

Write a composition of at least 120 words about playing a trick on someone.

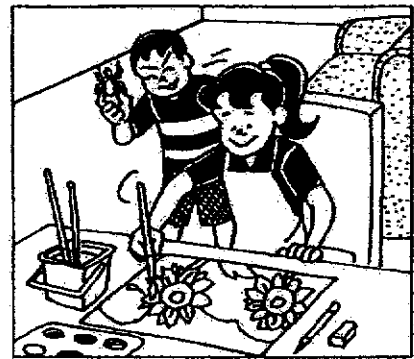
The pictures, not arranged in sequence, are provided to help you think about this topic. Your composition should be based on one, two or all of these pictures.

Consider the following points when you plan your composition:

- What was the girl busy doing?
- Why was the girl doing that?
- What did her brother do?
- How did she react when she saw the toy spider?
- What happened in the end?

Helping Words:

- focused
- determined to do her best
- bored to tears
- twinkling with mischief
- crept up sneakily
- shrieked in fright
- accidentally knocking over
- spilled onto
- arms akimbo
- seething with anger
- guilty
- apologised



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Section A: Grammar MCQ (8 x 1 mark)

Read the questions carefully. Choose the most suitable answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. The children _____ in the bedroom when a burglar broke in.
 - (1) slept
 - (2) is sleeping
 - (3) are sleeping
 - (4) were sleeping

2. I felt cold up in the hill _____ I put on a jacket.
 - (1) so
 - (2) but
 - (3) also
 - (4) because

3. Add _____ salt to the soup to make it tastier.
 - (1) most
 - (2) many
 - (3) a few
 - (4) a little

4. The teacher said, "Dolphins _____ not the only mammals that live in water."
 - (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were

5. "Girls, you have to complete the work _____," reminded Mum.
- (1) herself
 - (2) yourself
 - (3) ourselves
 - (4) yourselves
6. "Linda, you are going to turn up for practice tomorrow, _____?" asked Miss Wang, our table tennis coach.
- (1) is she
 - (2) are you
 - (3) isn't she
 - (4) aren't you
7. He pushed his way _____ the crowd until he reached the exit of the building.
- (1) into
 - (2) along
 - (3) through
 - (4) between
8. The firemen did _____ they possibly could to put out the fire but to no avail.
- (1) something
 - (2) everything
 - (3) anything
 - (4) nothing

Section B: Vocabulary MCQ (6 x 1 mark)

Read the questions carefully. Choose the most suitable answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.

9. She _____ the magazine and joined her friends at the playground.
- (1) put away
 - (2) put off
 - (3) put up
 - (4) put in
10. Grandmother prepared some _____ dishes by following the recipes that had been passed down for generations.
- (1) old
 - (2) sacred
 - (3) historic
 - (4) traditional
11. "It is all your fault that we got into trouble," Sarah _____ John.
- (1) denied
 - (2) blamed
 - (3) assured
 - (4) confessed
12. The sleeping baby cried when she was _____ by the siren of a passing ambulance.
- (1) startled
 - (2) intrigued
 - (3) impressed
 - (4) exhilarated

13. Ahmad was _____ at the bus stop because he had missed the last bus home.

- (1) trapped
- (2) detained
- (3) stranded
- (4) grounded

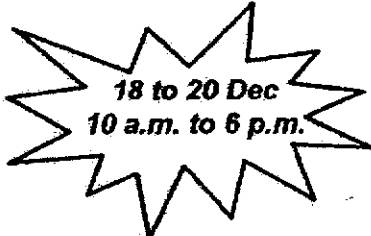
14. Lisa _____ thought that the woman at the shopping mall was her mother and went up to hug her.

- (1) falsely
- (2) reluctantly
- (3) mistakenly
- (4) accidentally

Section C: Visual Text Comprehension MCQ (4 x 1 mark)

Study the advertisement carefully and answer questions 15 to 18. Choose the most suitable answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.

Family Carnival at Bishan Park



Calling all Bishan residents! Have fun with your family!
Lots of fun-filled activities! Win prizes! 😊

Drawing Contest

For children aged 6 years old to 10 years old
Time: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

(Colouring materials are not provided.)



Sandwich-Making Contest

For children below 12 years old
Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

(Materials are provided.)



Skipping Contest

Open to anyone aged between 12 and 18 years old

Time: 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

(Skipping ropes are provided.)



Free goodie bags
for the first 100 families
each day.

Lucky Draw
at 5.30 p.m. daily
Win a pair of movie tickets
(For adults only)

Yummy treats
Free ice cream
for children up to 9
years old. First
come, first served

Register personally at Bishan Community Club or at www.bishancc.com.sg

For more enquiries, email Sandy at sandy@bishancc.com.sg

Adult volunteers are needed. Call 61234567 for details.

15. The main aim of this event is to _____.
- (1) look for adult volunteers
 - (2) promote bonding among family members
 - (3) teach participants how to make sandwiches
 - (4) sell colouring materials for the drawing contest
16. Mr Tan and his family want to sign up for the event. They should _____.
- (1) email Sandy
 - (2) visit www.bishancc.com.sg
 - (3) call Bishan Community Club
 - (4) write to Bishan Community Club
17. Eve is 9 years old and her sister is 11 years old. Both of them can take part in the _____.
- (1) lucky draw
 - (2) drawing contest
 - (3) skipping contest
 - (4) sandwich-making contest
18. Which of the following statements is true?
- (1) This event is open to everyone.
 - (2) This event is held over three days.
 - (3) There will be free flow of ice cream.
 - (4) The first 100 families will win movie tickets.

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Section D: Grammar Cloze [1] (4 x 1 mark)

Read the following passage carefully. Choose the most suitable answer from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank. Use each word only once.

(A) I	(C) you	(E) us
(B) me	(D) she	(F) their

"Good morning, Lizzie," greeted Mrs Armstrong cheerfully. "Your seat is over there. (19) _____ are going to sit next to Ranjit." One by one, all the children were shown to (20) _____ seats on that first day of school.

The children answered Mrs Armstrong promptly as (21) _____ called out their names. "Next, we are going to share about one thing we are grateful for. We do this because being grateful makes (22) _____ happier," said their caring teacher with a smile. Lizzie was glad that Mrs Armstrong was her teacher for the year.

Adapted from 'How's School, Lizzie?' by Anna Rooke



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Section E: Grammar Cloze [2] (4 x 1 mark)

Read the following passage carefully. Choose the correct word given in the brackets and circle it.

In hot countries, mangrove forests grow at the mouths of many rivers. The water (23) [is / are] very salty because the mouth of the river is near the sea. Although there is so much salt in the water, many animals (24) [has / have] grown used to it. These river-dwelling creatures (25) [lives / live] on the muddy banks.

During high tide, the sea water flows inwards. The trees that grow in the mangrove (26) [gets / get] half submerged in water. Aren't these river wildlife fascinating?

Adapted from 'Rivers and Lakes' by David Cumming



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Section F: Comprehension Cloze (4 x 1 mark)

Read the following passage carefully. Fill in each blank with the most suitable word.

Do you enjoy nature and looking at butterflies? If you do, there is no need to go all the way (27) _____ a butterfly park. You can create the right environment for these beautiful butterflies to come right to your doorstep.

To do that, you have to provide food that caterpillars and butterflies need – plants. When there is (28) _____ for their young, butterflies are likely to come and lay their eggs on the leaves. Growing the right flowers in your garden will also attract butterflies to come and feed on (29) _____.

Butterflies are beautiful insects admired by people (30) _____ over the world. If you can attract them to your home, your family can enjoy seeing these amazing winged creatures!

Adapted from 'Touch a Butterfly: Wildlife Gardening with Kids' by April Pulley Sayre



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Section G: Comprehension [1] (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 31 to 40.

Ariqah was busy preparing for her dance competition. During her dance practice, she fell while doing her warm-up exercise. She felt a sharp pain in her back. Concerned, her friends rushed over to help her up. Thinking that it would go away soon, she did not bother much about it.

Soon, the discomfort in her lower back turned into a nagging pain that gave her 5
sleepless nights. In school, she had to alternate between standing and sitting to relieve the pain. Her teacher got her a wheelchair and advised her to see a doctor. To help her move about, her friends wheeled her around the school.

"I was worried as the pain was getting worse. So, I finally decided to see a doctor,"
Ariqah recounted. 10

After getting an x-ray, the doctor found out that there was a hairline crack in her tailbone. Her parents did not dare to break the news immediately to her as she had been training so hard. Finally, after Ariqah asked repeatedly, they had to tell her. Realising she could no longer take part in the dance competition, she broke into tears.

Although the road to recovery took twelve weeks, Ariqah continued to attend all the 15
dance practices. She would watch her friends practise. She was determined to train for the next dance competition once she recovered. Her resilience had inspired all her peers.

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Q31. Tick (✓) your chosen answer.

Ariqah was _____ when she fell. [1m]

<input type="checkbox"/>	warming up
<input type="checkbox"/>	dancing
<input type="checkbox"/>	thinking

For Q32 - Q35, tick (✓) who did the following actions. The first example has been done for you. [4m]

Actions		Friends	Teacher	Parents
Example	got her a wheelchair		✓	
Q32.	helped Ariqah stand up			
Q33.	told Ariqah to see a doctor			
Q34.	pushed Ariqah on the wheelchair			
Q35.	waited some time before telling Ariqah about her injury			

Q36. Which word has the same meaning as 'ease'? Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

In school, she had to <u>alternate</u> between standing and sitting to <u>relieve</u> the pain. (A) (B)
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For Q37 and Q39, read each statement and tick (✓) 'True' or 'False'. The first example has been done for you. [3m]

Statements		True	False
Example	Ariqah felt a sharp pain when she fell.	✓	
Q37.	Ariqah was worried about her fall at first.		
Q38.	Ariqah had trouble sleeping after her fall.		
Q39.	She trained for the next dance competition during the twelve weeks of recovery.		

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Q40. Tick (✓) your chosen answer.

Ariqah cried because she was _____ [1m]

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examined by a doctor who gave her an x-ray

unable to join the dance competition

worried about the pain in her back



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Section H: Comprehension [2] (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 41 to 47.

"This is worse than mopping the floor. Why must he make us do so many chores?" Nick complained. Groaning in frustration, Nick unwillingly pulled another weed while Bob was hard at work, swiftly pulling weeds. "Come on. Let's do a good job!" Bob urged Nick.

A tall and towering figure approached. "I am meeting Uncle Ronnie at the mall this afternoon. If both of you get all these weeds pulled, I'll take you there for a hamburger. 5 In the evening, we can even go to the video arcade," Uncle Walter offered as he surveyed their work.

When Bob heard that, his face lit up. However, his heart sank upon seeing Nick shake his head in reply. Uncle Walter frowned. "Well, if you change your mind, let me know," he said before striding back home. 10

"Why don't you want to go? What could be better than going to the video arcade?" Bob asked, scratching his head.

"I have something even more exciting. Come with me," Nick whispered. Despite Bob reminding Nick that they still had chores to complete before Uncle Walter returned, Nick dragged Bob to the garden shed. From a corner, he pulled out an old discarded 15 shoe box and pushed it to Bob, urging him to open it. As soon as Bob lifted the cover, he gasped in shock. In the shoe box was a small green snake. Gently, Bob used his finger to stroke it. Nick gave Bob a wink. "This afternoon, we shall be taking care of our pet snake."

Adapted from 'The Secret Funeral of Slim Jim the Snake' by Elvira Woodruff

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Q41. What were the boys doing in paragraph 1? [1m]

[Choose the correct option and write your answer in the brackets provided.]

(1) mopping the floor

(2) pulling the weeds

(3) meeting Uncle Ronnie

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Q42. Who does the 'tall and towering figure' in line 4 refer to? [1m]

[Write your answer in a complete sentence / complete sentences.]

It refers to _____.

Q43. Which word in paragraph 2 shows that Uncle Walter checked that the boys did a good job? [1m]

[Write only the required word in the box below.]

Q44. These statements describe the events that took place in the story. Put them in the right sequence. Write 1, 2 and 3 on the lines. [1m]

_____ Nick was frustrated as he needed to do chores.

_____ Uncle Walter walked back home.

_____ Uncle Walter offered to take the boys out.

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Q45. Give a reason for each statement in the table below. [2m]
 [Write your reason in a complete sentence / complete sentences.]

Sentence	True / False	Reason
(a) Bob was <u>eager</u> to go to the video arcade when Uncle Walter offered to take them there.	True	Bob's _____ _____ _____
(b) Bob <u>expected</u> to see the small green snake in the shoe box.	False	When Bob saw it, he _____ _____ _____

Q46. Why was Bob 'scratching his head' (line 12)? [2m]
 [Write your answer in a complete sentence / complete sentences.]

He _____

Q47. Which two of the following words best describe Bob's qualities? [2m]
 Put a tick (✓) in the box beside each of your answers.

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| timid | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| truthful | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| responsible | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| hardworking | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
2	1	3	3	2	2	4	2	C	F
Q21	Q22	Q23							
D	E	is							

Q24)	have	Q28)	food	Q32)	Friends
Q25)	live	Q29)	them	Q33)	Teacher
Q26)	get	Q30)	all	Q34)	Friends
Q27)	to	Q31)	Warming up	Q35)	Parents

Q36)	Relieve (b)
Q37)	False
Q38)	True
Q39)	False
Q40)	Unable to join the dance competition
Q41)	2
Q42)	Uncle Walter
Q43)	Surveyed
Q44)	1, 3, 2
Q45)	a)Bob's face lit up when Uncle Walter offered to take them to the arcade. b)gasped in shock
Q46)	He was curious why Nick did not want to go the arcade.
Q47)	Responsible, hardworking