

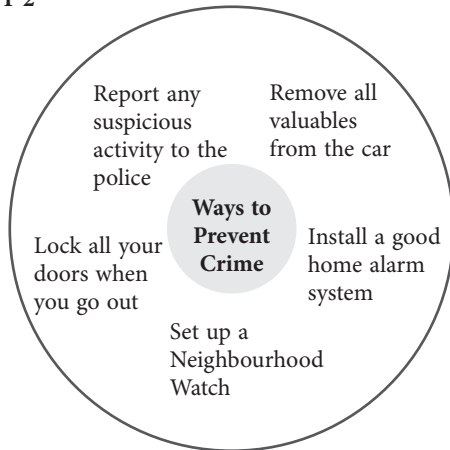
ANSWERS

PEMBELAJARAN ABAD KE-21 ACTIVITY

ACTIVITY 1

The student had to stay up late because he/she had a lot of homework to do.

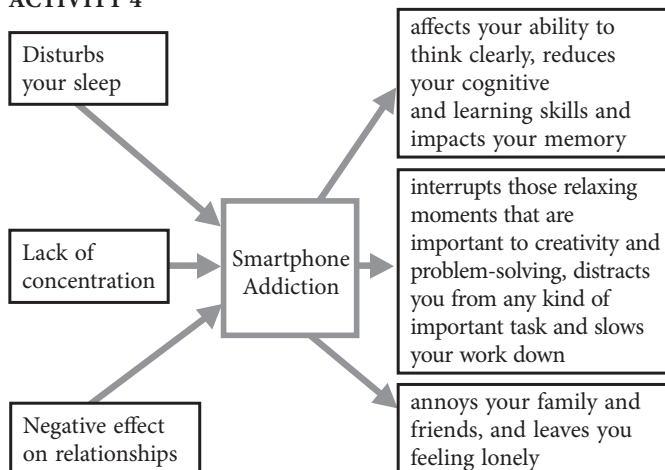
ACTIVITY 2



ACTIVITY 3

Ways to Save the Environment	
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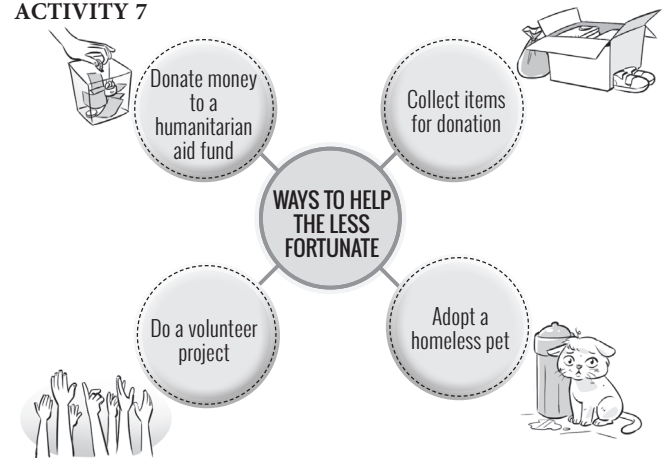
ACTIVITY 4



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ACTIVITY 7



ACTIVITY 8

Sample questionnaire

Instructions: Complete the questionnaire with (✓) and (X). Then, calculate the (✓) in your groups.

Questions	Myself Group A	Friend Group B	Total
1. Do you recycle any recyclable materials?	✓	✓	2
2. Do you go to school on foot?	✓	X	1
3. Do you use reusable bags when you go shopping?	X	✓	1
4. Do you switch off the light when you don't use it?	✓	✓	2
5. Do you switch off the air-conditioner on a cold day?	X	X	0

Sample report

(assuming both groups have five students)

A survey was carried out in our class, 1 Alpha, to find out how environmentally friendly people are. The results of the survey show that all 10 students recycle recyclable materials, but only 4 of the students walk to school. Unfortunately, only one student switches off the air-conditioner on a cold day.

The results of the survey suggest that most of the students of 1 Alpha have environmentally friendly habits.

TOPIC 1: DIRECTED WRITING

SPM PRACTICE 1

Juvenile Delinquency among Teenagers

A survey was carried out on juvenile delinquency among teenagers from 5th July 2019 to 28th July 2019. A total of 250 students were involved. Based on the outcome of the survey, there are various reasons that may drive teenagers down the wrong path.

Firstly, broken families can lead teenagers astray. Some parents are too busy working, therefore they are not able to spend quality time with their children. As a result, teenagers become violent or show signs of juvenile delinquency.

Secondly, a lack of communication in the family can cause teenagers to seek attention elsewhere. Failure to communicate well with family members often results in a loss of trust and understanding. This can eventually lower teenagers' self-confidence. They blindly follow their peers and adopt their unhealthy lifestyles. Some will shoplift and consume drugs to look cool in the eyes of their peers.

Thirdly, teenagers become juvenile delinquents due to a lack of money. As a result, they start engaging in the wrong activities. They may start selling drugs to make a quick buck. Some may even resort to shoplifting.

Finally, teenagers without any social or moral compass often become juvenile delinquents. It is the parents' duty to teach moral and ethical values to their children. A lack of social and moral values can lead to poor interaction with others and make them less confident. They may become selfish and arrogant.

As a solution, parents should not neglect their children while working hard to earn money. They need to remember the importance of spending quality time with their children. Another way to solve the problem of juvenile delinquency is by teaching them the difference between right and wrong behaviour. This can be done by various parties including the school authorities, parents and any organisations.

Teenagers adopt moral and ethical values from their parents and other family members. Hence, it goes without saying that family plays a vital role in shaping a teenager's behaviour and grooming his or her personality.

Report prepared by:

Salina

Salina binti Salam

SPM PRACTICE 2

A very good morning to Puan Sharifah and my fellow classmates. I am going to talk about robberies and snatch thefts. My friend was one of the many victims of a daring robbery. It was a terrifying experience for him to be confronted and forced to empty his pockets. In view of the recent spate of robberies, we should be street smart to avoid such incidences.

For a start, learn to recognise potential dangers. Staying alert means noticing things that may cause you harm and avoiding them accordingly. In particular, steer clear of parked vans, groups or individuals loitering around the area. Apart from that, always carry your phone with you. Being able to call for help is an important part of keeping yourself safe.

Next, you need to know the location of nearby 'safe spots'. Take note of police stations, fire stations, or hospitals in case of an emergency. It is also wise to note what shops in the area will be open late, on the off chance that you find yourself in need of help at night. It is a good idea to stick to your regular routes whenever possible.

Travel with friends when possible. There is safety in numbers, so avoid travelling alone if possible. Having some company will make you less likely a target for negative attention. Run and shout if you feel threatened. Never hesitate to make some noise and remove yourself from a situation that you feel unsafe in.

Now, for the don'ts. We must not hang around secluded areas. It

is always best to walk on well-lit, populated roads. Do not take short cuts through dark alleys or deserted lanes, even if this will make your trip much faster. Next, we must not befriend strangers. Under no circumstances, should you follow a stranger, regardless if they ask for help or claim to know you. Likewise, we must not accept invitations for a drink from a stranger.

Do not wear headphones while you are out. Not being able to hear your surroundings will make you vulnerable to attacks. Similarly, your phone can be a distraction. Put your phone away while you are on the move so that you concentrate on your surroundings.

As a general rule, it is always best to stick to your original destination when you are commuting. This allows your friends and loved ones to know where you are or where you will be.

I hope these steps can help you to stay safe. Staying safe in public areas should be a priority for us. Thank you.

SPM PRACTICE 3

Good morning to the headmaster, Mr. Syafiq, teachers, members of the Science club and my fellow schoolmates. As the president of the Science club, it is an honour to be given an opportunity to deliver a speech on the campaign of our club, 'How Science can be Fascinating'.

The campaign was an idea that we had planned for several months. We launched the campaign at the start of the week and it will officially end today. Our main objectives were to showcase how interesting science can be and to develop an interest in science among students.

We are proud of what we had accomplished, especially in terms of student and teacher interaction. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive. Additionally, seeing the joy and fascination of everyone during the campaign became one of the most fulfilling goals we had. We also made it clear to the Science club members that their goal is to convince the students that science is not entirely hard and boring. Science is in fact an important subject to learn.

We were able to manage the campaign by systematically setting a theme that is related to science for each day of the week. For example, on Wednesday, our theme was 'Robotics and You'. We prepared activities such as building a fully-operational robot and taught students how it worked scientifically. Other than that, daily competitions with specific theme of the day were held to increase students' engagement. We also decided not to restrict the campaign and made it open to everyone to participate.

In conclusion, the campaign was a huge success. We managed to meet our objectives. Enthusiasm and support from students and teachers were tremendous. It is our hope that we can organise another campaign in future. Cultivating an interest in Science is important to encourage creativity and innovation among students. Science and technology can pave the way towards the development of a country.

SPM PRACTICE 4

The Harmful Effects of Fast Food

Fast food has become a desired food for many people, especially teenagers. Teenagers need more energy in their daily life and will seek to satisfy their hunger by eating fast food. Unfortunately, most teenagers do not realise the harmful effects of fast food.

First and foremost, fast food can be addictive. Since it is easy for teenagers to buy fast food, they can become easily dependent on it.

Other than that, fast food is not necessarily cheap either. Fast food brands are costly and not worth the money. Teenagers typically consume fast food due to its brand and popularity.

Fast food is also harmful to the brain and body. It has no nutritional value. It is high in salt, sugar, fats and preservatives. Researchers have found that fast food is the leading cause of obesity, heart disease and diabetes.

Another harmful effect is that fast food can severely affect memory and learning. The ingredients used can affect how you

brain functions. A toxic diet can cause chemical reactions that lead to inflammation in areas of the brain that are associated with memory.

Teenagers are also prone to form long-lasting poor eating habits if they continually consume fast foods. This will cause them to forget the importance of eating healthy food. They will value the convenience that fast food can provide.

Consuming too much fast food also affects the physical appearance of teenagers. Other than the obvious weight increase, teenagers can also suffer from acne, tooth decay and oily skin. This is an issue because of the value placed on the image and appearance of an individual in society.

All in all, fast food may have the benefits of taste and convenience but other than that, fast food is harmful to our health. We have to educate teenagers on the negative effects of fast food which will allow us to create a much healthier community.

Written by:
Grace Lim

SPM PRACTICE 5

4, Jalan 4/12
Taman Bahtera
35900, Tanjung Malim

The Headmaster,
SMK Tanjung Malim,
35900, Tanjung Malim, Perak

24 JULY 2019

Dear Sir/Madam,
Suggestion on Implementing Recycling Initiative in the School

I am writing this letter to suggest a recycling initiative that could be implemented in our school to create a more eco-friendly environment. In relation to this, I would like to offer my suggestions on implementing these recycling programmes and helping students to develop recycling habits.

2. First, we should start by teaching the students how to recycle and informing them on the importance of recycling. Recycling will reduce the amount of natural resources that are being used, especially since natural resources are being depleted significantly. This is done to create awareness among the students and also the teachers because understanding what to do is the first and most important task.

3. We can also implement a recycling initiative by providing the necessary recycling items. The best way is to have recycling bins readily available around the school. The bins should be categorised specifically to the type of recyclable material. For example, using different coloured bins such as a blue bin to hold plastic products, a green bin for glass, a yellow bin for paper and so on.

4. Using renewable items is also a way to be more environmentally friendly. Cafeteria utensils such as forks and plates can be replaced with renewable alternatives. Additionally, items such as paper can be swapped with an eco-friendly variant.

5. We should encourage everyone not to waste resources. This can be done in numerous ways such as only using a moderate amount of water and turning off our electrical appliances. In addition, you can conserve electricity by unplugging the electrical appliances when you are not using them. You can also collect rainwater and reuse it wisely. I sincerely hope that my suggestions will be taken into consideration as the main purpose of this initiative is to protect the environment.

Thank you.
Yours faithfully,
Hui Jin
(YOK HUI JIN)

SPM PRACTICE 6

20, Jalan Kenanga,
31400 Bercham,
Perak
20 MARCH 2019

Dear Malika,

Hello, how have you been? I hope you and your family are fine. My family and I are in the pink of health. Congratulations on graduating with honours! My father said that you already have a job interview with a prominent news media organisation. That's great news! I would like to give you some tips to prepare for the interview.

First, you need to find out more information about the company. You should do some research about the company background on the Internet. Based on what you know about the company, prepare a list of questions to ask the interviewer about the company.

Another thing you must do is to plan what documents to bring. Bring extra copies of your resume printed on good quality paper. Don't forget to bring a portfolio on samples of your work. Since you are applying for the position of a journalist, you could bring the articles you wrote for your university newsletter.

You must also be suitably dressed for the interview. Wear formal clothing. I suggest you wear a long sleeved blouse, black pants and court shoes with a moderate heel height. Also make sure that your overall appearance is neat and clean. You should also be punctual. The best is to try and reach the company at least half an hour before the interview. When you arrive early, you can have time to de-stress and be more prepared for the interview.

When it is finally time for your interview, you need to project self-confidence by smiling, establishing eye contact and giving a firm handshake to the interviewer. Also sit up straight, but make sure you are comfortable too. The interviewer will know if you are uncomfortable and that you are nervous. Answer their questions precisely and get straight to the point. After the interviewer has explained about the company and job position, you could ask some relevant questions about the position advertised.

All the best for your interview! I am confident you will nail it. Let me know in your next letter how the interview went. Goodbye.

Your cousin,
Neeta

FOCUS ON HOTs

Fire Safety Measures

It is important for us to have fire safety measures both in school and also at our homes. This is so that we are protected if a fire breaks out.

A very important fire safety measure at school is to have fire drills. The fire drills must be held at least once a month. It is also important that everyone participates. This is to ensure that everyone knows what to do if a fire breaks out in school. Furthermore, these fire drills must be held at expected and unexpected times. The unexpected fire drills should be conducted so that the staff and students take the fire drill seriously and will be more prepared should a fire break out.

There also should be fire emergency exits located in school. All these exits must be inspected daily. It can be done either by the principal, a teacher, staff or prefect. The stairways, doors and other exits must be working properly and must not be blocked. A map too should be posted on the door of every room in the school. This should identify alternative ways out in case of a fire. A school too should have a good fire protection system. Teachers, staff or prefects should be assigned to know where the fire alarm pull stations are located. This is so that if a fire breaks out, these assigned people can sound the fire alarm.

One of the fire safety measures at home is installing smoke alarm detectors. If you live in a double-storey house, it is advisable to have

one smoke alarm detector for each floor level. If you already have a smoke alarm detector installed, make sure to check it regularly. This is to ensure that it is still in good working condition and if the battery needs to be changed.

Another fire safety measure at home is that you must practise fire safety maintenance. This is a good way to prevent a fire. Make sure to unplug all countertop appliances when not in use. You must also store matches where children cannot have easy access to them. They can be stored on the top shelf of a cupboard or cabinet.

You must also have an evacuation plan. Make sure there is an evacuation plan for each room. If a fire breaks out, you will be prepared to make way to the correct exit. You and your family should also have a designated meeting place outside once you have left the house. You will not have to go around looking for your family members.

Here are a few fire safety measures to keep you, your schoolmates and family safe. Adopting fire safety measures can help save lives. Therefore, everyone must follow them and not take them lightly.

Written by:

Abdullah bin Kamal

TOPIC 2: CONTINUOUS WRITING

(Suggested points)

SPM PRACTICE 1

2 “The best things in life are free.” Explain how you feel about the saying.

Introduction

- The most valuable things in life do not cost any money.
- If someone says that the best things in life are free, he means that when people have the choice between spending money and focusing on their families and friends, he should choose the latter.
- This proverb is a reminder that money and objects are not the most important things in life.

1st paragraph

- “The best things in life are free” is a saying to celebrate something that I enjoy that has no monetary value.
- Feeling accepted is crucial to our emotional state.
- We are happier, our immune system is stronger and even our heart health improves when we are around our loved ones.

2nd paragraph

- Material possessions are great, but we don’t derive happiness from the items we own.
- It comes from a baby’s giggle or from a mother’s cooking.
- Nothing is as warm as hugging my cat and its kittens.

3rd paragraph

- Happiness is a satisfying nap or a good night’s rest.
- Sometimes, there’s just no better feeling than crawling into a comfortable bed and letting our minds drift off to sleep.
- Nostalgia is one of our mind’s greatest indulgences and it is totally all right to embrace it.

Conclusion

- This is a proverb that means those things that cost money should not be prioritised over important things in life like family and friends.
- The price of something does not always indicate its true value.
- Those free things are, in the end, worth more than anything money can buy.

SPM PRACTICE 2

3 Smoking is a social ill with health hazards. Discuss this statement and present some suggestions to curb smoking amongst teenagers.

Introduction

- Smoking is the root cause of other social ills.

- It should be banned as it is unhealthy to the body and mind.
- Smoking can lead to many complications in the body and cause long-term health problems.
- Cigarettes contain dangerous chemicals such as nicotine, tar, arsenic and benzene.
- The chemicals can give out a negative reaction and effect to one’s body and mind.

1st paragraph

- Research in medical science has shown that smokers are more likely to suffer from lung cancer, bronchitis, heart disease and bronchitis.
- Other effects of smoking are poor vision, loss of appetite and persistent coughing.
- Many smokers do not realise the hazards of smoking and think that smoking does not affect them.

2nd paragraph

- There are a number of ways in which the smoking habit can be reduced and eradicated.
- First of all, parents have to give unconditional love and care to their children.
- Parents should not give too much allowance to teenagers. With less allowance, teenagers will not be tempted to spend money.

3rd paragraph

- Parents should ensure that children cannot get easy access to cigarettes at home.
- It will be good if the government reduces youth’s access to tobacco products e.g. impose higher taxes on cigarettes.
- A more effective way to curb teenage smoking would be to have more serious concerted efforts in a nationwide educational campaign.

Conclusion

- Teen smoking is an alarming issue which requires immediate action to be taken.
- The detrimental health effects of smoking are common knowledge.
- Everyone should play an active role to combat smoking in order to produce healthy young citizens.

SPM PRACTICE 3

4 ‘Spare the rod and spoil the child’. Do you agree with this statement? Give reasons to support your views.

Introduction

- ‘Spare the rod and spoil the child’ implies that our juvenile crime rate is on the rise, therefore unruly students should be caned to enforce discipline.
- A great deal has been said about teachers who are in favour of corporal punishment. However, parents protest vehemently.
- I agree to corporal punishment, as I believe that it would help to correct disciplinary problems in our schools.

1st paragraph

- Discipline problems are on the rise nowadays because of the ban on corporal punishment.
- Many discipline cases prove that discipline has grown lax.
- Students smoke, break school rules, come to school late, bully others, play truant.
- There are even increasing cases of students getting involved in drugs and gang-related activities.

2nd paragraph

- I strongly believe that we must practise corporal punishment to restore discipline and order.
- There are many hardworking students who want to study.
- Some unruly ones distract them as they know there is no caning or other forms of punishment to deter them.

3rd paragraph

- I believe that corporal punishment is an effective and immediate

way to curb discipline problems in the classroom.

- It sends a strong message to students that there is swift punishment for misbehaviour in the school environment. Students may be afraid of the severe punishment.
- Apart from that, it also enables the students to face the music and take responsibility for their actions.
- Students can get on with the task of learning, without any further disruptions to lessons.

Conclusion

- Teenagers should be taught self-discipline, tolerance, love, patience and understanding. All these character traits are important in building a teen's character in adulthood.
- However, when students display unruly behaviour, corporal punishment could be an effective measure to mete out punishment.
- Nevertheless, corporal punishment should be carried out with great restraint and caution.

SPM PRACTICE 4

4 Write a story about your experience taking part in a 'Science Day' event at your school.

End your story with: "... everyone who participated showed how creative and innovative they were."

Introduction

- Every year, my school would organise a Science Day event for the students.
- Students who want to participate will have to create a science experiment and showcase it during the event.
- This year I have decided to participate.

1st paragraph

- I decided to join because I felt like I was getting better at Lego robotics.
- I loved inventing new things and taking things apart. My robot spider-crab was often praised by my friends and family.
- I decided to showcase my spider-crab's capability of walking and grabbing objects.

2nd paragraph

- Throughout the showcase, students will be able to vote for the experiments they liked the most.
- The student with the experiment that received the most votes will win the Students' Favourite Award.
- The teachers and guest judges were the ones who were going to judge the competition.

3rd paragraph

- After the showcase and the judging stage were completed, everyone waited eagerly for the results.
- We could sense everyone's excitement as the winner was announced during the assembly.
- My friend who designed a model volcano won the judges votes while I won the Students' Favourite award.

Conclusion

- I had discovered a newfound appreciation for science. I was amazed by the interesting experiments and inventions at the event.
- The students truly demonstrated their hidden talents, capability and creativity.
- During that event, everyone who participated showed how creative and innovative they were.

SPM PRACTICE 5

3 Why is face-to-face interaction better than online interaction?

Introduction

- Although online interaction has its benefits, it has arguably caused face-to-face interaction to slowly die out.
- Nothing can replace face-to-face interaction because of the

advantages it can provide.

1st paragraph

- Face-to-face interaction provides you with multitudes of cues that are important in communication.
- You are able to pick up on emotions that are presented, body language that is shown and the intonation of the speaker.

2nd paragraph

- Face-to-face interaction can also prevent miscommunication.
- Often times, online interaction does not properly display the real intention of the speaker and is usually misinterpreted.
- Face-to-face interaction can easily prevent this situation since intonation and intention are noticeable.

3rd paragraph

- Face-to-face interaction is also the catalyst in strengthening relationships.
- You are able to relate and understand someone even more when you are physically with them during the conversation.

Conclusion

- Even though online interaction has eased communication in many ways, people should not be avoiding face-to face interaction.
- We still need to socialise and have interaction with others.

SPM PRACTICE 6

4 Write a story about forgiving someone. Begin your story with: "My friend had made a horrible mistake. It all started..."

Introduction

- My friend had made a horrible mistake. It all started when we were all doing our art project during Art lesson.
- We were all using various art materials such as watercolours, oil paints, charcoal, sprays and more.

1st paragraph

- While I was working on my art project, I saw one of my friends carrying several art materials.
- As she was passing by my desk, she slipped and splashed paint all over my art project.

2nd paragraph

- I was aghast to see my project completely ruined. I nearly blew my top as my painstaking efforts to do the project had gone down the drain.
- At first I was angry, but I knew it was an accident. Even so, I felt irritated that this happened. It will be difficult remaking the art project all by myself.
- My friend who ruined my art project, apologised profusely and offered to help me to redo it.

3rd paragraph

- I know what I had to do to remake my art project, thus it was not that time-consuming.
- Having my friend's help made it so much easier. So it was easier the second time round.
- After we had finished redoing my art project, I then proceeded to help with my friend's art project.

Conclusion

- We both managed to finish our art project in time.
- I told my friend that it was not a big deal and I forgave my friend for the honest mistake.

SPM PRACTICE 7

3 Creating content for video-sharing platforms is a great source of income. Do you agree?

Introduction

- The Internet is filled with tonnes of content that are shared by users all around the world.
- Video-sharing platforms are considered the most trending out

of all content-sharing platforms since the content that is created can be sustainably monetised.

- I disagree with the statement. In reality, working as a content creator for a video-sharing platform is not a great source of income. It can be very taxing.

1st paragraph

- Video-sharing platforms do not necessarily generate a steady income stream. In fact, the income earned can be unstable and inconsistent.
- Such platforms will often tie up with other companies or organisations to distribute the income earned.
- Popularity and views of the video site will be the determining factor in the income stream for video content creators.

2nd paragraph

- Video-sharing platforms are restricted with multiple corporate rules and terms.
- Other than the partnered company, most monetised website, especially a video-sharing platform, is bound by the myriads of existing rules which the content creators are required to follow.
- Not adhering to the rules set up could potentially lead to the termination of the account.

3rd paragraph

- Poor management of the video-sharing site can often lead to stress.
- Video content creators have to perpetually satisfy their viewers because the viewers are the source of their income.
- The harsh schedule of content creation will take a huge toll on the creator if it is not properly organised.

Conclusion

- Although working as a content creator for any platform seems ideal, for a video-sharing platform, is not as glamorous or beneficial as it may seem.
- Creating video content as a side income will ultimately be the greater decision to achieve financial stability.

SPM PRACTICE 8

5 What are the ways teens can manage their money?

Introduction

- Most teens get their money from parents in the form of allowances. There are also some teens who work part-time to make some extra money.
- However at times, teens tend to be bad at managing their money. There are a few ways for them to manage their money.

1st paragraph

- One of the ways is by putting away their money in a coin box.
- They should put away some of their allowance or salary earned in the coin box.
- However, teens have to be disciplined. If they feel they may be tempted to use the money easily, they should get a coin box with a lock. This will make it more difficult to have access to the money.

2nd paragraph

- If teens want to save money in the short term, for example in order to buy a gift for their loved ones, they could ask someone they trust to hold their money. That person could be a parent, guardian, grandparent, uncle, aunt or anyone else.
- The person who is holding the money should keep the money to be used strictly for buying the gift. He/She should not give in if the teen asks them for the money, unless it is for something important.

3rd paragraph

- Teens too should make a budget to manage their money. They

must then make sure to keep track of their spending and stick to their budget.

- Teens too should avoid buying things that go beyond their budget, especially things they do not really need.
- Budgeting is good as it will help them develop lifelong money management skills.

4th paragraph

- Another way for teens to manage their money is by opening a savings account in a bank. This way, their money will be in a safe place.
- Also, it will be harder for them to gain access to their money. On top of that, they can earn interest on their savings. Teens should try to look for an account that offers high interest rates.

Conclusion

- In conclusion, these are a few ways teens can manage their money. They can put their money in a coin box, ask someone they trust to hold their money, draw up a budget or open a savings account.
- It is up to teens to choose the method that suits them the best. Managing money is an important life skill that will help teens later when they step into adulthood.

SPM PRACTICE 9

4 Deforestation is necessary for the progress of a country.

Do you agree?

Introduction

- There have been many debates and statements made regarding widespread deforestation practices.
- Most people are of the opinion that deforestation is detrimental to the country.
- I disagree with the statement. In reality, there are benefits to be gained from deforestation and I consider it as necessary for the progress and development of a country.

1st paragraph

- A country is required to carry out deforestation for economic gain.
- Forests are cut down in order to build a community and civilisation as well as to carry out farming practices.
- With deforestation, farmers can earn a source of income for their families as they have land to plant crops and raise livestock.
- Without any lands, the country would not be able to develop new housing estates to cope with a growing population.

2nd paragraph

- Deforestation can also lead to good infrastructure development that can attract tourists.
- Natural forests are not the only factor in attracting tourists.
- A country needs to build world class public facilities and modern buildings as it progresses.

3rd paragraph

- Having more land for development will also open up more job opportunities in timber production industries
- Timber industries will need to hire more workers for logging activities. Thus, there will be employment.
- When a community or civilisation is established, the community will require other facilities such as factories to accommodate the community's needs.

Conclusion

- People have to realise that deforestation is not a bad practice for a country.
- Most importantly, we must ensure that deforestation is done according to the standard operating procedure.
- Deforestation is usually done to build a country and not to destroy the environment.

TOPIC 3: GRAPHIC STIMULI & SHORT TEXTS**SPM PRACTICE 1**

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SPM PRACTICE 5

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SPM PRACTICE 6

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SPM PRACTICE 7

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TOPIC 4: RATIONAL CLOZE**SPM PRACTICE 1**

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| 6 A | 7 B | | | |

TOPIC 5: INFORMATION TRANSFER**SPM PRACTICE 1**

- 1 The Book Thief
- 2 Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Café
- 3 The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper
- 4 Be Frank with Me
- 5 Charlotte's Web
- 6 Evergreen Reading Club
- 7 The Book Thief
- 8 two timelines
- 9 heartwarming female friendships
- 10 many countries

SPM PRACTICE 2

- 1 2 Days in the Valley
- 2 Operation Mekong
- 3 Gibby
- 4 Three Monkeys
- 5 An Inspector Calls
- 6 Star Weekend Reviews
- 7 An Inspector Calls
- 8 take care
- 9 true events
- 10 partner

SPM PRACTICE 3

- 1 personal
- 2 different
- 3 catering
- 4 lettuce
- 5 fish patty
- 6 bun
- 7 tomatoes
- 8 beef bacon
- 9 cheese
- 10 lettuce

SPM PRACTICE 4

- 1 1994
- 2 inspire the general public about space through the consolidation of space science and the local arts
- 3 space theatre
- 4 Ariane 1V space engine
- 5 a 14-inch (360 mm) telescope
- 6 National Planetarium
- 7 located
- 8 space theme park
- 9 Monday
- 10 every one hour

SPM PRACTICE 5

- 1 Greenpeace
- 2 40 countries across the world
- 3 protect and conserve the environment
- 4 change attitudes and behaviour
- 5 promote peace
- 6 climate change
- 7 protect the world's oceans
- 8 humans
- 9 peace and stability
- 10 cleaner future

SPM PRACTICE 6

- 1 Putra Youth College
- 2 8.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.
- 3 Dewan Cahaya
- 4 Friday
- 5 20 February
- 6 Talks
- 7 Workshops
- 8 Dan Clark
- 9 The Power in You
- 10 RM20.00

SPM PRACTICE 7

- 1 Specialist Aeronautics University
- 2 Jaya University
- 3 Brunel University
- 4 King's College
- 5 Advance Tertiary College
- 6 www.atc2u.com
- 7 overseas for one year
- 8 counselling session
- 9 The Malaysian University English Test (MUET)
- 10 King's College

SPM PRACTICE 8

- 1 The Ugly Truth about Fast Food
- 2 Yoga for Teens
- 3 Workout Guide for Teen Athletes
- 4 Guide to Good Health: For Teens & Adults with Diabetes
- 5 How to Become a Well-Adjusted Teen
- 6 Nile Books
- 7 Yoga for Teens
- 8 Anusha Sharma
- 9 teen athletes
- 10 Edlington Publications

SPM PRACTICE 9

- 1 light energy
- 2 herbivores
- 3 primary consumers
- 4 omnivores
- 5 carnivores
- 6 secondary consumers
- 7 tertiary consumers
- 8 phytoplankton
- 9 small fish
- 10 seals

SPM PRACTICE 10

- 1 Encik Yahya
- 2 Mrs Tan
- 3 Puan Kamariah
- 4 Mr Peters
- 5 Dr Anand
- 6 cheaper and taste better
- 7 waste and carbon dioxide emissions
- 8 exercise
- 9 reduce, reuse, repair and recycle them
- 10 turning off the tap when brushing teeth/taking showers instead of baths/fixing leaky taps/washing only full loads of laundry/collecting rainwater to water the plants

TOPIC 6: READING COMPREHENSION & SUMMARY

SPM PRACTICE 1

1 Reading Comprehension

- 1 He believes that he should do meaningful things to make a difference.

- 2 (a) He started it to help the street poor.
(b) He is glad that he has managed to get three street children to join a school.
- 3 (a) i. Khairul has worked hard to help the street children for long.
ii. 'You will be happy to hear'
(b) He helped his classmate Siva by giving his pocket money to him.
- 4 (a) It means that the news spread fast and many people read it on the Internet.
(b) It is a situation where gifts are given without any expectations at all.
- 5 Message: Mehta's message is to bring smiles in the world and find inner peace.
Opinion: I think it is a wonderful gesture as it adds value to our lives and makes them more meaningful. We bring positive change to our society and that is good.
(Accept any suitable answer)

2 Summary

(Suggested answer)

Young Filipino Ken Amante used his pocket money to feed stray animals and that story went viral. Donations came flooding in to help him set up his own animal shelter. Victor Wong spent his Sundays cutting the hair of homeless people. These gestures reflect a gift economy, where goods and services are given freely. This leads to an overall abundance and increases connections and relationships. People become contributors and turn scarcity to abundance. They become part of a community as people stop being selfish and think of others. Nipun Mehta believes in doing random acts of kindness. He believes in a simple life and doing good wherever he goes. He proves that we don't need money to make a difference in society.

(122 words)

SPM PRACTICE 2

1 Reading Comprehension

- 1 It is something he would recommend for anyone.
- 2 (a) He attended every function that concerned his grandson.
(b) He was afraid that his grandson would be lonely.
- 3 (a) i. His grandfather was diagnosed with cancer.
ii. 'Chemotherapy failed to help'.
(b) 'You could hear the nurses laughing down the hall...'
- 4 (a) His grandfather was courageous and caring. He stayed dignified until his death.
(b) He knew that his grandfather wouldn't have wanted him to cry.
- 5 Lesson: An important lesson he learned was that it was necessary to care for those around you and to spend quality time with them.
Reason: It is very important to be kind and compassionate to family members and friends as we will be together only for a short time. We must do meaningful things together while we can.

2 Summary

(Suggested answer)

Grandpa, who was my hero, remained upbeat always through his sickness. He cared about his sick neighbours, and told me to look after Grandma. He even cared about his plants. When he was in a coma, we cried and aided him as he left this world. At his funeral service, I read a verse in his honour but felt that he was never gone because he was a part of me. He had done much for me and I was grateful. My grandfather will be remembered for his friendliness and wisdom. He taught me to care for those around

me and respect my elders. I learned that the young could never replace the experience and wisdom of our elders. He hated injustice. He lived life fully and died with dignity.

(130 words)

SPM PRACTICE 3

1 Reading Comprehension

- 1 (a) He entertained the sick children with on-the-spot drawings and word games.
(b) He had bonded with the teenage boy during his long stay at the hospital.
- 2 (a) Brosnihan rode his bike to a certain spot and flickered his light towards the boy's window.
(b) They would flicker their hospital room lights in response.
- 3 (a) The movement is about businesses in Providence, Rhode Island flickering their lights at night for the sick children of The Hasbro Children's Hospital.
(b) 'It is all I look forward to basically all day'
- 4 (a) It refers to the hospital.
(b) It connects the community to children in the hospital./ It teaches Hasbro's young patients about selflessness and giving back.
- 5 Feeling: I think they will feel sad and at the same time, happy.
Reason: It will help them remember the happy times they have had with their children.

2 Summary

(Suggested answer)

The "Good Night Lights" movement was started in 2010 by Steve Brosnihan, a resident cartoonist at The Hasbro Children's Hospital. He had bonded with a boy who had stayed a long time at the hospital and wanted to say goodbye in a special way. On the teen's last night Brosnihan asked him to look at a certain spot after he left. Brosnihan rode his bike to that spot and flickered his bike light towards the boy's window. The boy flickered his own room lights in response. Since the idea was successful, Brosnihan shared his idea with other kids who were leaving the hospital. Then in 2015, Brosnihan approached individuals and local businesses to join this movement which was called "Good Night Lights". Most of them agreed.

(130 words)

SPM PRACTICE 4

1 Reading Comprehension

- 1 (a) Poole was in the hospital.
(b) He probably wanted to know how the doctor was going to heal him.
- 2 (a) Garson Poole was the owner of Tri-Plan Electronics.
(b) When they examined Poole's injured right hand, they saw the electronic components and did further tests and confirmed he was an electric ant.
- 3 (a) When the nurse told Poole he was an organic robot, there was cold sweat on the surface of his skin, across all his body.
(b) The word 'voluntary'
- 4 (a) He now knows that he is a robot and not a human.
(b) Poole was fascinated by the hand that was installed on him at the repair facility.
- 5 Action: He would probably try to find out who his owner was.
Reason: He would want to know why he was created.
(Accept any suitable answer)

2 Summary

(Suggested answer)

Garson Poole was in the hospital because he had been in an accident. While at the hospital, a doctor tells him that he is not a man but an electric ant. The doctor then tells him that

since he is not human, they cannot treat him. They had found out he was an electric ant when they examined his injured hand and saw the electronic components. They then made torso X-rays and this confirmed their hypothesis. Poole wanted to know what an electric ant was. A nurse said it was an organic robot. The doctor then realised that Poole did not know he was one and Poole confirmed it. The doctor then told Poole that there are other electric ants like him who think they are humans.

(127 words)

SPM PRACTICE 5

1 Reading Comprehension

- 1 It means living without basic amenities like water, power or sewage.
- 2 (a) It was her concern for the good of the planet.
(b) It refers to a time when people lived without electricity.
- 3 (a) 180,000 people
(b) The decreasing cost of building such homes.
- 4 (a) They make energy-efficient versions.
(b) They tell them that they are able to enjoy various facilities without having to pay any bills.
- 5 I think it is a good idea as people must help to conserve energy. In this way, they will be using natural energy sources, thus helping to care for the environment. They also benefit by not having to pay utility bills.
(Accept any suitable answer)

2 Summary

(Suggested answer)

Besides fighting the rising cost of energy prices, the off-grid population enjoys other advantages. The decreasing cost of building an off-grid home is a great attraction. The cost of installing solar panels has also dropped greatly. Builders have begun constructing off-grid homes at lower prices. Off-grid homes built can be easily converted back to utility-connected homes. Appliance manufacturers also supply off-grid homeowners with more energy efficient products. Off-grid homeowners are living their life as comfortably as those still getting their monthly utility bills. Developers offer plots with comprehensive facilities so that buyers get to enjoy various facilities without the bills. State governments and utility companies offer incentives, grants and tax credits for installing solar panels while power companies offer subsidies to consumers who plan to meet their own power needs.

(130 words)

SPM PRACTICE 6

1 Reading Comprehension

- 1 (a) They need money to pay the bills.
(b) These people have certain talents which they can develop into a career.
- 2 "But then again, tearing clocks apart doesn't exactly pay."
- 3 (a) i. Through the Internet
ii. Through family and friends.
(b) Yes, I agree that it is a great way to learn about careers as the knowledge and experience gained may not be something that we can get from books.
(Accept any suitable answer)
- 4 (a) One can get knowledge and skills required to do a particular job.
(b) They have years of experience which is a great asset.
- 5 I think it is important that we do our jobs with a conscience and a sense of duty. In this way, we can make a difference to the world. We must contribute something of value to this world we are in.
(Accept any suitable answer)

2 Summary

(Suggested answer)

To fit into any job, we need patience, kindness, knowledge of right and wrong, a sense of responsibility, and the ability to learn new things. We need to get professional qualifications from a college or university to get the right training and skills needed to do the job. Knowledge and experience will empower us and can be acquired as we work. Making mistakes and learning from those mistakes will help us to learn and be good at our job. Furthermore, the job that we do should help us make a difference to the world. A moral component will ensure that we work with a conscience. Through our jobs, we will be able to contribute to the world. We must work with a sense of duty to maintain a humane society.

(130 words)

SPM PRACTICE 7

1 Reading Comprehension

- 1 They were either afraid or bored.
- 2 (a) Technology that has brought computers, projectors and television sets into schools.
(b) i. They are facilitators who help students to gain knowledge.
ii. There is better interaction between teachers and students today.
- 3 (a) Computers will be used in all schools and homes and therefore, will become cheaper.
(b) Knowledge and information can be obtained from the best teachers in the world at any time.
- 4 (a) The word 'dynamic'.
(b) It will be more relaxing and there will be less pressure.
- 5 These schools will help to develop children at their own pace and therefore, remove all pressure off them. They can then develop their full potential.

2 Summary

(Suggested answer)

In the past, schools were not cheerful places and students dreaded them. Today, technology has changed education and teachers are facilitators who help students learn. There is better interaction between teachers and students. Schools of the future, however, will be redesigned to be community learning and resource centres. There will be interactive learning and exploration of new ideas. Students will go to school at different times and learn according to subjects. As homes and schools will be connected, learning can take place at any time from everywhere. All homework will be received and submitted online. Students will be able to consult their teachers on all matters related to learning and personal development. Every person can access the world's best teachers on any subjects. Knowledge will be shared generously.

(128 words)

SPM PRACTICE 8

1 Reading Comprehension

- 1 He was a good doctor but business-like and unemotional.
- 2 (a) He had a nagging cough.
(b) i. He had a malignant tumour in his throat.
ii. He had been too busy and had never had time for her.
- 3 (a) They were unsympathetic and even unkind.
(b) He too, had been unsympathetic and impersonal.
- 4 (a) Dr Evans was gentle and very sympathetic to his patients.
(b) He knew he was in the good hands of a caring doctor.
- 5 Doctors should be knowledgeable and skilled. They must also be considerate and caring. They should treat their patients gently and with kindness. Patients will have many fears, and

having a capable and kind doctor will help to make them feel comfortable. *(Accept any suitable answer)*

2 Summary

(Suggested answer)

To his great shock, Roberts learned that he had a malignant tumour in his throat and it might kill him. Roberts told his wife about it and started treatment soon after. He had to wait for hours at the doctor's clinic and fill in tedious forms. He realised that the doctors were unsympathetic. When Roberts was anxious, a kind nurse comforted him. Roberts felt undignified in the hospital robe, but his wife was supportive. He was afraid as he went for the surgery but it was done by Dr Evans, a gentle and sympathetic surgeon. He met many courageous patients who helped him with their love. Other medical personnel helped him to recover well. Upon recovery, Roberts was determined to be a more caring healer and a better husband and father.

(130 words)

SPM PRACTICE 9

1 Reading Comprehension

- 1 (a) Dedication and perseverance
(b) She devoted her life to protecting and studying the mountain gorillas of Africa.
- 2 The political problems in Congo made her move.
- 3 (a) Many family members were killed to capture one or two animals for the zoo.
(b) Their breeding rate and survival rate are lower than in the wild.
- 4 (a) It was killed by poachers.
(b) It was to help raise money for gorilla protection efforts.
(c) The word 'obsessed'.
- 5 She was a remarkable scientist who did her best to protect the gorillas she loved. Her whole life revolved around them and she died at the age of 53.

2 Summary

(Suggested answer)

Dr Fossey, a leading scientist, devoted her life to protecting the African mountain gorillas. Her work led to the growth of this endangered species and promoted the conservation of the gorillas there. Born in California in 1932, Fossey graduated in occupational therapy. She made a memorable trip to Africa in 1963. Fossey returned to Congo in 1966, and later moved to Rwanda where she established her Karisoke Research Centre. She earned her Ph.D. in 1974. Fossey opposed zoos as capturing individual animals brought death to others in the group. After her favourite gorilla was killed by poachers, she established a fund for gorilla protection. While working at Cornell University, she wrote a book about gorillas which was made into a movie. On 26 December 1985, Fossey was murdered.

(129 words)

SPM PRACTICE 10

1 Reading Comprehension

- 1 (a) He took it apart to see if he could rebuild it.
(b) To bring excellence in children's health and education to Austin through the construction of new facilities.
- 2 If more individuals and their companies decide to plant trees, this will bring back the forests.
- 3 (a) It is the first computer company working to reduce carbon emissions.
(b) The underprivileged children
- 4 (a) It designs energy-efficient products.
(b) They choose substances that do not harm the environment.

(c) More than a decade

- 5 I find their policy admirable as they show that they are caring and we need companies to be committed like them. If many big companies join together to show this level of responsibility, they can make a bigger impact on the efforts to save the environment.

(Accept any suitable answer)

2 Summary

(Suggested answer)

One of the steps Dell took to conserve the environment is reducing carbon emissions. Dell has a Plant a Forest programme, through which Dell and other companies encourage businesses to plant millions of trees. It also pursues a strategy of energy efficiency to curb power use, maximise buying of renewable power and offset negative impact. Dell's efficient methods are good for the environment and save money for the company. The profits are given to charities for underprivileged children. Dell is designing energy-efficient products to reduce power usage. Improved and efficient shipping methods are used to transport products. Substances are chosen with care so that they do not harm the environment. Everything built takes the environment into consideration. It is the only computer company to offer consumers free recycling of their products.

(130 words)

SPM PRACTICE 11

1 Reading Comprehension

- 1 They were poor, drug-addicted and HIV-infected parents.
- 2 (a) He brought welfare cheques for the people.
(b) i. They spent most of it on drugs.
ii. They had only \$30 for food and went without food for several days.
- 3 (a) She had to empower herself.
(b) He means that Liz started to have this idea that she too, could one day go to Harvard.
- 4 (a) She left to care for her sick father.
(b) She says that people must get an education and get out of the trap they are in.
- 5 Liz is an amazing person who had to work very hard to get an education. I admire her determination and willpower. She also loves her parents, even though they had made mistakes in their lives.

(Accept any suitable answer)

2 Summary

(Suggested answer)

Liz realised that she had to empower herself to survive and so she enrolled into a high school. Guided by an understanding teacher, Liz finished high school in two years even though she had no place to stay. She worked diligently day and night. She applied for a New York Times scholarship and was selected to join Harvard University. She left Harvard in 2003 to care for her sick father. She resumed her education at Columbia University to be closer to him. In 2006, her father died of AIDS. She went back to Harvard to complete her degree and graduated in 2009. Currently, Liz works as an inspirational speaker and gives talks to people in the business world and to school students. She has been featured in advertisements to inspire children.

(130 words)

SPM PRACTICE 12

1 Reading Comprehension

- 1 Food is easily available and also affordable.
- 2 (a) It begins after a couple of hours without eating.
(b) i. They are pains when a person has not eaten for a long time.

ii. He will experience great pain and discomfort.

- 3 (a) He says they are eating too much and are not appreciative of what they eat.
(b) People wasting good food.
- 4 (a) He cannot worry about such things as he cannot even get enough food to eat.
(b) He wants them to think of the starving millions and be more appreciative of the food they get.
- 5 Children should be taught to appreciate food and be grateful for what they get. They must be sensitive to the problem of starvation and remember not to be wasteful. They must learn to share food with the less privileged.

(Accept any suitable answer)

2 Summary

(Suggested answer)

We must note that a quarter of the world's population is eating too much. Affluent people waste good food and do not appreciate what they have. Many are too fussy. A poor child will not have seen food for days and will eat food from dustbins. That child will eat cast-off food and be grateful for it, without worrying about nutrition or hygiene. We must consider the starving millions and be more appreciative of the food we get and not be wasteful. We must not be critical or act badly when the food is not tasty or varied. Parents must educate their children to be grateful for what they have and share their food and gifts with less privileged children. We must nurture a more sensitive and sensible generation.

(129 words)

FOCUS ON HOTS

ACTIVITY 1

- 1 I think they do that because with education, the children will have more opportunities open to them and improve their lives.
- 2 I can go to my local mosque, church or temple and ask if they need any help or know any local programmes or schools where I can take part.

(Accept any suitable answer)

ACTIVITY 2

- 1 (a) rice
(b) bread
- 2 I should eat more chicken because it has protein. One of the amino acids in protein increases the production of chemicals that will help me be more alert mentally.

(Accept any suitable answer)

TOPIC 7: LITERATURE COMPONENT

POEM

SPM PRACTICE 1

- 1 'Wrath'
2 'Soft deceitful wiles'
3 It belonged to someone else and it was tempting.
4 Answer: He should not feel happy about someone's downfall.

Reason: We must learn to forgive and forget so that the world will be a better place.

SPM PRACTICE 2

- 1 She had an old rag doll until she left.
2 'Window wide'
3 She said that it was only a dream.
4 Action 1: She can lodge a report with the police and get their help to find her daughter.
Action 2: She can try to accept what has happened and try to

reach out to her daughter. Perhaps she can talk to her directly and act accordingly.

(Accept any suitable answer)

SPM PRACTICE 3

- 1 The persona's grandmother.
- 2 (a) 'Her soup forgot to boil.'
(b) It most probably is the afterlife.
- 3 The persona would most probably feel sad at first because her grandmother is no longer alive but at the same time, she would remember the happy times she had with her grandmother.

(Accept any suitable answer)

SPM PRACTICE 4

- 1 Enemy
- 2 'Watered it in fears'
- 3 'Grew both day and night'
- 4 Way 1: I talked it over with my friend and we made up.
Way 2: I decided to ignore the issue and forget all about it as it was not important.

(Accept any suitable answer)

SPM PRACTICE 5

- 1 It refers to the valley where the soldiers are heading towards/the battle occurs.
- 2 (a) Obey the laws of the country.
(b) Fly the national flag
(Accept any suitable answer)
- 3 I think most of the soldiers in the poem will probably die because they are surrounded by enemies.

(Accept any suitable answer)

FOCUS ON HOTS

POEM

ACTIVITY 1

- 1 (a) Hearing problems
(b) Loss of vision
- 2 I think the persona had a close and loving relationship with her grandmother. She has fond memories of her grandmother and describes her grandmother's smile as 'kind'.

(Accept any suitable answer)

Activity 2

- 1 'And I sunned it with smiles'/'And with soft deceitful wiles'
- 2 If I were the persona's friend, I would advise him to talk about what he was angry about so that he would not be angry any more.

(Accept any suitable answer)

ACTIVITY 3

- 1 Lulu has run away from home probably because she had a disagreement with her mother.
- 2 If I were the persona, I would wait because mother is clearly sad and upset, and is not ready to answer my questions.

(Accept any suitable answer)

ACTIVITY 4

- 1 (a) 'watered'
(b) 'sunned'
- 2 The poem teaches me that if I repress my anger and do not try to resolve it, it may turn into hatred and there might be unpleasant consequences.

(Accept any suitable answer)

NOVEL

(Suggested answers)

SPM PRACTICE 1

In *Captain Nobody* by Dean Pitchford, Newt Newman or Captain

Nobody changes and grows to become more confident and strong. In the beginning, we find Newt quite invisible to everyone's eyes. Even in his own home, he is seen as the person who is easily forgotten. Both his parents are busy with their jobs and rely on Newt to look after himself.

Newt is quite creative and imaginative, and his friends know of his abilities. When he takes on the persona of Captain Nobody, he changes in subtle ways. He grows more confident and capable of fighting crimes, and standing up for the weak and the underdogs. He is called upon to put things right and rescue people.

The water tower scene where Newt tries to 'rescue' Reggie is amazing. Reggie had actually climbed the Appleton water tower to play a prank, but Newt didn't know about it. He climbed it to 'save' Reggie although he was scared of heights. He overcomes his fears and becomes a stronger person.

Next shows a change in personal growth. Thus, his actions clearly reflects the statement 'One has to change to improve and move on'.

Dear Mr Kilmer

In *Dear Mr Kilmer* by Anne Schraff, Richard Knight's relationship with his father improves over the course of time. Richard's father is a firm and reserved person, so he seems disappointed and disapproves of some things that Richard does throughout this novel.

At the beginning of the story, Richard goes on a hunting trip with his father and brother. When his father tells him to shoot a buck, he could not bring himself to do it. So he purposely misses. Richard and his father have a small talk regarding the incident, and his father tells him not to join their hunting trips if he does not like it. It is clear that his father is greatly disappointed with him.

Later, Richard decides to reveal his passion for poetry writing. His father is indifferent and unimpressed. This time, it is Richard's turn to feel disappointed, but he is not discouraged.

When Mr Kilmer is killed in the war, Richard writes a poem as a tribute. This poem is published in the local newspaper. Richard worries that his father is going to be angry at him. To his surprise, his father reads and understands his poem well. It is this poem that prompted Richard's father to reveal the story about Richard's uncle, Roland, who was killed in a war in Cuba. Richard's father finally recognises his passion for poetry writing and allows him to continue doing what he loves. So, Richard continues writing poems about farm life for the local newspaper. He even reads his poems aloud to his father every night, and his father would give suggestions to improve the poems.

In a nutshell, Richard and his father do not have a close relationship in the beginning, but as time passes, his determination finally changes their relationship for the better.

Sing to the Dawn

In *Sing to the Dawn* by Minfong Ho, the main character that changes for the better is Kwai. Kwai is Dawan's younger brother. In the beginning of the story, Kwai shares a close relationship with his sister. They would watch the sun rise together as they talk about their fears and dreams. In fact, Kwai loves his sister so much that he persuades their father to allow Dawan to go to school with him.

All these change when Dawan wins the scholarship to study in the city. After the winner is announced, Kwai stalks out of the classroom. It is obvious that Kwai is jealous of his sister and is unable to be happy for her.

Later on, Kwai discovers that he ranks second in the scholarship list. He considers telling his father, knowing he would make Dawan give up her scholarship so Kwai could accept it instead. He is conflicted between his wishes and his sister's.

In the marketplace, Kwai defends and saves Bao from her brother, Vichai's abuse. After the incident, Bao does not appreciate his help and calls him a liar for not accepting his sister's decision to accept

the scholarship. Kwai becomes angry and accidentally hurts Dawan. He feels guilty and runs away to the bridge where he and his sister would often go. There, he clears up his misunderstanding with Dawan. In the end, he stands up for Dawan and informs his father that he would not accept the scholarship even if he makes Dawan give it up. So, Kwai's father relents and allows Dawan to accept the scholarship.

It is clear throughout the novel that Kwai changes significantly and for the better. He was angry and jealous in the beginning, but finally accepts that his sister is going to study in the city. When Dawan leaves for the city, he sits on the same old bridge and sings the song they shared on the bridge before, as he watches her leave.

SPM PRACTICE 2

Captain Nobody

In the novel *Captain Nobody*, I admire the character Newt Newman. Even though he is only 10 years old, he is a responsible boy. He is also helpful, loving and caring.

Newt makes breakfast for the whole family and wakes up his older brother, Chris. Although Chris is famous for being a star of his high school football team, Newt is not jealous of him. In fact he is proud of him. Later during an important football game, there is an accident and Chris ends up in a coma. Newt's parents hardly have any time for him. Although he feels neglected, he does not complain to his parents and takes care of himself.

Since his parents are busy tending to Chris, Newt makes his own Halloween costume, with the help of his friends. He is a creative boy and calls himself Captain Nobody. One day while Newt was in his Captain Nobody costume, he helped an old man who has Alzheimer's.

Later Newt, as Captain Nobody, stops a robbery. On another day, Captain Nobody rescues Ferocious the Ferret and helps an aeroplane make an emergency landing on the highway.

I admire Newt not only for his caring, loving, and responsible traits, but also his humility. Even though he did a lot of good as Captain Nobody, he does not want to be famous. He is modest about his achievements.

Dear Mr Kilmer

The character I admire in *Dear Mr. Kilmer* by Anne Schraff is Richard. Richard is a very sensitive person who stands for all the good values that we want to see in good, decent people.

He is considerate and kind. He sees that his sister is tired from doing the housework and does chores to reduce her workload. He does more than his share of work in the farm as he does not shun work. He is responsible and earns the respect of the other workers.

Richard stands up for those victimised by society. He supports Hannah when she is harassed for being a German in a country that is fighting Germany at this point. When Hannah's father's tavern is vandalised, Richard is the only one who signs a sympathy card to show his support. He gives up his position as Doughboy to show his support when Hannah declines the position of Lady Liberty as the other students resent her. He faces insults and the boys fight him, but he is brave and makes a strong stand on her behalf.

Richard is sensitive and writes poems. He writes to Kilmer and shares his poems as they both are kindred souls with similar thoughts and passions. He is devastated when Kilmer is killed in the war. Only poetry gives him strength and the determination to go on.

I admire Richard for being brave and doing what he believes in. He doesn't just follow the crowd; he does what he thinks is right.

Sing to the Dawn

In the novel *Sing to the Dawn*, I admire the character Dawan. I admire her because she is smart and very determined in achieving her dreams.

Dawan and her brother, Kwai took an examination together. They thought Kwai would get first place and get the scholarship to study in the city. However, it is Dawan who gets first place in the examination and is offered the scholarship. When Kwai finds out that Dawan gets the first place while he gets the second place, he is not happy. He does not support Dawan studying in the city. Dawan's father too is not happy that Dawan got the scholarship. He feels that it is a waste to send girls to further their studies. He too feels that Dawan stole the opportunity from Kwai. Therefore, he forbids Dawan from going to study in the city.

All these obstacles do not deter Dawan from pursuing her dreams. She goes and asks her cousin, Noi who had worked in the city to persuade her father to let her go. Noi however said that going to the city is useless and does not want to help Dawan. Dawan then seeks the help of an old monk to talk to her father about sending her to study in the city. The old monk does not really see why Dawan should go to the city school. Later, Kwai realises that Dawan deserves to go to the city school. He and Dawan both persuade their father to let her go. In the end, Dawan's father gave his blessings for Dawan to study in the city school.

I admire Dawan because even though at first no one supported her dreams she did not give up. Finally she achieved her dreams.

SPM PRACTICE 3

In the novel *Captain Nobody*, an event that changed the life of Newt Newman was when he became Captain Nobody. After assuming the role of Captain Nobody, he became well-known and also helped his townspeople.

Before becoming Captain Nobody, the kids in Newt's school did not pay any attention to him at all. Newt only had two close friends; Cecil and JJ. Newt wanted to wear a superhero costume for Halloween. Together with the help of his friends, Newt made his own Halloween costume. He then called himself Captain Nobody. His costume is a hit and he started to feel more confident as Captain Nobody instead of being Newt. One day while getting ready for school, he could not find his regular school clothes, and decided to wear his Captain Nobody costume instead. He then gained a lot of attention as Captain Nobody.

After school, Cecil asked Newt as Captain Nobody to help him get a big bass drum from a dumpster. While helping Cecil, they come across an old man. Newt knows the old man. The old man is Mr Clay who used to be a locksmith. Mr Clay has Alzheimer's disease and was lost. Captain Nobody helped him to get home. In another instance, he stopped a robber from robbing a jewellery store in his town.

On another day, while trying to rescue Ferocious the Ferret, Captain Nobody helped a small aeroplane carrying passengers make an emergency landing on the highway. Newt tried to help Reggie Ratner too. The townspeople believe that Reggie was the one who caused Newt's brother, Chris to go into a coma. However, Newt knew that it was another football player who put Chris in a coma. Reggie felt depressed and went up the Appleton water tower but he got his foot stuck. Newt as Captain Nobody went to talk to him even though it was dangerous. Luckily, he managed to help Reggie and they were both rescued.

As Captain Nobody, Newt managed to change his life for the better.

Dear Mr Kilmer

In the novel *Dear Mr Kilmer*, an event that changed the life of Richard Knight was Mr Kilmer's death. After this event, Richard began writing poetry for the local newspaper and this strengthened his relationship with his father.

Richard is a farm boy and although he likes working on his

father's farm, he enjoys writing poetry too. He keeps his poetry-writing a secret from his family as he is afraid they will not approve. One day at school, Richard's English teacher, Mrs Hansen reads a poem to the class entitled "Trees" by Joyce Kilmer. Richard decides to write and ask Mr Kilmer for advice on whether to tell his family about his poetry writing. Mr Kilmer encourages him to do so. Richard then tells his family about his passion for writing poetry. His family, however is not interested.

Richard continues to write to Mr Kilmer and share his poetry with him. One day, Richard finds out that Mr Kilmer has been killed in the war. Richard is devastated. This is also a turning point for Richard. He writes a poem as a tribute to Mr Kilmer. The poem is then printed in the local newspaper, "The Turtle Lake Weekly" and Richard's father reads it. At first Richard is afraid that his father would be angry with him. However, his father begins talking about what happened to Richard's uncle, Roland who had been killed in a war in Cuba. His father finally realises how important poetry could be. He begins supporting Richard's passion for poetry.

The event that changes Richard's life is tragic but it allows him to freely express himself through poetry. This strengthens his ties with his father.

Sing to the Dawn

In the novel *Sing to the Dawn*, an event that changed Dawan's life was when she is placed first in the examination and is offered a scholarship to study in the city. It makes her determined to follow her dreams.

When Dawan first finds out that she has won the scholarship to study in the city, she is overjoyed. However, her family, especially her father and brother, Kwai do not share her joy. Her father feels that education is wasted on a girl. He also feels that Dawan has stolen the opportunity from Kwai. Therefore, he forbids Dawan from going to study in the city. Kwai too feels that he should be the one to study in the city.

Dawan, however, disagrees. She feels that she can do a lot of good for the village if she takes up the scholarship. She then asks her cousin, Noi who had once worked in the city, to persuade her father to let her go to the city. But Noi feels that the city is not a good place and refuses to help Dawan. Dawan does not give up and seeks help from an old monk but he agrees with Dawan's father. In the end, Kwai realises that Dawan deserves to go to the school in the city. He and Dawan then both persuade their father to let her go. Finally, Dawan's father gave his blessings for Dawan to study in the city school.

Winning the scholarship allows Dawan an opportunity to get an education and perhaps change the fate of her family and the people in her village. It is indeed an important event that will forever change her life.

SPM PRACTICE 4

In *Captain Nobody* by Dean Pitchford, we learn that to be caring and kind-hearted is an important part of character development. One cannot claim to be a fine human being without being caring or good.

I want to be like Newt who is very caring in everything he does. His friends are also very caring as they try their best to distract him from his misery. They encourage him to find his inner self and become a crime fighter. They are willing to be his sidekicks and let him shine as the hero. There is no jealousy or pettiness in them. They care about what happens to their friend, Newt.

Newt takes Mr Clay home because he is concerned for him. He knows that Mrs Clay will be worried about her husband.

The teachers are very caring and kind-hearted. They understand that it must be difficult for Newt to handle his family's situation and therefore, allows him to dress as he pleases.

Newt cares for Cecil and therefore, agrees to climb the dumpster to retrieve a drum even though he hates heights. He is willing to overcome his fear to help Cecil out. Newt demonstrates his caring nature when he runs through heavy traffic to rescue Ferocious, the Ferret, risking his life for an animal.

Newt is kind-hearted, even in his handling of Reggie. He helps him and is supportive of him. He agrees not to tell the truth about his prank as people might think badly of Reggie.

It is of course his love for his brother, Chris that makes him worry about how he can help him recover from his coma.

Society needs people who are caring and kind-hearted. There are so many problems in the world and if people can reach out to one another and help, the world will definitely be a better place. This is an important moral value that I have learned in this novel.

Dear Mr Kilmer

The novel I have read is *Dear Mr Kilmer* by Anne Schraff. The most important moral value that I have learned from the novel is that one should not give in to other people's influences but stand up for oneself. It is not important to fit in with others.

Gus fits in with his family and school easily. He goes hunting because his father and grandfather did it. Richard, on the other hand, does not like hunting or killing animals. When Gus pushes Richard to try for the baseball team, Richard does not give in as he has no interest in sports or games.

Richard writes poems, something which many people think is 'sissy' but he finds support in his teacher Mrs Hansen and Mr Kilmer who prove that reading or writing poems is not for the weak or the wimpy.

In class, Richard stands up for Hannah whom others ostracise because she is a German – America was fighting with Germany at the time. For example, Richard is the only student in his class to sign the card to express sympathy for Hannah's family when their tavern is vandalised. He is brave enough to stand up against his whole class. Others in the class warn him not to be an oddball but Richard will have none of that. He gets into a fight with Abner and Harry because of his stand.

In another event, Richard decides to give up a role in a school play because Hannah is forced to decline hers due to the resentment of the other students. Richard's decision is made to show his support to Hannah. He stands firm by his decision even when his classmates insult him and call him a traitor. He has a strong sense of responsibility and conscience. He is not afraid to be different.

All these events show that Richard does not simply follow the crowd when he thinks it is the wrong thing to do, even if it means not fitting in with his family and schoolmates. Thus, I have learned that one must be courageous and stand up for what one believes in. It is not necessary to follow the crowd or give in to peer pressure.

Sing to the Dawn

The most important moral value that I have learned from *Sing to the Dawn* by Minfong Ho is that we should not be afraid of change. Change is inevitable in life. We need to change in order to move forward.

Despite her determination to study in the city, Dawan's grandmother senses that Dawan feels some reservations about going there. She talks to Dawan and imparts an important lesson. Just as a lotus needs sunlight and water in order to bloom, Dawan needs to attend school in the city in order to realise her potential and live life to the fullest.

Dawan's grandmother assures her that there is a beautiful pattern to all the changes, even when she is unsure if she should embrace them. Certainly, Dawan will have to change in order to survive in

the city, but her grandmother assures her that she could still return to the village to be the girl that she used to be. Dawan may not return the same person as she is now but that is part and parcel of life. We change and mature, hopefully for the better.

SPM PRACTICE 5

Captain Nobody

I like the ending of the story *Captain Nobody* by Dean Pitchford. The story ends on an exciting note. Newt, the neglected kid in the novel is finally vindicated when he is acknowledged as a 'hero' by the town's newspaper for his daring role in the Appleton water tower event.

The novel begins with Newt preparing breakfast for his family, but they are all too busy to even touch it. During Halloween, Newt joins his best friends, JJ and Cecil dressed in some fancy costumes. For a little boy who is often overlooked at home and ignored in school, it seems fitting that Newt calls himself Captain Nobody. It seems to have a magical effect on Newt because whenever he is dressed as Captain Nobody, he is quickly drawn into adventures beyond his wildest imagination.

By the end of the story, the entire town of Appleton finally gets to know the 'hero' behind the strange happenings. The town learns that it is Captain Nobody who sent Mr Clay home after finding him on the street. It is also Captain Nobody who foiled the robbery at Mr Sullivan's Jewellery Store, rescued Ferret the Ferocious and prevented a plane from crashing on the highway. Of course, the most dramatic episode is when Captain Nobody rescues Reggie Ratner from the water tower and clears his name. The best and most important event towards the end of the novel is when Newt brings his older brother, Chris, out of his coma.

The ending is delightful and satisfying. I really like it because Newt is no longer an invisible and neglected boy, but a famous 'somebody' in Appleton.

Sing to the Dawn

I like the ending of the story *Sing to the Dawn* by Minfong Ho. The end brings to a conclusion the whole issue of Dawan getting a scholarship and whether she should study in a city school.

She has a father who thinks that education is not important for girls and wishes that his son had won the scholarship instead, however he allows her to go to the city school in the end. Dawan's brother, Kwai is very unhappy that he didn't get the scholarship. Furthermore, he is placed second which means that if Dawan declines the offer, he can go to the city. But now he comes to accept the idea that Dawan should go and they make peace. She tells him to sing her morning song to the dawn. Her brother weeps.

Her grandmother clears her lingering doubts and uncertainties, and tells her that she is like a lotus bud which has yet to bloom. She gives her a bud and tells her to watch what happens.

Dawan gets on the bus to the city and there are many people to see her off. But she cannot see Kwai in that crowd and she strains her neck to catch a glimpse of him. Then she sees him sitting on the rickety bridge and singing her song that they sing every morning. She sings together with him and all too soon the bus goes past him. But she understands things better. As the sun streaks into the bus, the lotus bud unfolds.

It is a heart-warming ending because the siblings understand each other better now. Dawan is happy to start her new life in the city and she will come back one day to the village she grew up in. I like the ending as it gives much hope for a better life for Dawan and Kwai. There will be changes in everyone's lives and many will be for the better.

Dear Mr Kilmer

The ending in *Dear Mr. Kilmer* by Anne Schraff makes one think deeply. While I like the ending, I also wish Mr. Kilmer did not have

to die in the war. But reality is tough and as Richard's father says, death is part of life.

At the end of this novel, Hannah is the one who breaks the news to Richard that Mr. Kilmer had died. It is the most devastating news to Richard who has grown to like Mr. Kilmer very much. They both love reading and writing poems, and have similar ideas about the war. They both want the war to end so that people do not have to die unnecessarily.

Richard writes a poem to express his pain of losing his dear friend. When Richard's father reads the poem, he is deeply touched. The poem expresses his own pain when he lost his own brother, Roland. He speaks to Richard and both of them understand each other better and their relationship improves.

Gus had enlisted for the war against his father's wishes. He is under training when the news comes that the war has ended. Richard's father comments that Gus will have to bear the tough life of a soldier while there is no war for him to fight. Richard and his father are amused by the turn of events.

Otto, Hannah's brother, returns from the war to a hero's rousing welcome. Richard feels that perhaps anti-German feelings will fade and life will be better.

I wish that Mr. Kilmer had not died in this war. He was a good, sensitive person with a high sense of responsibility towards society. That is the difference I would have liked to see in the ending of *Dear Mr Kilmer*.

SPM PRACTICE 6

Dear Mr Kilmer

In *Dear Mr Kilmer* by Anne Schraff, the event where Richard writes a poem as a tribute to Mr Kilmer is one that I find very interesting. Joyce Kilmer is Richard's pen pal before he is killed in the war between the Allies and the Germans.

Richard is introduced to Mr Kilmer when his homeroom teacher, Mrs Hansen, reads a poem entitled 'Trees' written by Mr Kilmer. He is impressed by the thoughts expressed in the poem, so he begins a correspondence with Mr Kilmer. In his first letter to Mr Kilmer, Richard tells him about his love for his simple poems and reveals that he too, writes poems. Richard does not expect any reply from Mr Kilmer, so he is very surprised when he receives a letter from him. From then on, they begin exchanging letters.

Richard will always send a poem with his letters. Mr Kilmer will praise Richard and provide suggestions to improve his poem. In their later correspondence, Richard asks Mr Kilmer if he should reveal his secret – poetry writing – to everybody. Mr Kilmer encourages Richard to overcome his fear and share his poetry with everyone around him. Richard accepts Mr Kilmer's advice and shares his poems with his family and friends. Even though not everyone shares his passion for poetry, Richard is not discouraged.

Sergeant Kilmer's death greatly upsets Richard and prompts him to write a poem entitled 'In Memory of Sergeant Joyce Kilmer'. This poem is printed in the local newspaper, 'The Turtle Lake Weekly'. Initially, Richard is afraid that his father is going to be angry at him since his father does not like Richard writing poems. However, once Richard's father reads the poem, he finally tells Richard about what happened to Richard's uncle, Roland. Richard's father regards Roland as his 'world', just like Richard regards Mr Kilmer as his. It is through this poem that Richard's father finally accepts and supports Richard's passion in writing poetry.

This is an interesting event to me because this poem mends the rift between Richard and his father. Richard's father has never bothered about Richard's poems before and he gets angry when Richard brings them up. However, this particular poem that Richard writes as a tribute to Mr Kilmer has made his father divulge the story about his uncle, Roland – a story that he has never told Richard or

Gus. Richard's father even supports Richard's passion in writing poetry soon after.

Captain Nobody

In the novel *Captain Nobody* by Dean Pitchford, an event that I find interesting is when Reggie Ratner gets the blame for causing Chris to be in a coma. He is harassed by the players and students of Fillmore High School. Reggie is very upset by all the commotion. One day, Reggie climbs the tall Water Tower – causing great alarm because people think he wants to commit suicide. The townspeople gather at the base, screaming for him to come down. Soon, the police arrive and the media helicopters circle the tower for a good view of Merrimac's top football player looking rather confused by all the attention.

Reggie does not know that the whole town believes that he wants to take his own life. In truth, Reggie only went up there to spray the tower with slogans from Merrimac High and to 'think'. Around the same time, Newt finally remembers that it is Darryl Peeps who knocked out Chris during the Big Game. So, Newt dresses up as Captain Nobody and goes up the tower to tell Reggie the truth before he jumps.

When he reaches Reggie, Newt realises that Reggie's left foot is actually stuck in a hole. Captain Nobody goes into action and frees Reggie's foot. Then, he helps him down the tower. Just as they are about to reach the bottom, Reggie panics and they both fall. Newt is crushed under Reggie's 280-pound body, which breaks his ankle and a couple of ribs.

The reason I find this event interesting is because Newt, a tiny 10-year-old-kid, goes to the rescue of a seventh-grader, freeing him from a tight spot and also freeing him of blame. I think Newt, who is also known as Captain Nobody, is very brave and he is the real hero in this story.

Sing to the Dawn

An interesting event in *Sing to the Dawn* by Minfong Ho is Dawan's encounter with Bao after seeing the old monk. Meeting him was a disaster as he was unhelpful and fixed in his old-fashioned views. Hence, she goes to the marketplace and meets Bao.

When she tells Bao what happened, Bao tells her that the monk isn't important and that she should pursue her own ideals and not give up. She then tells Dawan to release a bird and see what happens. Bao tells her to act like the bird and soar far and wide. Just then, her brother Vichai comes and scolds Bao for not taking money for her birds. He hits her, much to Dawan's dismay. Bao releases the remaining birds and he hits her again.

Kwai appears at the scene and grabs Vichai's arms to stop the abuse. Bao is upset to find one of the sparrows dead and feels miserable.

She recognises Kwai and scolds him for trying to help her when he failed to help his own sister. Kwai gets annoyed and wants to hit her but Dawan intervenes. He pushes her aside and she falls, hurting her ankle. Kwai tries to help her but Dawan, in her frustration tells him off harshly.

At that point, cousin Noi comes to tend to her bleeding leg. Noi tells her that it is painful to get in the way of men and warns her that she may get hurt more in life.

This incident triggers off the change in Kwai who decides that he should not stand in the way of Dawan. He talks to her and they make peace. Dawan's determination to go to the city is reinforced and she accepts the offer with her father's consent.

This incident clearly shows the strength of Bao's character and a change of heart in Dawan. It is also important as it clears some of the feelings that caused a rift between Dawan and Kwai.

SPM PRACTICE 7

Dear Mr Kilmer

A challenge that Richard Knight has to face in *Dear Mr Kilmer* by Anne Schraff is fitting in with society. Richard is a sensitive and gentle person. He loves poetry and writes poems from time to time.

Richard also loves animals. He cannot bring himself to shoot a buck when his father tells him to. He purposely misses his target, which upsets his brother and disappoints his father. When his father asks him why he does it, Richard tells him that he feels awful to kill a beautiful animal like the buck. So, his father tells him not to go hunting any more if he does not like it. This shows that Richard is the black sheep of the family, as it has been a tradition in his family that males have to go hunting. Instead, Richard prefers to daydream and write poems.

One day, Mrs Hansen, his homeroom teacher, asks the class to sign a card for the Schermers. The Schermers is a German family who moved to Iowa a few years ago. Someone has vandalised the tavern owned by Hannah's father, Mr Schermer. So, Mrs Hansen buys a card to express regret for what has happened and asks the class to sign it. Nobody wants to sign it out of spite or fear. Only Richard does. He even offers to bring the card to Hannah. This incident basically isolates him from the rest of his schoolmates.

Then, Richard shares his secret about poetry writing with his family, but they remain unimpressed and his father tells him that he can continue as long as it does not interfere with his chores. When he does the same with his schoolmates, some of them think that writing poetry is for 'sissies' and ridicule Richard's passion.

In the end, Richard stands by what he loves and believes is right. He does not try to fit in by changing himself or stop doing what he likes.

Captain Nobody

In *Captain Nobody* by Dean Pitchford, a challenge that Newt Newman has to face is overcoming his fear of heights. He has to face this fear twice in the novel.

The first time Newt has to overcome his fear is when Cecil, one of his best friend, asks him to retrieve the bass drum from the top of a dumpster. Newt is reluctant at first, but he convinces himself that he has to help his best friend because nobody else will. He also tells himself that Captain Nobody is a fearless hero.

Newt faces his fear again when he has to climb the Appleton water tower to save Reggie Ratner. The entire town of Appleton thinks that Reggie Ratner is trying to take his own life when in actual fact, Reggie only went up there to spray the tower with slogans from Merrimac High and to 'think'. However, before Reggie can carry out his plan, his foot breaks through the rotten roof and gets stuck. Around the same time, Newt finally remembers that Reggie is not the one who caused Chris to slip into a coma. It is actually Darryl Peeps. So, Newt decides to save Reggie and reveal the truth to him. In order to do that, Newt has to climb the water tower. He is terrified as he climbs the tower, but is determined to save Reggie, so he bravely continues his climb upwards.

It may seem insignificant that Newt only has to face his fear twice throughout this novel, but I believe it is a great feat for a 10-year-old boy. It is really admirable that Newt finally conquers his fear of heights at the end of the novel.

Sing to the Dawn

In *Sing to the Dawn* by Minfong Ho, Dawan faces a major challenge. Dawan is excited that she had won the scholarship to study in the city school, but her family does not share her enthusiasm. Dawan's family believes that because Dawan is a girl, she does not have the

right to study in the city, even though she won the scholarship fair and square. The family member who provides Dawan with some consolation is her grandmother.

Instead of feeling proud, Dawan's father is disappointed when Dawan wins the scholarship. He thinks that it is a waste of time and a foolish idea to send girls to school. He wants Dawan to give up the scholarship to Kwai. In his opinion, Dawan cannot do anything by studying more and she would be more useful at home. Even her cousin, Noi, who once lived in the city, seems to share the same fears. When Dawan and her mother ask Noi's help to convince her father to let Dawan study in the city school, Noi describes the city as a cruel and ugly place. Noi adds that the city is not suitable for young girls such as Dawan.

Her brother, Kwai, is upset that he did not win the scholarship, so he stops talking nicely to Dawan and stands in her way. Kwai is unsympathetic when he tells Dawan that he still has the chance to study in the city school as he came in second in the test – all Dawan needs to do is to give up the scholarship. He also told Dawan that she has no leadership qualities to make changes in the village and lead the villagers. Kwai's opinion of girls studying in the city school echoes his father's – it is useless for girls to further their education as they would end up being housewives.

Later on in the novel, Dawan seeks out the head monk in the temple. She hopes that the head monk can persuade her father to let her study in the city school. Sadly, the head monk refuses to help Dawan and tells her that it is unfortunate that Kwai does not win the scholarship. The head monk also believes that girls do not need to be educated.

In the end, due to Dawan's persistence to overcome this challenge, she finally obtains blessings from her family to study in the city school.

FOCUS ON HOTS

ACTIVITY 1

Captain Nobody

In *Captain Nobody* by Dean Pitchford, the character who did not give up his or her dreams despite the obstacles encountered is Newt Newman. Newt's dream is to change himself from someone who is invisible to others into someone who is recognised by others.

At home, Newt's parents often neglect him. They would be too busy answering phone calls that they do not even have time to enjoy the breakfast Newt prepares for them every morning. In school, Newt's schoolmates would look right through him and ignore him – not knowing he is the younger brother of the famous football star, Chris Newman. His schoolmates would shove him and his close friends – Cecil and JJ, away from the water fountain, slide their food off the table, and squeeze them out of their seats.

Despite these obstacles, Newt begins to realise his dream when he starts going around wearing the Captain Nobody costume. It is then that all his schoolmates and teachers started to notice him.

Later on, Newt becomes famous in his town when he appears on the news because of the good deeds that he did to help others as Captain Nobody. First, he foiled a robbery when he was just trying to advise the store owner about the signboards. Then, he unintentionally saved an aeroplane from crashing. Lastly, he saved Reggie Ratner from 'committing suicide'.

In the end, Newt's efforts in becoming Captain Nobody made his dream a reality, even when his father and teachers tried to stop him from wearing the costume. Newt finally changes from someone who is invisible to all into a hero.

Sing to the Dawn

The novel that I have read is *Sing to the Dawn* by Minfong Ho. Dawan,

the protagonist of this novel, did not give up her dreams to study in the city despite the many challenges faced. She wants to study in the city, so she could gain knowledge that will help her family and the people in her village.

Dawan is an intelligent girl who obtains good marks in school. One day, she wins a scholarship to study in a school in the city. One of the greatest challenges that she has to face in order to fulfil her dream is to persuade her father to allow her to accept the scholarship. Dawan's father forbids Dawan to accept the scholarship as he believes that education is unnecessary for girls. He wants Dawan to reject the offer.

However, Dawan is determined to find a way that would allow her to accept the scholarship. Firstly, she walks about 3 km under the scorching sun to her cousin, Noi's house, with her mother. Dawan hopes that Noi could convince her father to allow her to study in the city since Noi once lived in the city. Unfortunately, Noi talks negatively about the city and would not help Dawan as she had hoped. Next, Dawan visits the head monk at the temple. She thinks that the head monk could convince her father since her father respects the old monk's opinion. However, the head monk refuses to help as well. He, too, believes that girls do not need to be educated.

In the end, Dawan's perseverance pays off as her brother, Kwai decides to support her dream to study in the city. He is able to convince their father to allow Dawan to accept the scholarship. He tells his father that he will not accept the scholarship even if Dawan gives it up. So, his father finally relents and allows Dawan to pursue her dreams. This shows that one can achieve one's dreams as long as one does not give up, even in the face of various obstacles.

Dear Mr Kilmer

Richard Knight in *Dear Mr Kilmer* by Anne Schraff has always dreamed of being a poet. He has to face many obstacles throughout the novel in order to realise this dream.

At the beginning of the story, nobody knows that he writes poetry, including his family. One day, his homeroom teacher, Mrs Hansen, reads a poem entitled 'Trees' to the class. This poem is written by Joyce Kilmer, who is a famous poet. Richard is impressed by the thoughts expressed in the poem, so he decides to write a letter to Mr Kilmer. In his letter, Richard introduces himself and reveals that he writes poems as well. Mr Kilmer is the first person to know Richard's secret.

In their later letters, Mr Kilmer advises Richard to share his poetry with the people around him. Richard takes Mr Kilmer's advice and shares his secret with his family and friends. His family is unimpressed and indifferent towards his passion for poetry writing, while some of his friends call him a 'sissy' for being a poet. Basically, nobody is interested in Richard's passion for poetry. Only his classmate Hannah was supportive.

When he receives news about Mr Kilmer's death, he is devastated and writes a poem as a tribute to his good friend. This poem is then printed in the local newspaper, "The Turtle Lake Weekly". Richard's father reads the poem and finally, understands how meaningful Richard's passion for poetry writing is. He tells Richard what happened to Richard's uncle, Roland, and thereafter, Richard continues writing poems about farm life for the local newspaper. He even gets his father to comment on his poems. This shows that Richard's father finally supports Richard's passion in poetry writing.

In a nutshell, Richard does not give up on his dream to be a poet, even though he faces various obstacles. His determination is the reason he succeeds in being a poet in the end.

ACTIVITY 2

Captain Nobody

In my opinion, the title *Captain Nobody* is relevant to the novel. The novel is about Newt (Newton) Newman, a boy who is mostly ignored and unappreciated. Newt is a skinny, freckled, ten-year-old boy. With workaholic parents and an older brother who is a high school football star, Newt feels left out.

When a very important football game ends with his brother, Chris, going into a coma, Newt feels even more left out as his parents spend most of their time with their eldest son at the hospital. To cheer him up, Newt's two best friends help him create a Halloween costume from Chris' old clothes.

The costume gives Newt self-confidence. Dressed in his costume, Newt finds himself helping an elderly man return home, stopping a robbery, and accidentally clearing a freeway in time for an aeroplane to make an emergency landing.

In his final adventure as Captain Nobody, Newt helps a football player from a rival high school. The incident ends with Newt in the hospital, next to his unconscious brother. He somehow manages to wake his brother up, much to everyone's surprise. Newt is hailed a hero for all his good deeds. It is a happy day for a boy who has been invisible almost all his life.

I believe that the title is relevant to the novel because the entire novel revolves around Newt whose alter ego is Captain Nobody. He takes on many challenges – whether intentionally or accidentally, as Captain Nobody.

Sing to the Dawn

Sing to the Dawn is about Dawan, a young Thai girl who wins a scholarship to pursue her studies in the city. In my opinion, 'Sing to the Dawn' is a relevant title to the novel.

In the story, Dawan is about to take the first step towards a new life or 'a new dawn'. As the story develops, she faces many obstacles. When she finally overcomes all those obstacles, she goes on her way singing to the new dawn, in a new place.

Another reason why I think the title is relevant to the novel is because at the beginning of the story, Dawan and her brother get up very early. As they greet the dawn, Dawan sings a song she made up herself. They are excited because it is the day the winner of the scholarship is announced. Whoever wins the scholarship will be able to improve the lives of everyone in the village with all the knowledge gained from an education in the city. It will be a 'new dawn' for the village too.

The title is relevant to the novel because Dawan hopes to bring a new dawn to the village. She hopes to help the villagers enjoy a

better life. At the same time, Dawan, being the first girl from the village to get the chance to further her studies, shows a new dawn for the girls. It is the first step in bringing gender equality to the village.

The story ends with Dawan's departure for the city. Dawan asks Kwai to continue singing her song on the old bridge whenever he can. They both realise that nothing will be the same again. As the bus leaves the village, Dawan hears Kwai's voice singing her dawn song. She sings along with him and waves goodbye. For all these reasons, I think 'Sing to the Dawn' is a relevant title for the novel.

Dear Mr Kilmer

In my opinion, the title *Dear Mr Kilmer* is relevant to the novel. The novel is about Richard Knight who loves poetry and nature. His friendship with Mr Kilmer changes him and gives him the courage to be himself. I think the title used for this novel is relevant because Mr Kilmer made a huge impact on Richard's life.

Richard is introduced to Mr Joyce Kilmer when his homeroom teacher, Mrs Hansen reads a poem written by Mr Kilmer to the class. Mr Kilmer is a poet, a journalist and also a soldier. After school, Richard decides to write to Mr Kilmer. In the letter, Richard introduces himself, tells Mr Kilmer about his love for his simple poems, and confides that he writes poems too. To Richard's surprise, Mr Kilmer writes him a reply. They begin exchanging letters.

Their correspondence changes Richard. Mr Kilmer encourages Richard to overcome his fears and pursue his poetic dreams with courage and confidence. So, Richard decides to share his poems with his family, his homeroom teacher and his classmates. Although not everyone shares his love of poetry, Richard is not discouraged.

When Sergeant Kilmer dies while performing his duties as a soldier, Richard is so devastated that he decides to stop writing poems. As soon as he gets home, however, Richard could not help himself and writes another poem entitled "In Memory of Sergeant Joyce Kilmer". The poem is later published in the local newspaper, *The Turtle Lake Weekly*. It is through this poem that Richard's father finally understands his son's love of poetry and prompts him to open up to his son. The poem brings Richard and his father together and helps them become closer.

It is undeniable that Mr Kilmer is an important character in this story. His letters help Richard to overcome his fears and be true to himself. Therefore, I believe the title used is relevant to the novel.

LITERATURE COMPONENT NOTES

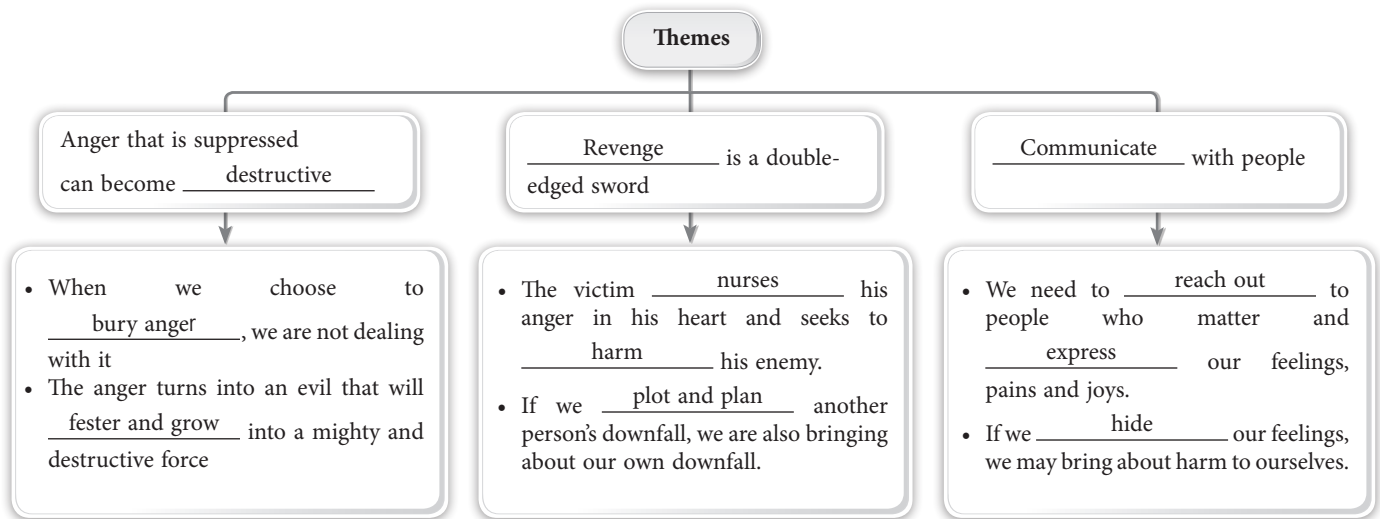
POEMS

1 A Poison Tree [William Blake]

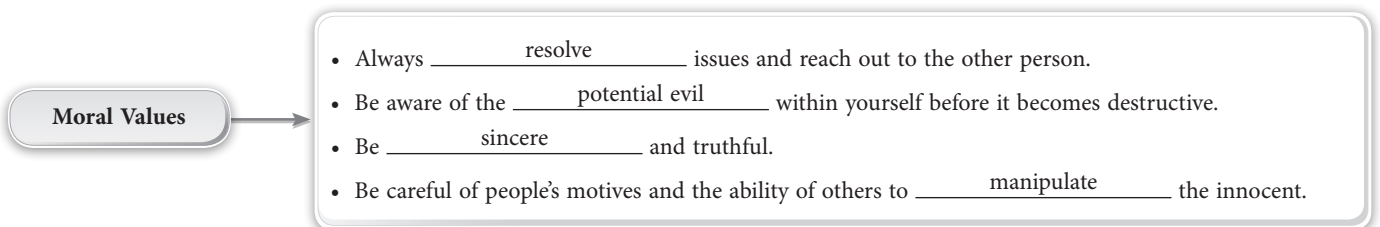
Synopsis

The poem describes what happens when we deal with anger and when we suppress it and allow it to fester. When anger is dealt with, it actually disappears. When it is hidden and nursed however, it grows and overcomes all good feelings. In the poem, the persona has a misunderstanding with his enemy. He lets wickedness and bitterness fill his heart until these feelings become an obsession. He does not talk it out with his enemy and bottles up his feelings. He is eaten up with hate and revenge. He is actually happy to see his enemy dead. His anger has become destructive.

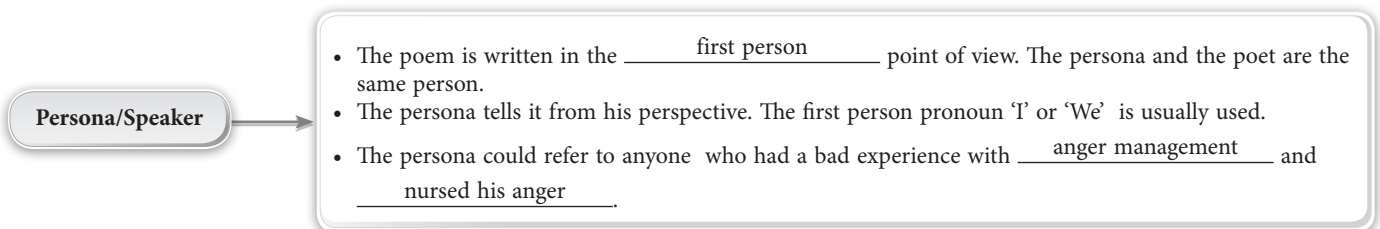
Themes



Moral Values



Persona or Speaker



Setting

Setting

- The poem was written and published in 1794 as part of Blake's *Songs of Experience*.
- It could refer to the _____ person's garden _____ where the apple tree grows.
- The poem is probably set in England.
- Events unfold in the poem from morning to night for a period of time.

Tone and Mood

Tone

- It has a _____ serious _____ tone as the poem deals with anger, _____ revenge _____ and the fallen state of man.
- The persona bottles up his anger and lets it _____ grow _____ inside him until it _____ takes over _____ his personality.
- The persona is being poisoned by thoughts of _____ indignation _____ and _____ revenge _____.

Mood

- The mood is dark and _____ sombre _____ as the persona and his enemy try to outwit each other with lies.
- The darkness of the persona's heart is shown when he is glad that his enemy died in the garden.

Language and Style

Language and Style

- The poem is a mini allegory. There are _____ four _____ stanzas of four lines each.
- Each stanza is called a _____ quatrain _____ as it has four lines.
- The rhyme scheme is *aa bb*. The first two lines rhyme (*friend-end*) and the next two lines also rhyme (*foe-grow*)
- The lines are arranged as rhyming pairs of lines called couplets.
- The language used is simple. The style is descriptive in its message but the thoughts expressed are complex.

Literary Devices

Metaphor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The poison tree is a metaphor for what happens when your anger grows inside you and _____ kills all that is good _____ in you. • The anger grows into a _____ fruit that is poisonous _____ which hurts you and your enemy.
Personification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • _____ Anger or wrath _____ is seen as a plant that will grow and _____ overpower _____ the angry person. • The persona's _____ fears and tears _____ feed upon the anger and encourages it to grow. • 'the night had veiled the pole' is personified as having covered the pole of light with a veil.
Anaphora	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'And' is used _____ seven times _____ in stanzas 2 to 4. It is also used to begin lines 7, 8, 9, 11, 12 and 13. • This technique is used to show that the anger is growing out of control.
Irony	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A plant that grows bears _____ fruit _____ and brings joy. • It is a _____ symbol of life _____, but it is an irony that here, the poison tree is nurtured and bears a fruit that _____ kills life _____.

2 What Has Happened to Lulu? [Charles Causley]

Synopsis

The poem tells the story of a mother grieving because her elder daughter, Lulu, has run away. It starts with a rhetorical question and ends on a similar note. It appears as if a younger child is _____ enquiring _____ about the whereabouts of an older sibling. She is observant and curious about her sibling's hasty getaway.

The child _____ wonders _____ what happened the previous night and why his/her mother is in grief. The mother is _____ shattered _____ by the fact that her eldest daughter has run away. However, she tries her best to _____ shield _____ the younger child from the _____ truth _____. She says that everything is all right and _____ denies _____ that anything is wrong. She claims that what the child heard was only a _____ dream _____.

However, she cannot hold back her tears. Her movements are aimless and she appears preoccupied. The child persists with his _____ questions _____.

Themes

Grieving over a Lost Child

- The mother is totally _____ devastated _____ that her older daughter has run away.
- When children run away from home, they leave parents in _____ anguish _____.
- Grief over the loss of a loved one is hard to deal with. It can cause one to feel empty, _____ lost _____ and depressed.

Protecting Children from the Harshness of Life

- The mother is _____ determined _____ to protect the younger child from knowing the _____ truth _____ about his sister. She denies everything and lies to the child.
- The mother is _____ hurt bitterly _____, but she tries her best to _____ keep _____ the painful truth away from her child.
- Parents _____ sacrifice _____ much to ensure the well-being of their children.

Parent/child Relationships

- There is a breakdown of _____ trust and love _____ between the mother and Lulu.
- The mother is in the dark about what has happened to Lulu. The mother also _____ lies _____ to the younger child as she feels the persona is too young to understand the situation.
- _____ Truth _____ and honesty help to build a strong _____ foundation _____ for any relationship.

Moral Values

Moral Values

Honesty in Relationships

- If Lulu had told her mother what was happening, perhaps she would have received some _____ support _____ and advice.
- The mother is unable to give a straight answer to the child as to where Lulu is.
- She wants to _____ protect _____ the child from the painful reality, so she _____ withholds _____ the truth.

Family Love

- Love among family members helps to give _____ strength _____ and stability. It helps to weather the _____ hardships _____ that come along in life.
- There is this whole _____ overprotectiveness _____ of the mother and that suggests the relationship between them is quite close. The mother cares deeply for the son and _____ hides information _____ that she does not feel he is ready for.

Persona or Speaker

Persona/Speaker

- The poem is written in the first person point of view.
- The persona is a young child who is puzzled that his older sister has run away during the night.
- The persona is observant and curious to know what happened to his sister.
- There is a childlike questioning tone throughout the poem.

Setting

Setting

Place

- The persona's house, probably in England.
- Lulu's home is bare and has few luxuries.

Time

- The event takes place on the morning of that day.

Tone and Mood

Tone and Mood

- The rhetorical question heavily underlies the tone of puzzlement and anxiety.

- The child is puzzled and sad that Lulu is missing from the house.
- He wonders about his sister's whereabouts and his mother's reaction.
- He sees his mother's tearful face and wants answers.

- The mood is of sadness and helplessness.
- There is something sad in the child's questions and the inability of the mother to answer them truthfully.
- The child and his mother are at a loss what to do.
- They do not know how Lulu disappeared and where she is.

Language and Style

Language and Style

- The poem is a ballad written in four line stanzas. There are six stanzas altogether.
- It has a regular and simple rhyme. The end rhyme is in the second and fourth lines.

- The repetition of questions and the controlled simplicity of vocabulary are suited for the voice of a young, inquisitive child who seeks answers to his questions.
- Using the abbreviated form of Lulu to 'Lu' shows the underlying affection of one sibling to another.

Literary Devices

Rhetorical questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The question <i>What has happened to Lulu, mother?</i> is effectively used in the poem to show how _____ curious _____ the persona is. It reflects the persona's longing for answers. The series of questions act as clues to what has happened and help sustain the reader's interest.
Imagery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The rag doll represents the daughter who has _____ discarded _____ her toy and left her _____ childhood _____ behind. The money box too is part of her childhood. The _____ roar _____ of the car engine represents the _____ adult _____ world.
Sound	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The name 'Lulu' has a _____ repetitive _____ sound to it. It gives a _____ plaintive _____ tone to the child's questions.
Symbolism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The bed, the rag doll and shoe are symbols of the world Lulu has left behind. The fireplace symbolises Lulu's home. Lulu's new world is symbolised by the money box and the roar of the car's engine. The <i>window wide</i> and <i>curtains flapping free</i> celebrate Lulu's flight and newfound freedom.
Alliteration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The sounds in the phrases <i>window wide open....flapping free</i> allow for easy reading for the childlike voice of the persona.

NOVELS

1 Captain Nobody [Dean Pitchford]

Synopsis

Newt Newman is the 'short, skinny, freckled, ten-year-old brother' of the local football-star, Chris. He has a hard time getting _____ noticed _____, even in his family. So when Chris is knocked into a _____ coma _____ during the biggest game of the season, as usual Newt becomes lost in the whirlwind of concern for his brother. To cheer him up, his best friends, JJ and Cecil, _____ dress _____ him up for Halloween in some of Chris's old clothes. Thus, a new _____ identity _____ for Newt is born—Captain Nobody. Newt's alter ego gives him so much _____ confidence _____ that he steps into the role of the hero almost instantly. But can Captain Nobody help his brother recover?

Plot

Exposition

- On the day of the Big Game, Newt wakes his brother with the call _____ 'Hit the showers' _____ and Chris, as always, responds by throwing a pillow at him.
- Newt and his friends, JJ and Cecil talk about how they are normally ignored by people. They plan to dress up for Halloween and find their inner self in the process. Newt wonders what his is.



Rising Action

- During the game, Chris is _____ struck down _____ by one of the players and becomes unconscious. He is taken to the hospital and the family is told that he is in a coma.
- Newt wears some of Chris's oversized clothes and with the help of his friends, creates the persona called _____ Captain Nobody _____.



Climax

- Newt goes to school in his weird clothes and gets a lot of unpleasant attention.
- Newt and JJ accidentally _____ foil _____ a robbery attempt at a jewellery store.
- Newt saved an airplane and its passengers.
- Newt realises that it was _____ Darryl Peeps _____ who put his brother in a coma, not Reggie Ratner.



Falling Action

- Newt hears that Reggie has climbed the _____ water tower _____ and wants to commit suicide.
 - Newt goes to rescue Reggie and finds out that Reggie could not climb down because his leg is stuck in a _____ hole _____.
- Newt frees him, but they fall while climbing down the tower. Newt ends up in hospital with a _____ broken leg _____.
- Chris and Newt share the hospital room. Newt feels terrible because he is unable to help his brother. In frustration, he shouts 'Hit the showers!' A _____ pillow _____ hits him. Chris has come out of his coma!



Resolution

- Everyone is very happy. They are very excited at the turn of events. Newt is now a _____ hero _____.
- Chris is very proud of his younger brother and agrees to go on a _____ victory parade _____ but only if Newt leads it.
- The two brothers are _____ discharged _____ from the hospital and return home. All is well with the family.

Setting

	Setting
Physical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The story is set in _____ Appleton _____, U.S.A. a small town where school _____ football _____ games are the most exciting events for the townspeople. • The main locations are the Newman house, the Appleton Water Tower, the Appleton Elementary School, the Appleton City Stadium, the Sullivan's Jewelry Store, the Westside Highway and the General Hospital.
Social	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The residents of the town are _____ cooperative _____ and caring people. • Mr and Mrs Newman are upper middle class Americans. • The school will not celebrate the football victory until Chris is well. It is a town that _____ cares _____ with a strong community spirit.
Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The story is set in _____ modern times _____. • It seems to be set in the 1990s when telephones were still more widely used. • The children communicate with _____ walkie-talkies _____ while the parents, Mr and Mrs Newman uses _____ mobile phones _____.

Characters

Character	Description
Newt Newman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A ten-year-old short, skinny and freckled schoolboy. • He is good-natured and _____ considerate _____. He makes meals for his parents and helps his mother locate her misplaced items. • Has a good rapport with his older brother, Chris. • He becomes more _____ self-confident _____ and self-assured as Captain Nobody, a _____ crime fighter _____ for the weak and the wimpy.

Character	Description
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He helps Mr Clay the locksmith home, _____ stops traffic _____ and helps an airplane land on the _____ highway _____ and saves the passengers and Ferocious the Ferret in the process. • He _____ foils a robbery _____ at the Sullivan's Jewelry Store and 'rescues' _____ Reggie Ratner from the Appleton Water Tower. • He is humble and unassuming; he is just the guy next door. • He is caring without being emotional. • He is a good friend, a responsible son and a loving sibling.
Chris Newman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newt's older brother who is a star _____ football player _____ of Fillmore High School. • He plays football well and is seen as a _____ school hero _____. His fall in the Big Game that put him into a coma was a devastating moment for the family. • He is generous and very good-natured. When the mayor wants him to lead a victory parade, he _____ declines _____ as he thinks it is Newt who should go on the parade.
Mr Newman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Father to Chris and Newt Newman. • He is a _____ supervisor _____ for a building company. • He is loving, caring and very _____ responsible _____. • He is protective of Newt and shields him from knowing the truth about Chris's condition.
Mrs Newman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mother to Chris and Newt Newman. • She is a _____ real estate agent _____. • She is _____ absent-minded _____. She can never remember where she put the keys or files or the plastic forks! • She is _____ caring _____ and love her sons absolutely. • She is upset when Chris is knocked unconscious and goes with him to the hospital. • She checks on Newt to make sure he is all right too.
Cecil Butterworth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A fourth grader who is shorter and skinnier than Newt. He wants to be a _____ drummer _____. • He is the _____ motivating factor _____ in Newt's life. He is instrumental in getting Newt to _____ climb _____ the tallest building in town to 'save' Reggie Ratner from jumping off the tower. • He is a caring, _____ supportive _____ friend and a lovable character with a good heart. He is Newt's sidekick.
Juanita Josephina Gonzalez (JJ)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She is very _____ intelligent _____ and loves using big words. • She always tries to be _____ correct and exact _____ in what she says. • She is also very strict about grammar. • She is concerned for Newt and makes him the mask for his Captain Nobody costume. • She _____ enjoys the limelight _____ and is enthusiastic about the interviews with the media.
Reggie Ratner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He weighs _____ 280 pounds _____ and has a thick neck. • He is a powerful defender in football. He is Chris' main opponent in Merrimac High School team. • He climbs the Appleton Water Tower to play a _____ prank _____ but his leg is caught in a hole in the tower. Everyone thought he wanted to _____ commit suicide _____. • Reggie is a good person as he visits Chris and Newt when they are in hospital.
Ricky Ratner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He is a hulking seventh grader and a _____ cousin _____ of Reggie Ratner. • He wants Newt to _____ call off _____ the friends and football players who are _____ harassing _____ Reggie.

Themes

Family Unit is Important

- Family love is a stabilising force in this world of stress and strain.
- The Newmans care for their children and shower them with love and concern.
- When Chris slips into a coma, the whole family is devastated. They hang on for the sake of each other.
- The Newmans try to shield Newt from discovering the truth about Chris's condition. They keep him away from the hospital.

Friendship Counts

- Friends stand up for each other and are there when you need them.
- JJ and Cecil are supportive of Newt and show their concern by getting him interested in Halloween. They help Newt with his costume, and make him feel strong and more confident.
- Friends and classmates stand up for Newt when Ricky Ratner threatens him. It makes Newt feel great and not invisible now.

Things are not What They Seem

- Newt is small and mostly goes unnoticed by schoolmates and people. But as Captain Nobody, he proves to be brave, rational and responsible.
- His kindness and compassion help people in an unassuming manner.

Moral Values

Love and Compassion

- When parents love their children and do the right thing for them, they are loved in return.
- Newt makes breakfast for the family because he loves his family. Newt's parents are working hard for the family as they care very much about their children.

Be Caring and Kindhearted

- Newt is very caring in whatever he does. His friends, JJ and Cecil are also very caring when they try their best to distract Newt from his misery. They encourage him to find his inner self and become a crime-fighter.
- Newt is supportive of Reggie. He does not tell the truth about his prank as people might think that Reggie is a loser.

Do not be Judgemental

- Newt never says that Reggie caused Chris's coma even when everyone else was sure. He gives him the benefit of the doubt.
- Later, when he knew that it was Darryl Peeps who knocked into Chris, Newt is not angry or revengeful. He and Chris forgive and forget.

Point of View

Point of View

- The story is written in the third person point of view.
- We see things through the eyes of the ten-year-old Newt Newman.

Tone and Mood

Tone and Mood

- The tone is amusing and light, even though it deals with a serious topic of what a family goes through in light of an unexpected tragic event.
- It is also humorous and the story is told at an easy pace.
- The story does not dip into the depressing – it tugs at the heartstrings without being sentimental.

2 Dear Mr Kilmer by Anne Schraff

Synopsis

This story is about Richard Knight, a teenage boy growing up on a farm in Iowa. He is caught within the throes of personal and community conflict. Richard does not like hunting animals and prefers writing poems. His love of poetry made him reach out towards a famous poet, Joyce Kilmer. They communicate with each other through letters as Kilmer prepares to go join the war in Europe and Richard goes up against bigotry in school and the community. The story shows how Richard comes to terms with himself, his family and the community he lives in.

Plot

Exposition

- While hunting with his brother and father, Richard deliberately misses while trying to shoot a deer.
- His brother is upset, but his father quietly accepts that Richard does not like hunting.

Rising Action

- In school, his English teacher Mrs Hansen reads out a beautiful poem by Joyce Kilmer.
- Richard writes to Kilmer about how he felt when his teacher read the poem.
- Richard sees Hannah crying in the school hallway.

Climax

- Hannah's father's tavern is vandalised. Mrs Hansen asks her class to sign a card to express their sympathies. Everyone refuses except Richard.
- Mrs. Hansen persuades Richard to talk about his correspondence with Kilmer and reads one of his poems in class.
- Richard learns that Kilmer is in France. This scares him.
- Due to pressure from some people, Hannah declines the part of Lady Liberty. To show support, Richard refuses the part offered to him.

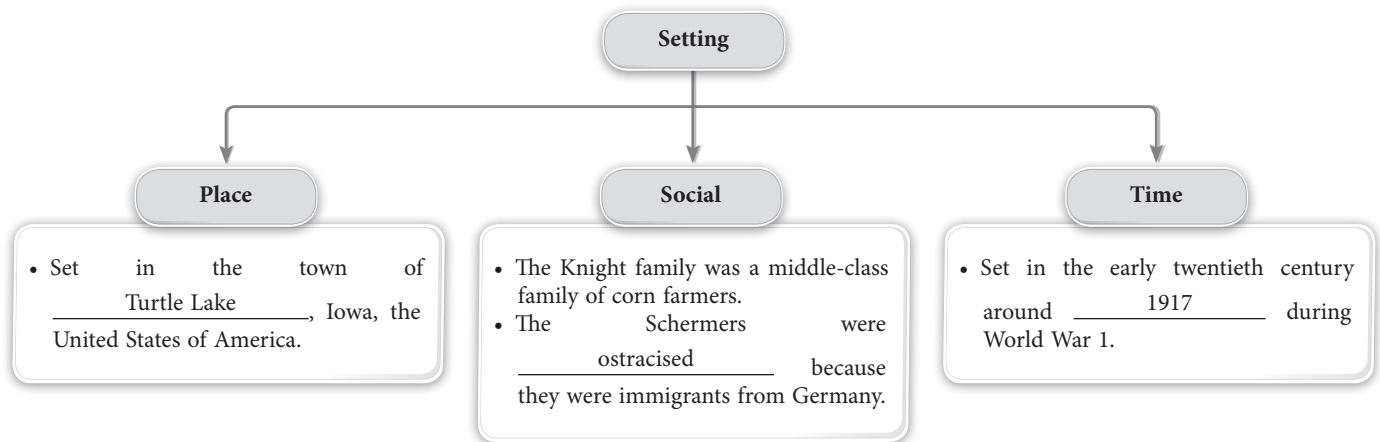
Falling Action

- The war goes on. The school term comes to an end with a picnic when Richard and Hannah spend some time together. Hannah gets hit by a stone thrown by someone.
- Gus announces that he has enlisted in the army, much to his father's dismay.
- Gus leaves the next day. Kilmer writes about the painful effects of war and tells Richard to keep writing his poems.

Resolution

- Richard learns that Kilmer has been killed in the war. He cries bitterly. He writes a beautiful poem as a tribute to Kilmer. The Shermers persuade him to submit it to a local newspaper so that other people could read it.
- Richard's father is very impressed with the feelings expressed in the poem. Father and son have a meaningful conversation.
- The war ends, and with it some fears. Peace returns.

Setting



Characters

Character	Description
Richard Knight	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A pale and slender 15-year-old teenage boy who dislikes hunting animals. Very considerate, Richard helps his sister with the household chores. He writes <u>poems</u> to express his pain. He is brave and <u>stands up</u> for Hannah against their classmates. He even <u>supports</u> her family when vandals attack her father's tavern. He is loyal and gives up the role of Doughboy out of loyalty towards Hannah.
Gus Knight	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The <u>older brother</u> of Richard who loves hunting and playing games. He thinks Richard is a sissy to dislike hunting and killing animals. He joins the <u>army</u> after finishing high school but it does not please his father.
Hannah Knight	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The daughter of the Schermers. She is upset at being called a <u>Hun</u>, an offensive term for the Germans. She feels strongly that people must care about one another despite differences in race, religion and nationality.
Mr Knight	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> He is Gus and Richard's father; a good and <u>responsible</u> father. He is firm and <u>stern</u> – forbids Gus from dropping out of the school to enlist in the army. He tries to forbid Richard from writing poems but fails.
Mrs Hansen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A good peace-loving English teacher who introduces Kilmer's <u>poetry</u> to the class. She <u>encourages</u> Richard to write and read poems in the class. She is courageous and <u>firm in her stand</u> against racism. She is fair in choosing Hannah as Lady Liberty.
Abner and Harry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Very opinionated and <u>prejudiced</u>. They dislike poetry as they think it is <u>sissy</u> stuff. Dislike Hannah because of her German origin. Dislike Richard for standing up for Hannah.

Themes

Themes

The Importance of Family

- Both sons, Richard and Gus, really want to earn their father's _____ respect _____. Richard is very happy when his father is pleased with his poem towards the end of the story. Richard helps his _____ sister _____ with her chores. He is concerned with her well-being.
- The Schermers are close to each other and enjoy the relationship they have. They welcome _____ Richard _____ and shower him with affection.

Be True to Yourself

- Richard is different. He hates _____ hunting _____ and killing animals, unlike his father and brother. Gus keeps warning him not to be the odd boy. He likes writing poems. He becomes brave enough to acknowledge his sensitive soul.
- Richard is courageous and true to his beliefs. He stands up for Hannah regardless of _____ race _____ and religion.

The Importance of Education

- Knight wants both his sons to finish high school since he did not finish his. Gus wants to stop schooling to join the _____ army _____ but his father forbids him. He wants Gus to at least have some _____ basic _____ education in life.

The Effects of War

- Richard and Gus lost their uncle in a war. Since then, his father lives in trenches and puts up with terrible conditions.
- In the war, the chances of being _____ killed _____ are very high. Some have to live through war conditions such as being deaf, crazy or suffer from _____ chemical _____ effects which led to slow and painful deaths.

Moral Values

Moral Values

Respect and Love for Family Members

- Knight _____ loves _____ both his sons. He understands each son is _____ different _____ even both of them try to earn his respect by doing what he wants them to do.
- Knight and his brother, Roland, are different in personality too. Knight loves him and still feels the pain after losing him in a _____ war _____.
- The Schermers love each other. They worry that Otto is in the army and may get killed.

Respect Human Beings

- Everyone should be respected despite racial or religious differences. _____ Vandalising _____ property, judging people by the language they speak or their cultural habits is unfair and ignorant.

Patriotism

- Kilmer joins the army to show his love for his _____ country _____. Otto enlists in the army even though he is of German origin, out of loyalty to the land he lives in. Gus too joins the army because he thinks it is his _____ duty _____ to fight for the country.

Point of View

Point of View

- The story is written in the _____ third person _____ point of view.
- We see things through the eyes of the 15-year-old school boy, _____ Richard _____.

Tone and Mood

Tone and Mood

- The tone is serious as it deals with war, prejudice and the painful experience of growing up.
- It is also filled with worries since people are constantly worried for themselves and for those at the warfront.

3 Sing to the Dawn (Min Fong Ho)

Synopsis

Set in Thailand, this story is about a young village girl, Dawan, who wins a scholarship to study in a city school. Her brother, Kwai, is placed second. He is initially jealous and this causes a rift between them. To make matters worse, almost everyone around them thinks the scholarship should be Kwai's because they think education is wasted on a girl. Dawan faces obstacles at every turn but eventually overcomes them. She proves to herself and to others that she is fully capable of handling the responsibility that comes with the scholarship.

Plot

Exposition

- Dawan and Kwai sit on the old bridge above the river and watch the sunrise. They talk about a scholarship. Dawan is sure she won't win it because she is a girl.
- At school, their teacher announces that Dawan is the winner of the scholarship to study in the city school.

Rising Action

- Kwai and almost everyone around Dawan is unhappy and sad that Dawan won the scholarship instead of her brother.
- Dawan's grandmother is supportive. But when Dawan and her mother asks for advice from a cousin, she advises Dawan not to go to the city.
- Dawan wants to fight for her right to study but realises that she needs more support. She seeks support from the head monk but he offers none.

Climax

- Dawan is hurt and she goes to the marketplace and sits there, tired and frustrated. A girl at the marketplace lends a sympathetic ear to Dawan.
- When the girl argues with her brother and he turns violent, Kwai arrives and restrains him.
- The girl thanks Kwai but then scolds him for not being nice to his own sister. He is shocked at her reaction and in the scuffle that follows, pushes Dawan.
- Dawan yells at him for trying to stop her from going to the city.

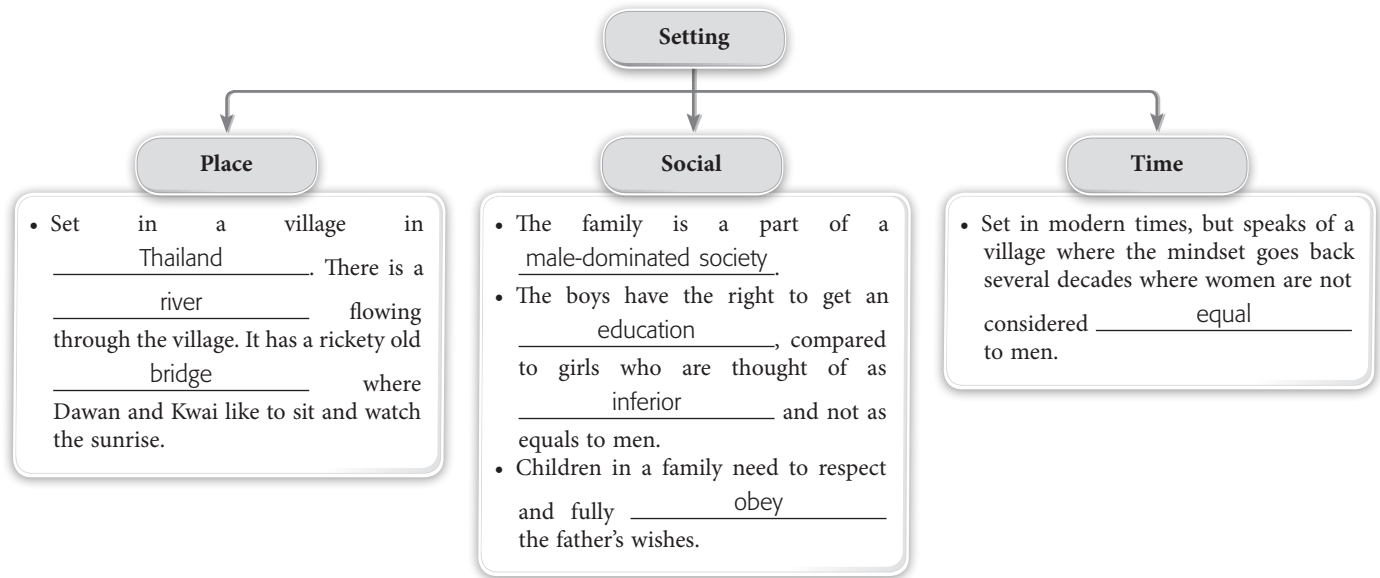
Falling Action

- Dawan goes to the riverside and finds Kwai there. He remembers vividly that she had called him a bully.
- They both talk and some of the tension between them eases. Kwai makes a decision and the two of them share an umbrella home.
- Dawan's father talks to Kwai and Dawan together and reluctantly allows Dawan to go to the school in the city.

Resolution

- As Dawan is boarding the bus to go to the city, she looks everywhere for Kwai but he is nowhere to be seen. Then she sees him standing on the bridge waving her goodbye.

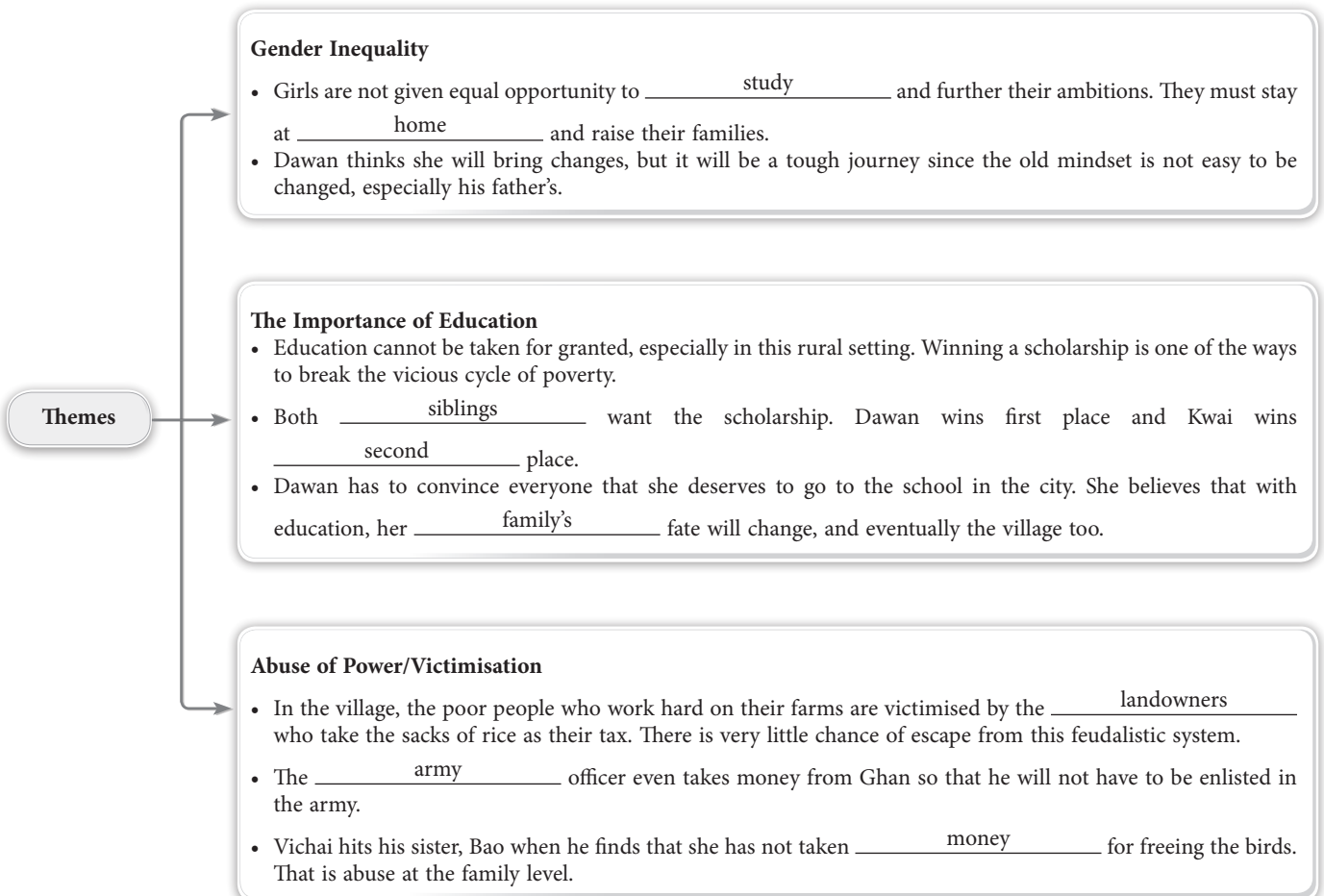
Setting



Characters

Character	Description
Dawan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> She is the <u>eldest</u> child in the family. She is an enthusiastic and vibrant girl – full of teenage energy in wanting to grasp at life. She shares a special relationship with her brother, Kwai. She wins the <u>scholarship</u> but is in a fix as her brother wants to study too. She knows that her opportunities are less and accepts that too. She is very brave – she stands up for <u>Bao</u> when Vichai hits her. She is a courageous girl – she speaks up to her own brother, Kwai to make him realise about her dreams and win his support She loves her family and wants their support and cooperation.
Kwai	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> He is the <u>younger</u> brother of Dawan. He wins the second place in the scholarship list. He has a good relationship with his sister and enjoys watching the <u>sunrise</u> with her. He is tough and can be aggressive – he is very disappointed that he did not get the scholarship and is unable to be happy for his sister at first. He is <u>brave</u> – he defends Bao when Vichai hits her. He is willing to change and allows his sister to pursue her studies.
The Teacher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> He is a good teacher – stimulates his class by provoking thought and encouraging students to give their <u>opinions</u>. He cares for his students.
Grandmother	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> She is very supportive of Dawan – the only person to express their pride in her She strongly believes in what she does – decides to bring Dawan to meet Noi, the cousin who used to live in the <u>city</u>.
Father	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> He is fixed in his views – follows the old mindset in thinking that girls need not be educated and just stay at home. He is very angry and disappointed that Kwai did not win the <u>scholarship</u> and scolds Dawan for taking his chance away. He permits Dawan to pursue her studies at the end – a big change in him.

Character	Description
Mother	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> She is _____ obedient _____ and follows his husband. She does not want her daughter to be disappointed so she does not encourage her. She still wants the best for all her children.
Noi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dawan's cousin. She is a few years _____ older _____ than Dawan, married to Ghan and has a baby. She is stressed out – burdened with _____ financial _____ problems. She talks negatively about the city. Her husband supports her views too.
Bao	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> She sells _____ flowers _____ in the market. She is friendly and generous – gives her flower to Dawan for free. She is supportive – encourages Dawan to go for her studies She loves _____ animals _____ so much – frees a bird from the cage. Her brother, Vichai, hits her for that and in the scuffle between him and Bao, a sparrow dies. She is heartbroken. She is very courageous – scolds Kwai for being mean and unfair to Dawan
Vichai	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> He is Bao's _____ brother _____ and Dawan and Kwai's classmate. He is mean and aggressive. He also loves money so much – he is very angry and hits Bao for giving the birds for free.
The Monk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> He is old and should be wise. Instead, he is fixed in his views – thinks studying is not for _____ girls _____ and lets Dawan down badly.



Moral Values

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Compassion and Kindness

- Dawan feels uncomfortable to _____ accept _____ the scholarship as her brother is very keen to study too.
- If she were totally selfish, she would just accept it and go off. It is compassion for Dawan towards a brother she cares about.
- Kwai also feels torn about blocking Dawan's chance to improve herself. When Bao tells him off for being _____ selfish _____, he realises his mistakes and wants Dawan to grab the chance she is given.

Responsibility

- With power and position, comes responsibility. Dawan knows she has to do a lot more for her family and society once she has finished her _____ studies _____. Kwai too says he will improve the plight of the villagers when he can.
- The grandmother is a very responsible woman. She is quick to act for her granddaughter, Dawan. She is willing to bring Dawan to see _____ Noi _____, the cousin.
- The parents are responsible people. They want their children to be educated.
- The father lets Dawan to study with her brother in a secondary school where not as many parents allow their _____ daughters _____ to do so.

Courage

- Courage is needed to break out of an age-old custom and start anew.
- Dawan wants to study in the city and improve herself instead of staying at home and taking care of her family.
- She faces many _____ obstacles _____ and is brave to get support from others.
- She is not afraid of Vichai and stands up for Bao in the _____ marketplace _____. Due to her persistence and strength, she is able to get the chance to study in the city.
- Kwai is also courageous. He is willing to _____ fight _____ Vichai when he hits Bao.
- He is also willing to accept the fact that he should not stand in Dawan's way. He is courageous enough to change his mind.

Point of View

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- The story is written in the _____ third person _____ point of view.
- We see things through the eyes of _____ Dawan _____, a young girl with big dreams.

Tone and Mood

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- The tone is gentle and thoughtful.
- Dawan is _____ hopeful _____ of winning the scholarship and leaving for the big city.
- At the same time, she does not want to _____ hurt _____ her brother.
- She looks forward to the changes that will surely come in the future once she finishes her _____ studies _____.

SPM MODEL TEST

PAPER 1

Section A: Directed Writing

(Suggested answer)

A very good morning to all my fellow classmates. Our teacher, Mr Darmesh has organised a study trip. He has suggested we either visit the Erison Computer Factory or Dila Palm Oil Plantation.

For your information, the distance of Dila Palm Oil Plantation from our school is 300 kilometres while Erison Computer Factory is only 3 kilometres. If we go to Dila Palm Oil Plantation, we will have to stay for two days and one night. However, if we go to Erison Computer Factory, we only need to spend one day there. If we visit the Dila Palm Oil Plantation, we can stay in a budget hotel close to the plantation. We do not need accommodation if we go to Erison Computer Factory. The cost of staying in the budget hotel will be RM 120 per room. Two students can share one room. We do not need to pay for accommodation if we go to Erison Computer Factory. Finally, we will need to hire a school bus to take us to the Dila Palm Oil Plantation. However, since Erison Computer Factory is quite near, we can all go there on our own and do not need to hire a school bus. Although the Dila Palm Oil Plantation is further than Erison Computer Factory and it will cost us more, I feel we should visit the palm oil plantation instead of the computer factory. I feel that we can learn more at the palm oil plantation. Also if we visit the palm oil plantation, we can learn how palm oil is grown and harvested. Furthermore, we can learn how the palm oil is processed. We can visit the computer factory anytime and even on our own. We can also do this since it is nearer to our school.

In conclusion, I suggest that we visit the Dila Palm Oil Plantation as we can learn a lot there. Furthermore, we can visit Erison Computer Factory anytime and even by ourselves.

Section B: Continuous Writing

(Suggested points)

1 Write a story about a time in your life when exercise played an important role.

Introduction

- When you were about eight years old, you were always sick with asthma. Your family doctor suggested you do some exercises to strengthen your lungs.

1st paragraph

- Your father suggested you go jogging with him every morning. He would go jogging at five in the morning. You were reluctant to go as you find it difficult to wake up too early in the morning.

2nd paragraph

- You soon fell sick with asthma again. This time you were admitted to the hospital for a few days. After you regained your health, your father again persuaded you to go jogging with him. You said you would think about it. Your father did not push you but he hoped you would change your mind.

3rd paragraph

- After considering it, you reluctantly decide to go jogging with your father. Your father is delighted and says you will not regret it. He promised that he will not push you too hard.

4th paragraph

- The first few days of going jogging was rather difficult. You had a hard time waking up. Furthermore, you could not jog for long as you got tired easily. However, later on jogging became easier and you even looked forward to it.

Conclusion

- Just as the doctor said, exercise did help to strengthen your lungs and you rarely got sick with asthma. You are glad your father persuaded you to go jogging with him.

PAPER 2

Section A

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| 1 D | 2 C | 3 A | 4 C | 5 D | 6 B |
| 7 A | 8 A | 9 A | 10 B | 11 A | 12 C |
| 13 C | 14 C | 15 B | | | |

Section B

- 16 The Rich Girl
- 17 Safariland
- 18 Black Crystal
- 19 Tim Stone
- 20 Ominous
- 21 Ultimate Movie Blog
- 22 Ominous
- 23 Ethan Lambert
- 24 comedy
- 25 Jennifer Jones

Section C

- 26 The three children were happily taking turns riding a scooter on their quiet street.
- 27 (a) TJ could see Kim's face and she looked scared.
(b) He walked the length of the block until he reached an alley and disappeared.
- 28 (a) He knew he could not rescue Kim by himself and that was why he decided to get Ware and his wife's help.
(b) The word 'overgrown'
- 29 (a) It was the house where TJ had seen the man take Kim to.
(b) When the man stumbled while he was trying to flee, Ware lunged and tackled and caught him.
- 30 Action: I think Ware would have handed him over to the police who would have arrested him.
Reason: This is because the man had attempted to kidnap a girl.
- 31 (Suggested answer)
Three children were playing on their street on a Saturday afternoon when a man appeared. He then picked up the youngest child, a girl, Kim and walked away calmly. The oldest child, an 11-year-old boy, TJ realised his friend had been kidnapped. He then saw the man walk down the alley and disappear. TJ told his neighbours, Brad Ware and his wife what happened. TJ then went out on the street and followed the man. Meanwhile, Ware and his wife followed TJ in their car. They saw the man standing in front of an abandoned house and shove Kim through the window. Ware got out of the car and chased the man. The man let Kim go and tried to run away but Ware managed to catch him.

(130 words)

Section D

- 32 (a) The persona is most probably Lulu's younger sibling.
(b) i. Concerned
ii. The persona says that there's nothing in Lulu's bed but an old rag doll and by its side, a shoe which means he/she suspects that Lulu has run away.
(c) I think Lulu probably ran away because she had a misunderstanding with her mother and instead of solving the misunderstanding, she decided to run away.
(Accept any suitable answer)

33 (Suggested answers)

Captain Nobody

I like the ending of the novel *Captain Nobody* because it has a happy ending. Furthermore, we find out the truth about who head-butted Chris, who Captain Nobody is and when Chris wakes up from the coma.

In the ending of the novel, we know the truth about the

cause of Chris' coma. In the beginning, Reggie Ratner of the Merrimac team was accused of having head-butted Chris. Newt then has a dream in which he discovers the truth. He later tells this to Reggie and his parents. Reggie's name is cleared and paves the way for the reconciliation between the two teams.

Next, the public finally discover the true identity of Captain Nobody. Before his identity was revealed, Captain Nobody managed to foil a jewellery store robbery. Apart from that, he also rescued an airplane by making it possible for it to make an emergency landing on the highway. The mystery man in the strange outfit also helped to rescue Reggie Ratner from the Appleton Water Tower. The public finally know that Captain Nobody is Newt Newman, thanks to the press interviews given by JJ and Cecil.

Also at the end of the novel, Chris Newman finally comes out of the coma. When Newt is placed next to Chris in the hospital, he shouts "Hit the showers" very loudly. Newt is so loud that even the nurses come running into his room. These words resonate in Chris' mind and bring him back to consciousness. Newt usually uses these words as a wake-up call for Chris at home.

In conclusion, I like the ending as the truth about who had head-butted Chris is finally revealed. Newt Newman is also known as Captain Nobody by the people of Appleton. In the end too Chris Newman finally wakes up from the coma.

Dear Mr Kilmer

I like the ending of the novel *Dear Mr Kilmer*. Even though there is a lot of sadness and some death in the novel, the story ends on a happy note.

Towards the end of the novel, Mr Kilmer dies while fighting in France. His death brings untold grief to Richard Knight. However, he did not die in vain. Due to his sacrifices and also that of many Americans soldiers, World War I comes to an end. Kilmer's letters and poems live on in our hearts as messages of peace.

After the death of Mr Kilmer, Richard composes a poem as a tribute to him. The poem praises Joyce Kilmer and also expresses the private grief every reader has for his loved ones. One of the readers is Richard's own father. He has grieved

privately for many years over his brother's death in another war in Cuba. This poem touches his heart and he finally accepts Richard's love for poetry. The poem heals Richard's father's old wounds and brings son and father closer together.

After the poem is published in the local newspaper, Richard is recognised as a promising poet by the local community. The Turtle Lake Weekly gives him a weekly column for his poems. The novel also ends with a strong impression that Hannah and Richard will end up together.

I like the ending because in the end, even though Joyce Kilmer dies, he does not die in vain. His death triggers a series of events which allowed Richard and his father to get to know each other better and become closer. In addition, Richard becomes well-known in his community for his poems.

Sing to the Dawn

I like the ending of the novel *Sing to the Dawn* because it not only has a happy ending but an emotional one as well. The main character went through hardships but in the end, triumphed over them.

In the beginning, even though Dawan wins a scholarship to study in the city, her father forbids her to go. However, in the end, he gives her his blessings and she leaves for the city to take up her scholarship to study there. After all the obstacles faced, this is indeed a great victory for her. Dawan receives her grandmother's blessing too. Before Dawan leaves, at the ritual prayer, her grandmother gives her a lotus bud and explains its significance. Therefore, Dawan leaves with spiritual strength.

When Dawan is about to leave, she looks around for Kwai but she cannot find him. She then boards the bus and as the bus passes the river, Dawan sees her brother. He is waving joyously to her. Dawan is overjoyed as this is the moment she has been waiting for. She realises at that moment that Kwai loves and cares for her. Dawan feels happy that her family is fully united in their moral support for her. It is really a touching scene.

The ending is happy because Dawan finally gets her father's blessings to study in the city. Her grandmother too gives her spiritual blessings and finally, Kwai shows how much he loves and cares for his sister.