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SECTION A - COMPREHENSION

PSR 2013

Read the passage carefully.

JONG BATU



Dang Ambon was a rich widow and her son, Nakhoda Manis inherited wealth from his father who had passed away. They lived in Kampong Ayer.

Nakhoda Manis left Kampong Ayer to **seek** his fortune in the city of Sulu. After many years, **1he** achieved success and wealth there and married a pretty noblewoman. He also became the owner of a huge ship. Meanwhile, back in Kampong Ayer, his mother shared her wealth with poor people and prayed for her son's safety until one day **2she** found herself poor like them.

Dang Ambon was really happy when she heard that her son's ship was going to anchor in the Brunei River. Nakhoda Manis was also looking forward to seeing his mother. When he anchored his ship in the Brunei River, Dang Ambon **paddled** her small boat out towards his large ship and shouted that she missed him. He was very happy when he heard his mother's voice and look forward to introducing her to his wife. However before he could say anything, his wife was shocked to see such a poor, dirty old woman. She **demanded** her to be chased away. Out of humiliation, Nakhoda Manis was forced to turn **3his** back on his own mother and ordered his crew to push her small boat away.

Dang Ambon was heartbroken and when she arrived at the shore, she held up both her hands and prayed to the Almighty. She cursed **4her** son and shortly after that, there was strong wind and the sky became dark. A fierce storm came and swept the sea. The storm **capsized** the ship.

After the storm **subsided**, in the distance, a huge rock was seen in the middle of the river where Nakhoda Manis had anchored his ship. The huge rock resembled a big ship. Till today that huge rock can still be seen near the mouth of the Brunei River and ⁵it is known as 'Jong Batu'. It teaches us to love and take good care of our parents and not to be disloyal to them, especially to our mother.

Questions 1-5

Look at the words that are numbered in the passage. What does each word refer to? Write the answers in the spaces provided.

Eg : **They** lived in Kampong Ayer.

They - _____ Nakhoda Manis and his mother _____

1. ¹he - _____
2. ²she - _____
3. ³his - _____
4. ⁴her - _____
5. ⁵it - _____

(5 marks)

Questions 6 -10

Underline the correct meaning of the word as it is used in the passage.

6. '**seek**' means
- a. different
 - b. look at
 - c. on demand
 - d. search for
7. '**paddled**' means
- a. protected
 - b. rowed
 - c. walked
 - d. watched
8. '**demanded**' means
- a. insisted
 - b. laughed
 - c. looked
 - d. questioned
9. '**capsized**' means
- a. overjoyed
 - b. overloaded
 - c. oversized
 - d. overturned
10. '**subsided**' means
- a. became stronger
 - b. became quieter
 - c. became noisier
 - d. became rainy

(5 marks)

Questions 11-15

Answer the questions in complete sentences.

11. Where did Nakhoda Manis go to seek his fortune?

12. How did his mother become poor?

13. What did the pretty noblewoman do to the poor, dirty old woman?

14. What did Dang Ambon do when she arrived at the shore?

15. What is the moral of the story?

(5 marks)

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