



NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL
2019 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1
PRIMARY 6

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2
BOOKLET A

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Section A – Grammar (10 x 1mark)

For each question from 1 to 10, one of the four options is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

1. The pupils cheered as they watched Joseph _____ past the other competitor

- (1) swim
- (2) swam
- (3) swum
- (4) swims

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2. Julian is a shy boy. He is not used to _____ before a large audience.

- (1) speak
- (2) spoke
- (3) speaking
- (4) have spoken

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3. The prefect told Mrs Lee that she _____ off the lights before she left the classroom.

- (1) has switched
- (2) had switched
- (3) was switching
- (4) had been switching

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4. _____ you abide by the rules of the game, you will be disqualified.

- (1) If
- (2) Since
- (3) Unless
- (4) Even though

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5. My best friend and _____, both animal lovers, visit the zoo frequently.

- (1) I
- (2) me
- (3) mine
- (4) myself

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6. You barely touched your food, _____ you?

- (1) did
- (2) didn't
- (3) have
- (4) haven't

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7. A number of students _____ going on the exchange programme to Taiwan next month.

- (1) is
- (2) are
- (3) was
- (4) were

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8. Pete _____ fallen into the canal if his friend had not held him back.

- (1) will have
- (2) must have
- (3) would have
- (4) should have

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9. I'm not good _____ dancing.

- (1) in
- (2) at
- (3) for
- (4) with

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10. Although our family car is old, we have _____ problems with it.

- (1) few
- (2) little
- (3) many
- (4) much

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Section B – Vocabulary (5 x 1mark)

For each question from 11 to 15, one of the four options is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

11. Vincent is an _____ artist. He could create the most amazing sculptures from common and ordinary materials.

- (1) abstract
- (2) eccentric
- (3) ingenious
- (4) intellectual

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12. Do not throw rocks at the dog and _____ it. I am sure it will not hurt you if you leave it alone.

- (1) subdue
- (2) appease
- (3) persecute
- (4) antagonise

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13. She remained positive in the face of _____ and overcame the problem with sheer determination.

- (1) danger
- (2) hardship
- (3) adversity
- (4) temptation

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14. After receiving a complaint about the poor hygiene in the kitchen, the restaurant manager immediately _____ the matter.

- (1) looked up
- (2) looked for
- (3) looked out
- (4) looked into

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15. Fred has been struggling to clear his debts for years and feels hopeless about it. He cannot _____.

- (1) put the brakes on it
- (2) set the wheels in motion
- (3) see the light at the end of the tunnel
- (4) cross the bridge when he comes to it

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Section C – Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1mark)

For each question from 16 to 20, choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined word. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

Edmund added the finishing touches to the painting on the floor and stepped back to examine it. The pair of koi fish looked (16) lifelike; they seemed about to jump out of the swirls of painted water anytime. He had been (17) appointed by the town council to paint a series of murals around the town to enliven it. It was a dream come true for him!

The award-winning artist's talent had not always been (18) recognised though. In fact, there was a time when Edmund's artworks were frowned upon. He was then a teenager itching to practise graffiti art, which he had (19) learnt through online videos. He found an old building that could do with some decorative imagery. He returned that night, armed with cans of spray paint. Unfortunately, when he was close to completing a picture on the wall, two police officers on duty happened to walk by. (20) Consequently, he was charged with vandalism and slapped with a fine.

Well, that was all water under the bridge now; Edmund was expecting a big paycheck for beautifying the old town with his art.

Source: Original

16. (1) exact
(2) original
(3) realistic
(4) detailed ()

17. (1) implored
(2) instructed
(3) requested
(4) designated ()

18. (1) identified
(2) rewarded
(3) evaluated
(4) appreciated ()

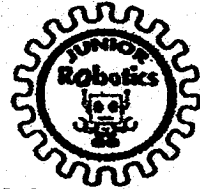
19. (1) taken up
(2) found out
(3) picked up
(4) figured out ()

20. (1) Instead
(2) Moreover
(3) Therefore
(4) Nevertheless ()

Section D – Visual Text Comprehension (8 x 1mark)
Study the flyer carefully and answer questions 21 to 28.



Robotics Enrichment Classes @ Droids4Kids



**Spend your time fruitfully this June holidays!
Get a head start in the fundamentals of robotics!
Make new friends while doing hands-on activities!**

At Droids4Kids, we train children to be creative thinkers in the 21st century as they learn concepts in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) in a fun and stimulating environment. We have a structured classroom curriculum which is delivered by our friendly, qualified instructors. Join us for an exciting time of learning!

- Do visit our website at www.droids4kids for articles on the learning of STEM, and updates on trends in robotics around the world (child-friendly version).
- You can purchase tickets for The Singapore Robotics Expo 2019 from us. Visit our website (as stated above) for more information.

What our students said about learning at Droids4Kids:


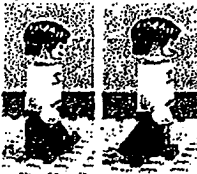
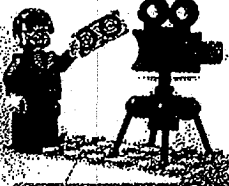


"I used to think that robotics is for smart people only. When my mother signed me up for the course "Coding with Dash and Dot", I was apprehensive. So, you can imagine how excited I was to see Dash complete the tasks according to my code. Since then, I have taken other courses offered at Droids4Kids and my coding skills have grown. One of the instructors, Mr Boo, once said that programming is complex, but one will soon get the hang of it. This is so true. I realised that coding requires focus, imagination and a lot of trial and error too — I enjoy the process nonetheless. I am now studying hard so that I can go to university to study computer science."

12-year-old Jolyn

"I remember feeling annoyed when Dad made me attend the course "Programming with LEEGO" at Droids4Kids. I had wanted to binge on online games for the holidays. Besides, I thought robotics was boring. To my pleasant surprise, the activities were really fun. The instructors gave us step-by-step guidance. All of us felt relaxed yet challenged. I worked with two other boys to build a robot. At the end of the six-day course, we became the best of friends. I discovered robotics and fell in love with it. I was so glad that Dad had 'forced' me to attend the course."

11-year-old Andre

June Holidays Programme

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				Coding with Dash and Dot Time: 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. Course fee: \$90 Learn basic coding and creative problem-solving using Blockly app and robots.		
			1	2	3	4
			Stop Motion Animation Time: 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. Course fee: \$120 Use LEEGO bricks and figures to tell a story and produce your own mini-movie, complete with music and special effects.			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
			Comics Creation Time: 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. Course fee: \$120 Use LEEGO products to create various scenes. Snap and upload the pictures, and use a software to make your own comic book.			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Programming with LEEGO Time: 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. Course fee: \$180 Build robots with LEEGO bricks, gears and motors. Participants will learn programming skills using two software: Windsor (basic level) and Mindstorm (advance level)					
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	3D Movie Screening: The Never-ending Story Time: 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. Venue: The Green Room @ Droids4Kids Free admission for students of Droids4Kids. Tickets are to be collected personally at the admin office after 3.30 p.m. on the day of the screening. Only 30 tickets are available each day. No booking of seats for friends is allowed.					
26	27	28	28	29	30	

Please note that there is a registration fee of \$10 for new students.
 Call 61233445 or visit our website at www.droids4kids.com.sg for more information on the above courses and course registration.

Source: Original

For each question from 21 to 28, choose the most appropriate option (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

21. Why are exclamation marks used in the sentences under the heading, "Robotics Enrichment Classes @ Droids4Kids"?

- (1) to make the text look more interesting
- (2) to convey excitement about the programme
- (3) to suggest that the programme is compulsory
- (4) to emphasise that the sentences contain instructions to be followed ()

22. What is the main aim of Droids4Kids?

- (1) train adults to teach their curriculum effectively
- (2) develop an innovative mindset in their students
- (3) make the learning of robotics fun for the students
- (4) teach the disciplines of STEM in a structured way ()

23. Which of the following is not likely to be found in the website of Droids4Kids?

- (1) qualifications of the instructors
- (2) ideas on the latest developments in robotics
- (3) description of the course "Stop Motion Animation"
- (4) prices of the tickets to The Singapore Robotics Expo 2019 ()

24. According to the flyer, which of the following is true of Jolyn?

- (1) She was excited to learn coding with Dash from Mr Boo.
- (2) She thinks that programming is complex and does not allow for mistakes.
- (3) She aspires to study computer science after attending courses at Droids4Kids.
- (4) She was interested in robotics and signed up for "Coding with Dash and Dot". ()

25. The flyer quotes Andre as saying he was "glad" to be forced to attend the course. According to the flyer, Andre was glad because he _____.

- (1) preferred robotics to online gaming
- (2) experienced the value of teamwork
- (3) found an area of interest in robotics
- (4) liked the instructors' style of teaching ()

26. Huiling likes to create stories. She is going overseas for a week from 12 June. Which course would she go for?

- (1) Comics Creation
- (2) Stop Motion Animation
- (3) Coding with Dash and Dot
- (4) Programming with LEEGO ()

27. Renjun, an existing student of Droids4Kids, wants to watch the 3D movie "The Never-ending Story". What must he do to secure a ticket?

- (1) pay \$10 for his ticket
- (2) ask his friend to book a seat for him
- (3) start to queue for his ticket at 3.30 p.m.
- (4) collect his ticket from The Green Room ()

28. Which of the following information found in the flyer is an opinion?

- (1) The instructors do not conduct lessons on Mondays in June.
- (2) The articles in the website of Droids4Kids are written with children in mind.
- (3) The lessons are mostly designed to include the use of LEEGO products.
- (4) The courses are popular among parents as they are affordable and interesting. ()



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Section E – Grammar Cloze (10 x 1 mark)

There are 10 blanks, numbered 29 to 38, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable answer for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

Each word can be used only ONCE.

(A) a	(D) during	(G) has	(K) the	(N) to
(B) all	(E) every	(H) its	(L) their	(P) who
(C) can	(F) had	(J) must	(M) this	(Q) whose

Many volunteers stop giving their time once they join the workforce and start raising their families. To counter _____, Ms Sherry Soon set up Be Kind SG last year, (29) offering micro-volunteering opportunities. She chose _____ name "Be Kind (30) SG" to emphasise the importance of the quality.

"Kindness _____ be shown in different ways," she said, "from the giving (31) of time or money _____ showing tolerance when you see a child throw a (32) tantrum in public."

The group has about 500 volunteers now from _____ walks of life and (33) over half have volunteered more than once. Be Kind SG posts _____ activities (34) on meetup.com for sign-ups and there are activities almost _____ weekend. (35) Some are regular, such as making birthday cards for residents of welfare homes. The group also organises birthday celebrations and activities _____ visits to homes. (36)

There are activities to honour "invisible heroes" such as domestic workers, nurses and transport workers, who are often taken for granted but _____ work is (37)

crucial to keep the country going. These could include making flower arrangements and baking cookies for them.

Ms Novita, a volunteer, said, "Volunteering at Be Kind SG _____ been
(38)
meaningful as I have learnt how to empathise with others. I also appreciate things more
now."

Adapted from: <https://www.straitstimes.com>

Section F – Editing for Spelling & Grammar (12 x 1 mark)

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

(39)

Last Friday, I was at the airport to pick my cousin up. It be a weekday

(40)

afternoon, I did not expect to find the arrival hall packed out, or it was. Specifically,

there was a thick crowd formed outside Belt 40. Was a celebrity touching down on our

(41)

shores? A popular actress, perhaps, or a professional atheleet. I stood on a raised

platform and observed the goings-on from a distance.

(42)

Suddenly, there was the uproar and the crowd turned hysterical. From

(43)

where I was, I could see the automeyted glass doors part to allow a group of people to

(44)

exit. The group compraized a team of security personnel who were surrounding a

(45)

particular man in a pink suit like a wall. Immediately, the said celebrity was biseeged

by his army of frenzied fans. They just kept pushing towards him, as if they could get

(46)

(47)

any closest, as he tried to wade through. The security personnel tried dasparately to

(48)

shield him from his screaming fans and the cameras that were rudely shoving in his

face. The poor chap looked distressed by the crazed attention he was receiving. I was

(49)

utterly aporlled by the so-called affections of the fans. They ought to draw the line

(50)

where it comes to invading the celebrity's personal space.

Well, I suppose stardom comes with a price.

Source: Original

Section G – Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

"Come on, boy!"

Uncle Chan gave a low whistle. The grey husky still _____ its eyes
(51)
glued to the television screen and ignored its owner. On the screen, a Disney cartoon was
playing. It was the 'Country Bear Jamboree', which _____ three grizzly bears
(52)
playing in a band. Western-country music blared from the speakers as the endearing bears
belted _____ a chorus.
(53)

"Let's go, Chopin!" Uncle Chan tried again. The husky's ears were pricked, but it
_____ fixated on the screen.
(54)

"Chopin," the middle-aged man dragged out his pet's name in a warning
_____. There was no response from the husky whatsoever. This was it. Uncle
(55)
Chan tugged harshly at the leash as he attempted to haul his dog away from the screen at
the window display of the electrical store. _____, the husky stood its ground,
(56)
refusing to give up the entertainment provided on the screen. Uncle Chan was
_____ persistent, barking out orders while pulling at the leash with both hands.
(57)

They were starting to create a _____ in the busy shopping street. Passers-by
(58)
glanced in amusement at the tug of war occurring _____ the man and his dog.
(59)
Then the unexpected happened.

"Aah oooo! Aah aah oooo!" Chopin howled, its nose pointing _____
(60)
thereby lengthening its throat.

"Oh look, Mommy! The doggy is singing!" a little girl exclaimed excitedly.

The howls rose above the cacophony of street sounds. People stopped and stared.
_____ of the attention it was gathering, the dog continued to croon with wild
(61)
abandon. Opportunists whipped out their mobile phones, snapping pictures of the singing
dog. It was indeed a rare _____ to behold!
(62)

_____ the adoration of the crowd, Uncle Chan decided to let his pet
(63) enjoy the moment. Chopin loved to 'sing' — that much he knew. In fact, the husky's

_____ spot at home was a cozy armchair placed in front of the television.
(64) Occasionally, it would burst into 'song', howling with gusto snatches of the tunes heard over
the google-box.

Uncle Chan rubbed the back of his head in a mixture of embarrassment and pride.
Would Chopin appear on social _____ the next day? It was anyone's guess.
(65)

Source: Original

**Husky is a general name for a breed of dog closely linked to the wolf*

Section H – Synthesis and Transformation (5 x 2 marks)

For each of the questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

66. Fiona wrote a poem for her best friend, She felt joyful.

Having _____

67. Ronald refused to eat anything. He was saddened by his pet's disappearance.

Ronald, _____

68. A school is being built for the refugees, by the volunteers.

The _____

69. "Will I be able to beat the other singers in the competition?" Elsa wondered.

Elsa wondered _____

70. She was surprised that her father appeared suddenly at the door.

Her father's _____

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Section I – Comprehension Open-ended (20 marks)

Read this passage and answer questions 71 to 80.

"Sun, sun, sun, here it comes...."

Danny sang while his fingers pressed and plucked skilfully at the guitar strings, delivering a soothing melody. A circle of audience had formed, nodding and swaying to the song. A playful breeze came by and ruffled their hair — not that anyone would mind. It was a welcome change from the warm and stagnant air experienced over the past week. 5

(Lying at the feet of the street performer was his most adoring fan: a white stray cat with patches of brown. As usual, it was purring blissfully as Danny strummed and crooned. People often mistook the pair as owner and pet. However, Danny had rolled his eyes at the idea. "My cat? No thanks!" Danny had replied. Oh, how he wished the cat would leave him alone instead!) 10

Just then, a pigeon swooped into the midst of the crowd. It cooed loudly as if to harmonise with the street performer. Unfortunately, that did not sit well with the cat, which was immediately prepared to fight off the intruder. With a shriek, it pounced at the startled pigeon and caught it with its front paws. The feathered creature flapped its wings desperately, trying to free itself. 15

The crowd, alarmed at the chaos, dispersed immediately. Danny's upturned hat, which could have been filled with notes and coins from his appreciative audience, lay ignored on the ground. Danny was deflated. The cat had done it again. "Argh!" Danny cried in exasperation. "It's either the cat goes or I go!" he muttered. 20

When Danny chanced upon the park, he thought he had found the perfect place for busking. The lush greenery and the water lily pond provided a nice setting. For a while, his earnings were good — unsurprisingly as there was a steady flow of visitors every evening. Then the stray cat came along and appointed itself as the busker's guardian. Any foreigner, be it a squirrel or a bird, perceived to be invading its territory would face a counter-attack. To save his business, Danny made up his mind to get rid of the cat for good. He would call an animal shelter the next day. 25

That night, Danny sat facing the water lily pond, staring mindlessly ahead. He heard quick footsteps coming up behind him. Suddenly, he felt a heavy blow across his back. He fell forward from the impact. Despite the excruciating pain, he turned to face his attacker. The man was tall and well-built. 30

"Give me all your money and I'll let you go!"

It was a robbery. What money? Danny had hardly made any that day, all thanks to the cat. He crept towards his guitar and clutched it protectively over his chest. The

robber's eyes followed the movements and came to rest upon the guitar. Then with a knowing smirk, he strode towards Danny. Just then, a faint purring could be heard in the quietness. Instinctively, Danny yelled. There was a pause, followed by rustling of grasses. 35

In a split second, the robber made a lunge at Danny with a balled fist. Danny flinched before glimpsing a splash of white and brown. "Kitty!" he gasped. The cat mewed, its body stiff and ready for combat, as it set on the robber. Danny watched, mouth agape, as the cat clawed viciously at its victim. The robber beat a hasty retreat with red scratches all over his upper body. 40

For the first time, Danny looked at the cat properly as he brushed down its back. "Thank you for saving me, my brave guardian angel. You're quite a skilled fighter, aren't you?" he said tenderly. 45

Since that night, Hero, as the cat was named, became a part of Danny's performance. The busker would include his pet as he engaged the audience. Hero also had its own rug to lie on — its rightful place next to its owner.

Source: Original

71. How can you tell from lines 2-6 that the audience appreciated Danny's performance? [1m]

72. Fill in the following table by identifying the correct word(s) from the passage. [2m]

Question	Word(s) from the passage
a) Which two-word phrase from lines 7 to 11 tells us that the cat enjoyed Danny's performance?	
b) Which four-word phrase from lines 12-16 tells us that the cat did not welcome the pigeon's presence?	

73. Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right. [3m]

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer to
a) It (line 5)	
b) the idea (line 10)	
c) that (line 13)	

74. Why had Danny "cried in exasperation" (line 20)? [2m]

75. Which two of the following words best describe how Danny felt in lines 17-20? Put a tick ✓ in the box beside each of your answers. [2m]

confused	
disappointed	
fearful	

frustrated	
impatient	
unappreciated	

76. In which two ways was the park an ideal place for busking? [2m]

77. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the passage. [1m]

_____ Danny wanted to have the cat taken away.

_____ Danny hoped the cat would stop its attacks on other animals.

_____ Danny thought of going to busk at somewhere without the cat around.

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

	True/ False	Reason
The robber wanted to take Danny's guitar.		
Danny knew that the cat was nearby when he saw the grasses rustling		
The robber managed to escape without any harm done to him		

79. Why do you think Danny named the cat 'Hero'? [2m]

80. How did Danny's attitude towards the cat change by the end of the story? [2m]

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1	3	2	3	1	1	2	3	2	1
Q 11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
3	4	3	4	3	3	4	4	3	3
Q 21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28		
2	2	1	3	3	2	3	4		

Booklet B

Q 29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
M	K	C	N	B	H	E	D	Q	G
Q39)	being		Q43)	automated		Q47)	desperately		
Q40)	but		Q44)	comprised		Q48)	shoved		
Q41)	athlete		Q45)	besieged		Q49)	appalled		
Q42)	an		Q46)	closer		Q50)	when		

Q51)	had	Q56)	Nevertheless	Q61)	Unaware
Q52)	showed	Q57)	also	Q62)	sight
Q53)	out	Q58)	scene	Q63)	seeing
Q54)	was	Q59)	between	Q64)	favourite
Q55)	tone	Q60)	up	Q65)	media
Q66)	Having written a poem for her best friend, Fiona felt joyful.				
Q67)	Ronald, saddened by his pet's disappearance, refused to eat anything.				
Q68)	The volunteers are building a school for the refugees.				
Q69)	Elsa wondered if she would be able to beat the other singers in the competition.				

Q70)	Her father's sudden appearance at the door surprised her.
Q71)	The audience nodded and swayed to the song that Danny was singing.
Q72)	a)purring blissfully b)fight off the intruder
Q73)	a)the playful breeze b)Danny and the cat as owner and pet c)the pigeon cooing loudly
Q74)	The cat had failed opportunity to receive money from his audience again by attacking a pigeon.
Q75)	disappointed / frustrated
Q76)	There was a steady flow of visitors every evening.
Q77)	3 , 1 , 2
Q78)	True --- The robber had a knowing smirk as his eyes rested at the guitar. False--- Danny heard the cat purr before the grasses rustled and knew that the cat was nearby. False--- The robber beat a hasty retreat with red scratches all over his upper body.
Q79)	Danny named the cat Hero because it had saved him from the robber's attack.
Q80)	At the start of the story, Danny wanted the cat to be taken away but at the end of story, the cat became a part of Danny's performance.