



**PSLE Stimulated
Mock Test**

The Write Tribe



Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

Leo drank his hot chocolate while he looked at the calm, blue sea. It was only his second day out at sea in his uncle's fishing boat and already he was feeling extremely bored. Having all the time in the world, he did nothing except to look at the sea.

Suddenly, he saw movement in the water. There were jumps and dives. It 5 was two bottlenose dolphins! They were riding the waves the boat made and coming close to it. Leo was very excited and he called for his uncle. Mr Tan smiled when he saw the expression on his nephew's face. Leo waved at the dolphins. The dolphins were clicking and whistling away. Mr Tan said that they were communicating with each other. The sounds also helped them to find food 10 and navigate in the sea.

Leo leaned against the side of the boat and watched the dolphins for about half an hour before they swam away in the afternoon sun. He saw that the two dolphins had big flippers and they could swim quite fast. He forgot all about his boredom. Noticing his interest in dolphins, Mr Tan gave him a book to read. 15

Leo found out that there were thirty-nine different kinds of dolphins. The 'beluga' is a creamy white dolphin that lives in the freezing Arctic. Striped dolphins and spotted dolphins live in all the oceans. Although the dolphins live in water, they must come up to the surface for air. With their heads above water, the dolphins will breathe in fresh air. Then they will close their blowholes which are on 20 top of their heads before diving underwater. Dolphins are hunted and sometimes get trapped in fishing nets. He hoped the two visitors that he had encountered that afternoon would not face such dangers.

71. Where was Leo when he was drinking hot chocolate?

72. Why was Leo feeling bored?

73. Describe the actions of the dolphins when Leo first spotted them.

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74. How did Leo manage to see the dolphins so clearly?

75. Why do you think Mr. Tan gave Leo a book to read?

76. What do dolphins do when they want to 'talk' to each other?

77. Arrange the following actions in chronological order to describe how dolphins breathe.

Statement	Number
Dolphins breathe in fresh air	
Dolphins dive underwater	
Dolphins surface for air	
Dolphins close their blowholes	

78. From the passage, what do you think the words 'face such dangers' refer to?

79. What is Leo referring to when he mentions "face such dangers"?

80. Find the words in the passage that have the same meaning as the following words.

a) Travel

b) Appearance

End of Practice Paper 3