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SINGAPORE CHINESE GIRLS' SCHOOL
PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2022

PRIMARY 6

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

BOOKLET A

Total Time for Booklets A and B: 1h 50 min

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18 August 2022

Class: Primary 6 SY

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Write your Index No. in the boxes at the top right-hand corner.
2. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Answer all questions.
5. Use a 2B pencil to shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

This booklet consists of 10 printed pages.

For each question from 1 to 10, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (10 marks)

1 The instructor was impressed with the little girl who managed to complete all the challenging tasks _____ one.

- (1) for
- (2) but
- (3) and
- (4) though

2 "Remember to take good care of _____," Mother told the siblings.

- (1) myself
- (2) yourself
- (3) yourselves
- (4) themselves

3 "Usha's volunteered to clean the classroom when nobody else would, _____?" asked Ms Li.

- (1) isn't she
- (2) didn't she
- (3) hasn't she
- (4) wouldn't she

4 Jenny thanked the policeman who helped her _____ her wallet.

- (1) retrieve
- (2) retrieves
- (3) retrieved
- (4) retrieving

5 "If I tell you, will you promise to keep this _____ us?" Kent asked Suresh anxiously.

- (1) within
- (2) inside
- (3) around
- (4) between

6 Looking back, Mei Hui realised that her parents _____ quietly supporting her throughout her life and regretted not treating them better when they were around.

- (1) were
- (2) would be
- (3) had been
- (4) have been

7 The volunteers were touched by how happy the villagers were despite how _____ they had.

- (1) few
- (2) little
- (3) much
- (4) many

8 "The commitment of all members _____ necessary for the routine in our upcoming performance to be executed smoothly," the captain shared.

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

9 The kind lady was dedicated to _____ others, not stopping even when her health declined.

- (1) help
- (2) helping
- (3) be helping
- (4) having helped

10 The Olympic medallist was disqualified after the test revealed that he was competing _____ the influence of drugs.

- (1) in
- (2) on
- (3) with
- (4) under

For each question from 11 to 15, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

11 "While we cannot say for sure, the duration for the completion of such projects is _____ two months," said the supervisor.

- (1) exactly
- (2) generally
- (3) constantly
- (4) specifically

12 The doctor told me not to run as it could _____ my knee injury.

- (1) recover
- (2) alleviate
- (3) aggravate
- (4) deteriorate

13 The leader's refreshing _____ in speaking about difficult problems and acknowledging her weakness won her the trust of the people.

- (1) wit
- (2) candour
- (3) fortitude
- (4) compassion

14 Although the team had disagreements at first, the members discussed things through and managed to reach an _____ settlement.

- (1) affable
- (2) amicable
- (3) answerable
- (4) approachable

15 My teacher always advised us not to _____ till tomorrow what we can do today.

- (1) put up
- (2) put off
- (3) put across
- (4) put through

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

Singapore's youth want their future living environment to be more inclusive and green, with more wheelchair-friendly public transport and nature parks. They also expressed their desire for Singapore to stay resilient by keeping up to date with technological advancements and to retain its heritage. (16)

These findings were part of the Urban Redevelopment Authority's long-term plan review. Participants shared that for the creation of a sustainable and high-quality home that can fulfil the evolving needs of all Singaporeans, the careful deliberation of how land is used would be required. (17)

Minister of State for Culture, Community and Youth Alvin Tan said that it is an exciting prospect that some of the plans could come to fruition over the next 50 years and he welcomed the continued contribution of ideas to the review by youth. (18)

Adapted from The Straits Times, 'Young people want a more inclusive, sustainable S'pore, URA and youth council review shows', 2022

- 16 (1) afloat
(2) astute
(3) abreast
(4) ambivalent
- 17 (1) attain
(2) obtain
(3) contain
(4) maintain
- 18 (1) turning
(2) moving
(3) changing
(4) increasing
- 19 (1) condition
(2) combination
(3) contradiction
(4) consideration
- 20 (1) reality
(2) finality
(3) possibility
(4) opportunity

Study this article from a newsletter, What's On, and then answer questions 21 to 28.

Nights Out Festival 2022

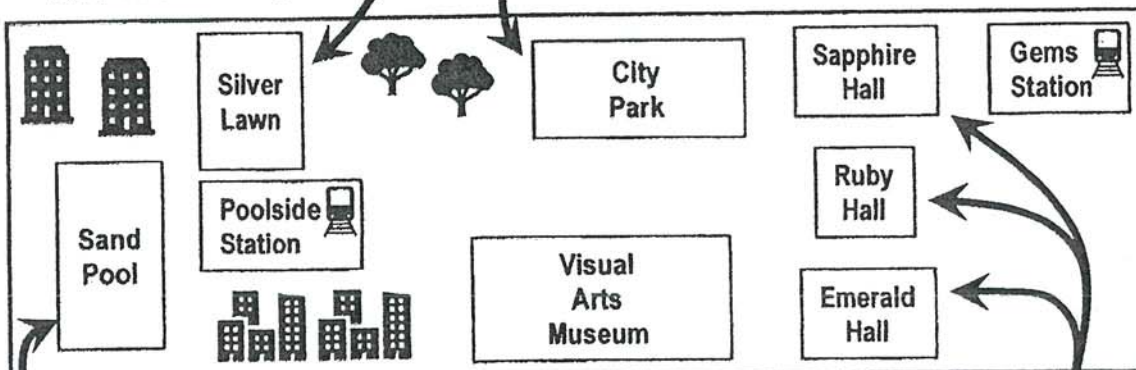
1 to 30 November

The annual event is back with an exciting line-up of activities for you to engage in with your family and friends!
 Participation in outdoor activities is free.
 Entry tickets must be purchased for the concert halls and museum.

Buskers
 Talented magicians, puppeteers, acrobats and musicians will provide hours of entertainment every night! More than ten food and drink stalls will be set up. Come hungry and check out what they have in store for you!



Art Maze
 You would not want to miss this interactive display put together by ten visually impaired individuals. To find your way through the maze, you can only use your sense of hearing and smell. The experience gives you a taste of the world as experienced by the visually impaired. This activity is open to participants 13 and above.



Giant Sandpit and Drone Light Shows
 Over the past few months, an outdoor pool was turned into a giant sandpit! During the festival, the sandpit will be lit up after dark so that children between 6 and 13 can play in it. They will also get to watch drone light shows put on by the students of Apex Polytechnic every hour, with the first show starting from 8 p.m. daily.



Concerts
 Popular local singers Amir, Jaz Kwa and Priya will be performing live. As only 60 tickets are available for each concert, visit www.nof.sg early to purchase them online before they sell out!

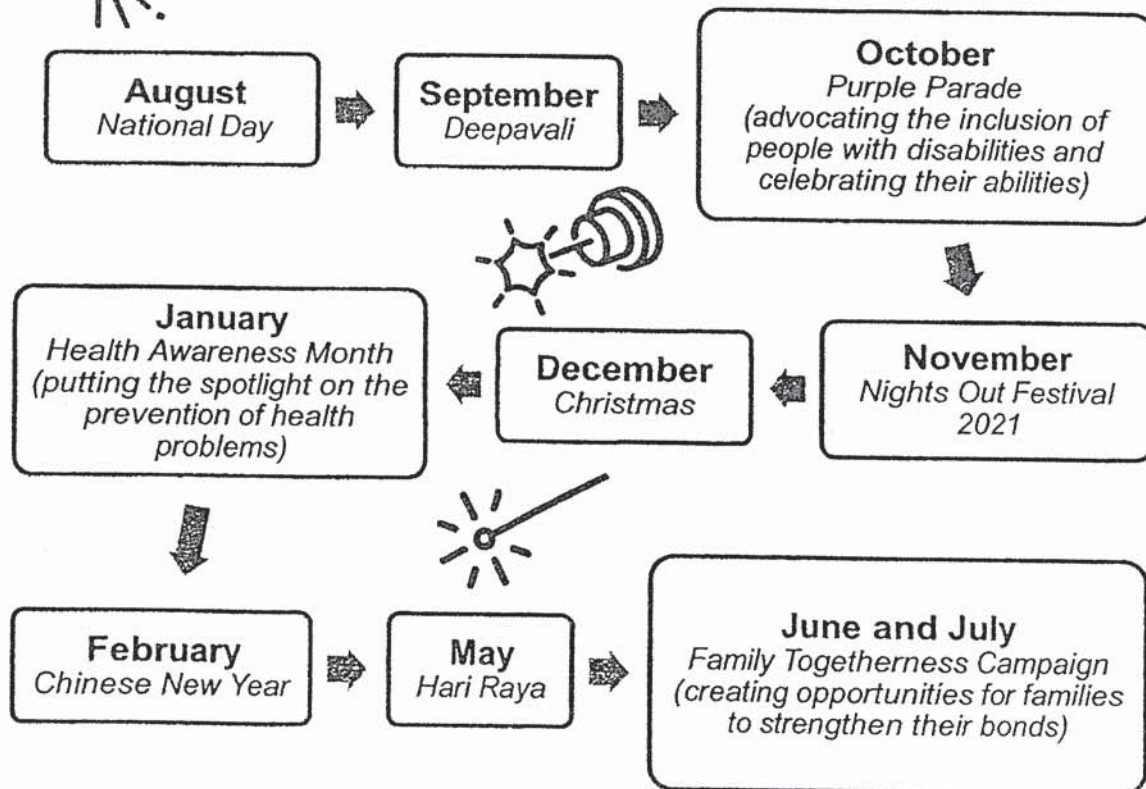
Feature: Light Displays at the Visual Arts Museum

The façade of the Visual Arts Museum was beautifully illuminated most nights from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. over the past year. The light-ups started on 1 August 2021 in celebration of our nation's birthday. Since then, interesting light displays – with colours and designs that convey different meanings – have been used to mark some local festivals and significant events.

During the Nights Out Festival 2022, the museum will mount a stunning light display that promises to mesmerise its spectators. Opening hours are also extended daily to 11.30 p.m. for those who wish to enjoy the experience of exploring the museum after dark. Visitors will be able to sign up for guided tours, craft activities and indoor games. For more information and to register, visit the museum's website at www.vam.sg before 1 November.



Light Displays of the Past Year



For each question from 21 to 28, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (8 marks)

21 Mdm Rita plans to go to the festival with her 12-year-old child without getting tickets beforehand. Which activity can they do together?

- (1) play with sand
- (2) do craft activities
- (3) try out an interactive display
- (4) watch performances by the buskers

22 Participants will have difficulty finding their way through the Art Maze if they _____.

- (1) miss hidden signs
- (2) hear many sounds
- (3) dislike some tastes
- (4) have a blocked nose

23 Mr Chua is attending a concert at Sapphire Hall right after work. If he takes a train, which is the most direct way for him to grab a bite before the concert starts?

- (1) get off at Gems Station and stop by City Park
- (2) get off at Gems Station and stop by Silver Lawn
- (3) get off at Poolside Station and stop by City Park
- (4) get off at Poolside Station and stop by Silver Lawn

24 In "Since then, interesting light displays – with colours and designs that convey different meanings – have been used to mark local festivals and significant events" from the feature page, dashes are used to _____.

- (1) indicate that the information is interesting
- (2) describe how the information can be used
- (3) show that the information is about the light displays
- (4) explain why information about the light displays is given

- 25 Which of the following was true of the museum's light displays?
- (1) They were changed every month.
 - (2) They could be viewed until 11.30 p.m.
 - (3) They became part of every festive occasion.
 - (4) They took place almost every night in certain months.
- 26 Ali wants to be taken on a guided tour of the museum during the festival. He must do all the following **except** _____.
- (1) engage in outdoor activities
 - (2) go to the museum's website.
 - (3) get a ticket for museum entry
 - (4) register by the end of October
- 27 Mdm Tan is wheelchair-bound and was touched by the museum's light display expressing support for people like her. When did she view it?
- (1) October 2021
 - (2) November 2021
 - (3) January 2022
 - (4) February 2022
- 28 What is the **main** purpose of the article?
- (1) to attract visitors to a festival
 - (2) to educate readers about light displays
 - (3) to give visitors directions to various venues
 - (4) to inform readers of what they can do at a museum

Kelvin sighed as he trudged home. "Kelvin, you are the head of the Young Business Society. As a leader, you should show some initiative." Mrs Koh's words kept replaying in his head. With his teacher's words weighing on his mind, he decided that the right thing to do was to step down from his role. Wanting to take his mind off the matter, he made a detour to buy himself some snacks at the nearby provision shop.

"Please come into my café. Just come in and take a look." Kelvin turned his head in the direction of the voice and saw a café owner urging a young couple to visit his shop. Slowing down, Kelvin glanced at the little café. He was shocked to see that it was cluttered with carelessly stacked boxes. Hanging on the front door was a self-made, nondescript poster that read: 'Welcome to Sunny Café'. Upon seeing the state that the café was in, Kelvin thought its days were numbered. The young couple stopped outside the café and peered into it. Shocked by its interior, they shook their heads and promptly walked away despite the desperate pleas from the owner. Kelvin thought that the manner in which the owner approached the potential customers would probably drive them away. Feeling dejected, the owner buried his face in his hands. Kelvin headed home, shrugging off what he had just seen.

The next day, Kelvin passed by the café again. The owner was pacing forlornly outside the café and there was not a single customer in sight. It tugged at his heartstrings. Kelvin felt compelled to throw the owner a lifeline. Having made a decision, he fished out his phone from his backpack and called the other four members of the Young Business Society. He told them of his intention to help the owner. To his surprise, all the members readily agreed to his proposal.

That same day, Kelvin approached the owner and extended his help. The rest of the members arrived at the café shortly with their art materials in tow. "Hello! I'm Arjun. Thanks so much for wanting to help!" Uncle Arjun chirped as he welcomed his guests. Kelvin patiently listened to Uncle Arjun as he shared the difficulties that he was facing.

Kelvin told Uncle Arjun to rest at home and let his team do their magic. After Uncle Arjun had left, everyone sprang into action and started cleaning up the café. Kelvin stood at a corner and thought about how he could make the café more aesthetically pleasing. He decided to replace the poster with a big canvas.

Initially, Kelvin wanted to paint the same words on the canvas, but one of the members accidentally spilt her coffee all over it. "Oh dear, what do we do now?" Yi Ting cried as she stared at the mess she had caused. Kelvin pondered for a while. Scanning his surroundings, he knew what he could do. Without the slightest hesitation, he grabbed the art materials and started painting the same words on the wall. Being one with artistic flair, Kelvin finished the painting in no time. "You truly live up to your nickname, Mr Problem Solver," Yi Ting giggled as she stared at the mural in awe.

Looking at the mural, Kelvin felt something was missing. Struck by a sudden brainwave, he called Uncle Arjun and asked for his daughter's mobile number. Uncle Arjun was puzzled but he did not probe any further. Kelvin swiftly called Uncle Arjun's daughter, Prema, and asked if she was able to drop by the café. Thankfully, she was in the vicinity. The moment Prema stepped into the café, Kelvin passed her a paintbrush and told her to add some finishing touches to the mural. Kelvin broke into a smile as Prema added three tiny hearts on the mural. With some simple refinements made that afternoon, the café was transformed. Feeling proud of himself, Kelvin called Mrs Koh and told her what the team had done for Uncle Arjun.

When Uncle Arjun returned to the café that evening, he gasped in surprise. "Wow! Who painted this beautiful mural? I feel happier just by looking at it. Where is my poster? I am very fond of it as my daughter and I had drawn it together. It is precious to me," Uncle Arjun said as he looked around his cafe.

"Here it is," Kelvin replied, handing Uncle Arjun the neatly rolled poster.

The same young couple who had previously scurried away walked past the café once again. This time round, they curiously stopped outside and exclaimed how welcoming the café looked. "I guess we could try out this café," the young lady told her husband and he nodded his head.

Mrs Koh visited the café unannounced before it closed for the day. Kelvin showed her the improvements that the team had done. "Well done, Kelvin! I see you as a true leader now," Mrs Koh said, giving Kelvin an encouraging pat on his shoulder.

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BOOKLET B

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	Highest Possible Marks	Marks Obtained	Parent's Signature
Booklet A	28		
Booklet B	67		
Subtotal	95		

This booklet consists of 8 printed pages.

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) across | (D) but | (G) for | (K) in | (N) that |
| (B) are | (E) by | (H) from | (L) inside | (P) what |
| (C) as | (F) even | (J) how | (M) most | (Q) with |

Can humans avoid slaughtering animals yet continue enjoying meat such as chicken?

Have you ever come _____ the words, 'cultivated meat'? What is cultivated meat? Cultivated
(29)

meat is genuine animal meat that is produced _____ cultivating animal cells directly. This
(30)

form of meat production eliminates the need for farms that raise and rear animals _____ food.
(31)

These meats do not come from animal slaughterhouses, _____ from laboratories.
(32)

Scientists would extract the best cells _____ the healthiest chickens and cows. They examine
(33)

the cells and choose the ones that are _____ likely to produce the healthiest and best meat.
(34)

The cultivated meats are given the same nutrients _____ a live chicken or cow. To "grow" the
(35)

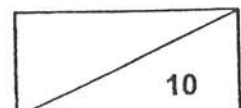
meat, scientists divide and grow the cells by giving the cells the right environment to thrive. The
cells are placed in a huge container where they are provided _____ the energy and warmth that
(36)

are needed for the meat to be cultivated. Inside it, the cells are immersed _____ a nutrient
(37)

called growth medium, which is similar to _____ an animal would eat – amino acids, fats and
(38)
minerals.

Cultivated meat is considered as healthier because it contains no antibiotics and growth
hormones.

<https://gfi.org/science/the-science-of-cultivated-meat/>



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

Dear Diary,

Today is the third day of my stay in science camp. My mother signed me up for this (39) camp because she wanted me to learn science facts in a fun manner. I learnt how elektric (40) cars work and I was able to sit in one! The lessons taught there are very different from the (41) kuriculuum in school.

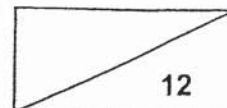
(42)
My cousin, Swee Lee, was supposed to join me, but unfortunately she catch hand, foot (43) and mouth disease from her siblings. It be contagious, so she has to stay away from others. (44) She is diserpointed.

(45)
Back to the camp, the food here is suprizingly scrumptious. They served my favourite (46) dishes such as sweet and sour fish for dinner. I wanted to ask to a second helping but I was (47) too embbarased. After dinner, we had to pitch our own tents. It was a challenge feat. I am (48) (49) writing this entry under the clear sky that is dotted in shiny stars. I wish that the (50) accommodation were better. Though I am not homesick, I am feeling a bit melankolik as I am yearning for my air-conditioned room. I need to sleep soon. Good night!

Love,

Jenny

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Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Have you seen ants crawling on the pavements? Ants can be found almost _____ except in places such as the Antarctica where it is simply too cold for them to survive. This is really ironic when you consider _____ name, ants.

Ants look tiny and harmless. _____, contrary to popular belief, ants can be harmful. Ants are capable of transmitting diseases. They are also known to _____ food with bacteria such as E. coli and Salmonella, and people may fall ill consuming such food.

In general, the typical homeowner does not usually think too much about the possibility of disease _____ by ants. Thus, we should be wary that ants ultimately have one objective: to _____ for food and moisture; these elements secure the survival of the colony. However, this behaviour may take them to some of the less hygienic sections of their habitats.

For instance, some ants prefer to infest the bathrooms and kitchens in our homes, so _____ about the possibility of ants picking _____ bacteria from the garbage can or the toilet floor and then transferring those bacteria to food utensils and food preparation areas as they forage around the house. We may face a serious problem when ants are allowed to _____ amok. In Singapore, many homeowners are concerned when an ant colony in the house gets _____ of control.

The most distinguishing _____ of ant behaviour is sociability. Ants do not act individually. Their actions are coordinated and they behave according to the needs of the colony in roles dictated by the occupational group, such as worker or soldier, into _____ they are born.

The nests of ants vary in structure and material. The number of ants living in one nest vary from a few _____ more than a million. The nests may be built _____ paper, twigs, sand, gravel, or other materials. Some ants dig chambers and passages in the ground.

Living with this pest is _____ and parcel of life as ants are very hard to eradicate. Perhaps we can tackle the problem by keeping our house clean.

Adapted from <https://www.orkin.com/pests/ants/do-ants-carry-disease>

For each of the questions from 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 The dancers will be dancing tonight at the concert. Their performances often leave us in awe.

_____ whose

67 Mother read the interesting novel in one day.

The interesting novel _____

68 Mohan asked Tom why he had written the note the previous day.

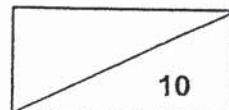
Mohan asked Tom, " _____
_____?"

69 The victim had to describe the robber to the police.

The victim had to give _____

70 Treating people badly cannot be justified.

There is no : _____



Read the passage on page 10 of Booklet A and answer questions 71 to 80.

71 Based on the first paragraph, what did Kelvin do to show that he wanted to give up? [1m]

72 Fill in the table by identifying the correct word(s) from the passage. [2m]

Question	Word(s) from the passage
a) Which word from paragraph one tells us that Kelvin did not take his normal route home?	
b) Which three-word phrase from paragraph 2 tells us that the couple was eager to leave the place?	

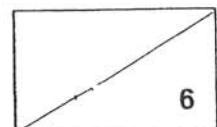
73 Circle **one** word that best describes how the shop owner urged the young couple to visit his café in lines 11-12. [1m]

concerned / irritating / firm / fierce

74 "Kelvin felt compelled to throw the owner a lifeline." (lines 15-16)

(a) What led Kelvin to feel this way? [1m]

(b) What did Kelvin do to show that he was feeling this way? [1m]



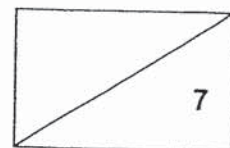
75 Based on the story, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

	True/ False	Reason
Kelvin thought that the café might close down.		
The members of the Young Business Society were reluctant to help Uncle Arjun.		
Kelvin was pleased with his painting when he first completed it.		

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. [2m]

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer(s) to
the mess (line 27)	
some finishing touches (line 36)	

77 Explain clearly how Kelvin showed that he was deserving of his nickname in lines 26 to 31. [2m]

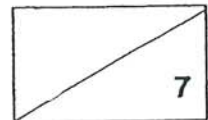


- 78 Based on lines 26 to 41, fill in the following table to show the differences between the poster and the mural. [4m]

	Poster	Mural
Who drew it	a)	b)
What Uncle Arjun thought of it	c)	d)

- 79 "I guess we could try out this café," the young lady told her husband and he nodded his head. (lines 44-45) How is this different from the way the young couple viewed the café previously? [1m]

- 80 What was Mrs Koh's idea of "a true leader" (line 47)? How did Kelvin show that he was "a true leader" in lines 19-22? [2m]



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Q11	2	Q12	3	Q13	2	Q14	2	Q15	2
Q16	3	Q17	4	Q18	3	Q19	4	Q20	3
Q21	4	Q22	4	Q23	4	Q24	3	Q25	4
Q26	1	Q27	1	Q28	1				

(BOOKLET B)

Q29	A	Q30	E	Q31	G	Q32	D	Q33	H
Q34	M	Q35	C	Q36	Q	Q37	K	Q38	P

Q39	electric	Q40	here	Q41	curriculum	Q42	caught	Q43	is
Q44	disappointed	Q45	surprisingly	Q46	for	Q47	embarrassed	Q48	challenging
Q49	with	Q50	melancholic						

Q51	everywhere	Q52	their	Q53	However	Q54	contaminate	Q55	spreading
Q56	look	Q57	think	Q58	up	Q59	run	Q60	out
Q61	feature	Q62	which	Q63	to	Q64	from	Q65	part

performances

Q66	The dancers whose performers often leave us in awe will be dancing tonight at the concert.
Q67	The interesting novel was read by Mother in one day.
Q68	Mohan asked Tom, "Why did you write the note yesterday?"
Q69	The victim had to give a description of the robber to the police.
Q70	There is no justification for treating people badly.

Q71	Kelvin wanted to step down from his role as the head of the Young Business Society as his teacher's word weighed on his mind.
Q72	a) detour b) promptly walked away
Q73	**irritating**
Q74	a) Being the owner pacing forlornly outside the café and that not a single customer was in sight. b) Kelvin called his group members and told them his intention to help the owner.
Q75	True Kelvin thought that the café's days were numbered.

	False The members of the Young Business Society readily agreed to help Uncle Arjun with Kelvin. False Kelvin felt that something was missing when he first completed it.
Q76	The coffee Yi Tin spilt on the canvas. Three tiny hearts on the mural.
Q77	The canvas could no longer be used by Kelvin as a result of the spilt coffee. So he solved the problem by painting the same words on the wall.
Q78	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Uncle Arjun and Prema b) Kelvin and Prema c) He felt that it was precious d) He found it beautiful
Q79	Previously, they were shocked by the interior, shook their heads and promptly left but now, they were willing to try out the café.
Q80	Mrs Koh's idea of "a true leader" is someone who showed initiative. Kelvin approached Uncle Arjun and extended his help.