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**HENRY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
2024 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY SIX
PAPER 2 BOOKLET A**

NAME : _____

CLASS : P6 _____

REGISTER NO: _____

28 QUESTIONS

28 MARKS

TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 HOUR 50 MINUTES

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

Shade your answers to Questions 1 – 28 on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

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Booklet A : _____ / 28

Booklet B : _____ / 67

TOTAL : _____ / 95

Section	Marks	
Grammar		10
Vocabulary		5
Vocabulary Cloze		5
Visual Text Comprehension		8
Total		28

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). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (10 marks)

1. All the laundry _____ picked up by the delivery man this morning.
(1) Is
(2) are
(3) was
(4) were

2. "Ahmad's cleaned up his room, _____?" asked Mdm Rohana.
(1) isn't he
(2) didn't he
(3) hasn't he
(4) doesn't he

3. _____ the students need any help with the project, they can approach their teachers.
(1) Will
(2) Shall
(3) Would
(4) Should

4. The man _____ was in the news for helping the elderly is my neighbour.
(1) who
(2) which
(3) whom
(4) whose

5. Given that Julie knew of the situation at the last minute, there was _____ that she could do.
(1) few
(2) little
(3) many
(4) much

6. _____ being exhausted from the long hours of training, the dancers persevered through the final rehearsal and gave their best.
- (1) Until
(2) Despite
(3) Owing to
(4) As a result of
7. George confided _____ Sally, his best friend, about his problems at work.
- (1) in
(2) of
(3) with
(4) through
8. "I _____ the best time of my life right now!" squealed little Timmy in excitement as he rode around in his new mini scooter.
- (1) am having
(2) was having
(3) will be having
(4) have been having
9. Mrs Chen saw the colourful bird _____ swiftly over the sunlit rooftop.
- (1) fly
(2) flies
(3) flew
(4) flown
10. Wei Ming, _____ counselled by the teacher, decided to change for the better.
- (1) is
(2) was
(3) had been
(4) having been

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). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

11. The weather service has issued a severe thunderstorm warning and cautioned that visibility on the roads is going to be _____.
(1) blur
(2) poor
(3) hazy
(4) vague
12. Siti and Mary were best friends but they _____ last week because of a huge misunderstanding.
(1) fell in
(2) fell out
(3) fell over
(4) fell apart
13. Geraldine is well-known to be someone who is _____ on her feet to come up with solutions within a short time.
(1) swift
(2) hasty
(3) quick
(4) instant
14. The smell from the rubbish bin was so _____ that Alan vomited after he walked past it.
(1) acute
(2) severe
(3) intensive
(4) overwhelming
15. The pirates entered Singapore illegally and will be _____ to their home country next week.
(1) deported
(2) exported
(3) released
(4) dismissed

For each question from 16 to 20, 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. (5 marks)

According to the World Economic Forum, only 14% of plastic packaging is collected for recycling. Plastics often become soiled with food waste. As a result, the majority of plastics end up either incinerated or disposed of in landfills.

Many companies are turning to innovative solutions such as reusable packaging. A famous coffee chain is actively working to reduce its reliance on disposable cups. The company has announced plans to phase out single-use cups by 2025 and introduce a 'Borrow-a-Cup' programme.

This shift towards reusable packaging represents an important step in reducing waste. All of us can help to alleviate the climate crisis.

Adapted from: <https://www.timeforkids.com/g56/refill-please-resusable-packaging>

16. (1) dented
(2) stained
(3) tarnished
(4) contaminated

17. (1) discarded
(2) dissected
(3) distributed
(4) dismantled

18. (1) creative
(2) practical
(3) corrective
(4) differentiated

19. (1) trust
(2) certainty
(3) assurance
(4) dependence
20. (1) present suddenly
(2) remove suddenly
(3) introduce gradually
(4) eliminate gradually

Study this poster and then answer questions 21 to 28.

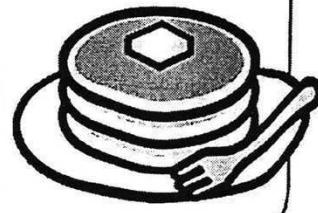
Cooking Guru Festival 2024

20 & 21 September 2024, Singapore Exhibition Centre, Hall 9B

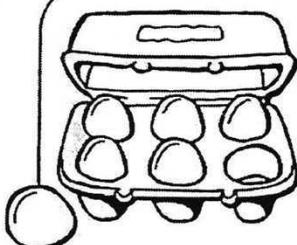
The annual Cooking Guru Festival is back! This year, Cooking Guru Company has planned two delightful days of fun and food leading up to the much-anticipated Cooking Guru Competition. Get ready for a feast for your eyes, ears and stomachs with the spread of activities planned for you!

Prepare Pan-tastic Pancakes

Get creative with celebrity chef Rosemary Lyn's pancake recipe by adding chocolate chips, fruits or even bacon and cheese! All you need are eggs, milk, flour and baking powder to make the perfect fluffy pancakes. This is the chance to learn the perfect pancake flip under her guidance.



Make Eggs-traordinary Eggs



Sign up for this workshop to learn different healthy ways of cooking eggs! Make perfect poached eggs with Chef Taylor Fennel, who is also known for his world-famous creamy scrambled eggs. Who knows? He might even share his scrambled egg secrets with you!

Kitchen Tales, Tips & Tricks Talk

Join Singaporean chef John Chiang as he shares his experiences working as a head chef in award-winning restaurants. Pick up useful tips and tricks to prepare healthy restaurant-worthy meals.



- There are many other activities and workshops available on both days! For more information, visit www.cookingguru.com.
- Registration for workshops opens on 12 September 2024.
- Sign up for your preferred workshop at www.cookingguru.com/register.

Limited slots are available, so hurry and sign up now!



Cooking Guru Competition 2024

Gear up for an exhilarating battle among home cooks to win the Cooking Guru 2024 title! Held on the final day of the Festival, aspiring cooks will be preparing a dish of their choice in front of a live audience made up of Festival attendees. Celebrity judges will observe and evaluate the preparation methods used, then taste and score the dishes to decide on the ultimate winner.

Prizes to be won!



Winner's Trophy



Winner:
\$10 000
1st runner up: \$5000
2nd runner up: \$3000



High-quality cooking equipment (all finalists)



Do you want to be the next Cooking Guru participant? To join the competition, simply record a video of yourself preparing a dish according to this year's theme and upload it on www.cookingguru.com/competition by 1 September 2024. If you are shortlisted, you will be invited to be a finalist!

Competition Timeline

Send in your video entry.
Theme:
Spectacular Singapore

Selection committee decides on the finalists based on the video entries by 15 September 2024.

Finalists are given an hour to cook in front of a live audience

Special appearance of Cooking Guru 2023 winner to present the Winner's Trophy

Cooking Guru 2024 champion is announced

Judges taste and score finalists' dishes

Organiser:

Cooking Guru Company

Sponsors:

OATSTANDING HEALTHY SNACKS



LeCruise Cookware



KITCHENMAID
BAKING SUPPLIES

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

21 What is the **main** purpose of this advertisement?

- (1) to entice people to be a chef
- (2) to empower people to prepare healthy meals
- (3) to educate people through the various workshops
- (4) to encourage people to attend the cooking guru festival

22 Why is there an exclamation mark at the end of the sentence "Limited slots are available, so hurry and sign up now!"?

- (1) to warn the reader to sign up
- (2) to highlight the many activities
- (3) to create excitement about the workshops
- (4) to convey a sense of urgency for interested parties to sign up

23 Ahmad would like to attend the talk with Chef John Chiang. When can he start signing up?

- (1) 1 September 2024
- (2) 12 September 2024
- (3) 15 September 2024
- (4) 21 September 2024

24 Which of the following statements is true?

- (1) The Cooking Guru Competition lasts for two days.
- (2) Chef John Chiang has won many awards as a head chef.
- (3) Chef Taylor Fennel is famous for his perfect poached eggs.
- (4) The pancake workshop allows attendees to try making both sweet and savoury pancakes.

25 Which of these companies most likely sponsored the high-quality cooking equipment to be given to all finalists?

- (1) LeCruise Cookware
- (2) Cooking Guru Company
- (3) KitchenMaid Baking Supplies
- (4) OatStanding Healthy Snacks

26 Which is one of the steps required to become a finalist for Cooking Guru Competition 2024?

- (1) cook in front of many people
- (2) email the selection committee
- (3) make a video of yourself cooking
- (4) visit www.cookingguru.com/register

27 Uncle John is confident that he would be one of the finalists. While waiting for the invitation to join the cooking competition, he should

-
- (1) improve his skills in making the pancake flip
 - (2) find out who the judges are and befriend them
 - (3) send his video to all the celebrity judges who will be there
 - (4) perfect his uniquely Singaporean dish preparation methods

28 Which statement is **not** true of the Cooking Guru Festival 2024?

- (1) You will only learn how to design pretty pancakes.
- (2) You will learn different healthy ways of cooking eggs.
- (3) You can pick up useful tips to prepare restaurant-worthy meals.
- (4) You can watch the finalists in the cooking competition on the second day of the festival.

(Go to Booklet B)

Please note that the passage for Comprehension questions 71 to 80 in Booklet B is on the next page. You may now go on to Booklet B.

Read this passage and answer questions 71 to 80.

Secondary school was challenging for me, but it taught me the meaning of seeing the light at the end of the tunnel. Secondary two was a unique year. In secondary one, I was below average in height but average in weight and athleticism, but during the summer break and before secondary two, my appetite became insatiable. Despite consuming large amounts of food, my hunger persisted. I was not concerned about it. I just assumed it was all caused by me working hard on a farm. 5

However, at the start of secondary two, I found myself feeling awkward and my clumsiness had reached the point where I could easily stumble over my own feet. To make matters worse, my trousers had become two sizes smaller after I put on seven kilogrammes. 10

My physical education teacher was shocked at my growth, exclaiming, "This can't be true! You've grown twelve centimetres in three months?" He remeasured my height several times before accepting and recording it.

While I grew taller, my self-confidence lagged behind. My shoe size jumped two sizes from size 9 to size 11 and my feet, seemingly with minds of their own, refused to coordinate with the rest of me. 15

During physical education lessons, I often tripped over my own feet while dribbling a basketball, causing me to fall amid the laughter of a few of my classmates. When I picked myself up and glared at them, they would flinch. I occasionally heard them whisper "Clumsy", especially when they thought I would not hear them, given my new size. I was way taller and bigger than all of them, which made them uneasy. 20

My greatest dread arrived – a month of dance practice in physical education to prepare for the School Bash Dance. I considered skipping school. But, what excuses could I give? I had no choice but to endure. I already felt inadequate in my social skills when it came to interacting with girls. The thought that my clumsiness would plunge my popularity rating even further gripped my heart with great trepidation. 25

After four dances, my partner limped away like the others before her. Then, the teacher said we would dance in socks. This must be done in consideration of sparing the girls from my big shoes. She looked right at me when announcing it, gave me a wink and a thumbs-up. She had been trying to convince me that effort was far more important than perfection. 30

We practised until The Day, which I feared would be my worst day. Partners were to be chosen, not assigned, with girls picking first. As they hurried to select, I braced to be the last boy standing. Soon, nearly all the boys were chosen.

I was looking down, so I did not have to face the events unfolding around me. Then I thought I heard my name and looked up to meet the gaze of a pair of bright eyes. She smiled kindly at me. She had to repeat herself before I realised she was speaking to me. As I timidly took her hand to escort her to the dance floor, I decided to warn her, "I don't dance very well." 35

She smiled warmly and replied, "That doesn't matter. I'm not a great dancer either. Let's give it our best shot together." 40

You know what? Secondary two was really **one of the best years of my life.**

Adapted from Howard, Daris. *Nothing But A Miracle*



**HENRY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
2024 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY 6
PAPER 2 BOOKLET B**

NAME : _____

CLASS : P6 _____

REGISTER NO : _____

Total Time for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

Use a dark blue or black ballpoint pen to write your answers in the space provided for each question.

Do not use correction fluid/tape or highlighters.

Section	Marks
Grammar Cloze	10
Editing for Spelling and Grammar	12
Comprehension Cloze	15
Synthesis / Transformation	10
Comprehension Open Ended	20
Total	67

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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)

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|------------|------------|------------|----------|-----------|
| (A) across | (D) and | (G) before | (K) in | (N) the |
| (B) after | (E) around | (H) each | (L) into | (P) these |
| (C) also | (F) as | (J) for | (M) our | (Q) under |

New Year's Day is celebrated around the world, with each culture showcasing its own unique set of traditions. In Taiwan, families gather to write wishes and hopes on sky lanterns _____ releasing them into the night sky.

(29)

In Japan, the new year brings families together for the first shrine visit of the year. Families may also engage _____ other traditions such as the first calligraphy writing of the year _____ the eating of long noodles for a long life.

(30)

(31)

Similarly, among Native American tribes, New Year's ceremonies hold spiritual significance. Rituals vary _____ tribes but often involve communal feasting and traditional dances performed _____ roaring bonfires. These ceremonies serve not only to welcome the new year but _____ to strengthen and deepen their long ancestral connection

(32)

(33)

to _____ land they have inhabited for centuries. Elders will take the opportunity to pass down ancient teachings through storytelling.

(34)

(35)

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In Spain, New Year's Eve is a vibrant affair marked by lively street parties and family gatherings. _____ midnight approaches, tradition dictates (36) eating twelve grapes, one for _____ stroke of the clock, (37) symbolising good luck for the twelve months ahead.

From the colourful lantern festivals of Taiwan to the solemn ceremonies of Native American tribes, _____ celebrations showcase how (38) humans bid farewell to the old and embrace the new. No matter the country, all these traditions have one thing in common - starting the new year with loved ones around us.

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

(39)

Once, there was a very hardworking farmer. He was renound for raising exceptionally large and plump chickens. All the people in the land called him

(40)

"King of Poultry". The king of the country was very angry when he came to knew that someone else had also used the title of 'King'. He was envious that

(41)

everyone admired the farmer so he ordered his soilders to bring the farmer to him.

(42)

When the farmer appeared after the king, the angry and jealous king said, "How dare you call yourself a king? If you are really a king, I want you to bring me a rooster that can lay eggs. If you can't, you will die!"

(43)

The farmer returned home, feeling angcious. When his ten-year-old grandson saw this, he asked his grandfather what is wrong. The farmer told his grandson everything. The boy told his grandfather not to worry. He asked his grandfather to stay at home where he himself went to see the king on his behalf.

(44)

(45)

(46)

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"At the palace, the king asked the boy, "Where is your grandfather?"
"My grandfather is at home," the boy replied. "He is giving birth to a
baby."

(47)

The king was baffled. "How can your grandfather, a man, give birth to a
baby?" he asked. The boy answered, "Unless a man cannot give birth to a baby,
then how can a rooster lay eggs?"

(49)

The king was impressed with the boy's clever answer. He let the boy go
and pardoned the farmer from the same time. The farmer was thankful that
his grandson had saved his life.

Adapted from: <https://www.com/stories/inspirational-story-of-farmers>

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Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

The debate over whether smartphones should be allowed in primary schools is a hot topic among students, teachers, and parents. Smartphones can be a valuable educational tool. They give students _____ to educational apps, online resources, and interactive learning platforms.

Smartphones allow for _____ communication between students and their parents. Parents can quickly reach _____ to their children during the school day and students can contact their parents in case of _____ or changes in plans.

In today's world, digital skills are essential. Allowing smartphones in primary schools helps students become familiar _____ technology, teaching them how to use it responsibly. This prepares them for future academic and career opportunities where technology _____ a big role.

However, one of the biggest concerns about smartphones in schools is the potential for distractions. Students might be _____ to play games, browse social media, or text friends instead of _____ attention to

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their lessons. This can negatively impact _____ learning and
(59)
classroom environment.

Smartphones can _____ young students to
(60)
cyberbullying and social pressures. Children may face bullying through messaging
apps or social media, which can _____ their emotional well-being.
(61)

It is crucial for schools to have strategies in place to handle _____
(62)
issues if smartphones are allowed.

Not all students have smartphones _____ an internet
(63)
connection. Allowing smartphones in school might create inequality
_____ students, with some having the latest devices while
(64)
_____ do not. This can make those without them feel left out or
(65)
embarrassed. While smartphones have many educational benefits, they also come
with challenges that need to be dealt with.

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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 Ahmad did not complete his homework. He watched the World Cup Final on television.

Instead of _____
_____.

- 67 "Have you paid for your ticket to the Bird Paradise?" my teacher asked me.

My teacher asked me _____
_____.

- 68 I tried very hard to persuade Mrs Lim but she refused to join the baking class.

No matter _____
_____.

- 69 All the children were pleased with their gifts. Linda was not pleased with her gift.

except _____
_____.

- 70 They were annoyed as Sally was insincere.

Sally's _____
_____.

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**Read the passage on page 12 and 13 of Booklet A and answer questions 71 to 80.
(20 marks)**

71. Based on the first paragraph, explain what the narrator initially believed caused his insatiable appetite. [1m]

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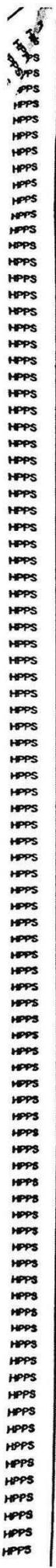
72. Fill in the following table to show the narrator's physical appearance and how he felt before and at the start of secondary 2 based on lines 2-16 [4m]

	Before the start of secondary two	At the start of secondary two
Physical appearance		
Feeling		

73. Which three-word phrase from lines 17 - 21 tells us that the narrator showed his displeasure with his classmates? [1m]

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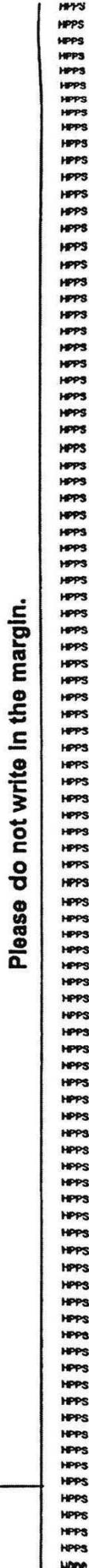
74. Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false. Give one reason why you think so. [3m]

Statement	True / False	Reason
(a) The narrator was proud of his rapid physical growth when he was in secondary two.		
(b) The narrator's growth spurt was first met with disbelief by his physical education teacher.		
(c) The decision to dance in socks was mainly made to prevent injuries caused by the narrator's clumsiness.		

75. 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]

Words from the passage	What the word(s) refer(s) to
their (line 15)	
the others (line 27)	

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76. Why was it not practical for the narrator to consider skipping school due to his problem? [1m]

_____.

77.

What the narrator's teacher did to help him.



(a)

(b)

[2m]

78. In line 32, why did the narrator fear that the School Bash Dance day would be his worst day? [2m]

_____.

79. Explain clearly why the narrator decided to tell the girl in line 39 "I don't dance very well". [2m]

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- 80 (a) Which of the following words best describes the narrator's tone when reflecting on secondary two as 'one of the best years of my life'? Put a tick (✓) in the box beside your answers. Tick only ONE box. [1m]

hilarious

indifferent

regretful

surprised

- (b) Why do you think so? Support your answer with information from the passage. [1m]
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Hengry Park Primary School
2024 Prelim English Answer

Booklet A

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6.	(2)	7.	(1)	8.	(1)	9.	(1)	10.	(4)
11.	(2)	12.	(2)	13.	(3)	14.	(4)	15.	(1)
16.	(4)	17.	(1)	18.	(1)	19.	(4)	20.	(4)
21.	(4)	22.	(4)	23.	(2)	24.	(4)	25.	(1)
26.	(3)	27.	(4)	28.	(1)				

Booklet B

29.	G	30.	K	31.	D	32.	A	33.	E
34.	C	35.	N	36.	F	37.	H	38.	P
39.	renowned	40.	know	41.	envious	42.	soldiers	43.	before
44.	anxious	45.	was	46.	while	47.	baffled	48.	If
49.	Impressed	50.	at						
51.	access	52.	easy/convenient/efficient	53.	out	54.	emergencies		
55.	with	56.	plays	57.	tempted/enticed/inclined	58.	paying		
59.	their	60.	expose	61.	affect/harm/danger/ jeopardise	62.	such/these		
63.	with/or	64.	amongst/among	65.	others				

66. Instead of completing his homework, Ahmad watched the World Cup Final on television.
67. My teacher asked me if I had paid for my ticket to the Bird Paradise.
68. No matter how hard I tried to persuade Mrs Lim, she refused to join the baking class.
69. All the children except Linda were pleased with their gifts.
70. Sally's insincerity annoyed them.
71. The narrator initially believed that the hard work he was doing on the farm caused his insatiable appetite.

72.

	Before the start of secondary two	At the start of secondary two
Physical appearance	Below average in height but average in weight.	Grew twelve centimetres, put on seven kilogrammes, shoe size grew two sizes bigger.
Feeling	Unconcerned.	Awkard.

73. glared at them

74.

Statement	True / False	Reason
(a) The narrator was proud of his rapid physical growth when he was in secondary two.	False	His self-confidence lagged behind although he grew taller as his feet refused to coordinate with the rest of the body.
(b) The narrator's growth spurt was first met with disbelief by his physical education teacher.	True	His physical education teacher remeasured his height several times before accepting and recording the result.
(c) The decision to dance in socks was mainly made to prevent injuries caused by the narrator's clumsiness.	True	After four dances, his partner limped away due to the narrator's big shoes and clumsiness.

75.

Words from the passage	What the word(s) refer(s) to
their (line 15)	The narrator's feet.
the others (line 27)	The previous girls who had been the narrator's dance partners.

76. It would be impractical to skip school because he had no reason.

77.

- (a) She asked everyone to dance in socks so the girls would not get hurt by the narrator.
- (b) Gave him a wink and thumbs-up to encourage him.

78. Partners were chosen, not assigned. Fear of not being chosen.

79. To warn her that he could not dance well as he lacks confidence in his dance abilities.

80.

- (a) surprised
- (b) The incident at the School Dance Bash where narrator is unexpectedly chosen by a girl as her dance partner can be seen as a surprising positive experience that made him reflect on secondary two as one of the best years.