

# SPM MODEL TEST 1

PAPER 1

One hour and forty-five minutes

This question paper consists of **two** sections. **Section A** and **Section B**. Answer **both** sections.

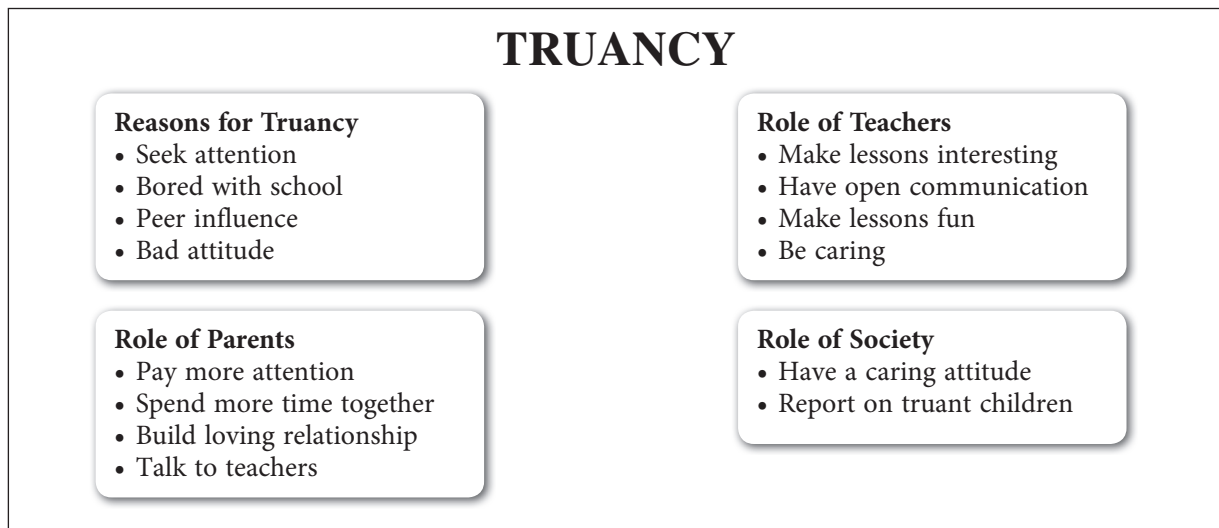
## Section A: Directed Writing

[35 marks]

[Time suggested: 45 minutes]

Your teacher has asked you to write an **article** for your school magazine on truancy in your school.

Use the notes in the poster below to write your **article**.



When writing your **article**, you should remember to:

- give your article a title
- include the name of the writer
- use **all** the notes given
- give your **own ideas** when needed

### Note:

For your article, you will receive up to **15 marks** for the format and content points, and up to **20 marks** for the quality of your writing.

## Truancy in School

*Recently, there have been reports that truancy in schools has been on the rise. There are many reasons for this alarming trend. It could probably be due to rapid development and changing norms which has a great effect on society.*

*One of the reasons for truancy is boredom. Some youths are bored with school and classes which are monotonous. Some decide to play truant due to peer pressure while youths with bad attitude tend to skip classes without reason.*

Another reason for truancy is that youths seek attention. This is probably due to poor relationship between parents and students. Parents who are busy with their work make no time for their children. Hence, the only way for youths to gain attention is to go against rules and regulations.

Parents have an important role to play in curbing truancy. They must pay more attention to their children. They must also spend more time together and build a loving relationship with them. Parents should also talk to their children's teachers to find out about their progress in school. This will help them to monitor their children's studies.

Teachers also play an important role in curbing truancy. They should make lessons fun and interesting so that students would look forward to school. They should also be caring and have an open communication with their students.

Society too can help in curbing truancy by being more caring, responsible and reporting on truants. We should take steps to curb truancy. If all parties work together and play their roles effectively, truancy in schools will definitely decrease.

Written by,  
*Tan Siew Lian*  
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## Section B: Continuous Writing

[50 marks]

[Time suggested: One hour]

Write a composition of about **350 words** on one of the following topics.

- 1 Describe an incident when you saw a snatch theft.
- 2 Sports and sportsmen are taken too seriously these days. What do you think?
- 3 Why is having good manners important?
- 4 Write about your experience helping your classmate, who has to use a wheelchair after an accident. End your story with:  
“... I learnt a lot about myself by helping my friend.”
- 5 What is the best way to help teenagers reduce screen time?

(Suggested points)

Describe an incident when you saw a snatch theft.

### **Introduction**

- You and your mother were going to the supermarket
- Describe how you went and why

### **2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph**

- It was a busy place; describe what you saw – the aisles, groceries, people, etc
- Describe the sights and sounds – families buying things, pushing trolleys in aisles, long queues at the cashier counters

### **3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph**

- You bought things and moved among the people
- You were pushing a trolley laden with the week's groceries; your mother was choosing a bottle of soya sauce at the aisle

**4<sup>th</sup> paragraph**

- Suddenly you noticed a man snatch a lady's handbag
- The man dashed by you; you were shocked but decided to act on impulse
- You managed to tackle the man to the ground and grappled with him

**5<sup>th</sup> paragraph**

- A few bystanders came to your aid
- The men held the thief down and took the bag out of his hands
- You handed the thief over to security; a lot of excitement as people crowded around wondering what the commotion was

**Conclusion**

- Shoppers praised your quick action; lady thanked you for getting back her handbag; feels grateful and is forever in your debt
- Police came and arrested the thief; handcuffed him and led him into police car
- All ended well

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## PAPER 2

Two hours and fifteen minutes

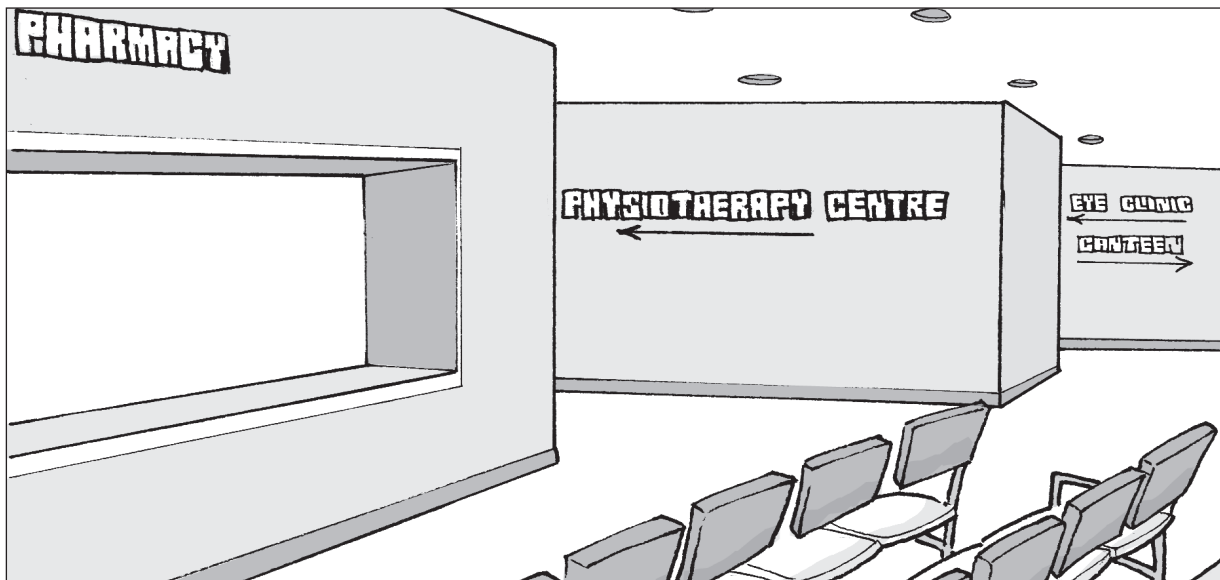
This question paper consists of four sections: Section A, Section B, Section C and Section D. Answer all the sections in this question paper. Questions in Section A have four options. Answer each question by circling A, B, C or D on the question paper.

## Section A

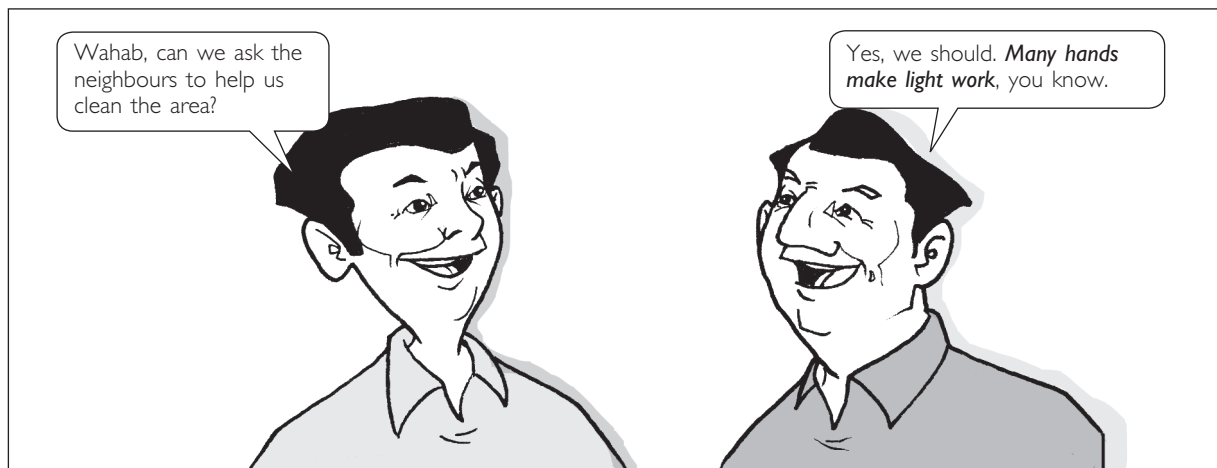
[15 marks]

[Time suggested: 25 minutes]

Questions 1 – 8 are based on the given stimuli. Study the information carefully and choose the best answer.



- 1 Based on the picture, the place for patients to collect their medicines will be the
- A outpatient clinic
  - B laboratory
  - C pharmacy
  - D eye clinic



- 2 The phrase **many hands make light work** means
- A to make things function, there should be more people
  - B a job is easily done if there are more people to help
  - C things that are light can be carried easily
  - D people will help if they are free

*Dear Editor*

*I wish to highlight a heartwarming scene I witnessed last week as it had a huge impact on me. I saw a scruffy-looking man singing along the roadside and dropped some money into the dirty cloth in front of him. I hoped he wasn't collecting money to buy drugs or drinks.*

*Later I saw him take the day's collection and give it to an orphanage. I realised that I had no right to judge him just because he was busking on the streets. Now, I make sure I donate money for worthwhile causes.*

*Roshan  
Segamat*


- 3 In the letter above, Roshan wants to
- A complain about the singer
  - B collect money for the singer
  - C describe a wonderful incident
  - D write about needy orphanages
- 4 From the letter we know that the singer is
- A confused
  - B unselfish
  - C unthinking
  - D indifferent

David de Rothschild, a thirty-year old environmentalist, has deep *convictions* about inspiring, educating and engaging individuals and communities to become agents of environmental change.

- 5 The word *convictions* in the description above can **best** be replaced with
- A hopes
  - B wishes
  - C beliefs
  - D reasons

Arnel Lapan walked around the slums in the city carrying a chalkboard to teach the poor for free. He is not a wealthy man and receives no funding from anyone. He wants to help educate as many children as possible as he believes everyone deserves a chance.

- 6 From the report above, we know that Arnel Lapan
- A teaches the children of the city to make money
  - B walks around the city to meet the poor children
  - C believes that he deserves a second chance
  - D teaches the needy children for free



Nature lovers are invited to participate in the Malaysian Nature Society Open Day which will be held at Taman Lembah Kiara today.

With the aim of educating children not to take nature for granted, a series of activities, such as nature walks, scavenger hunt and outdoor workshops are included in the programme.

Participation fee of RM10 per activity is charged.

7 Why did the Malaysian Nature Society organise the Open Day?

- A To teach children to appreciate nature
- B To invite nature lovers to take walks
- C To participate in the nature society
- D To collect RM10 from the public

NUMBER OF MALAYSIANS ABROAD			
Countries	2005	2015	% increase
Australia	34,716	39601	14.07
Canada	8480	12170	43.51
United Kingdom	9812	16190	65.00
United States	12315	24695	100
New Zealand	4719	5157	9.82

8 From the chart above, which of the following statements is **true**?

- A More Malaysians have settled in Australia than in Canada.
- B Less Malaysians have settled in Australia than in New Zealand.
- C The number of Malaysians in the United States doubled in 2015.
- D The most number of Malaysians have settled in the United Kingdom.

Questions 9 – 15 are based on the following passage. Choose the best answer to fill in each blank.

Some people think that others are successful in life because they are just lucky. But people who \_\_\_\_\_ **9** \_\_\_\_\_ made it will tell you another story. They will tell you about the failures they faced, the troubled times they had and how they got up and worked harder to get where \_\_\_\_\_ **10** \_\_\_\_\_ are.

Yes, that is \_\_\_\_\_ **11** \_\_\_\_\_ success is all about – just plain hard work. It is sometimes recognised early and sometimes a little later \_\_\_\_\_ **12** \_\_\_\_\_ it will still come. Life does throw a curveball at times or knock you down hard but dealing with failure is the first step to success.

Bad times are the times when you learn your lessons but go ahead and launch your dreams. Retrain your mind for success. Do not \_\_\_\_\_ **13** \_\_\_\_\_ yourself as a failed end product, think of yourself as temporarily derailed and give yourself time to bounce back. Work on your strengths and tread hard on your weaknesses. Look at challenges as opportunities.

Have faith in God; venture \_\_\_\_\_ **14** \_\_\_\_\_ and work with honesty and sincerity. Save money, do not waste it buying things to show off to people. There will always be people richer than you, so you are \_\_\_\_\_ **15** \_\_\_\_\_ time and money. Set your goals, plan your strategy and work towards your target. You will soon be on Lucky Street.

- 9 A has  
B had  
C have  
D having
- 10 A they  
B their  
C we  
D us
- 11 A who  
B what  
C which  
D why
- 12 A so  
B and  
C for  
D but
- 13 A look up  
B look down  
C look over  
D look upon
- 14 A bravely  
B hardly  
C gradually  
D completely
- 15 A waste  
B wastes  
C wasting  
D wasted

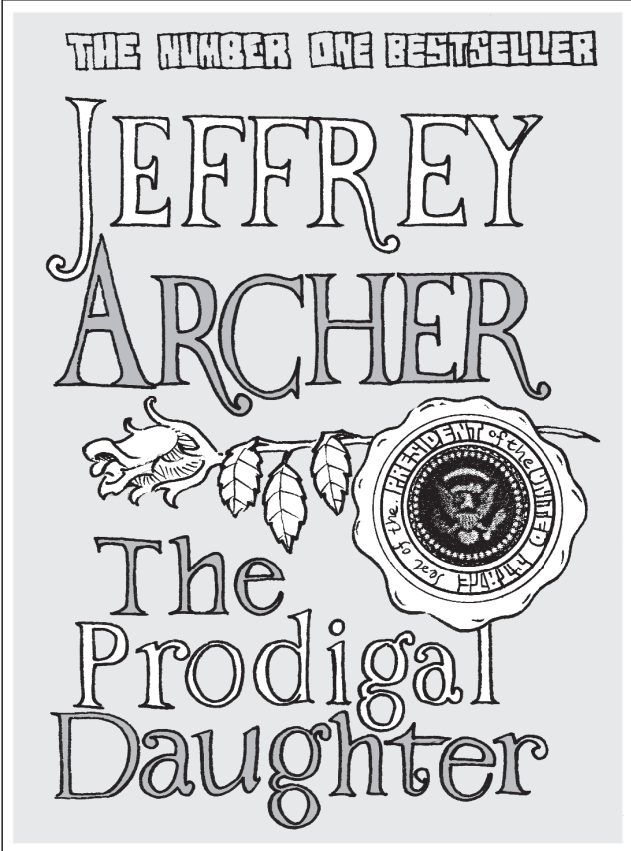
**Section B**

[10 marks]

[Time suggested: 25 minutes]

**Questions 16 – 25**

Read the following poster and answer the questions that follow.



The book, *The Prodigal Daughter* is a novel written by Jeffrey Archer and is published by Harper Collins Publishers. It is a thrilling romantic fiction and this genre is very popular among all readers especially adults.

The novel deals with a young girl Florentyna, and a young man, Richard, both of whom are the children of two rivals. Like their fathers, Florentyna and Richard have had very different goals in life but both aim for success in life.

Richard attended the same school as his father and had the same ambition as his father – to take over the family bank as Chairman. Florentyna on the other hand, has roots in terrible poverty yet has exceptional intelligence, just like her father. From a very young age, she had hoped to become President of the United States. Florentyna and Richard fall in love and marry against their parents' wishes. They build their business empire through hard work and wise business moves.

An extremely entertaining story, it grips the readers' attention with its thrilling cliffhanger moments and general flow of fast moving chapters. Archer, a master storyteller, has woven themes of love and passion for power together in a tight plot to produce a great story.

I recommend this novel to all who wish to enjoy a product of a master entertainer and storyteller.

Reviewed by Kamilah Ghani



**Questions 16 – 21**

Using the information from the book review, complete the table below.

Title:	16 <u>The Prodigal Daughter</u>
Author:	17 <u>Jeffrey Archer</u>
Type of Book:	18 <u>Romantic fiction</u>
Themes	19 (a) Love (b) <u>Passion</u>
Main Characters:	20 Florentyna 21 <u>Richard</u>
<p>Storyline:</p> <p>This story apparently takes place in 22 <u>the United States of America</u>.</p> <p>The female character wants to be the 23 <u>president of the United States of America</u>.</p> <p>The story deals with the two characters who marry and build their 24 <u>business empire</u> through hard work and clever business moves.</p> <p>Reviewer's opinion of the book:</p> <p>25 <u>Highly recommended for it is a great story.</u></p>	

[10 marks]

**Section C**

[25 marks]

[Time suggested: 50 minutes]

Questions 26 – 31 are based on the following passage.

1	A few weeks ago, I was rushing through my work while holding a steaming cup of coffee in one hand and an important document in the other. What began as a typical Monday morning, turned into one of those lessons that life seems to hand you from time to time.
2	My uncle from Australia dropped in to see me. I was surprised to see him as it had been quite a while since we had met up. He looked a little older but otherwise was bright and cheerful. He had that twinkle in his eyes that seemed to light up his whole face and when he spoke, it was in a deep baritone voice. You know the kind of voice that sounded like he should be in the broadcasting business. We talked about the usual things and exchanged news about the family. I told him that the children were busy with school and that I hardly had any time to be with them. Luckily my efficient wife took care of everything and I could concentrate on the business. My work took me away from the family but I was working for their sakes, I told him. My business was flourishing and I was making good money. He looked at me quietly as I chatted.

3 He asked me if I had time to listen to his philosophy of a thousand marbles. I was intrigued and asked him to explain. “Well, Tom, it sure sounds like you’re busy with your job. I’m sure you are doing well but it’s a shame you have to be away from home and your family so much. Hard to believe a young fellow should have to work sixty or seventy hours a week. Too bad you missed your daughter’s participation in the school concert. That was a shame.” 15

4 He continued, “Let me tell you something, Tom, something that has helped me keep a good perspective on my own priorities.” And that’s when he began to explain his theory of a thousand marbles. “You see, I sat down one day and did a little arithmetic. The average person lives about seventy-five years. I know, some live more and some live less, but on average, folks live about seventy-five years. 20

5 Now then, I multiplied 75 times 52 and I came up with 3,900, which is the number of Saturdays that the average person has in their entire lifetime. Now stick with me Tom, I’m getting to the important part. It took me until I was fifty-five years old to think about all this in any detail,” he went on, “and by that time I had lived through over twenty-eight hundred Saturdays. I got to thinking that if I lived to be seventy-five, I only had about a thousand of them left to enjoy. 30

6 So I went to a toy store and bought every single marble they had. I ended up having to visit three toy stores to round-up 1,000 marbles. I took them home and put them inside of a large, clear plastic container right there in the room next to my gear. Every Saturday since then, I have taken one marble out and thrown it away.

7 I found that by watching the marbles diminish, I focused more on the really important things in life. There is nothing like watching your time here on this earth run out to help get your priorities straight. Now let me tell you one last thing before I leave. This morning, I took the very last marble out of the container. I figure if I make it until next Saturday then I have been given a little extra time. And the one thing we can all use is a little more time. It was nice to see you Tom, I hope you spend more time with your family, and I hope to see you again.” 35 40

8 I saw him to the door and sat down quietly in the room. I put aside my papers and decided to call my wife. I think I will take her out for a meal and spend a little more time with the children too. Everything else can wait.

26 From paragraph 1, what was special about that Monday to the writer?

*He learned a lesson.*

[1 mark]

27 From paragraph 2,

(a) why did the writer think that his uncle should be in the broadcasting business?

*He had a deep baritone voice which was suitable for such work.*

[1 mark]

(b) which word conveys the meaning of ‘doing well’?

*‘Flourishing’*

[1 mark]

28 (a) From paragraph 3, why does the writer’s uncle call missing the concert ‘a shame’?

*He feels that one should spend more time with the family.*

[1 mark]

- (b) From paragraph 4, what has the thousand-marble theory made the writer's uncle think about?

*It has given him a good perspective of his priorities.*

\_\_\_\_\_ [1 mark]

- 29 (a) From paragraph 5,

- i. how many Saturdays does an average person have in his lifetime?

*3900 Saturdays*

\_\_\_\_\_ [1 mark]

- ii. at what age did the uncle come up with his theory in detail?

*At the age of fifty-five*

\_\_\_\_\_ [1 mark]

- (b) From paragraph 6, what did the uncle do every Saturday?

*He threw away one marble from the container.*

\_\_\_\_\_ [1 mark]

- 30 In your opinion, what lesson did the writer learn from his uncle? Using your own words, do you think that the lesson was beneficial?

*The writer learned that one must prioritise things in life. The family and loved ones are important and one must make time for them. Making money should not become more important than loved ones. I think it was a good lesson as we have only a limited time on earth and we should use the time wisely.*

\_\_\_\_\_ [2 marks]

- 31 Based on the passage given, write a summary on:

- what the philosophy of the thousand marbles was **and**
- the lesson the uncle shared with his nephew

Credit will be given for use of own words but care must be taken not to change the original meaning.

Your summary must:

- be in continuous writing form (not in note form)
- use material from **lines 20 to 37**
- not be longer than **130 words, including the 10 words** given below

Begin your summary as follows:

*My uncle told me his thousand-marble theory helped...*

[15 marks]

*My uncle told me that his thousand-marble theory helped him keep a good perspective of his priorities. He pitied me for leading a busy life. He said that an average person lives about seventy-five years. He multiplied 75 by 52 and came up with 3,900, which is the number of Saturdays that the average person has in their entire lifetime. He realised that at fifty five years old he had lived through over twenty-eight*

*hundred Saturdays. Now at seventy-five, he only had a thousand left to enjoy. Therefore he bought 1, 000 marbles and put them inside a container and every Saturday he threw away one marble. As the marbles diminished weekly, he focused on the really important things in life. The marbles helped him to get his priorities straight.*

(131 words)

### Section D

[20 marks]

[Time suggested: 35 minutes]

32 Read the poem below and answer the questions that follow.

#### The Living Photograph

My small grandmother is tall there,  
 straight-back, white broderie anglaise shirt,  
 pleated skirt, flat shoes, grey bun,  
 a kind, old smile round her eyes.  
 her big hands hold mine,  
*white hand in black hand.*  
 Her sharp blue eyes look her own death in the  
 eye.

It was true after all; that look.  
 My tall grandmother became small.  
 Her back round and hunched.  
*Her soup forgot to boil.*  
 She went to the awful place grandmothers go.  
 Somewhere unknown, unthinkable.

But there she is still,  
 in the photo with me at three,  
*the crinkled smile is still living, breathing.*

Jackie Kay

(a) What does the line *white hand in black hand* tell us about the persona's family?

*They are of a mixed race.*

[1 mark]

- (b) In stanza 2,
- i. why do you think *Her soup forgot to boil*?  
*The persona's grandmother was forgetful/absent-minded.*  
\_\_\_\_\_ [1 mark]
  - ii. what happened to the persona's grandmother?  
*She passed away./She died.*  
\_\_\_\_\_ [1 mark]
- (c) The persona remembers and loves her grandmother.
- i. Why do you think the persona says *the crinkled smile is still living, breathing*?  
*The grandmother's smile looks so alive and real in the photograph.*  
\_\_\_\_\_ [1 mark]
  - ii. Do you think the persona is right in remembering her grandmother?  
Give your reason.  
*Yes, she should as her grandmother was a kind and supportive person/her grandmother was a source of inspiration. (Accept any answers)*  
\_\_\_\_\_ [1 mark]
- [5 marks]

33 The following are the novels studied in the literature component in English Language.

*Captain Nobody* – Dean Pitchford  
*Dear Mr. Kilmer* – Anne Schraff  
*Sing to the Dawn* – Minfong Ho

Choose any **one** of the novels above and answer the question below.

Suggest a **character** that you **adore very much** and would like to emulate.

Briefly describe the character and **give reasons** for your choice with close reference to the text.

[15 marks]

*The character that I adore very much in 'Dear Mr. Kilmer' by Anne Schraff, is Richard Knight. I find that he truly has an astonishing personality. I think Richard possesses all the qualities of a strong character. He is a tall blond boy and likes to write poetry. He loves school but he loves farming even more. Instead of complaining about his differing views with Pa and Gus on killing animals and the coming war, he writes poems secretly about incidents in his life.*

*Richard writes poems about his reluctance in taking a life. He even jokes that his strict disciplinarian Grandpa "made it die" when they had gone deer hunting. He was eight years old and was with Pa, Gus and Grandpa when the majestic deer was shot dead. Richard struggled to hold back his tears and for that, I admire his compassion.*

*Richard also has a heart of gold. This can be seen when he is the only student who is willing to sign the sympathy card for Hannah's family. He dares to risk being beaten up by Abner Lewis and Harry Carver.*

*In another incident, when he learns that Hannah Schermer has decided to decline the role of Lady Liberty due to angry racist sentiments, he quits his role as the Doughboy. He refuses to be a part of all the hate in Turtle Lake. Moreover, he admires Hannah decision and does not want her to be left defenceless in facing the crowd.*

*For all these reasons, I truly adore Richard's character and I look up to him. He has good qualities which I would love to emulate.*

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