PAPER 1 – SECTION B: CONTINUOUS WRITING (NARRATIVE ESSAY)

NAME : _____ CLASS: _____

Complete the story about an unexpected thing happened when helping a poor, ending with, *"...They never expected to be so richly rewarded."*

Choose the best answer from the options given below in order to complete the story.

sum	unkempt	fortune	at a loss	vibrant
deserving	Alarmed	disguise	peered	compassion

Der Lun followed his mother to the market as usual. It was a chore he enjoyed because the market was such a (1)_____ place. There was always something interesting to see.

That day, Der Lun caught sight of a middle-aged man with (2)_____ hair and old clothes. He was a beggar. He held out a wooden bowl and passers-by dropped in coins. Der Lun's mother put a small coin into the bowl as she passed him by. His eyes followed the mother and son as they set off for home. As Der Lun and his mother turned into the narrow path that led to their house, Der Lun suddenly realised that the beggar was following them. Der Lun told his mother about it. (3)_____, she panicked her steps and as soon as they got inside their house, she locked the door. Der Lun (4)_____ out the window and saw the beggar sitting on the ground near the gate. Why did the beggar follow them? Der Lun wished he knew.

After a couple of hours, Der Lun's mother became concerned for the poor beggar. He had not moved from his spot. She gathered up her courage and went to ask the beggar to leave. But the beggar merely looked at her with a gentle smile. Worried that he would fall ill with no food and water, she sent Der Lun to give him a bowl of rice and vegetables and some tea. The beggar ate and drank. Then, he lay down under a tree to sleep. Der Lun's mother was (5)_____ as to what else she could do. She was just a poor widow with a young son. Since the beggar refused to leave, she and Der Lun built a little shelter for him. He seemed content with whatever they gave him.

A week passed and one day, Der Lun found the beggar gone. Der Lun and his mother searched for him but he was nowhere to be found. Not long after that, a car stopped outside Der Lun's house and two well-dressed men got out. Der Lun and his mother wondered who they were. The men introduced themselves as lawyers representing 'Mr Cheong'. They explained that Mr Cheong wanted to repay Der Lun and his mother for taking care of him. Mr Cheong was a millionaire who had once been homeless. Now that he was rich, he liked to look for (6)_____ people to help. He would (7)_____ himself as a beggar and when he met someone who was kind to him, he would give that person a (8)_____ of money.

The sum of money Mr Cheong gave to Der Lun's mother was enough to make their life more comfortable and to give Der Lun a university education. Der Lun and his mother could not believe their good (9)_____. They treated the beggar well out of (10)_____. They never expected to be so richly rewarded.