



**RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (1)
2012**

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English Language

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BOOKLET A

Instructions to Pupils

1. Write your Name, Class and Index No. in the space provided above.
2. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Answer all questions.
5. Shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided for questions 1 to 30 only.

Section A : Comprehension (Graphic Stimulus) (5 x1 mark)

Study the advertisement below carefully and then answer questions 1 to 5.



**Visit Universal Studios in
Singapore now and explore six
zones!** child: \$62 Adult: \$75

Mid-year promotion: Family
package of 4 for \$250!

Madagascar

Go on an unforgettable, relaxing river boat ride with our four heroes, Alex, Marty, Melman and Gloria, then watch the cast perform 'live' at the outdoor auditorium!

Show times 11am 12:30pm 2pm 3:30pm 4:30pm and 6:30pm

Ancient Egypt

Enjoy the Revenge of the Mummy ride* and plunge into total darkness as you come face to face with warrior mummies and scarab beetles during this indoor roller coaster ride.

Drive your own desert jeep through an abandoned Egyptian excavation site.

Daily Meet the Characters session 11am- 7pm

Sci-Fi

Get ready to experience the hyper-realistic 3D Transformers thrill ride, right in the middle of the incredible world of Transformers. Join Optimus Prime and the Autobots as you become a freedom fighter in the ultimate 3D battle against the forces of evil.

Then ride on the world's tallest dueling coasters, Battlestar Galactica, for an adventure. exhilarating adventure.

Hollywood

Step onto Hollywood Boulevard framed by dynamic architecture, palm trees and the famous Walk of Fame and feel as if you have landed in the centre of the entertainment universe.

Watch the acclaimed 'Boys from the Beach'

Movie times: 10:45am, 1:45pm, 12:15pm 1:45pm, 3:15pm, 4:45pm and 6:15pm.

Meet the Universal cast of characters from the glamorous Marilyn Monroe to the wacky Woody Woodpecker and more, along the legendary Hollywood Boulevard.

Daily Meet the characters session; 10:am- 7pm

Far Far Away

See, hear and feel the action right from your seat as you join Princess Fiona and Shrek in a 3D fairyland adventure.

Sing along with Shrek's sidekick Donkey as he hosts this interactive 'live' show.

Then ride on the world's tallest dueling coasters, Battlestar Galactica, for an exhilarating adventure.

Lost World

Enjoy a prehistoric bird's-eye view as you soar over Jurassic Park on the Canopy Flyer.

Then scale the walls of The Lost World to explore precious stones and fossilised insects. Finally, witness death-defying stunts, awesome explosions and thrills at this sensational 'live' water show.

Show Times: 12.30pm, 3pm and 5.30pm

*Guests must be least 122cm and above in height to ride

Adapted from Universal Studios official website

1. All the zones mentioned below will have shows that allow visitors to come up close and personal to Hollywood characters except for _____.
- (1) Hollywood
 - (2) Lost World
 - (3) Far Far Away
 - (4) Ancient Egypt
2. There is/are _____ activity/activities that visitors can enjoy at the Ancient Egypt zone.
- (1) five
 - (2) two
 - (3) three
 - (4) four
3. When is the earliest time a visitor can catch another live show from the beginning to end if he has missed the 11am show?
- (1) 11.15am
 - (2) 11.30am
 - (3) noon
 - (4) 12.30pm
4. According to the advertisement, which one of the following statements is false?
- (1) There is one 3D ride offered in Far Far Away.
 - (2) All visitors at Universal Studios can try the rides
 - (3) Battlestar Galactica is the world's tallest dueling roller coasters.
 - (4) A family package of 2 adults and 2 children will cost \$250 during the June holidays.
5. The _____ zone allows visitors to have a hands on learning experience.
- (1) Sci-Fi
 - (2) Hollywood
 - (3) Lost World
 - (4) Madagascar

Section B : Grammar (7 X 1 mark)

For each question from 6 to 12, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

6. All the pupils except Stacey _____ part in the coming sports carnival.
- (1) is taking
 - (2) are taking
 - (3) has taken
 - (4) have taken
7. After reading about the plight of the flood victims in Thailand, Mary and _____ decided to participate in the relief efforts.
- (1) I
 - (2) me
 - (3) mine
 - (4) myself
8. We heard Jane _____ loudly when the cat jumped out from the bushes.
- (1) scream
 - (2) screams
 - (3) screamed
 - (4) had screamed
9. Neither Tim nor his friends _____ in the position to tell you what you had to do yesterday.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
10. Mr Tan could tell that Jane was not lying _____ the fear in her voice.
- (1) by
 - (2) for
 - (3) with
 - (4) from

11. Wendy _____ the floor when the doorbell rang. She stopped her work and answered the door immediately.

- (1) is mopping
- (2) has mopped
- (3) had mopped
- (4) was mopping

12. Do you think that Mandy should _____ from the chess competition?

- (1) withdraw
- (2) withdrew
- (3) withdraws
- (4) withdrawing

Section C : Punctuation (3 X 1 mark)

For each question from 13 to 15, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

The girls would open a closet door in the attic and exclaim (13) "This is the best place to play!"

A young man, angered by the noise the girls made, would emerge from the closet and gruffly say, "Get out of here (14) The soldier wore a military uniform with big black boots.

The girls' mother never saw the soldier, nor did she believe them (15) but she did notice strange things in the house.

13. (1) [!] exclamation mark
(2) ["] inverted commas
(3) [. "] full stop and inverted commas
(4) [, "] comma and inverted commas

14. (1) [,] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [, "] comma and inverted commas
(4) [. "] full stop and inverted commas

15. (1) [:] colon
(2) [,] comma
(3) [.] full stop
(4) [?] question mark

Section D: Vocabulary (5x1mark)

For each question from 6 to 12, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1,2,3 or 4). Shade the correct number in the Optical Answer Sheet.

16. For the benefit of those who had missed the earlier presentation, the speaker touched on the _____ points in the later session.

- (1) salient
- (2) repetitive
- (3) redundant
- (4) superfluous

17. He was a man of _____ and was one of the youngest ministers who had served in various important posts in the government:

- (1) valour
- (2) calibre
- (3) honour
- (4) opportunity

18. He decided to rest at home and not to attend his friend's wedding dinner as he was _____.

- (1) steamed up
- (2) over the moon
- (3) on tenterhooks
- (4) under the weather

19. She was so _____ over the teacher's comments that she could not sleep for a few days.

- (1) holed up
- (2) pulled up
- (3) spliffed up
- (4) worked up

20. Shawn was _____ by his mother for having broken her favourite vase.

- (1) hailed
- (2) ridiculed
- (3) lambasted
- (4) commended

Section E : Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

For each question from 21 to 25, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

Time was running out. Suja looked at the clock and felt like a cat on hot bricks. The

(21)

final exam was starting in two minutes' time and she still had not assimilated what she had

(22)

tried to cram into her brain for the past hour. She totally regretted painting the town red the

(23)

previous day but it was a little too late for remorse at this point in time. Flipping the page

(24)

over, she almost gagged when she saw the first question.

(25)

21. (1) scared
(2) nervous
(3) annoyed
(4) aggressive
22. (1) injected
(2) digested
(3) accepted
(4) discovered
23. (1) going out to enjoy herself
(2) going out to drown her sorrows
(3) going out to town to buy something
(4) going out to help someone paint the house red
24. (1) pity
(2) guilt
(3) anxiety
(4) resentment
25. (1) fainted
(2) giggled
(3) choked
(4) groaned

Section F: Comprehension MCQ (5 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

One April afternoon a few days after my twenty-first birthday, my parents announced that they were ready to give me - their live-at-home, frazzled, college-student daughter - a belated birthday present. 1

Wheelchair-bound since birth, I propelled myself from my bedroom into the living room where my parents anxiously waited. 5

"Bring it on! Good things come to those who wait," I joked, as I closed my eyes and extended my hands, waiting to feel the weight of a beautifully wrapped gift.

"Why are you holding out your hands?" my father laughed. "Your gift isn't coming in a box this year."

"Huh?" I opened my eyes to study the glee stamped on both of their usually calm faces. "I know! It must be that handicapped-accessible van I've been praying for!" 10

"No, it's not a van, but it's almost as good," my mother chuckled. "Today, right now, in fact," my father broke in, "we're going to a place where you'll be able to select the puppy of your choice."

"But," I stammered, but there was no time for protest as he scooped me out of my chair and into our car. My parents chatted to each other while I sat in the back, desperately trying to quell overwhelming waves of sadness. 15

Sadness because not so long ago, this trip would have seemed incomprehensible - a betrayal. After all, it had been only three years since Buck lay on my cold bathroom floor motionless. Sobbing, I vowed to him and to myself that I would never get another dog. But now here I was, about to break that promise. Soon, we reached our destination. 20

A chorus of barks and howls heralded our arrival, as a friendly employee offered to show us the available puppies. Soon, I heard my father call out, "Over here."

Intrigued, my heart began to race as I pushed toward the pen where my parents stood. Struggling to get a better look, I hoisted myself up, my legs tightening with the effort. There, nestled in the pen, were two angelic shih tzus. The male, a fluffy caramel and white pup, was gregarious and charged right at me. His smaller sister, a beautiful midnight-black-and-white puppy, was more demure, waiting for me to lean in a bit, before licking my nose. "Aww, she looks like Buck," I said silently, my heart beginning to soften. Then suddenly, before I knew what was happening, my resolve toppled. I was hooked. 25

I was leaning toward the male; he was obviously the alpha and far more playful. Yet, the girl was so tiny, her ebony eyes captivating and sweet. I was hopelessly undecided.

The employee, observing my deadlock, lowered his voice to a whisper and said, "Look, if I were you, I'd take the boy because the female's disabled. Her legs are deformed; she stands like a ballerina in first position." 35

Stunned at his insensitivity, my eyes widened and I looked at my legs.

Noticing my expression, the employee continued, "I don't mean to upset you, but she'll need constant care. And the last thing you probably need is another pile of doctor bills." 40

"Okay . . . I'll take him," I said sadly.

As we were saying our good-byes to the little female, she struggled back up. Her eyes bursting with determination, she pushed her brother out of the way and then carefully placed one foot in front of the other as she began her slow, steady ascent across my lap and up my shirt. She wobbled and stumbled but didn't stop until she rested against my heart. 45

Laughing and crying at the same time, I whispered, "I hear you, Ballerina Dog. You're coming home with me." Contented, she closed her eyes, knowing her mission was complete. We would manage whatever care she needed; it would all work out.

"Excuse me, sir," I announced loudly, "there's been a change of plans. I'm taking Ballerina Dog." 50

Ballerina Dog
By Jackie Tortoriello

For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

26. Based on the passage, the writer was most likely _____.

- (1) deaf
- (2) mute
- (3) blind
- (4) crippled

27. Why was the writer experiencing "overwhelming waves of sadness" (line 17) as she was on her way to select her birthday gift?

- (1) She was unwilling to get another dog.
- (2) She felt that she had betrayed the memory of Buck.
- (3) She was hoping to receive a beautifully wrapped gift.
- (4) She did not get the handicapped-accessible van she wished for.

28. In line 22, the word "heralded" has the same meaning as _____.

- (1) hid
- (2) helmed
- (3) acquired
- (4) announced

29. How old was the writer when her dog passed away?

- (1) She was 21 years old.
- (2) She was 20 years old.
- (3) She was 19 years old.
- (4) She was 18 years old.

30. The writer felt that the shop employee was insensitive because _____.

- (1) she was afraid the employee's comments might hurt the dog's feelings.
- (2) he should not have interrupted her thoughts as she was making her decision
- (3) he failed to see that the writer was in fact suffering from the same condition as the dog.
- (4) she felt the employee was inferring that she could not afford to pay the dog's medical bill

BOOKLET B

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Section G : Structural Cloze (10 X 1 mark)

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40, 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) as	(D) against	(G) on	(K) though	(N) where
(B) also	(E) despite	(H) of	(L) through	(P) when
(C) around	(F) for	(J) over	(M) with	(Q) which

Rabbits are generally hardwired to live in groups among their own kind. However, hopping (31)_____ the coop and roosting on a beam with the rest of the hens were rather unusual (32)_____ an eight-month-old male rabbit. The confused bunny, Otto, came (33)_____ a free gift to Ken Martin's home (34)_____ he bought nine Silkie hens and a rooster from a farm.

Ken and his family live on a small island in Velkua some 210 km northwest (35)_____ Helsinki, Finland.

"When I went to the hen house, I noticed Otto sitting (36)_____ the eggs. Later, I watched (37)_____ the window how he jumped on the beam, failed, tried again and with a lot of practice, he eventually stayed up there," Ken told Reuters.

Otto does not like to sit on laps or eat carrots like most pet rabbits. The rabbit, which has lived with chickens all his life, prefers chicken feed and runs (38)_____ the chickens outdoors. He plays with them by jumping over them.

"(39)_____ he is a rabbit, for the chickens he is one of them. He often sits on the beam between the hens and under their wings," Ken said. According to Ken, Otto's rabbit instincts still take (40)_____ when a visitor steps into the hen house. He runs away and hides, but can be lured out with raisin buns.

Section H: Editing for Spelling and Grammar (10x1mark)

Correct each word in bold for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box.

Bullying is a big problem affecting millions of students all over the world. It happens

41)

when a person is picked up over and over again by an individual or group with more power.

42)

Two of the main reasons people are bullied are because of **apeerance** and social status.

43)

Some bullies attack their targets **pysicaly**, which can mean anything from shoving or tripping

44)

45)

into punching or hitting. Others use verbal insults to put himself in charge. For example,

people in popular groups or cliques often bully people they categorise as different by

46)

47)

excluding them or gossip about them. They may also taunt or **teese** their targets. Verbal

48)

bullying can also involve sending cruel instant or email messages or even posting **innsuhlts**

about a person on a website - practices that are known as cyberbullying. Girls and boys

49)

50)

whom are being bullied may find their school work and health **sufferring**. Instead of keeping

quiet, they should tell an adult about it.

Section I: Comprehension Cloze Passage (15x1mark)

Fill in each blank with the most suitable word.

Fast food is the term given to food that can be prepared and served very quickly. The food is typically sold with pre-heated or pre-cooked _____ and served to the customer in a packaged form for takeaway. Most fast food restaurants have a drive-through to allow customers to _____ and pick up food from their vehicles, but most also have a seating area in which customers can eat the food on the _____

Perhaps one of the world's most famous fast food _____ is McDonald's Corporation Pte. Ltd., serving about 64 million customers daily in 119 countries. To

_____ to the different tastes in various countries, McDonald's has customised its foods accordingly. For example, its lunch _____ carries the Mc-Spicy chicken sandwich for the Asian taste buds. In line with the rising _____ of the coffee culture around the world, McDonald's has also set up the McCafé, where gourmet coffees _____ mocha and espresso and other beverages are sold

separately. This concept has become a _____ with adults and even teenagers.

Those with a sweet tooth also like to patronise the café for its delicious _____ like cakes and muffins. The success of McDonald's has motivated many other fast food restaurants to jump _____ the bandwagon, but not all manage to achieve similar

outstanding results.

To make sure that its food and service standards do not _____ Mc-
(62)

Donald's even has its own Hamburger University, _____ senior staff are trained
(63)

to emphasize consistent operation procedures, service, quality and cleanliness.

Fast food continues to be popular as it tastes good and does not _____
(64)

a lot of money. And with the sprouting _____ of old and new entrants like
(65)

Wendy's and Carl's Junior in recent years in Singapore, it looks like fast food is here to stay.

Section J: Transformation / Synthesis (5 x 2 marks)

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).

66. "Don't forget to come for the meeting tomorrow," Mr Lee reminded me.

Mr Lee reminded me _____

67. He promised to buy me a gift. He kept his word.

True to _____

68. The children at the back of the classroom could not hear the teacher. The teacher used a microphone.

_____ so

69. He was unhappy with the plan, but he still proceeded with it.

Despite his _____

70. You may suffer from cramps if you do not do enough warm-up exercises before swimming.

Unless _____

Section K: Comprehension Open-Ended (10 x 2 marks)

Read the passage and answer the questions 71 to 80.

<p>At once, I knew it was Sebastian. I darted behind a passer-by so that I could get in for a closer look at his face. Every morsel of him was still there, fresh on my memory.</p>	1
<p>I left Sebastian fifteen years ago. I had no choice. We never could make ends meet. When Li Shian offered me a way out, I took it as I craved to escape the torturous life in Kampang Amman. I came to Singapore and started anew, eventually marrying Li Shian. However, Sebastian was always on my mind. Did we not use to roam the little paths and teach each other so much about life? Did we not picnic on simple bread and butter while the little stream ran its course into the unknown? How could you forget someone for whom you would have sacrificed your life?</p>	5
<p>Li Shian must have known about Sebastian but he did not question. Neither did he ask why I had to make this trip to Penang. He understood that I had to complete this chapter of my life.</p>	10
<p>"Ladies and gentlemen," the organiser raised his voice. "We are very glad to have Mr Sebastian Yap signing his second book, 'Streaming On'. If you will form a line here, please, Mr Yap will be signing your copy." I joined the queue with the book pressed on my chest. I peered round to admire Sebastian putting words on paper.</p>	15
<p>It was my turn. Sebastian's fleeting smile was followed by a pregnant pause. "Is he searching the vestige of his memory for the one who had given him up?" I thought apprehensively and prayed he would not toss my book to the ground.</p>	20
<p>"You have read this book many times," he said, fingering the dog-ears. "Four," I replied mechanically. As he scribbled on the title page, my eyes fell on his left palm, awkwardly close to the writing hand. It was smudged with ink from the fountain pen. How many times had I smacked that very same hand whilst teaching him to write properly? Yet, it was the same one I kissed again on those very same evenings while he was asleep. Finally, he handed the book to me with both hands. I dashed through the door before he could get up and notice my tear-filled eyes. Not that he would be getting up, to him, I was just another autograph hunter.</p>	25
<p>On the train back to Singapore, I mustered enough energy to open the book: He had written this message: 'Those many picnics by the stream, all motivation for my dreams. I love you Mum. Forever your son, Sebastian.' A drop of tear fell, smudging 'Those'.</p>	30
<i>Adapted from "Memories" by Hong Wee</i>	

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ANSWER IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. Why did the writer leave her hometown and come to Singapore?

72. "At once, I knew it was Sebastian". (line 1) Explain clearly in your own words why the writer was able to recognise her son.

73. What does the "It" in line 22 refer to?

74. Where did the writer travel to in order to see Sebastian?

75. In line 19, the writer states that she "prayed he would not toss my book to the ground". Explain why the writer was worried.

76. What made Sebastian conclude that the writer had read "Streaming On" many times?

77. Which two-word phrase suggests that Sebastian was thinking about many things?

78. In the second-last paragraph, how do you know that the writer had cared about Sebastian when he was a child?

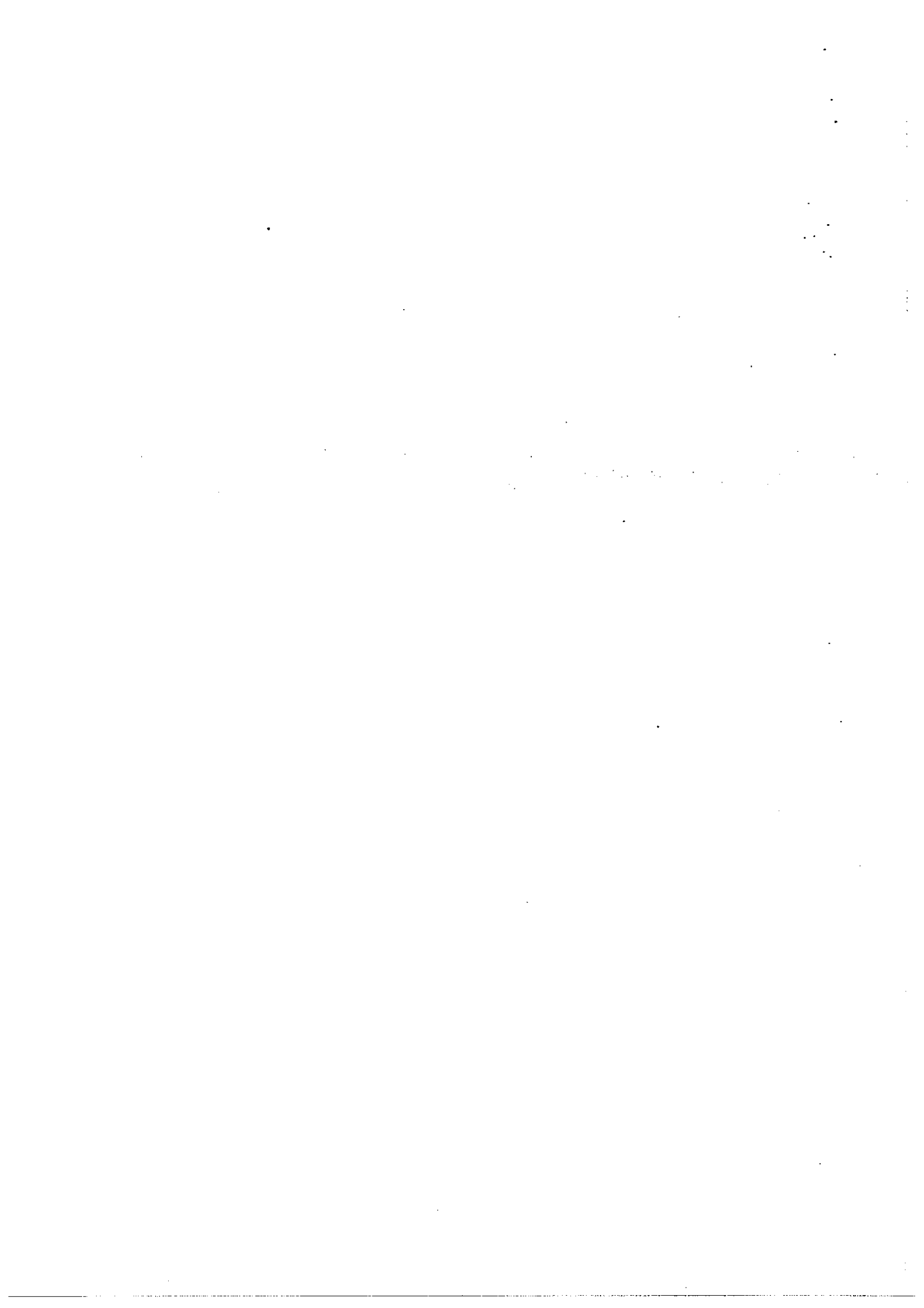
79. Which sentence shows that the writer felt proud of her son?

80. Give a word of your own to describe how the author felt just before she "mustered enough energy to open the book" (line 28)

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ANSWER SHEET

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Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
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Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
H	G	L	M	K	J

- 41)on 42)appearance 43)physically 44)to 45)themselves
 46)gossiping 47)tease 48)insults 49)who 50)suffering
 51)ingredients 52)order 53)premises 54)restaurants
 55)cater/see 56)menu/set 57)popularity 58)like
 59)success/hit 60)desserts 61)on 62)drop
 63)where 64)cost 65)up
 66)Mr Li reminded me not to forget to go for the meeting the next day.
 67)True to his word, promise he bought me a gift.
 68)The children at the back of the classroom could not hear the teacher so she used a microphone.
 69)Despite his unhappiness with the plan, he still proceeded with it.
 70)Unless you do enough warm up exercises before swimming, you may suffer from cramps.
 71)It was to escape the hard life in her hometown and start life anew.
 72)His face features had not changed over the years.
 73)It refers to Sebastian's left palm.
 74)She travelled to Penang.
 75)She was afraid that Sebastian might be angry when he remembered that she had abandoned him.
 76)Sebastian saw the dog ears in the book and concluded.
 77)The two-word phrase is "pregnant pause".
 78)She smacked (young)Sebastian's hand to make him write properly but kissed the hand she smacked while he was asleep.
 79)The sentence is "I peered round to admire Sebastian putting words on paper".
 80)The writer felt nervous, wanting to find out what her son wrote in the book.

