

Suggested Answers to 2019 O level English 1128/ Paper 1

WE HAVE RECEIVED MIXED RESPONSE FROM OUR STUDENTS ON THE ACCURACY OF SOME OF THE QUESTIONS BELOW.

SECTION A

In the text	Suggested answers
1. longest or tallest	1. and (conjunction)
2. /	2. /
3. at the time	3. a (article)
4. what makes it	4. which (-wh word)
5. should probable	5. probably (word form - adverb)
6. holding the bridge	6. hold (tense/word form)
7. /	7. /
8. had to be close	8. closed (tense/word form)
9. most than	9. more (word form)
10. in order of of	10. to (preposition)

SECTION B

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Dear Mrs Lim,

Application for Work Experience Opportunity

I am Grace Koh from Class 4/5, and I am writing this letter to apply for a work experience opportunity in the pre-school sector. I have an interest in this area of work, and I also believe I have the qualities which are suitable for this industry.

The area of work which interests me is the pre-school sector as I have always dreamed of becoming a pre-school teacher, and I plan to pursue this in my future studies and career. I love to interact with young children, and I also have a passion for teaching them, as I feel that they are very curious and there is a lot to teach them about the world

I have also had a lot of opportunities interacting with and taking care of children as I have siblings who are much younger than me, and I have had the chance to help take care of them. This is where I have learnt to handle children and which is what also sparked my interest in this career. I am very patient with handling children, and I am also good at calming them down or engaging them in play. I have a cheerful disposition and friendly demeanour, which I believe is important in appearing approachable to the children. I am also a very determined and persevering individual who is keen to learn, which I also believe is important in dealing with the challenges in this sector.

I believe that this work experience opportunity would allow me to learn even more skills, such as the hands-on opportunity to learn from the teachers how to supervise a play area in a kindergarten and how to organise sports and games for the children. This is a valuable opportunity that cannot be learned anywhere else. I would also be able to learn how a kindergarten is managed and experience various activities such as reading stories to the children and planning an outing for the children. I believe that immersing myself in these activities will allow me to gain a better understanding of the pre-school sector, as well as develop and prepare me for my future career.

I hope you will consider my application for this work experience opportunity. Thank you for taking the time to read my application, and I look forward to hearing your favourable reply.

Yours sincerely,

Grace Koh

SECTION C

Question 3

Para 1 – Introduction

- Focus of the reflection: The person is none other than my father

Para 2 – Describe his qualities/personality

- e.g. compassionate, diligent

Para 3 – Describe the ways he had influenced you

- e.g. led me to discover my passion in life, improved my temperament

Para 4 – Describe the positive impact on your life

Para 5 – Conclusion

- Reiterate the overview of the focus of reflection and summarise how much I cherish this person

Question 4

Para 1 – Introduction

- Looking upon the medal in the drawer, get a flashback

Para 2 – Story setting

- It was a hot day
- I was getting home from school after St John's CCA

Para 3 – Rising action

- Witness an old lady collapse

Para 4 – Climax

- Applied first aid knowledge and provided aid to the old lady while waiting for an ambulance to arrive
- Describe intense emotions throughout the ordeal

Para 5 – Resolution

- The old lady was saved
- Received a medal of commendation for my effort
- 'It was my proudest moment!'

Para 6 – Conclusion

- It is an incident that will always stay in my memory.

Question 5

Para 1 – Introduction

- Yes, agree with the statement
- Instances of such examples

Para 2 – Social media & Instagram

- It is almost compulsory to own a social media account these days
- The mechanics of sharing a 'picture perfect' life on social media
- Many instances of imitation of how celebrities do it/ due to the huge exposure and reach of celebrities, their influence is huge

Para 3 – Fashion & diets

- It's an age-old problem of imitating impossible beauty standards
- Problems with spending too much on brands simply because celebrities carry them

Para 4 – Counterargument: not everyone is obsessed this way

- There are other healthy hobbies to be 'obsessed' with, e.g. sports, music, books

Para 5 – Conclusion: The importance of embracing your authentic self rather than imitating others, as well as not relying on fame for validation.

Question 6

Para 1 – introduction

- Yes, agree with the statement.
- Various understandings of what is fair: fair = equal, fair = just
- The reasons are:

Para 2 – Point 1. People want to enjoy equality. (fair is equal)

- People of different gender, age, race, class, privilege should be allowed the same opportunities.
- There should not be discrimination.

Para 3 – Point 2. People want to enjoy their rights. (fair is just)

- People must be treated justly.
- Law and justice must be upheld.

Para 4 – Point 3. People want to be rewarded fairly for their efforts. (fair exchanges)

- If you have done an amount of work, you should receive the appropriate amount of remuneration.

Para 5 – Counterargument: Life is not always fair, but you can be happy by appreciating what you have instead of focusing on what you don't have.

Para 6 – Conclusion: In general, people want to be treated fairly, so we should strive to be fair to others. However, remember that we can create our own happiness.