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### **Synthesis and Transformation**

#### **Include all information available**

To keep the original meaning, your answer must contain all the information from the original text.

Understand what the original text is saying.

- Is it pointing out a contrast?
- Is it telling us why something happened? (Cause and Effect)
- Is it telling us that a few ideas that can be strung together? (Addition)

#### **Practice**

**My sister reported the matter to the police. My brother did not report it.**

*(River Valley Prelim 2019)*

It was not

#### **Practice**

**The cat ate the food left on the table. The dog did not eat it.**

It was not

#### **Practice**

**No planet in the entire solar system is bigger than Jupiter. (Raffles SA1 2017)**

None of the

**Practice**

**No person on this entire planet is smarter than Jack.**

None of the

**Stick to the original TEXT as much as possible**

Use most of the words from the original sentence in your answer.

- Do not change the capitalisation of names, titles and subjects (for example, English and Spiderman, Raffles Hospital)
- Adjectives should not be changed or removed
- You may change the **form** of the verb, but do not change the root word. For example, 'angry' → 'anger', **not** 'rage' or 'fury'

**Practice**

**My friends cheered for me. I was disappointed with my marks.**

*(Rosyth SA1 2017)*

Seeing my

**Practice**

**My mother gave me a congratulatory hug. I was happy with the presentation I gave in class.**

Seeing my

**Practice**

**My neighbours had not been to Geylang Serai before. They lost their way.**

(Rosyth SA1 2017)

Not

**Practice**

**My best friend had not ridden a bicycle before. She fell down. (Rosyth SA1 2017)**

Not

**Stick to the original TENSE (except Reported Speech)**

Use your prior knowledge and combine that with evidence from the text to draw conclusions about it. You need to read between the lines to find clues about the text the writer is not explicitly telling you.

**Practice**

**“Did you freeze this ice pack last night?” Mrs Chen asked her son.**

(Ai Tong Prelims 2019)

Mrs Chen asked her son

**Practice**

**Mr Lee asked his wife. 'Did you take the dog for a walk this evening?"**

(Raffles SA1 2017)

Mr Lee asked his wife

**Practice**

**I will not tell the principal if you stop abusing the stray dog.**

(Rosyth SA1 2017)

\_\_\_\_\_ continue

**Practice**

**I will not ask you these questions again if you stop ignoring me.**

\_\_\_\_\_ continue

**Use sentence connectors where appropriate**

- 1) FANBOYS: for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so
- 2) Relative pronouns: that, where, who, which
- 3) Other connectors
  - a) 'owing to' and 'due to': cause and effect
  - b) 'although' and 'apart from': contrast
  - c) 'if' and 'unless': conditionals

Note: Some questions may not provide the connector for you, so you will need to think of a suitable one to combine the two original sentences.

**Practice**

**The children have to finish their homework first. Then, they can go to the playground.**

(Raffles SA1 2017)

Before

**Practice**

**The girl had to brush her teeth first. Then, she could eat some breakfast.**

Before

**Practice**

**Joshua painted the picture of the field. He painted the cows grazing in it too.**

*(Rosyth SA1 2017)*

Besides \_\_\_\_\_ also

**Practice**

**I swept and mopped the floor of the house. I packed up my room too.**

Besides \_\_\_\_\_ also

**Get the order of the clauses correct**

- When you are describing a situation, whatever happens first should come first.
- The order of clauses in a sentence depends on the connector you use.
- For example, 'due to' (cause/reason) → normally put in front of the clause that expresses the cause. 'if' (condition) → normally put in front of the clause that expresses the condition.

**Practice**

**Grandma Mae was anxious about the operation. She could not sleep.**

*(Rosyth Prelims 2019)*

Due to her

**Practice**

**Sherry could not sleep. She was nervous about going for the audition.**

Due to her

**Practice**

**Ali will go for basketball training this afternoon unless it rains.**

*(Raffles Girls' Prelims 2019)*

If

**Practice**

**Jason can play computer games during the holidays unless he doesn't do well for his final exams.**

If

**Additional Practice**

For each of the questions, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the words 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). [12 marks]

**Question 1**

**Neither of the restaurants we went to was crowded.**

Both

**Question 2**

**The plane departed late. Many passengers were upset about it.**

about the late

**Question 3**

**Lucas was frustrated. He slammed the door.**

in

**Question 4**

**The salesman attends to the customer.**

The customer

**Question 5**

**Andy felt indignant. He was blamed for something that he did not do.**

Having

**Question 6**

**"Is the book which was kept in the drawer with you?" Jane asked her brother.**

Jane asked her brother