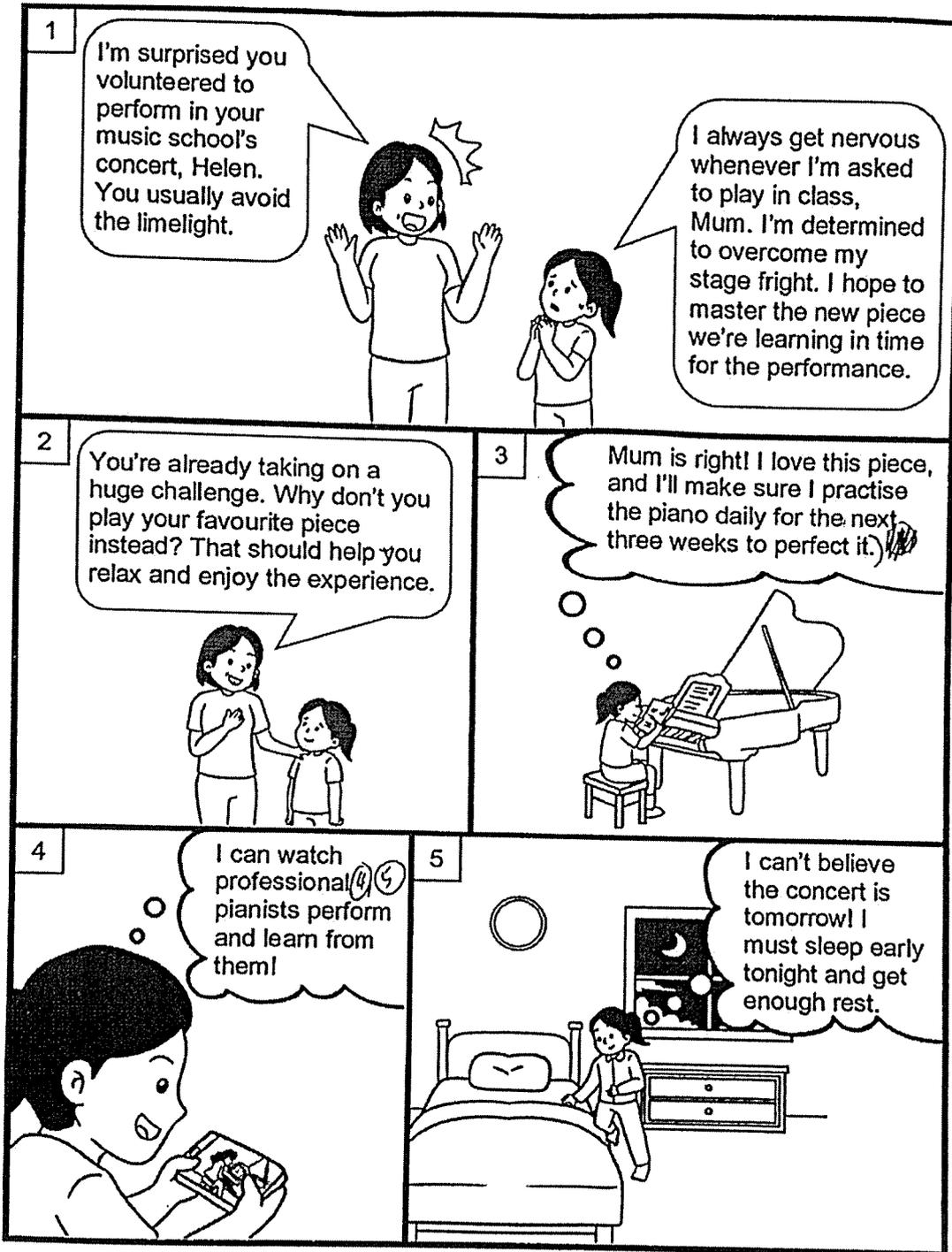


Part 1: Situational Writing (14 marks)



Overcoming Stage Fright: My Journey to the Concert Stage

Situational Writing Model Composition

As I sit down to write this article for our music school's newsletter, I am filled with a mix of emotions - excitement, nervousness, and a sense of accomplishment. Just a few weeks ago, my mum was surprised to hear that I had volunteered to perform in our school's concert, knowing how much I usually shy away from the limelight. But I was determined to overcome my stage fright and take on this challenge.

I wanted to perform in the concert because I wanted to push myself out of my comfort zone and gain more confidence in my playing. I have been learning music for a while now, and I felt that it was time for me to share my passion with others. When it came to deciding on which piece to play, my mum suggested that I play my favourite piece instead of the new one we were learning in class. I thought this was a great idea, as it would help me relax and enjoy the experience more. I chose to play Chopin's Nocturne in E-flat major, a piece that I have always loved and found soothing to play.

To make sure I practised the piano daily, I created a schedule for myself and stuck to it. I would wake up early every morning and practise for at least 30 minutes before getting ready for school. I also made sure to practise at the same time every day, so it became a habit. This helped me to stay focused and make steady progress.

In addition to practising the piano, I prepared for my performance in other ways. Firstly, I watched videos of professional pianists performing on YouTube, and I learned a lot from them. I observed how they moved their fingers, how they expressed the music, and how they interacted with the audience. Secondly, I visualised myself performing on stage, imagining the crowd, the lights, and the music. I would close my eyes and picture myself playing confidently and flawlessly, which helped to calm my nerves and build my confidence.

It took me three weeks to prepare for my performance, and it was a challenging but rewarding experience. I had to balance my practice with my schoolwork and other activities, but it was all worth it in the end. As I look back, I am proud of myself for taking on this challenge and overcoming my stage fright. I hope that my experience will inspire others to do the same and share their talents with the world.

In your writing, include the following key information:

Your Task

Imagine you are Helen.

Write an article for your music school's newsletter to share your experience preparing for a concert performance.

You are to refer to the pictures and information on page 1 for your article. The bullet point underlined below requires you to come up with your own information.

- why you wanted to perform in the concert
- how you decided on which piece to play
- how you made sure you practised the piano daily
- other than practising the piano, give two ways how you prepared for your performance
- how long it took you to prepare for your performance

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

Write a composition of at least 150 words about **A Decision that Changed Everything.**

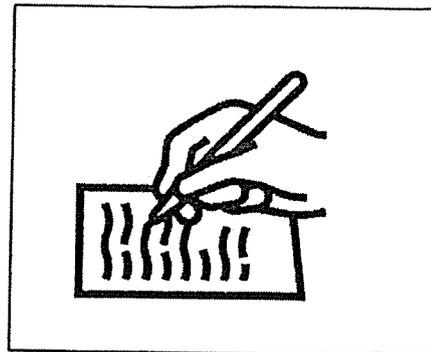
The pictures are provided to help you think about this topic.

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

Consider the following points when you plan your composition:

- What was the decision?
- What was the change?

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



A Decision that Changed Everything - Continuous Writing - Model Composition

As I sat in the park, watching a dog roam freely, I couldn't help but think about the decision that had changed everything for me and my friends. It was a typical day when we stumbled upon a lost dog in the park, and one of my friends, Sarah, decided to take it in and care for it. The decision seemed simple at the time, but it would go on to have a profound impact on our lives.

The dog, which we named Max, brought us immense joy and companionship. However, it also led to a difficult situation when Sarah's parents told her that they couldn't keep the dog due to their busy schedules. Sarah was devastated, and I remember the day she called me, crying uncontrollably. I tried to comfort her, but I knew that the decision to give up the dog would be one of the toughest she would ever have to make.

In the end, Sarah decided to write a heartfelt note to her parents, explaining how much Max meant to her and how she was willing to take on extra responsibilities to care for him. The note, much like the one in the picture of someone writing, poured out her feelings and showed her parents the depth of her love for the dog. To our surprise, her parents had a change of heart, and we were allowed to keep Max.

The decision to take in the dog and then to fight to keep him changed everything for us. It taught us the value of perseverance, compassion, and friendship. We learned that even the toughest decisions can lead to positive outcomes, and that sometimes, all it takes is a little courage and determination to make a difference. Max became an integral part of our lives, and we will always be grateful for the decision that brought him into our world.