

**Test:** (2020) Primary 6 English (Term 2) - 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 2) 1 pt

**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.**

May I ask \_\_\_ symptoms will a person suffering from hand, foot and mouth disease have?

- \_\_\_\_\_
- A) who
- B) what
- C) which
- D) where

### Question 2 of 73

Primary 6 English (Term 2) 1 pt

\_\_\_ you go home later, please remember to see Mr Tan.

- \_\_\_\_\_
- A) Since
- B) Before
- C) Unless
- D) Although

**Question 3 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 2) 1 pt

The river is \_\_\_ polluted that all the fishes have disappeared.

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- A) so
- B) as
- C) still
- D) very

**Question 4 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 2) 1 pt

"Penny gave up trying as I said she would, \_\_\_?" Mary asked.

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- A) didn't she
- B) hasn't she
- C) hadn't she
- D) wouldn't she

**Question 5 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 2) 1 pt

Eugene \_\_\_ fine before recess. However, he had taken ill and will be going home.

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

**Question 6 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 2) 1 pt

I am quite sure that this bag of clothes \_\_\_ to Pete.

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- A) belongs
- B) belonged
- C) will belong
- D) is belonging

**Question 7 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 2) 1 pt

The deadline was yesterday. You \_\_\_ subject your project by today.

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- A) can
- B) may
- C) must
- D) would

**Question 8 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 2) 1 pt

We searched high and low for a parking lot but we could not find \_\_\_\_\_.

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- A) any
- B) none
- C) some
- D) many

**Question 9 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 2) 1 pt

The boys walked across the middy path \_\_\_ great care.

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

**Question 10 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 2) 1 pt

It was Miss Lee and not Mr Tan who completed the project all by \_\_\_\_\_.

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- A) himself
- B) herself
- C) ourselves
- D) themselves

**Question 11 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 2) 1 pt

Sherry had put up a lot of effort into her project. No wonder she could not suppress her \_\_\_\_ smile when she won the competition.

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- A) bashful
- B) glorious
- C) arrogant
- D) triumphant

**Question 12 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 2) 1 pt

The compassionate millionaire donated a/an \_\_\_\_ amount of money to the recent catastrophic event and met all the needs of the victims.

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- A) excessive
- B) significant
- C) reasonable
- D) economical

**Question 13 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 2) 1 pt

Students who fail to \_\_\_\_ the stay-home notice may be subject to disciplinary action.

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- A) submit to
- B) agree with
- C) conform to
- D) comply with

**Question 14 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 2) 1 pt

He was \_\_\_\_, waiting for the results of the competition to be announced. He could feel his heart pounding in his chest.

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- A) in hot soup
- B) out of character
- C) at sixes and sevens
- D) on pins and needles

**Question 15 of 73**

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The whole plan \_\_\_ because of the poor preparation.

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- A) fell in
- B) fell off
- C) fell out
- D) fell through

**Question 16 of 73**

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**Choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined word**

Amelia was a pioneer in the sky in the 1900s. She developed a fascination with flying at a young age.

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- A) habit of
- B) reliance on
- C) passion for
- D) preference for

**Question 17 of 73**

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At the age of 23, Amelia took her first plane ride. Within seconds, she was hooked and quickly enrolled in flying lessons. Two Years later, she received her pilot's license and purchased her own plane.

The more Amelia flew, the more daring she became. She clocked 500 hours of solo flying time, a feat for someone in the early decades of the 20th century.

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- A) stunt
- B) record
- C) challenge
- D) achievement

**Question 18 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 2) 1 pt

In 1932, the "Queen of the Air" undertook her most daring journey yet.

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- A) tried out
- B) dreamt up
- C) stepped into
- D) embarked on

**Question 19 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 2) 1 pt

Seh departed from Canada and landed 15 hours later in Ireland. Her reputation as the world's greatest female pilot was sealed.

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- A) rank
- B) name
- C) persona
- D) condition

**Question 20 of 73**

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Five years later, Amelia set out on a new and greater challenge. The 47000 kilometres journey around the globe would be arduous. However, with only 11000 kilometres to go, she never made it. It is unclear whether Amelia was lost, had crashed or run out of fuel.

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- A) lengthy
- B) grueling
- C) unbearable
- D) painstaking

**Question 21 of 73**

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# NICOLAS LEE

## Creative Writing Competition 2020

Calling all students of UOS!  
How well can you write?

*The biennial Nicolas Lee Creative Writing Competition was established by Dr Magdelene Lee in memory and recognition of her late husband, Nicolas Lee, one of Singapore's best-known authors. His books are available at The Big Book Shop.*

### Prizes to be won!

**First Prize:** \$2000 cash prize, a \$500 The Big Bookshop book voucher and a trophy

**Second Prize:** \$1500 cash prize and a \$300 The Big Bookshop book voucher

**Third Prize:** \$300 The Big Bookshop book voucher

- † All prize winners will also receive a certificate of achievement.
- \* All other participants will receive a certificate of participation and a \$50 Cool Supermarket shopping voucher.
- \* All 3 winning essays will be published in The Singapore Times on 30 September 2020.

### Registration

- Rules of the competition and the registration form are now available at <http://blog.UOS.edu.sg/elinews> or the Department of English Language.
- Please submit your essay to [nicolaslee@UOS.edu.sg](mailto:nicolaslee@UOS.edu.sg) no later than 31 August 2020.
- Please call Ms Low at 64233988 for further enquiries.

### Essay Topic:

*With the development of technology, people are now living in a world that is completely different from what it was 50 years ago.*

*How has technology affected society and the family?*

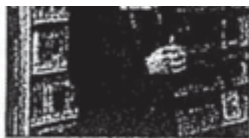
**\* Your essay should not be more than 5,000 words.**

## WHAT PEOPLE SAID ABOUT THE WRITING COMPETITION



"The competition is a good platform for young budding writers to be recognised for their writing talent. It also helps to develop language skills that will help them throughout





to develop language skills that will help them throughout their lives. "

- Lindsay Ann, Professor of University of Singapore

"We are committed to the holistic development of young minds. The rigour of writing requires resilience, perseverance and commitment. "

- Richard Tan, Editor, The Singapore Times



"I am very thrilled that my essay was published in The Singapore Times. I am now a more confident writer as I know that my work is recognised. Writing has always been my passion and finally, my efforts have paid off. "

- Angeline Cheong, First Prize Winner of Creative Writing Competition 2018

Organiser: **University of Singapore**

In Partnership with: **The Singapore Times**

Sponsored by: **Nicholas Lee Foundation**

**Cool Supermarket**

**The Big Bookshop**

What is the main purpose of the poster?

- A) to draw students' attention to a famous local author
- B) to give students the opportunity to win cash for themselves
- C) to encourage students of UOS to take part in the writing competition
- D) to provide talented students of UOS a platform to showcase their work

**Question 22 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 2) 1 pt

Dr Madeline Lee established the biennial Creative Writing Competition to \_\_\_\_\_

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- A) develop the talent of young writers
- B) publish the work of a committed writer
- C) recognise the creative works of all local writers
- D) remember Nicholas Lee for his contributions as a writer

**Question 23 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 2) 1 pt

The third prize winner of the competition will \_\_\_\_\_

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- A) be awarded \$2000 in cash
- B) win a cool supermarket voucher
- C) receive a certificate of achievement
- D) get his essay published on the UOS website

**Question 24 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 2) 1 pt

John wants to join the competition. What must he do?

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- A) write a 6000 word essay
- B) submit his essay by 31 August 2020
- C) hand in his essay to the English Department
- D) collect a registration form from The Big Book Shop

**Question 25 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 2) 1 pt

Priya wants to find out more about the writing competition. She can \_\_\_\_\_

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- A) call Ms Low at 64233988
- B) speak to Dr Magdelene Lee
- C) email to nicholaslee@uos.edu.sg
- D) visit the department of English language

**Question 26 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 2) 1 pt

Which of the following statements is true?

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- A) Staff of UOS can take part in the competition
- B) The second prize winner will receive a trophy
- C) The essay topic given is related to technology
- D) The competition is held for the first time in 2020

**Question 27 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 2) 1 pt

Which of the following statements is not true about Angeline Chong?

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- A) Her essay was published in The Singapore Times
- B) She became passionate about writing only after 2018
- C) She was thrilled because her work was finally recognised
- D) Her confidence as a writer was boosted after the competition

**Question 28 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 2) 1 pt

Which of the following is what people have said about the competition?

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- A) All submitted essays will be published
- B) It enables writers to get jobs with The Singapore Times
- C) The competition allows students to get their works recognised
- D) Writers must have strong language skills before joining the competition

**Question 29 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 2) 10 pts

Match the options below with the most suitable word:

1. [ ]	An old couple was having problems remembering things, so they decided to go to their doctor to make sure nothing was wrong with them. When they arrived at the clinic, they explained to the doctor ___ the problems they were having with their memory.	A. somewhere
2. [ ]	___ examining the couple,	B. after
3. [ ]	the doctor told them that they were physically fine ___ advised them to start making notes to help them remember things.	C. for
4. [ ]	That night ___ watching TV, the old man got up from his chair and his wife asked "Where are you going?" He replied "The Kitchen."	D. about
5. [ ]	She asked, "___ you get me a bowl of ice cream?"	E. also
6. [ ]	He replied "Sure" She then asked him, "Shouldn't you write it down so you can remember it?" He said, "I can remember it ___."	F. all
7. [ ]	She said, "Well, I would like some strawberries with ___ ice cream. You had better take notes because I know you'll forget that too."	G. but
8. [ ]	He replied, "Don't worry." She added, "I would ___ like whipped cream on top.	H. could
9. [ ]	I know you will forget that too, please write it ___."	I. my
10. [ ]	With irritation in his voice, he shouted, "I don't need to write anything. I can remember everything!" He then stormed into the kitchen. Twenty minutes later, he returned and handed her a plat of bacon and eggs. She started at the plate ___ a moment. "Hey you forgot my toast," she muttered.	J. while

**Question 30 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 2) 1 pt

**Write the correct word in the box**

The iconic Lau Pa Sat comes alive as hungry office staff march towards the food centre during lunch hours. However, regular patrons who were interviueed paint a different picture of the food centre late at night.

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They said that it was common to find rats scurried along the ground at night.

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**Question 32 of 73**

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Statiztiks provided by the National Environment Agency (NEA)

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show that the number of rats found in Singapore having increased.

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Primary 6 English (Term 2) 1 pt

More than 20,000 rat nests have been found by the atorities this year.

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Furthermore, more building owners have also been fined for attracting rodents because of poor maintenance or unremoved rubbish.

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They also put the blame in an increase of construction activities around Lau Pa Sat.

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**Question 37 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 2) 1 pt

The construction projects have drive rats out of their nests.

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**Question 38 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 2) 1 pt

Hence, the food centre becomes a prime target whom the rats hunt for good.

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**Question 39 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 2) 1 pt

The NEA is concerned about this as rats can konteminate food with their droppings, urine and fur.

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The agency states that it would be an emberassing sight indeed

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if the rats shall continue to flood Lau Pa Sat. This is especially so with tourists visiting the area regularly.

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**Question 42 of 73**

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

Does spending time outdoors reduce the possibility of getting myopia or short-sightedness? To answer this, an outdoor activities programme was launched in June 2019. The new programme aims to \_\_\_ the effects of the outdoors on myopia in young Singaporeans.

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Myopia is caused \_\_\_ the lens in The Eye cannot focus images on the retina.

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Primary 6 English (Term 2) 1 pt

Singapore has \_\_\_ of the highest populations of myopia cases in the world.

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**Question 45 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 2) 1 pt

In fact, the \_\_\_ of Singapore's suffer from myopia.

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**Question 46 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 2) 1 pt

This one year programme is funded by the National Medical Research Council and will \_\_\_ \$200,000.

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**Question 47 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 2) 1 pt

It is jointly run by the National University of Singapore \_\_\_ the National Parks Board.

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450 children aged six to ten will be selected from various primary schools to \_\_\_ in the programme.

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Half of this group and their families will visit a different park \_\_\_ weekend for organised activities such as guided tours and games,

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starting \_\_\_ 21 May.

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**Question 51 of 73**

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The family can win prizes such as cash vouchers and fitness devices \_\_\_ their regular attendance.

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They are encouraged to turn up every weekend but it is not \_\_\_.

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**Question 53 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 2) 1 pt

The other half of the group will not take part in the park activities. This allows researchers to \_\_\_ the two group of children based on the various tests taken before and after the trial.

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**Question 54 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 2) 1 pt

All family members involved will be \_\_\_ free eye checks, as well as subsidies for medical visit for any eye treatments.

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**Question 55 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 2) 1 pt

The programme's chief investigator believes that the \_\_\_\_ for the increasing rate of myopia occurrence in Singapore

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**Question 56 of 73**

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is that Singapore spend a consideration \_\_\_\_ of time reading and writing and do not go outdoors enough.

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**Question 57 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 2) 0 pts

**Rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided**

Mrs Lim is our English teacher. We all love her.

\_\_\_\_\_ whom \_\_\_\_\_

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**Question 58 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 2) 0 pts

John asked his coach, "Is it possible for me to skip the next training session?"

John asked his coach \_\_\_\_\_

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**Question 59 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 2) 0 pts

Jason completes his art project in time for the exhibition.

The art project \_\_\_\_\_

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**Question 60 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 2) 0 pts

Mary studied hard for the quiz. She did not want to fail.

As \_\_\_\_\_

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**Question 61 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 2) 0 pts

James and John started to argue as soon as the teacher walked out of the classroom.

An \_\_\_\_\_

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**Question 62 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 2) 0 pts

Here I was <sup>at</sup> the local police station. I wanted to get help with crossing a treacherous stretch of the South China Sea. My friends had advised me to reach out to the police chief as he was someone I would be able to trust. I told him how I had read about pirates that raided cargo boats and my concerns.

"Oh, the pirates are not as bad as what you read in papers," he replied. "Our police have many boats patrolling the waters to make sure everything is safe. Come, I'll introduce you to a boat-owner who knows these waters well," The police chief then introduced Samad to me.

"The pirates usually leave the local passenger boats alone. We'll sail on Saturday. It will be safe," Samad, who ferried locals in his boat, reassured me.

Saturday came and I made my way to the harbour. I could not wait to set off on my journey. However, when I saw Samad's boat, I began to **feel otherwise**. The boat was in a state of disrepair. The body had several cracks painted over and the wood of the deck looked old and weak. When I saw that it was named "**Sturdy Surfer**", I could not help but roll my eyes. As I did not have any other options, I reluctantly boarded the boat.

While out at sea, the boat engine sputtered laboriously and I could only pray it would last the journey. By late afternoon, there was **bad news**. The boat engine stopped completely! We were now drifting in the open sea!

Just as the evening sky fell, a motorboat suddenly arrived alongside our boat. At first, I was hopeful that someone was here to rescue us. Boy was I wrong! Several thin and agile men clambered aboard our boat. They stared at me puzzledly and talked among themselves in a strange language. Then one of them, I assumed to be the leader, pushed the boat-owner aside and headed straight for me — the foreigner.

He noticed two fifty-dollar notes in my shirt pocket. "May I have one?" he asked me in English, with a polite smile. It surprised me because of how perfect it sounded. I took out one of the notes and handed it to him.

"You and I are friends now," he said, and he threw his arms round my shoulder. "My name is Musa."

"Give me your watch," another pirate, whom they called Ali, suddenly bellowed. He appeared hostile. However, I was not about to part with my watch which had sentimental value. Hoping to humour him, I forced myself to smile back.

"Then I want your boots," I replied, smiling and putting on a brave front. I knew that any sign of aggression or fear would trigger off violence. Ali looked confused before scowling at my smile and my counter-demands. He, however, was not going to take no for an answer. He took a step towards me.

"Your watch!" he roared, his hand moved threateningly to the gun on his hip.

"How about your boots?" I asked politely, trying to stay calm.

Sensing the tension, Musa very tactfully intervened. Ignoring Ali's demand, he gathered another two pirates nearby and began to repeat my words in a singsong manner. I was surprised at how **sensitive** Musa was of my **situation**.

"How about, how about, how about your boots?" The two pirates and Musa began to bounce to the rhythm of their nonsensical song. They then threw their arms around me and pulled me close. I joined in their chant and we were soon bouncing around in a hilarious scene. Despite my fear, I continued to sing and dance. I knew I was not out of danger yet.

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Somehow the crazy dance worked! Ali gazed at us with his mouth agape. When the **ingenious** Musa invited him into our bouncing group, Ali joined in. The moment had passed! I had never felt so relieved in my life!

Soon, the rest of the pirate crew had gathered everything precious in the boat. The pirates then scrambled into their boat, waved at us and sped away. Samad and I stared at each other, not quite believing what had just happened. We were still stranded in the open sea. Maybe one of the many police boats would come round and get us soon.

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Pick out a two word phrase from the first paragraph that tells us that the South China Sea was dangerous

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**Question 63 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 2) 0 pts

Which two reason did the police chief give to ease the writer's concerns?

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**Question 64 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 2) 2 pts

Which two of the following words correctly describe how the writer felt in lines 9-12?

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- A) angry
- B) optimistic
- C) calm
- D) relieved
- E) impatient
- F) worried

**Question 65 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 2) 1 pt

Match the options below to indicate the order in which the vents occurred in the passage:

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|--------|--------------------------------|------|
| 1. [ ] | Ali asked for the watch        | A. 3 |
| 2. [ ] | Musa asked for money           | B. 1 |
| 3. [ ] | The writer asked for the boots | C. 2 |
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**Question 66 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 2) 0 pts

Do you think the name of the boat "Sturdy surfer" is appropriate (lines 14-15)? Support your answer with evidence from the passage

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**Question 67 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 2) 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. [3m]

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer(s) to
feel otherwise (line 12)	
bad news (line 18)	
It (line 27)	

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The writer had confidence of the performance of the boat engine

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- A) True
- B) False

**Question 69 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 2) 1 pt

The pirates had expected to find a foreign passenger on Samad's boat.

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- A) True
- B) False

**Question 70 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 2) 1 pt

The writer wanted to show Ali that he was friendly and unafraid

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- A) True
- B) False

**Question 71 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 2) 0 pts

What did Musa do to show that he was "sensitive" to the writer's "situation"?

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**Question 72 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 2) 0 pts

The table below shows the reactions of the characters and the causes for them. Fill in the blanks using information from the passage. [2m]

	How the character felt	What the character did	Why the character did it
Ali	angry	reached threateningly for his gun	
The writer	fearful	continued singing and dancing	

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**Question 73 of 73**

Primary 6 English (Term 2) 0 pts

In what way was Musa "ingenious" (line 49)? Support your answer with evidence from the passage

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