



**PSLE Stimulated
Mock Test**

The Write Tribe



Read this passage and answer questions 71 to 80.

"Class, there's a model-making competition to design a playground for the community," Mrs Ho announced on the last day of the school term. "Prizes include tickets to the Superhappy Adventure Park!" Mrs Ho had the pupils hanging on her words. As soon as she said that the playground model was to be submitted right after the one-week school holidays, the class was set abuzz with chatter about the competition. Sitting by himself, Joe toyed with the idea of creating a ship-themed playground model where he imagined children scaling a web of ropes up the mast. As he gazed out of the window, his thoughts drifted to dreams of winning the Superhappy tickets. He was clearly **getting ahead of himself**.

"Joe," Lisa tapped on his shoulder. "Can I have the book on trains that you borrowed from the library? I'm thinking of building a train model for the competition."

Joe began rummaging through his bag when a selfish thought struck him.

"Oh...I've returned it," Joe muttered.

"So soon?" Lisa exclaimed, her eyes narrowing. Joe nodded and felt relieved when Lisa shrugged her shoulders and walked off.

By that evening, Joe had surfed the internet for ideas and made a rough sketch. He was glad he had made some progress as the weekend came and went in a flurry of activities. Joe's family had celebrated the start of the term break with a movie and some shopping, during which Joe managed to buy the necessary craft materials. Sunday was spent at his grandparents' home where he had a good time catching up with his cousins.

On Monday, Joe slept in since he did not have to wake up early for school. It was nearly eleven when he stirred from his bed. Joe lazed around in bed, checking his phone messages. The bag of craft materials lay on the table near him. He had in mind he could get to it later but after lunch, he received a call from his friend, Sandeep, inviting him to his place **supposedly** to play with his new pet. Thinking of the whole week ahead, Joe looked at the craft materials and told himself, "There's still time."

Sandeep's puppy was indeed cute, but the boys' attention quickly turned to a new online game which had them battling each other till almost dinner time. When Joe returned, he was too tired to do anything. The next few days were a repeat of pretty much **the same activity**. The project had been displaced by the newfound game in Joe's mind. Occasionally, his eyes fell on the bag of craft materials, but he would tell himself, "There's still time."

It was the weekend again. Joe was about to start on his project when his mother told him to clean up his room in a tone he would not dare to ignore. **That** took up the whole day, so Joe worked on his project the day before the submission. He used ice-cream sticks to form the ship but the glue did not hold them well, so he tried using satay sticks and tape. The slim sticks were really tricky to handle, though. Pressed for time, Joe switched to the former material but retained the way he would stick the pieces together. It was past midnight when he completed the model. He was not satisfied with it but could not work on it further.

The next day, Joe walked around in class, comparing his model with the rest.

"Your idea's interesting!" Lisa tried to encourage Joe, who looked glum as he was thinking of the competition. Lisa's generous spirit put Joe to shame and he regretted letting his competitive streak overcome him earlier on. If he could turn the clock back, he would have done things differently.

- 71 From the first paragraph, pick out a four-word phrase that tells us the class was keen to listen about the competition. [1m]

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- 72 In what way was Joe "getting ahead of himself" (line 8)? Why does it show that he was getting ahead of himself? [2m]

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- 73 Based on lines 9-25, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

	True/False	Reason
a) Lisa did not believe what Joe said.		
b) Joe forgot about his project on the first day of the school holidays.		
c) As soon as Joe woke up on Monday, he was eager to work on his project.		

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- 74 What does "supposedly" (line 24) suggest about Joe's visit to Sandeep's place? What other information in the text tells us so? [2m]

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- 75 Circle **one** word that best describes the tone Joe's mother would have used in line 32. DO NOT CIRCLE MORE THAN ONE WORD. [1m]

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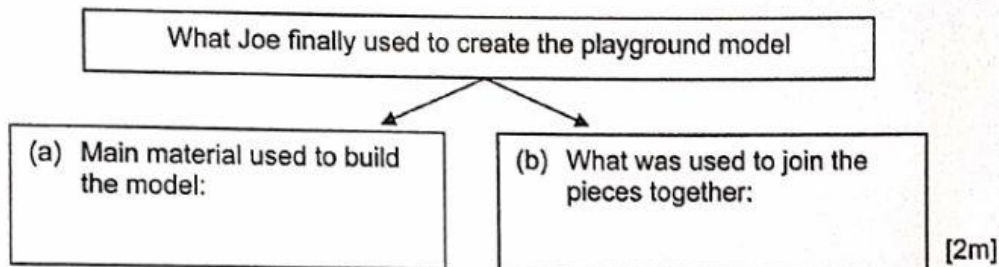
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- 76 Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right. [3m]

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer(s) to
a) that evening (line 15)	
b) the same activity (lines 28-29)	
c) That (line 32)	

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- 78 Joe kept telling himself, "There's still time." How did his view affect his project? [2m]

- 79 What happened when school reopened that could have led Joe to look glum? [2m]

- 80 Why did Lisa's encouragement make Joe feel bad instead? Refer to information from an earlier part of the text. [2m]

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