

**2021 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2**  
**ENGLISH LANGUAGE – PAPER 1**  
**SITUATIONAL / CONTINUOUS WRITING**  
**PRIMARY 5**

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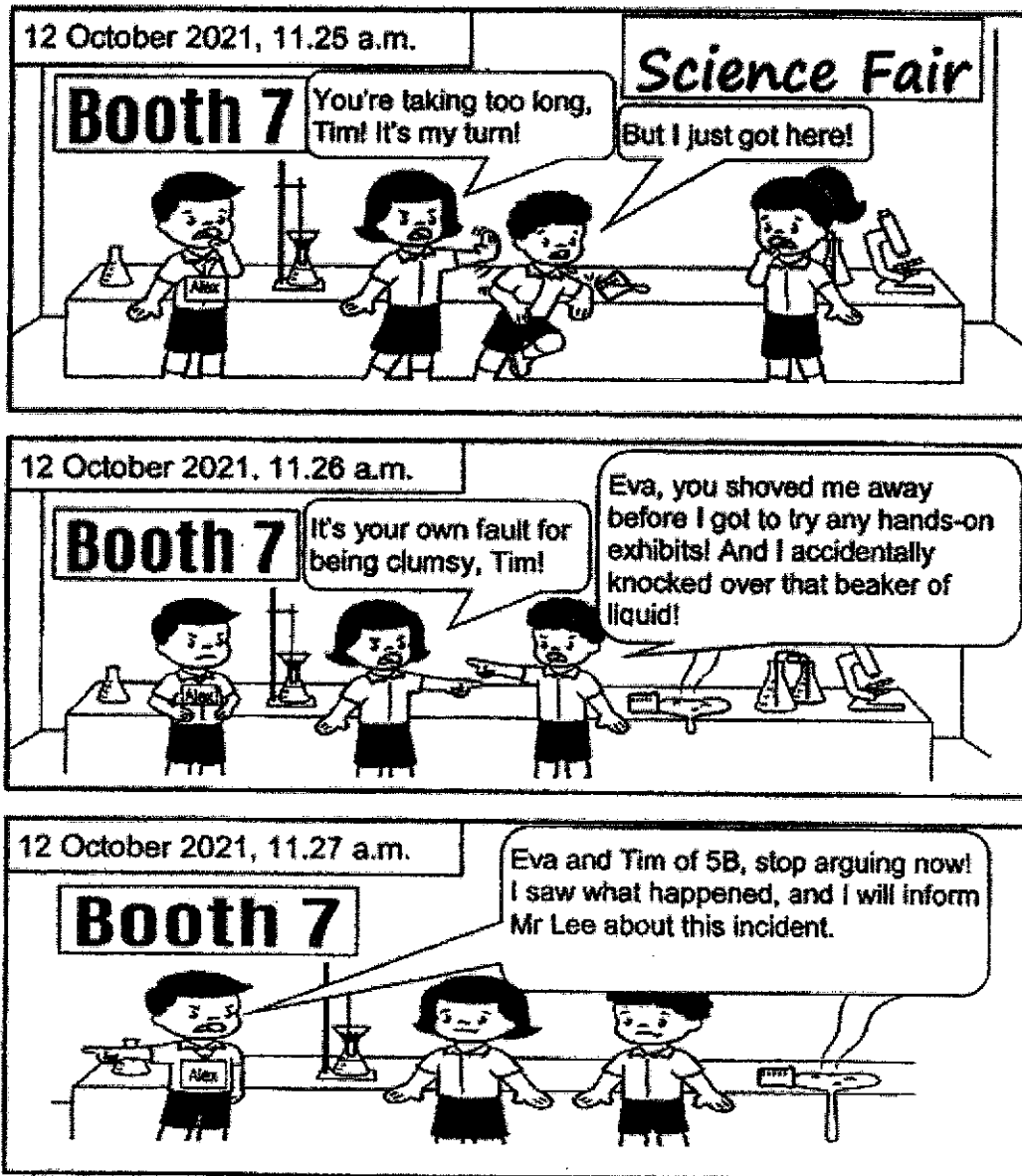
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**Instructions to candidates:**

There are TWO parts to this paper: Part 1 and Part 2. Answer both questions.

**Part 1: Situational Writing (15 marks)**

Study the pictures carefully.



Your Task

Imagine you are Alex Tan, the student on duty at the Science fair.

**Write an email to the teacher-in-charge of the Science fair, Mr Lee, to inform him about the incident.**

You are to refer to the pictures and information on page 1 for your email.

In your email, include the following key information:

- the date of the incident
- where the incident took place
- two reasons why Tim was unhappy with Eva
- how Eva responded to Tim's accusation
- why you approached Tim and Eva

You may reorder the points. Remember to write in complete sentences.

## Part 2: Continuous Writing (40 marks)

- 2 Write a composition of at least 150 words about an unexpected outcome.

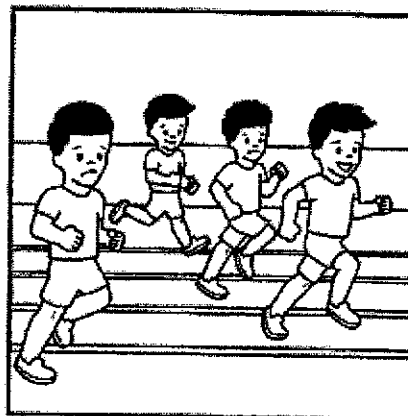
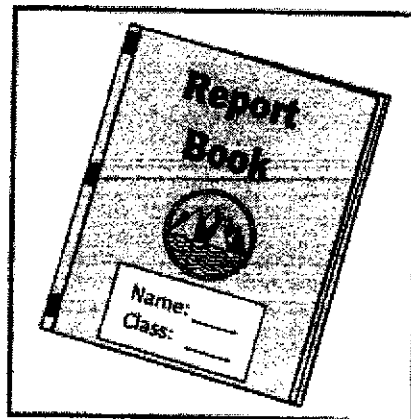
The pictures are provided to help you think about this topic.

Your composition should be based on one or more of these pictures.

Consider the following points when you plan your composition:

- What was the outcome?
- Why was it unexpected?

You may use the points in any order and include other relevant points as well.



For each question from 1 to 10, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (10 marks)

1 Mrs Lee was pleased when her husband commented \_\_\_\_\_ her lovely hair.

- (1) in
- (2) on
- (3) over
- (4) about

2 Everyone has submitted their books. \_\_\_\_\_?

- (1) do they
- (2) don't they
- (3) have they
- (4) haven't they

3 " \_\_\_\_\_ we go to Sentosa this weekend?" Aminah suggested to her mother.

- (1) Will
- (2) Shall
- (3) Might
- (4) Would

4 \_\_\_\_\_ a career as an artist has been Tom's lifelong dream.

- (1) Pursue
- (2) Pursues
- (3) Pursued
- (4) Pursuing

5 I saw the bird \_\_\_\_\_ into the sky after it had escaped from the cage.

- (1) fly
- (2) flies
- (3) flew
- (4) has flown

6 All, as well as Raju, \_\_\_\_\_ to school every day as it is a good form of exercise.

- (1) cycle
- (2) cycles
- (3) cycled
- (4) are cycling

7 If I looked at a computer screen for too long, I \_\_\_\_\_ a headache.

- (1) get
- (2) gets
- (3) will get
- (4) would get

8 I am very tired \_\_\_\_\_ I have been working all day.

- (1) yet
- (2) though
- (3) because
- (4) therefore

9 "What is the reason \_\_\_\_\_ her unhappiness?" the teacher asked.

- (1) of
- (2) to
- (3) for
- (4) with

10 "Humility \_\_\_\_\_ a quality that all good leaders should have," declared the principal to her students.

- (1) is
- (2) are
- (3) was
- (4) were

For each question from 11 to 15, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

11 As everyone at the book club did not know Suewell, she was just a/an \_\_\_\_\_ to them.

- (1) friend
- (2) confidant
- (3) companion
- (4) acquaintance

12 There was an \_\_\_\_\_ silence in the room before he announced the bad news.

- (1) ominous
- (2) auspicious
- (3) outrageous
- (4) incredulous

13 The sailors managed to \_\_\_\_\_ only a few of their belongings from the shipwreck.

- (1) salvage
- (2) redeem
- (3) preserve
- (4) disconnect

14 The traffic policeman asked the errant driver to \_\_\_\_\_ his driving licence.

- (1) hand in
- (2) hand up
- (3) hand out
- (4) hand over

15 The road was \_\_\_\_\_ blocked by the overturned truck. No other vehicle could pass through.

- (1) partly
- (2) nearly
- (3) partially
- (4) completely

For each question from 16 to 20, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

Ann Lowe dreamt of becoming a fashion designer. She worked hard and her big break came when she designed a one-of-a-kind wedding dress for a rich lady who requested that there should be no dress exactly like it. For two arduous months, Ann and her seamstresses worked furiously with little rest to transform the finest fabrics into a lovely wedding dress. However, disaster struck and it nearly destroyed Ann's dream. Days before the wedding, water from a burst pipe ruined the dress. Undaunted, she and her seamstresses sewed night and day, fighting exhaustion, to recreate the dress. Indeed, despite the setback, Ann's design became an instant success.

*Adapted from She Dreamed of Dresses by Ann Dorer*

- 16 (1) rare  
(2) unique  
(3) bizarre  
(4) different
- 17 (1) harsh  
(2) severe  
(3) grueling  
(4) monotonous
- 18 (1) angrily  
(2) violently  
(3) intensely  
(4) chaotically
- 19 (1) abolished  
(2) shattered  
(3) eradicated  
(4) eliminated
- 20 (1) fatigue  
(2) lethargy  
(3) weakness  
(4) listlessness

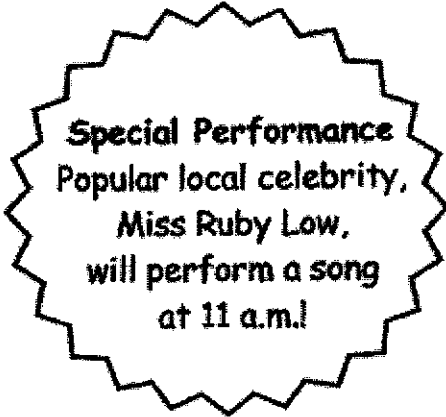
# URadio is throwing a birthday party!

Our radio station is turning 10!  
We are inviting our listeners to our anniversary celebration!

**Date:** 28 November 2021 (Sunday)  
**Time:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
**Venue:** Aura Dam

- Coupons will be available at a discounted price of \$45 per booklet from URadio's reception desk till 27 November 2021.
- Receive an additional \$5 off when you complete a simple questionnaire on the spot.
- The booklets can be purchased at \*\$50 each from Aura Dam's reception desk on the day of the event.

\*Online purchase of coupons will be available onsite at the same price.




## Food and Drink Stalls

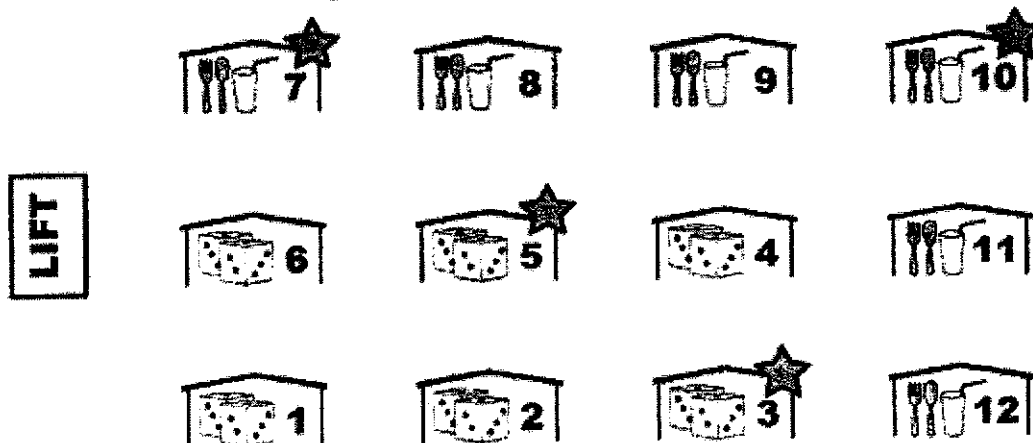
Choose from a wide variety of delectable local delights and refreshing beverages!

## Game Stalls

Have fun and win vouchers that can be used at the food and drink stalls!

Get a free goodie bag when you use more than \$20 worth of coupons at any of the stalls marked with a !

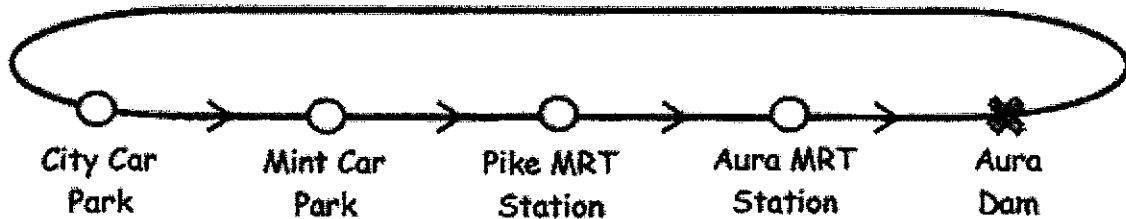
### Layout of Stalls in the Roof Garden





Free shuttle bus service will be provided with pick-up and drop-off points at the bus stops in front of the car parks and MRT stations.

### Shuttle Bus Service Route



### Shuttle Bus Service Schedule

Time of Arrival			
City Car Park	Mint Car Park	Pike MRT Station	Aura MRT Station
9.30 a.m.	9.45 a.m.	9.55 a.m.	10.05 a.m.
10.30 a.m.	10.45 a.m.	10.55 a.m.	11.05 a.m.
12.30 p.m.	12.45 p.m.	12.55 p.m.	1.05 p.m.

#### Aura Dam

Aura Dam is a massive wall built across Aura River to stop the water from flowing. It was designed to serve up as a venue for events. The plan also included the creation of Aura Lake. Although the man-made lake is only one of our country's many reservoirs, its location in the heart of the city is special. The beautiful City Centre Park surrounding it not only serves to beautify the city but also provides ample space for recreational activities.

On the day of the event, take a tour of Aura Dam. View the informative static displays showing how it was constructed and how it prevents flooding in the city's low-lying areas. Our game stalls and food and drink stalls will be set up in the roof garden where you can enjoy spectacular views of the city.

For each question from 21 to 28, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (8 marks)

21. Why is a bigger font size used in the heading, "URadio is throwing a birthday party!"?
- (1) to highlight the title of the event
  - (2) to aid those with eyesight issues
  - (3) to inform the reader what the event is about
  - (4) to place importance on the first line in the advertisement
22. What must Mr Leong do to get the coupons at the lowest price?
- (1) complete a questionnaire with coupon purchase at URadio by 27 November
  - (2) purchase coupons at URadio by 27 November
  - (3) complete a questionnaire with coupon purchase at Aura Dam by 28 November
  - (4) purchase coupons onsite on 28 November
23. Which of the following participants would most likely receive a voucher and a goodie bag?
- (1) Chara who used \$20 worth of coupons at Stall 3.
  - (2) Hui Ling who used \$20 worth of coupons at Stall 10.
  - (3) Faisal who used more than \$20 worth of coupons at Stall 5.
  - (4) Benjamin who used more than \$20 worth of coupons at Stall 7.
24. Helen wants to take the shuttle bus and reach the venue in time to catch the special performance. What should she do?
- (1) get on the 10.05 a.m. bus at Aura MRT Station pick-up point
  - (2) get on the 10.30 a.m. bus at City Car Park pick-up point
  - (3) get on the 10.45 a.m. bus at Mint Car Park pick-up point
  - (4) get on the 10.55 a.m. bus at Pike MRT Station pick-up point

25. Which of the following words is used to describe the venue for the event?
- (1) ample
  - (2) massive
  - (3) beautiful
  - (4) man-made
26. According to the flyer, what is a distinctive feature of Aura Lake?
- (1) It is created by a dam.
  - (2) It is situated in the city.
  - (3) It is surrounded by a park.
  - (4) It is the only reservoir in the country.
27. Mrs Koh wants to tour Aura Dam for the following possible reasons except \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) to admire the roof garden
  - (2) to watch the dam being built
  - (3) to get a clear view of the city
  - (4) to learn about a solution to flooding
28. What is the main purpose of the flyer?
- (1) to announce an event
  - (2) to promote the venue for an event
  - (3) to introduce the organiser of an event
  - (4) to encourage participation in an event

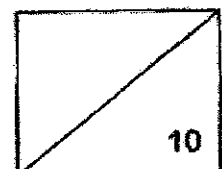
There are 10 blanks, numbered 29 to 38, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

**EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.**

- |           |          |          |           |           |
|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| (A) a     | (D) by   | (G) like | (K) or    | (N) to    |
| (B) above | (E) for  | (H) most | (L) them  | (P) which |
| (C) as    | (F) into | (J) of   | (M) their | (Q) with  |

The beluga, or white whale, is one of the smallest species of whales. Their distinctive colour and prominent foreheads make \_\_\_\_\_ easily identifiable. The beluga has a very flexible neck that enables it to nod and turn its head in all directions, unlike \_\_\_\_\_ whales. Occasionally, belugas can be observed far inland, swimming up coastal rivers as far \_\_\_\_\_ hundreds of kilometres. Scientists do not know if these trips into freshwater are for feeding \_\_\_\_\_ for other purposes, but belugas are apparently unafraid \_\_\_\_\_ very shallow water. Belugas are also known for \_\_\_\_\_ loud, clear vocalisations. They often "sing," and can even be heard singing \_\_\_\_\_ the ocean surface by people in boats or onshore.

Sadly, the beluga is threatened \_\_\_\_\_ extinction. Climate change is causing rapid changes \_\_\_\_\_ the Arctic ecosystem that affect beluga habitat, and chemical pollution in the Arctic is particularly bad, risking the health of large predators \_\_\_\_\_ this species. These whales are hunted legally by indigenous peoples all around the Arctic, but this ongoing hunt is not generally thought to threaten the species.



Adapted from <https://oceana.org>

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes. (12 marks)

*We all have memories of our parents telling us not to waste food.*

(39)

*Singapore's food waste emerges from all avenues along its supplying chain. From*

(40)

*food distributors to supermarkets, reztaurans, and even within our own*

(41)

*households - most of us are part of this vishous cycle.*

(42)

*We can do our part to minimise food waste at home. It is rekommanded*

(43)

*that we only purchase necesities for our household needs. In doing so, we avoid*

(44)

*having to throw away spoiled food, or struggle with weather a certain food item*

(45)

*can still be eat or not.*

(46)

*Singapore's food waste issue is not one to be taken light. There are*

(47)

(48)

*plenty of efforts and resorces around for us to educate ourselves about these*

(49)

*issue. However, the key to a long-term solution lies in adopt a different but*

(50)

*better approaches on how food can be consumed, and conserved. Everyone has*

*a part to play. With food being an integral part of each of our lives, the change*

*can always start within ourselves.*

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

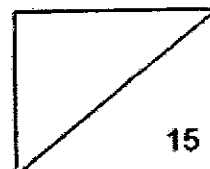
Finland has been named the happiest nation in the world for the fourth year in a row! The World Happiness Report surveyed people in 149 \_\_\_\_\_ who rated their own happiness. They also looked \_\_\_\_\_ other factors such as freedom, trust and well-being.

Additionally, in light of the \_\_\_\_\_ pandemic, the World Happiness Report stated, "\_\_\_\_\_, our aim is to focus on the effects of COVID-19 on the quality of people's lives. Second, to evaluate how governments all over the world have \_\_\_\_\_ with the pandemic effectively. In particular, we try to explain why some countries have done so much \_\_\_\_\_ than others."

With the global pandemic, there has been a massive \_\_\_\_\_ in unhappiness all over the world \_\_\_\_\_ Finland has managed to guard its position as the happiest country in the world. So \_\_\_\_\_ is the secret to their happiness?

*Sisu* is a significant part of Finnish culture. *Sisu* is the mindset of persevering oneself against challenges while \_\_\_\_\_ for new opportunities. For example, Finland often has gloomy weather but instead \_\_\_\_\_ waiting for sunny weather, people put on \_\_\_\_\_ clothes and go out for a walk. They make the best out of \_\_\_\_\_ situation. Spending time in nature is also very important for the Finns. Simple \_\_\_\_\_ such as hiking and cycling are at the heart of what \_\_\_\_\_ Finns happy.

Although there has been a significantly higher amount of negative emotions throughout the world, the pandemic has fostered unity and brought people closer together in Finland.



Adapted from <https://youngzine.org>

For each of the questions 66 to 70, 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)

66 Only Alice participated in the speech and drama competition.

Except \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

67 Ben hopes to visit France next year. He also hopes to live there one day.

Not only \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

68 Julia rushed out of the office after work. She wanted to be in time for dinner.

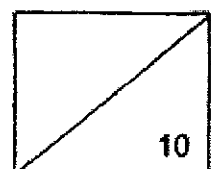
\_\_\_\_\_ so as to  
\_\_\_\_\_

69 He did not come to the party. He did not call.

\_\_\_\_\_ neither  
\_\_\_\_\_

70 "Debbie, will you be going for your dental appointment tomorrow?" asked Mother.

Mother asked Debbie if \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



The hastily scrawled sign on the crumpled cardboard read: "Broke – Need Dog Food." The desperate young man held the sign in one hand and a leash in the other as he paced back and forth on the busy street. Attached to the leash was a husky dog no more than a year old.

Compelled to help, I turned the car around and made a beeline back towards the duo. For years, I have kept dog and cat food in the trunk of my car for the stray or hungry animals I often find. It has been a way of helping those I could not take in. It is also what I have used to coax many scared dogs off the road to safety. Helping needy animals has always been an automatic decision for me. 5

I pulled into the nearest parking lot and grabbed a bag of dog food, a container of water and a twenty-dollar note from my wallet. I approached the ragged-looking man and his unhappy dog warily. 10

"Hi. I have some food for your dog," I paused in front of the man and held out the bag of dog food. Indifferent to the gesture, the man opened the bag and poured some dog food on the ground. His dog wagged his tail enthusiastically and sniffed it long enough before licking them off the ground. 15

"How long have you been out here?" I asked, moments later.

"All day," he replied.

"Hasn't anyone else stopped?" I asked, gazing at the pedestrians passing by.

"No, you're the first", he said. It was late afternoon and quickly getting dark. My mind went into fast-forward as I pictured the two of them going without even a single meal today or for several days. I imagined them spending many long, cold hours cooped up in their inadequate makeshift shelter. 20

Seeing people beg for food is not anything new in this city. But this man stood out because he was not asking for food for himself. He was more concerned with keeping his dog fed than his own welfare. I do not think I will ever really know what came over me at that moment, inspiring me to do what I did next, but I just knew it was something I had to do. I asked him if he would wait there for a few minutes until I returned. He nodded his head, looking slightly surprised. 25

My car flew to the nearest grocery store. Bursting with urgency, I raced in and took hold of a cart. I grabbed some essentials – bread, canned food, fruits, dog food and chew toys. When I returned with all the groceries, the corners of the man's mouth turned up in a lopsided grin and his eyes sparkled. He stood up and rushed towards me. 30

"Here are just a few things..." I passed him the bags. "Good luck to you," I said and held out my hand, which was reciprocated with a slight nod and a thank you. 35

Later, on my way home, I purposely drove past that same street. The man and his dog were gone, and I knew I had done the right thing. Perhaps I will run into them again someday. I like to think that it all turned out well for them.

*Adapted from Innocent Homeless by Lori S. Mohr*



71 How do we know that the author was eager to help the man and his dog as quickly as he could? [1m]

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72 Fill in the following table by identifying the correct word(s) from the passage. (3m)

Question	Word(s) from the passage
Which word from the first paragraph tells us that the man the author saw was in distress?	
Which word from the third paragraph tells us the author was cautious about approaching the man?	
Which three-word phrase from the eighth paragraph tells us that the man and his dog did not have a proper place to live in?	

73 Why did the author keep dog and cat food in his car? [2m]

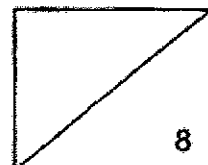
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74 What was the man's response to the author's acts of service? [2m]

Act of Service	The man's response
When the author offered a bag of dog food, a container of water and a twenty-dollar note	
When the author gave bags of groceries	

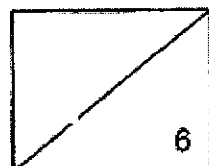


75 Based on the story, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

	<b>True/False</b>	<b>Reason</b>
<b>The author often hesitates to help needy animals.</b>		
<b>Besides the author, other pedestrians stopped by to help the man.</b>		
<b>The author bought food for the man because the man had asked for it.</b>		

76 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]

<b>Word(s) from the passage</b>	<b>What the word(s) refer(s) to</b>
those (line 7)	
anyone (line 19)	
it (line 38)	



77 Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the story. [1m]

\_\_\_\_\_ The man asked for dog food.

\_\_\_\_\_ The author helped stray or hungry animals he found.

\_\_\_\_\_ The author gave the man bags of groceries.

78 Based on line 30 to 36 fill in the following table. [2m]

	What did he do?	What does it say about him?
The author	The author offered a bag of dog food to the man and his dog.	
The man		Excited

79 Why did this man stand out from other beggars in the city? [1m]

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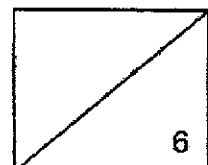
80 Explain clearly what the author meant by: "...I knew I had done the right thing."

(line 37). [2m]

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**Listening Comprehension**

Q 1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
3	2	1	2	1	1	2	2	3	2
Q 11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
3	2	1	2	2	3	2	2	2	1

**Paper 2**

Q 1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
2	4	2	4	1	2	4	3	3	1
Q 11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
4	1	1	4	4	2	3	3	2	1
Q 21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28		
4	1	3	1	2	2	2	4		

Q29	L
Q30	H
Q31	C
Q32	K
Q33	J
Q34	M
Q35	B
Q36	Q
Q37	N
Q38	G

Q39	supply
Q40	restaurants
Q41	vicious
Q42	recommended
Q43	necessities
Q44	whether
Q45	eaten
Q46	lightly
Q47	resources
Q48	this
Q49	adopting
Q50	approach
Q51	countries
Q52	at
Q53	global
Q54	First
Q55	dealt
Q56	better
Q57	rise
Q58	but
Q59	what
Q60	looking
Q61	of
Q62	winter
Q63	any
Q64	activities
Q65	make
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Q72	Desperate Warily Inadequate makeshift shelter										
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Q76	Those (line 7)	Stray or / and hungry animals									
	Anyone (line 19)	People of the street									
	It (line 38)	The situation the man and his dog was in.									
Q77	2 1 3										

Q78	The author offered a bag of dog food to the man and his dog.	Thoughtful
	The man stood up and rushed towards the author.	Excited
Q79	While others would ask for food for themselves, the young man was more concerned with keeping his dog fed than himself.	
Q80	The author bought food for the man and his dog so that they would not have to beg on the street.	