



**Maha Bodhi School**  
**2017 Semestral Assessment 1**  
**English Language**  
**Paper 2**  
**(Booklet A)**

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ (       )

Class : Primary 5 \_\_\_\_\_

Date : 4 May 2017

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

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:**

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3. Answer all questions.
4. Shade your answers in the Optical Mark Sheet (OMS) provided.

This booklet consists of 8 printed pages.



**Section A: Grammar MCQ (10 x 1 mark)**

For each of the following, choose the correct answer and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3, or 4) on the OMS.

1. Nobody in class \_\_\_\_\_ playing soccer. They prefer playing basketball.  
(1) enjoy  
(2) enjoys  
(3) has enjoyed  
(4) have enjoyed
  
2. Weiping will accompany my sister and \_\_\_\_\_ to the library on Friday.  
(1) I  
(2) us  
(3) me  
(4) myself
  
3. Kenneth, \_\_\_\_\_ bag had been taken to the lost and found counter, was relieved. His homework was in it.  
(1) who  
(2) which  
(3) whom  
(4) whose
  
4. The postman delivered the parcel this morning, \_\_\_\_\_?  
(1) did he  
(2) was he  
(3) didn't he  
(4) wasn't he
  
5. Timothy is a hardworking boy who always \_\_\_\_\_ his homework without fail.  
(1) complete  
(2) completes  
(3) completed  
(4) has completed

6. "Helen \_\_\_\_\_ have taken her medicine. I am not too sure. I'll go and ask her now," I told my mother.
- (1) must
  - (2) could
  - (3) would
  - (4) ought to
7. The spectators gasped in horror when they saw the athlete \_\_\_\_\_ in front of the finish line.
- (1) fall
  - (2) fell
  - (3) falls
  - (4) fallen
8. We were told to stay \_\_\_\_\_ the classroom when it rained.
- (1) in
  - (2) at
  - (3) to
  - (4) by
9. My parents bought me a new set of uniform after I \_\_\_\_\_ mine.
- (1) outgrow
  - (2) had outgrown
  - (3) would outgrow
  - (4) have outgrown
10. \_\_\_\_\_ Zulkifi's phobia of heights, he went for rock climbing at the Primary 5 Camp.
- (1) Unless
  - (2) Despite
  - (3) However
  - (4) No matter

**Section B: Vocabulary MCQ (5 x 1 mark)**

For each of the following, choose the correct answer and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3, or 4) on the OMS.

\*11. There were some \_\_\_\_\_ moments in the second half of the basketball match. Our team was just one point behind our opponent team.

- (1) tense
- (2) exciting
- (3) terrifying
- (4) enduring

\*12. Realising that I was disheartened as I had lost in the game, my parents told me that \_\_\_\_\_ with competitors is inevitable. I should treat it as a motivation and train harder.

- (1) rivalry
- (2) friction
- (3) conflict
- (4) struggle

13. The teacher told us that we need to be \_\_\_\_\_ to our project once we have embarked on it.

- (1) faithful
- (2) attentive
- (3) committed
- (4) persevering

14. My younger brother \_\_\_\_\_ about the surprise birthday party we were planning.

- (1) spilled the beans
- (2) added fuel to the fire
- (3) beat around the bush
- (4) hit the nail on the head

\*15. The video \_\_\_\_\_ good memories of our trip to the museum.

- (1) brought up
- (2) brought back
- (3) brought upon
- (4) brought about

**Section C: Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)**

For each question from 16 to 20, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word(s) and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3, or 4) on the OMS.

When Ron gave his seven-year-old son, Nick, a basketball, Nick wanted to play at once. Ron said to him, "Son, basketball is a serious game. You have to train hard before you can play it."

The boy went outside and began throwing the ball at the hoop (16) over and over. After an hour, he said, "Dad, can we play now?"

Ron said, "Show me what you can do."

Nick tried to score but he missed. He tried again and failed. "I'll never (17) succeed. Dad, I've really worked hard," he said (18) in dismay.

Ron tried to hide his concern when he said, "Remember you've trained for the past hour. (19) Focus on the marking on the backboard." The boy threw the ball again and it bounced off the backboard and landed on the edge of the hoop. Both father and son watched (20) in anticipation as the ball started falling into the hoop. Nick gave a triumphant grin.

Ron came forward and gave Nick a pat on his back.

Adapted from "A Matter of Perspective" by Michael Josephson, [www.whatwillmatter.com](http://www.whatwillmatter.com)

16. (1) regularly  
(2) constantly  
(3) repeatedly  
(4) consistently
17. (1) pull over  
(2) pull it off  
(3) pull your leg  
(4) pull myself together
18. (1) feeling tired  
(2) feeling anxious  
(3) feeling shocked  
(4) feeling disappointed
19. (1) Target at  
(2) Concentrate on  
(3) Keep an eye on  
(4) Narrow down to
20. (1) with curiosity  
(2) with uncertainty  
(3) with expectation  
(4) with disappointment

**Section D: Visual Text Comprehension (8 x 1 mark)**

Study this flyer carefully. Choose the correct answer and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OMS.

**Minton Kids Run 2017**

Register @ [www.mintonkidsrun2017.com.sg](http://www.mintonkidsrun2017.com.sg) OR  
at Vivo City and Parkway Parade from 1 - 5 April

**Siloso Beach, Sentosa  
Sunday 18 June 2017**

The annual Minton Kids Run is back! This year's theme is **Leading a Healthy Lifestyle**. It is the only running event in Singapore that is organised specially for kids! Children who want to challenge themselves can take part in competitive individual races while those who prefer to run and have fun at the same time can team up with a parent and participate in non-competitive races. This run is truly one of the best family sporting events in Singapore!

**CATEGORIES AND FEES**

**FAST Categories – Kids Competitive Individual Race**

Category / Distance	Age (As at 1 April 2017)	Registration Fees	
		Early Bird	Normal
Fast and Furious Minton (1.6 km)	10 – 12 years old	\$35	\$45
Speedy Speedy Minton (800m)	7 – 9 years old		

**\*HAPPY FAMILY FUN Categories – Fun Run for Parent and Kid**

Category / Distance	Age (As at 1 April 2017)	Registration Fees	
		Early Bird	Normal
Berry Fun Minton (1.5 km)	8 – 12 years old	\$45	\$55
Happy Fun Minton (900 m)	5 – 7 years old		

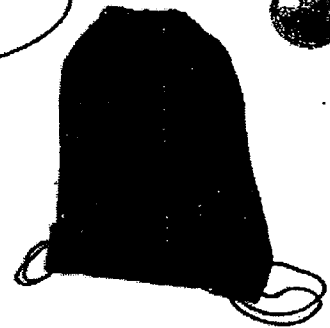
**\*Only 1 parent (aged 21 and above) is allowed to run with 1 kid.**

- ❖ Registration dates : 1 April – 15 May 2017  
Early bird: 1 April 2017 – 20 April 2017
- ❖ Registration closes on 16 May 2017.

Each child and adult participant will get

- an event T-shirt
- a Race Pack consisting of:
  - ✓ a race bib
  - ✓ a timing chip (for FAST categories only)
- a finisher medal for every participant who completes the race
- a goodie bag that is loaded with exciting goodies

Collection of Race Pack on  
10 & 11 June at  
Millennium Stadium



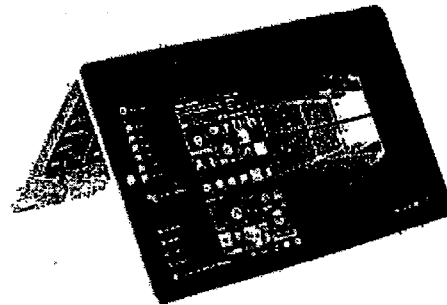
### PRIZES

(For top 3 winners of Fast and Furious Minton & Speedy Speedy Minton in FAST categories only)

1<sup>st</sup>: T Tab Pro worth \$800 &  
\$300 worth of Isetan vouchers

2<sup>nd</sup>: T Tab Air worth \$600 &  
\$200 worth of Isetan vouchers

3<sup>rd</sup>: T Tab Mini worth \$500 &  
\$100 worth of Isetan vouchers



### VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Be part of our family. Come and volunteer for the Kids Run on 18 June 2017 and experience running the event from behind the scenes.

If you are outgoing, love interacting with children and passionate about leading a healthy lifestyle, please sign up at any Minton sports outlets before 15 May 2017.

Training will start two weeks before the event.

Organised by:



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**ISETAN**

**ELECTRONICS  
PROJECTS**

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STADIUM



21. "The annual Minton Kids Run is back!" The purpose of this opening line is to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) make the readers excited about the event
- (2) give the readers a surprise about the event
- (3) tell the readers about having healthy lifestyle
- (4) inform the readers how often the event is held

22. Where will Minton Kids Run 2017 take place?

- (1) Sentosa
- (2) Vivo City
- (3) Parkway Parade
- (4) Millennium Stadium

23. The phrase "one of the best family sporting events" suggests that Minton Kids Run is \_\_\_\_\_ in Singapore for families.

- (1) a good sporting event
- (2) the only sporting event
- (3) among the best sporting events
- (4) better than other sporting events

24. Interested participants for the run must register before 21 April 2017 in order to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) secure places for the run
- (2) pay lower registration fee
- (3) obtain free exclusive event T-shirts
- (4) get finisher medals at the end of the run

25. Ruiyong, an eleven-year-old boy, wishes to win a prize in the Minton Kids Run 2017. He should participate in the \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) Berry Fun Minton
- (2) Happy Fun Minton
- (3) Speedy Speedy Minton
- (4) Fast and Furious Minton

26. Which of the following items will not be received by all child participants who complete the event?
- (1) a timing chip
  - (2) a goodie bag
  - (3) an event T-shirt
  - (4) a finisher medal
27. Which of the following is not a job requirement for someone who wants to volunteer for the run?
- (1) enjoys working with children
  - (2) having an outgoing personality
  - (3) passionate about leading a healthy lifestyle
  - (4) having experience in organising sporting events
28. Which one of the following statements is true?
- (1) Parents who take part in the run will get prizes.
  - (2) The prizes for the kids run are only sponsored by Isetan.
  - (3) Interested participants can either register in person or sign up online.
  - (4) Minton Kids Run is the only competitive kids run for both parent and child.

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*Please remember to check your work thoroughly.*



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Paper	Booklet	Marks Obtained	Max Marks
2	A		28
	B		67
<b>Total</b>			<b>95</b>

Parent's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

This booklet consists of 9 printed pages.



**Section E: Grammar Cloze (10 x 1 mark)**

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.

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

(A) after	(D) before	(G) from	(K) many	(N) on
(B) although	(E) by	(H) in	(L) much	(P) this
(C) are	(F) for	(J) is	(M) of	(Q) since

The charitable organisations have raised their concerns that many items donated by members of the public cannot be used at all.

One of the volunteers (29)\_\_\_\_\_ the organisation said that up to forty percent of the items end up being discarded regularly because they are unsuitable (30)\_\_\_\_\_ use.

A lot of time (31)\_\_\_\_\_ needed to collect and sift through the donated items. Volunteers and staff at the Food Bank Singapore spend (32)\_\_\_\_\_ hours sorting through an average of 240 tonnes of food donated by the public every year.

Bizarre examples (33)\_\_\_\_\_ donations collected include syrup that expired (34)\_\_\_\_\_ 1998. The charity also often found used coffee cups and half-eaten food in donation boxes. (35)\_\_\_\_\_ the signs displayed at collection centres list examples of acceptable items, members of the public continue to donate unsuitable items.

Some charities have made more effort to tackle (36)\_\_\_\_\_ problem of unwanted donations over the past year. One charity organisation introduced a new rule last year. Staff and volunteers are required to inform donors that they have to inspect the items (37)\_\_\_\_\_ accepting them. This rule has (38)\_\_\_\_\_ reduced the amount of unsuitable donations collected. Singaporeans need to be more responsible and understand the purpose of this donation drive which is to help the less fortunate.

Adapted from "We're Charities, Not Dumping Grounds", by Yuen Sin, 31 Jan 2017, *The Little Red Dot, The Strait Times*

**Section F: Editing (12 x 1 mark)**

Each of the underlined words contains a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes.

(39)

Songkran is a water festival which takes place in Thailand. It falls on the month of April and usually lasts three days. It is one of the most important events in Thailand as it is also the traditional Thai New Year. Water play a major role in the festival. The Thai people beleave that

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the water washes away bad luck from the previous year.

The Thai people prepare for the New Year by carrying out spring-cleaning of their homes,

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schools and offices. Family members will deafumertly return home to spend time with their loved

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ones no matter what busy they are.

Many families wake up early during Songkran and visit temples. They bring offerings such

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as food or listen to monks as they preach. Young people show their grairfitewd and respect to their

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elders in a sacred ritual. This ritual involves pouring of scented water on their hands and give them

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new clothes. The Thai people splash water on themselves, in the hope that this praktis will bring

plenty of rain in the New Year.

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(49)

Many tourists which visit Thailand during this festival have the oppertunitees to watch

traditional performances, taste local delicacies and take part in local sports activities. This festival

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offers a lot of eksaltment while welcoming the traditional Thai New Year. It is no wonder that Thais

and tourists alike look forward to this special festival.

**Section G: Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)**

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

"Did you know," Mrs Phelps said, "a public library allows you to borrow books and take them home?"

"I did not know that," Matilda said. "Can I really do that?"

"Of course," Mrs Phelps said. "When you have (51) \_\_\_\_\_ the book that you want, bring it to me so I can make a note of it and it's yours for two weeks. You can take (52) \_\_\_\_\_ than one if you wish."

Matilda looked at all the high wooden (53) \_\_\_\_\_ full of books and smiled. From then on, Matilda would (54) \_\_\_\_\_ the library once a week in order to get new books and (55) \_\_\_\_\_ the ones that she had read. She would rush home and lay out all the books she had (56) \_\_\_\_\_ from the library. Sitting on her bed, she would then try to (57) \_\_\_\_\_ if she should start with fiction or non-fiction books.

Before starting on her book, she would usually make herself a mug of hot chocolate. Even though she was not quite (58) \_\_\_\_\_ enough to reach for things around the kitchen, she would (59) \_\_\_\_\_ ask anyone to help her. She would take a stool to stand on and reach for all the items she needed. She would turn on the stove before putting the saucepan on it. While (60) \_\_\_\_\_ up the milk in the saucepan, she would slowly put the cocoa powder into the hot milk. Once she had (61) \_\_\_\_\_ the drink into her mug, she would go back to her room and read her book. With her book in one hand and the mug in the (62) \_\_\_\_\_, she would begin reading in the quiet afternoon.

The (63) \_\_\_\_\_ that she had read transported her into a new world out there and (64) \_\_\_\_\_ her to amazing new characters who lived exciting lives. She went (65) \_\_\_\_\_ on ships with Sinbad. She went to Africa with Ernest Hemingway and to India with Rudyard Kipling. She travelled all over the world while staying in her little room.

Adapted from *Matilda* by Roald Dahl

**Section H: Synthesis/Transformation (5 x 2 marks)**

For each of the following questions, 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 meaning as the given sentence(s).

66. Neil does not enjoy catching Pokemons. His brother does not enjoy catching Pokemons too.

Neither \_\_\_\_\_

67. The soldiers were not warned of the danger. They were attacked.

Without \_\_\_\_\_

68. Messi scored a spectacular goal in the soccer tournament. This made the spectators cheer wildly.

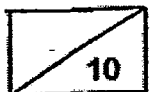
When \_\_\_\_\_

69. "Finish your food before you leave the table!" Mother ordered her children.

Mother told \_\_\_\_\_

70. This is the best fried chicken I have ever eaten.

I have never \_\_\_\_\_





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**Section I: Comprehension (Open-ended) (20 marks)**

Read this passage and answer questions 71 to 80 in complete sentences.

Remember to use the comprehension strategies that you have learnt to help you understand the text better.

Salva and the group of travellers had to cross the desert to get to the refugee camp. Salva had never seen anything like the desert. No plants could survive in such harsh conditions and without any trace of water. Uncle said it would take three days to cross the desert. Salva's shoes stood no chance against the hot stony desert ground. After only a few minutes, Salva could only continue his journey barefoot.

5

The first day in the desert felt like the longest day Salva had ever lived through. The sun was beating on him relentlessly. Each minute walking in the burning heat felt like an hour.

Thorns pierced his feet and he was left with blisters and cuts. His lips became cracked and parched. Uncle cautioned him to make the water in his water bottle last as long as possible. It was the hardest thing Salva had ever done, taking only tiny sips when his body cried out for huge gulps of thirst-quenching water.

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The worst moment of the day happened. Salva stubbed his bare toe on a rock and his whole toenail came off. The pain was terrible. Salva tried to bite his lip to stop himself from crying out. His tears began to flow down his cheeks. Salva quickly wiped away his tears with the back of his hand and tried to walk as normally as possible.

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Tears continued to well up in his eyes. He could not think. He could barely see. He had to slow down for the first time on the long journey. He began to lag behind the group who were moving farther and farther ahead. Fear gripped him when he saw the other travellers slowly vanishing into the horizon. What would happen to him if he was left alone in the desert? As if by magic, Uncle suddenly appeared by his side. "Salva!" he said, loud and clear. Salva lifted his head, sobs interrupted by surprise.

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"Do you see that clump of bushes?" Uncle said, pointing. "You need to only walk there. Can you do that?"

Those bushes did not look too far. When they reached the bushes, Uncle pointed out to a heap of rocks up ahead and told Salva to walk towards the rocks. After that, he instructed Salva to walk to another heap of rocks.

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Uncle continued in this way for the rest of the walk. At last, the sun began to set. Salva looked forward to the moment when the air began to get cooler. A blessing of darkness fell across the desert and it was time to rest. Salva lay on the cool sand. He feared his journey the next day and hoped for slightly less hot weather.

30

The next day was exactly like the one before. There was not a thing ahead to indicate that the group was making some progress across the desert. Salva felt like he had walked for hours but it seemed that he had stayed at exactly the same place.

Soon, one by one the men began to collapse. Salva counted nine men on the sand. One made a desperate attempt to lift his head but slumped back on the sand. As Salva watched, he realised that five of the men were completely motionless.

35

One of the women in the group knelt down and opened her canister of water. "What are you doing?" a man called out. "You cannot save them!"

The woman did not answer. She had tears in her eyes as she wetted a piece of cloth and began to wet the lips of one of the men on the sand.

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"If you give them your water, you will not have enough for yourself!" the same voice shouted. "It is useless. They will die, and you will die with them!"

Adapted from *A Long Walk to the Water* by Linda Sue Park

71. Where were Salva and the travellers going to? (2m)

\_\_\_\_\_

72. Which three-word phrase in paragraph 1 tells you that the shoes were not durable at all? (1m)

It is " \_\_\_\_\_ "

73. Based on the passage, fill in the cause and effect in the table below. (2m)

Cause	Effect
a) Thorns pierced Salva's feet.	_____ _____ _____
b) _____ _____ _____	Salva's lips were cracked and parched.

74. What two Salva's actions tell you that he did not want other travellers to know that he was in great pain? (2m)

Action 1 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Action 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

75. a) What does the word "it" in "It was the hardest thing Salva had ever done, taking only tiny sips when his body cried out for huge gulps of thirst-quenching water" refer to? (line 9-11) (1m)

b) What does the word "them" in "You cannot save them!" refer to? (line 38) (1m)

76. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the passage. (1m)

\_\_\_\_\_ Salva began to lag behind the group.

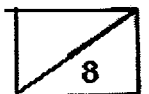
\_\_\_\_\_ Salva knocked his toe on a rock.

\_\_\_\_\_ Salva started to cry.

77 Give two reasons why Salva looked forward to the night-time. (2m)

78. Which word from line 31 to 40 has the same meaning as each of the words below? (3m)

a)	advance	
b)	hopeless	
c)	stationary	



79. Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. (3m)

Statement	True/False	Reason
a) Salva was certain that he could catch up with the other travellers when he saw them moving farther ahead.		<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
b) Salva only needed to walk to the clump of bushes. Uncle was pointing to.		<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
c) Salva did not know how far he had travelled across the desert.		<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>



80. What adjective would you use to describe the woman's character? Why is that so? [2m]

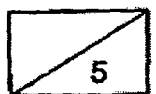
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# Answer sheet

Exam paper 2017

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**PRIMARY: P5**

**SUBJECT: ENGLISH**

**TERM: SA1**

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
2	3	4	3	2	2	1	1	2	2
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
1	1	3	1	2	3	2	4	2	3
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28		
1	1	3	2	4	1	4	3		

Q29 G  
Q30 F  
Q31 J  
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Q45 gratitude  
Q46 giving  
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Q50 excitement

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Q52 more  
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Q54 visit  
Q55 return  
Q56 borrowed  
Q57 decide  
Q58 tall  
Q59 not  
Q60 heating  
Q61 poured  
Q62 other  
Q63 books  
Q64 introduced  
Q65 travelling

Q66 Neither Neil nor his brother enjoys catching Pokemons.

Q67 Without any warning of the danger, the soldiers were attacked.

Q68 When Nessi scored a spectacular goal in the soccer tournament, the spectators cheered wildly.

Q69 Mother told her children to finish their food before they left the table.

Q70 I have never eaten fried chicken better than this.

Q71 They were going to the refugee camp.

Q72 stood no chance

Q73a Salva was left with blisters and cuts.

Q73b The sun was beating on him relentlessly and he could only take tiny sips of water.



- Q74**      **Action 1** Salva tried to bite his lips to stop himself from crying out.
- Action 2** Salva tried to walk as normally as possible.
- Q75a**      It refers to making his water last.
- Q75b**      It refers to the nine collapsed men on the sand.
- Q76**      3,1,2
- Q77**      He was tired and the air and the sand was cooler at night-time.
- Q78a**      progress
- Q78b**      desperate
- Q78c**      motionless
- Q79a**      False. Fear gripped him when he saw the other travellers moving farther ahead.
- Q79b**      False. When he walked to the clump of bushes, uncle told him to walk towards a heap of rocks and he continued doing this for the rest of the walk.
- Q79c**      True. There was no indication that he was making some progress.
- Q80**      I would use the adjective "selfless". The woman showed kindness by offering her canister of water to the man who collapsed, hence showing that she is selfless.

