was better
Mr Soh	After-school care	
Mrs Soh	Robot	

**Question 65 of 74**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

Mrs Soh did not consult Mr Soh in detail before she made the phone call

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- A) True
- B) False

**Question 66 of 74**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

Hannah was shocked when she first saw the robot

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- A) True
- B) False

**Question 67 of 74**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

Mrs Soh was impressed with the robot when it first arrived

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- A) True
- B) False

**Question 68 of 74**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 0 pts

List two physical characteristics of the robot that shocked Hannah

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**Question 69 of 74**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 0 pts

Do you think Hannah was the first child that the robot had cared for? Give a reason for your answer.

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**Question 70 of 74**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 0 pts

Hannah laughed twice in the passage. Fill in the blanks in the following table to explain why she laughed in each instance. [2m]

Events	Why Hannah laughed
Hannah's first laughter	
Hannah's second laughter	

**Question 71 of 74**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 1 pt

Match the options below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the story:

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| 1. [ ] Mrs Soh got hold of the contract              | A. 2 |
| 2. [ ] Mrs Soh stepped on the advertisement          | B. 3 |
| 3. [ ] Mrs Soh tossed the advertisement into the bin | C. 1 |

**Question 72 of 74**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 0 pts

Who did Mr Soh call in lines 40-41?

He was going to call \_\_\_\_\_

**Question 73 of 74**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 0 pts

Why was he calling the person mentioned in (a)?

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**Question 74 of 74**

Primary 6 English (Prelim) 0 pts

What did you think Mrs Soh finally understood (line 42)? Support your answer with an example of how Mrs Soh showed this understanding.

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