

**Test:** Primary 6 English (Term 1) - Nan Hua

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Select multiple choice answers with a cross or tick:

- Only select one answer
- Can select multiple answers

### Question 1 of 73

Primary 6 English (Term 1) 1 pt

#### Section A: Grammar (10 marks)

For each question, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Choose the correct answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

Neither the curtains nor the furniture \_\_\_\_ delivered to our new house yesterday as promised by the internal designer.

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

### Question 2 of 73

Primary 6 English (Term 1) 1 pt

The employer tried to \_\_\_\_ the low-waged workers, who were unhappy with long working hours, by increasing their salary.

- A) appal
- B) appease
- C) appreciate
- D) apprehend

**Question 3 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 1) 1 pt

After the team had lost three matches in a row, the coach met the players for a talk to \_\_\_\_ their morale.

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- A) guide
- B) boost
- C) boast
- D) advise

**Question 4 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 1) 1 pt

Without any dispute, all the school leaders \_\_\_\_ agreed on the expansion of the library and staffrooms.

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- A) critically
- B) regrettably
- C) persistently
- D) unanimously

**Question 5 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 1) 1 pt

Sister had \_\_\_\_ the table for dinner by the time Mother came home from work.

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- A) lay
- B) laid
- C) lain
- D) laying

**Question 6 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 1) 1 pt

All the residents, except one, \_\_\_\_ the upgrading of the estate at the management office now.

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- A) discuss
- B) discusses
- C) is discussing
- D) are discussing

**Question 7 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 1) 1 pt

Andrew rarely cooks his own meal, \_\_\_ he?

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- A) is
- B) isn't
- C) does
- D) doesn't

**Question 8 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 1) 1 pt

Had John \_\_\_ my advice earlier, he would not be in this sorry state.

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- A) heed
- B) heeds
- C) heeded
- D) heeding

**Question 9 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 1) 1 pt

I witnessed our school bully \_\_\_ abuses a little boy during recess.

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- A) hurl
- B) hurls
- C) hurled
- D) had hurled

**Question 10 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 1) 1 pt

I thought the sky was going to clear up. \_\_\_\_, it began to rain.

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- A) In particular
- B) For instance
- C) On the contrary
- D) As a consequence

**Question 11 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 1) 1 pt

**Section B: Vocabulary (5marks)**

The little village became \_\_\_ as the powerful earthquake had caused huge landslides which buried part of the village.

- A) incomplete
- B) unavailable
- C) inaccessible
- D) unapproachable

**Question 12 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 1) 1 pt

My grandparents took my sister, my cousins and \_\_\_ to the museum last Friday after school.

- A) I
- B) we
- C) me
- D) they

**Question 13 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 1) 1 pt

All the pupils are not allowed to use their mobile phones in the classroom. This school rule has been strictly \_\_\_ since the beginning of the year.

- A) enforced
- B) approved
- C) compelled
- D) prescribed

**Question 14 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 1) 1 pt

The police were able to arrest a drug dealer after acting \_\_\_ a tip-off by a member of the public.

- A) in
- B) up
- C) on
- D) out

**Question 15 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 1) 1 pt

Upon \_\_\_\_ the peak of the mountain, we were rewarded with a breathtaking view of the sunset.

- A) reach
- B) reaches
- C) reached
- D) reaching

**Question 16 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 1) 1 pt

**Section C: Vocabulary Close (5 Marks)**

Choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined word(s)

Durians are regarded by many people in Southeast Asia as the "King of the Fruits". They are distinctive for their strong odour and thorny covering.

- A) unique
- B) desirable
- C) notorious
- D) honoured

**Question 17 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 1) 1 pt

The name "durian" is derived from the Malay word duri which means spike.

- A) evolved
- B) obtained
- C) received
- D) resumed

**Question 18 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 1) 1 pt

Some people like the sweet fragrance of durians, whereas others find the odour unpleasant. The odour of durians can persist for several days.

- A) delay
- B) linger
- C) spread
- D) persevere

**Question 19 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 1) 1 pt

Hence, durians are **banned in** hotels.

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- A) isolated in
- B) prohibited in
- C) protected from
- D) separated from

**Question 20 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 1) 1 pt

Though durians are native to Brunei, Indonesia and Malaysia, it is Singaporeans who are more **obsessed with** durians.

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- A) addicted to
- B) tempted
- C) absorbed in
- D) concerned about

Section D: Visual Text Comprehension (8 marks)

# PET ADOPTION DRIVE BY SPS



**A Gift for life ...**  
Give the rescued animals a second chance at life and they will give you unconditional love!

## Adopt a Pet Today!

Venue: Greenvale Park  
Date: 10 & 11 March 2018  
Time: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Please adopt us!  
Don't buy pets from pet farms!

### ADOPTION IS FREE!

An SPS officer will visit the home of the adopter one month after the adoption to assess if any help is required.

**HURRY!** Come down and meet our furry animals!



## Please Adopt Us!

*We are great companions for you! We help to relieve your tension and fatigue. We will be good and love you always!*

### Adopt a Less Adoptable Pet



*Though we have been abandoned, we are still very adorable. We may be old and different from others but we are faithful. We need you!*

**SAVE PETS SHELTER (SPS)** is a non-profit organisation. Our priority is the welfare and future of the pets under our care.

**A Pet Is For Life!**



## "Factors to Consider Before Getting a Pet" by Dr Vanessa, a veterinarian



### Is your family agreeable to owning a pet?

Pets can help a family to develop closer ties by providing a common ground for family togetherness. It is important to make sure that all your family members agree to owning a pet before you get one to avoid family conflicts over a pet.

### What type of pet best suits your lifestyle?

Different types of pets have different characteristics and require different levels of care. Dogs, for example, need more personal attention than cats so they are less suitable for people who often travel overseas or work long hours.

### Do you know enough about the pet to care for it properly?

Different types of pets have different needs. Find out as much as you can about the pet, such as the type of environment, food and exercise the pet needs before getting one. This would go a long way towards ensuring that your pet is healthy and happy.

### Do you know how long your pet may live?

Getting to know about the lifespan of your pet will prepare you for the expected commitment. Be committed to caring for your pet for its whole life.

### Do you have the resources to own a pet?

Caring for pets can be demanding. They demand our time and attention. Money is required for cages, food, accessories and medical bills. Pets also require living space within our homes. A responsible pet owner needs to make sure that all these are provided for.

### Are you up to it?

Pet owners have to be considerate by obeying licensing laws, sterilising their pets, cleaning up after their pets in public places and ensuring that their pets do not disturb other people.

## Interesting facts about dogs and cats



1. Guide dogs assist visually impaired people to avoid obstacles, stop at curbs and steps and negotiate traffic. They are trained to obey their owners. If the guide dogs judge that it is unsafe, they will refuse to obey the command. This is called "intelligent disobedience". They know when they are on or off duty too.
2. Dogs are long distance runners, not sprinters. Cats are just the reverse in this aspect.
3. Dogs' memory is only about five minutes long while cats can retain information for up to 16 hours.
4. Cats and dogs have 230 and 319 bones respectively, while humans only have 206 bones.
5. Dogs have 42 teeth, cats have 30 and humans have 32.
6. Unlike dogs, cats are not able to taste sweetness.

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

- A) promote the love for rescued animals
- B) advertise the sale of rescued animals



- C) encourage people to adopt rescued animals
- D) appeal for donations for the rescued animals

**Question 22 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 1) 1 pt

What is the purpose of the exclamation marks in some of the sentences on the first page of the flyer?

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- A) to warn people not to abandon animals
  - B) to add excitement to the pet adoption drive
  - C) to show admiration for the rescued animals
  - D) to attract attention of potential pet adopters

**Question 23 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 1) 1 pt

Mr Tan is a responsible pet owner because he \_\_\_\_

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- A) lets his pet roam freely in public
  - B) provides all kinds of food for his pet
  - C) travels overseas frequently for his work
  - D) ensures there is sufficient space in his house for the pet

**Question 24 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 1) 1 pt

If one considers carefully before keeping a pet, which of the following situations would not have happened?

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- A) The pet being abandoned
  - B) The pet being healthy and happy
  - C) Family bonding being strengthened
  - D) The pet having enough living space

**Question 25 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 1) 1 pt

Based on the flyer, which of the following is false?

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- A) Owning a pet helps one to destress
  - B) There is no condition attached to the adoption of pets
  - C) The well-being of the pets is the main concern of Save Pet Shelter
  - D) Save Pet Shelter takes in abandoned pets of various health conditions

**Question 26 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 1) 1 pt

What does the gift in "A Gift for life" refer to?

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- A) a senior dog only
- B) a disabled cat only
- C) any of the animals at SPS
- D) any of the abandoned animals on the streets

**Question 27 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 1) 1 pt

A guide dog shows "intelligent disobedience" when it \_\_\_\_\_

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- A) knows when he is on duty
- B) stoops work at the right hour
- C) follows its owner's instructions strictly
- D) refuses to cross a busy road despite on command

**Question 28 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 1) 1 pt

Which of the following statements about dogs and cats is true?

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- A) Cats are short distance runners
- B) Dogs have better memory than cats
- C) Dogs and cats know the taste of candies
- D) Cats have more bones and teeth than dogs

**Question 29 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 1) 0 pts

**Synthesis / Transformation**

Every pupil has the opportunity to sign up for the exchange programme in June.

All \_\_\_\_\_.

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**Question 30 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 1) 0 pts

Alice was told by Mrs Lim to be punctual for school every day.

Mrs Lim \_\_\_\_\_.

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**Question 31 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 1) 0 pts

Lucas tore his worksheet accidentally. He was afraid to tell his teacher.

Having \_\_\_\_\_

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**Question 32 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 1) 0 pts

"Which bag did you choose?" Ray asked his sister.

Ray asked his sister which \_\_\_\_\_

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**Question 33 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 1) 0 pts

In seeking support from his friends, John showed his sincerity.

The way John \_\_\_\_\_

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**Question 34 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 1) 1 pt

**Sections F: Editing for grammar and spelling (12 marks)****Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error.**

It was a cold winter night. Kate was strended on a heavily snow-filled road in New York when her car ran out of petrol.

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**Question 35 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 1) 1 pt

As Kate had left her wallet at home, she did not have some money with her to buy petrol so she could not get home.

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**Question 36 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 1) 1 pt

It was then that Bob, a 45- year-old homeless man, approached her and offered to use his last twenty dollars to buy her petrol. Kate was grateful beyond words.

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**Question 37 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 1) 1 pt

She promised to help Bob in return after learning that he had lost his family and home to a destroy hurricane.

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**Question 38 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 1) 1 pt

Kate eventually repayed Bob for his kindness.

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**Question 39 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 1) 1 pt

She devised a plan to raise money for him to get back at his feet by setting up a "GoFundMe" Page online, asking for donations to help Bob.

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**Question 40 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 1) 1 pt

"I truly belief that all Bob needs is one little push," Kate wrote.

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**Question 41 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 1) 1 pt

"Hopefully with your assistant, we can be the ones to give Bob a new life."

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**Question 42 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 1) 1 pt

Kate ended up raising close to \$400,000 within two months. Kate was overwelmed by the humanity displayed by compassionate strangers online.

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**Question 43 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 1) 1 pt

She said the money would be suficiant for Bob to purchase an apartment and pay for his food, clothing and transportation.

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**Question 44 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 1) 1 pt

Now, Bob is glad that he did not need to be on the streets anymore.

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**Question 45 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 1) 1 pt

He wants to be a functioning member of society. Bob is looking forward to having a roof over his head. Kindness has transformed Bob's life! What goes around comes around!

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**Question 46 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 1) 1 pt

**Section G: Comprehension close (15 marks)**

Fill in each blank with the most suitable word.

Dementia is an illness that affects the brain and its ability to function. It is not a normal part of aging and is \_\_\_ than forgetfulness.

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**Question 47 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 1) 1 pt

It is an illness that \_\_\_ to the decline of the brain and its abilities in judgment, language, planning and behaviour.

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**Question 48 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 1) 1 pt

It can \_\_\_ adults of any age, although it is more likely to occur in those above sixty years old.

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**Question 49 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 1) 1 pt

There is no cure for dementia. However, being able to detect dementia from its onset and seeking the right help early can \_\_\_ a positive difference in the lives of people with dementia and their family members.

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**Question 50 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 1) 1 pt

Moreover, early \_\_\_ and treatment can slow down the progression of the condition and is important for the effective management of dementia.

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**Question 51 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 1) 1 pt

People with dementia may ask a question \_\_\_ because they cannot remember that you have given them the answer.

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**Question 52 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 1) 1 pt

They often \_\_\_ things that have just been told or done.

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**Question 53 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 1) 1 pt

This kind of memory loss makes it hard for them to function on \_\_\_ own.

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**Question 54 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 1) 1 pt

They can become lost and confused about how to get \_\_\_ their own neighbourhood that they used to frequent.

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**Question 55 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 1) 1 pt

A new study suggests that if one continues working into old age, he can be protected against dementia. \_\_\_ study looked at 400 people who had developed dementia.

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**Question 56 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 1) 1 pt

It assessed the time they \_\_\_ in full- time education, the type of work they did and the point at which they retired.

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**Question 57 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 1) 1 pt

There researchers found no connection \_\_\_ the onset of dementia and education or occupation.

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**Question 58 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 1) 1 pt

However, they found that every extra year at work was associated with a six-week delay in dementia. They say work helps to keep the brain \_\_\_\_.

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**Question 59 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 1) 1 pt

They also acknowledge that the perception of retirement is changing. For some people, it may be \_\_\_\_ intellectually stimulating as working.

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**Question 60 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 1) 1 pt

More people retire later in life to avoid financial hardship. However, it has \_\_\_\_ benefit which is to lower dementia risk. Nevertheless, more research is needed in order to understand how to delay or prevent dementia.

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**Question 61 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 1)

10 pts

**Section E: Grammar close (10 marks)**

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1. [ ] Your attitude is a form of self-expression. You can choose to be happy, positive and optimistic \_\_\_ to be negative and pessimistic.
- A. how
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2. [ ] \_\_\_ you maintain a good attitude, you will find it easier to communicate and get along with others.
- B. from
- 
3. [ ] Hence, you will encounter \_\_\_ obstacles in your daily life.
- C. to
- 
4. [ ] Those people who are committed \_\_\_ going the extra mile to help others and are appreciative are often recognised.
- D. fewer
- 
5. [ ] \_\_\_ are the signs which people look for in leaders.
- E. for
- 
6. [ ] When you expect positive outcomes, you can turn a bad circumstance \_\_\_ a new opportunity.
- F. or
- 
7. [ ] This gives you a chance to learn from your experience and explore new ideas on \_\_\_ to make the situation better.
- G. if
- 
8. [ ] In this way, you bounce back \_\_\_ setbacks and develop resilience.
- H. into
- 
9. [ ] One of the ways to improve the state of your mind \_\_\_ to increase positive thoughts by making a conscious effort to refrain from criticising yourself and others.
- I. these
- 
10. [ ] Your attitude is the foundation \_\_\_ every success and failure in your life. It will make of break you.
- J. is
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# Comprehension

Big Sister once told me resentfully, "If you had not been born, Mama would still be alive. She died because of you. You brought bad luck!"

**She never forgave me.**

I had another two younger siblings by our step-mother, Niang. These two siblings were already "special" from the moment they were born. They were superior in every way. Big Sister and I were given shabby clothes but my step-siblings had stylish outfits. They could eat whatever they desired at any hour of the day but we were only allowed three meals a day with congee and preserved vegetables for breakfast every morning. My step-siblings had their own rooms on the first floor of our large house and we were not allowed to be there without Niang's permission. Unlike them, we could only enter and leave our house through the back door like our servants. 5 10

One Sunday morning, Niang was attempting to entice her baby daughter with a candy to go to her. Rejecting the bribe, Little Sister ran away from her. Thoroughly exasperated, Niang gave a stinging slap across her baby's face. Deliberately and viciously, she continued landing blows on Little Sister. Everyone cowered. The grown-ups avoided looking at one another while we children shrank into our seats. I could not understand why Father, Grandfather and Aunt were making no attempt to stop the assault. 15

I knew I should remain silent but words choked me and I felt compelled to spit them out. Finally, I could no longer bear it. Quaking with terror, I blurted out, "Don't beat her anymore! She's only a baby!" 20

"How dare you!" Niang hissed.

For a few moments, I thought she was going to pounce on me instead. Everyone froze. Even the grown-ups dared not utter a word for fear of Niang. In those few moments, **I had understood everything** – not only about Niang, but also all the grown-ups. Now that Grandmother was dead, there was no doubt who was in charge. 25

Fuming with rage, Niang pointed her index finger at me. "Get out!" she snarled in a cold voice. "I shall never forgive you! Never! Never! Never! You had better watch out from now on! **You will pay for your arrogance!**"

The next morning, Niang called out for my siblings to give them pocket money. I felt a stab of anguish because I was the only one being excluded. Big Sister came in front of me to show off her money and counted her coins aloud, one by one. 30

After school, I saw Niang in the living room. "Good afternoon, Niang," I greeted her tremulously, fingering the coin in my pocket and wondering where to hide it.

"What is in your pocket? Come here!" she demanded. 35

- I approached her slowly, shaking like a leaf.

"Who gave you **this**? she thundered.

What could I tell her without implicating Aunt? My silence was infuriating her. She went into a rage and slapped me. I felt dizzy and my ears hummed but I continued to stare at her in petrified silence. 40

"You little thief! You don't deserve to be housed and fed here. You should be sent away!" Niang bellowed.

Later, after Father returned home from work, he came into my room with a <sup>cane</sup> whip. I remained silent throughout my punishment.

"Unfortunately, your aunt is a bad influence. You two have to be separated!" 45

Father roared.

My heart felt heavy with the most excruciating pain.

Before long, I was sent to a boarding school for girls in England. Though I missed Aunt terribly and felt lonely at times, it was a great escape for me. Aunt remarked that I was a Chinese Cinderella as I had defied all odds and garnered triumph through my 50 own effort to graduate as a medical doctor. It was a dream come true!

Adapted from Chinese Cinderella by Adeline Yen Mah

## Why was Big Sister angry with the writer?

### Question 63 of 73

Primary 6 English (Term 1) 1 pt

The most excruciating pain the writer felt was when her father caned her.

- A) TRUE
- B) FALSE

### Question 64 of 73

Primary 6 English (Term 1) 0 pts

The writer said " I had understood everything ..." (line 25) What do you think the writer had understood?

**Question 65 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 1) 1 pt

The writer's father was wealthy

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- A) TRUE
- B) FALSE

**Question 66 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 1) 0 pts

Do you think the writer was happy to study in England? Support your answer with two reasons from the passage.

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**Question 67 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 1) 1 pt

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

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1. [ ] Niang slapped the writer A. 1

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2. [ ] Aunt gave the writer a coin B. 2

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3. [ ] Father caned the writer C. 3

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## Question 68 of 73

Primary 6 English (Term 1) 0 pts

Look at the table below. What do the word(s) 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 to
She (line 3)	Big Sister
the bribe (line 13)	
this (line 37)	

## Question 69 of 73

Primary 6 English (Term 1) 0 pts

The table below shows the way Niang treated the writer and Big Sister, and the writer's step-siblings. Fill in the blanks using information from the passage. (2m)

	The writer and Big Sister	The writer's step-siblings
Clothes provided		stylish outfits
Meals served	only allowed three meals a day	

## Question 70 of 73

Primary 6 English (Term 1) 1 pt

Big Sister shared her pocket money with the writer.

- A) TRUE
- B) FALSE

## Question 71 of 73

Primary 6 English (Term 1) 0 pts

Which two phrases from lines 33 to 40 show that the writer was afraid of Niang? (2m)

four-word phrase	
two- word phrase	

## Question 72 of 73

Primary 6 English (Term 1) 0 pts

Based on the passage, fill in the blanks below to show the purposes of the writer's reactions in the respective situations. (2m)

When Niang beat Little Sister → the writer broke her silence to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

When Niang slapped the writer → the writer kept her silence to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Question 73 of 73

Primary 6 English (Term 1) 0 pts

How did Niang make the writer pay for her arrogance (line 29)?